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STEWARDSHIP

Deterrents are part of PRECorp’s Avian Protection Plan

According to statistics from 2025, 31 bird-related contacts with PRECorp power lines, substations, and transformers resulted in about 2 hours of outages on average. Bird-contact outage minutes were also down significantly from 2024.

In 2025, bird deaths linked to PRECorp facilities continued a downward trend. From 2015 to 2017, PRECorp linked more than 90 bird mortalities per year to electrocutions. Since then, the annual average has dropped to less than 35 bird deaths. The number of bird deaths from these contacts was down to 15 in 2025, with only ten being raptors and the remaining five identified as non-raptors.

Although the total of a few dozen birds has an impact, it is minuscule compared to other types of mortalities. For example, cats kill about 6.5 million birds every day in the United States, according to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS). Another 13,000 birds die every day from collisions with windows.

Despite the disproportional effects of power lines and substations on avian species, PRECorp has significantly

reduced the number of bird-related incidents in the past decade because of the ongoing efforts to shield the fliers from the wires.

Two-thirds of bird-caused outages in the PRECorp service territory in 2025 were related to small bird intrusions. Larger raptors: Owls, Eagles, Hawks, and Ospreys, amounted to less than a dozen incidents. In drought conditions, any outage is investigated under wildfire protection protocols.

Whether an outage is due to a bird or another cause, the restoration times are longer due to added layers of wildfire protection.

PRECorp devotes time and resources to three primary areas to ensure the impacts of bird encounters are properly addressed and mitigated. These are: employee training, regulatory compliance, and retrofit work on infrastructure.

Employees, particularly those who could be first to arrive at the scene of an incident, are updated and trained an

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BRIAN MILLS,
CEO

Who pays for what?

Lately we've heard a lot in the news about how different large load projects will negatively impact the membership. In this month's article, I want to provide you with information pertaining to how PRECorp handles these types of loads so that you can formulate a more informed opinion for yourself.

I understand that the electrical service or grid interconnection of a large load project is only one aspect of a project's ultimate impact to be considered, but I hope to give you some assurance of how we manage the overall membership risk and impact.

A fundamental tenet of your electrical cooperative, guided by state statute, is that we have an obligation to serve the electrical needs within the certificated service territory we have been designated to serve. This obligation is impartial to political or social ideology concerning the load. Any member's respective project that requires electrical service is given similar consideration to be served from the cooperative system. Sometimes we see situations around a particular project where personal sentiment is offended when the coop provides electrical service. However, the coop is simply managing its obligation to serve.

That said, let's jump into how we look out for the membership while serving a member. There is slang in the industry, namely "pay to play" or "direct assignment".

Here is what that means: If a new large member needs a dedicated substation or a major line extension to serve their operation, the member funds that infrastructure. It does not get spread across every residential member in the territory. Now, if there are portions of the project where the project upgrade would improve the overall system, then we (the membership) will contribute a commensurate amount. But those system improvements are typically already factored into our annual budget and current rate design. Simply stated, your bill should not go

up because someone else plugged in a large load. Our job is to make sure the cost follows the cause.

There is one more aspect of which to be mindful, and it pertains to the dependency the membership develops on a particular load. One of the benefits of being a cooperative member-owner is that you harvest economies of scale with your system. As more electrons pass through the same lines or more members tap into the system, the system gets more cost effective overall for everyone to manage and maintain those lines. So we continually are assessing, "Are we growing the system in a way that spreads fixed costs across more members — or are we becoming overly dependent on a single large load that could disappear?" New load that is well-matched to our system is a good thing. It means more members sharing the cost of infrastructure we have already built. But we must be thoughtful about concentrating too much dependency/risk on any one customer. Your elected Board of Directors and the PRECorp Team weigh this carefully before making any major commitment.

In the end, I want to assure you that growth pays for itself, from the generation resources needed to provide, to the distribution system needed to serve. The cooperative's value really takes shape in the maintenance and operation of the lines each of us have built. Some in the form of economies of scale in purchasing power for the needed equipment and supplies...but primarily in the form of about 130 top-notch professionals spread across the five counties. Your member-owned cooperative utility system is in good hands and is being efficiently operated because there is a team who takes a considerable amount of pride in their work and service to you the member-owners. I would stack them up against anyone.

Powder River, Let 'er Buck!



Concern For Community

2025 Foundation Annual Report

Three core principles of Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp) are A-Plus Member Service, Great Rates, and being a Trusted Energy Partner. The value arising from those principles is **Concern for Community**. PRECorp established the Powder River Energy Foundation in 2007 to become a robust giving arm of the cooperative. Since then, the Foundation has driven back more than \$3.1 million to strengthen and enhance the communities in northeast Wyoming.

In 2026, the Foundation is embarking on a long-term financial strategy by developing a legacy fund. This fund will provide long-term stability for the Foundation, leveraging successes with fundraisers, cooperative partnerships, and generous donors right here in northeast Wyoming.

This strategy includes renewal of the Foundation's direct support for programs focused on food distribution, workforce development, families in crisis, Veterans' support, and student scholarships.

This process is opening new avenues to give even greater assistance to meet the needs in northeast Wyoming.

The interests of PRECorp's service territory are well represented, with two directors from each of the five counties serving on the Foundation Board.

The Foundation Board of Directors is grateful to each and every person, business partner, and sponsor organization who helps the Foundation deliver on its mission. Please inquire about opportunities available.

In 2025, the Foundation fundraising events of the Durham Ranch Buffalo Stampede, Lineman Scholarship Raffle, and the annual Foundation Golf

Scramble engaged our communities with record numbers of participants and funds raised.

Our community is resilient to challenges because we pull together in times of need. PRECorp members are encouraged to participate in small-giving opportunities such as Operation RoundUp®. This program has been one of the bedrock revenue streams for the Foundation since 2007.

The program is a voluntary option available to PRECorp consumer-members of any size. You simply round up your monthly bill to the nearest whole dollar, and you automatically send an average of 50 cents per month per account to the Foundation.

So far, 16 percent of PRECorp members participate in the program. Each year the Foundation has multiple drawings where new and existing Operation RoundUp® members are eligible to win a prize of 25 pounds of bison, beef and pork. We invite more members to sign up, help the cause, and have a chance to win locally-grown food.

Please take a moment to review this report or go to our website at www.precorpfoundation.org and see how your donation funds are distributed across the PRECorp service territory.

Sincerely,



Chairman
John Flocchini



Executive Director
Joe Roth

2025 Giving by Category

Health & Human Services:

Blessings in a Backpack - Hulett, Sundance
 Wright Blessings
 Corner Market FBO Holiday Baskets
 Johnson County Friends Feeding Friends
 Kaycee food pantry
 Wright Community Assistance - Food Pantry
 Hulett Food Bank
 Clearmont Community Food Pantry
 Moorcroft Interfaith Community
 Bread of Life Food Pantry

"...We truly appreciate your support throughout the years and helping keep families in need in our communities fed..."

- Crook County Council of County Services

Crook County Council of County Services - Sundance Food Pantry
 Upton Food Bank
 Campbell County Council of Community Services
 B.R.E.A.D. - food pantry
 Salvation Army
 Johnson County Friends Feeding Friends
 Story-Banner Community Food Pantry
 The Food Group, Inc.
 Buffalo Senior Center FBO Activities Program
 The Food Group, Inc.
 The Hub on Smith
 Compass Center for Families
 Suicide Prevention Division, Johnson County
 Volunteers of America Northern Rockies
 The Mercantile at Rawhide Elementary
 Sheridan Police Department - Cops for Kids
 Sheridan Foster Parent Exchange
 Hunting with Heroes, Inc. - Wyoming
 Campbell County Council of Community Services
 Campbell County Senior Center Home Delivered Meals Program
 OutlawRidge Ministries, Inc.
 Gillette Abuse Refuge Foundation, Inc. (G.A.R.F.)
 Kaycee Senior Housing Inc.
 The Right Road
 Sundance Volunteer Fire Department
 Hulett Community Housing Authority
 Pine Haven Volunteer Fire Department
 Personal Frontiers, Inc.

Y.E.S. Foundation
 CHAPS Equine Assisted Services
 Hulett Volunteer Fire Department
 Crook County Senior Services, Inc.
 Sheridan Memorial Hospital Foundation
 Food Bank of Wyoming
 Cruising for a Cure
 Vitalant Guns & Hoses Blood Drive
 The Harvest Festival - Moorcroft
 Buffalo Police Department

Civic & Community Betterment:

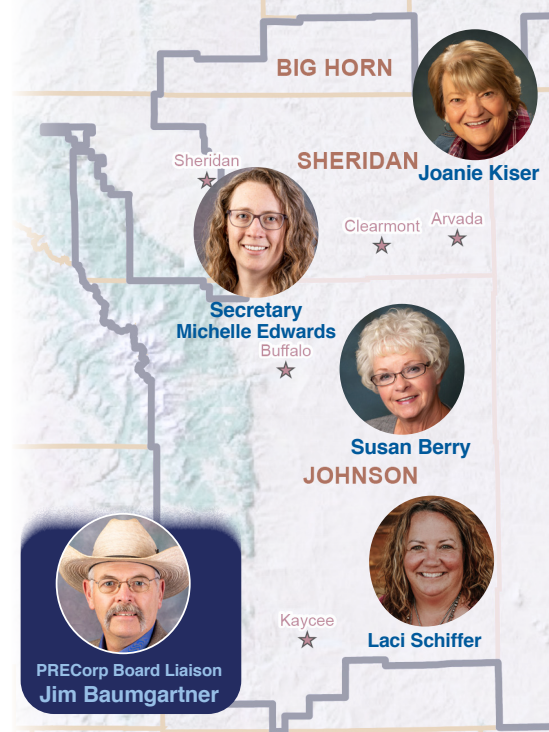
Old West Invitational Turkey Shoot - Greater Hulett Community Center
 Crook County Library Foundation
 A.B.A.T.E. of N.E. Wyoming
 Habitat for Humanity of the Eastern Bighorns
 American Legion Crook County Post 45
 Johnson County Family YMCA
 Edible Prairie Project
 Devil's Tower Post 4311
 Sheridan Senior Citizens Council
 The Hub on Smith
 Moorcroft Parent Action Committee
 Pine Haven Beautification Alliance
 Wicked 307 Fast Pitch Softball
 Gillette Senior Send Off
 Buffalo Post Prom
 Newcastle Post Prom
 Wright After Prom Committee
 Upton Arena
 Arvada Clearmont After Prom
 Big Horn HS Graduation
 Moorcroft Post Prom
 Sundance High School Post Prom
 Clearmont Community Center
 Hulett Recreation Board
 Upton After Prom
 Buffalo After Grad Party
 Sundance Chain Gang Mountain Bike Association
 Crook Co. Natural Resource Dist.
 Hulett Booster Club
 Clearmont Turkey Giveaway

"...We are passionate about influencing and growing the sport of rodeo. Without generous donors like you, none of this would be possible..."

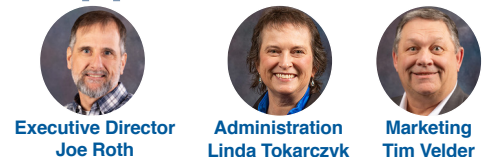
- MJ Rodeo Productions



Board of



Support staff:





Giving by Category, cont'd

"...Your kindness makes a difference in the lives of the children in our community..."
 - Wright Blessings

Education:

- Hulett Recreation Board -
- Hulett Swimming Lessons
- Johnson County School District #1
- 307 Teen Challenge
- Noah's Ark Christian Preschool
- Learning Tree Christian School
- Wyoming Sportsmans Group -
- Hulett Youth Field Day
- Wyoming Ag in the Classroom
- Imagination Library of Campbell County
- Rooted in Wyoming
- Special Olympics Wyoming
- Climb Wyoming - Gillette
- Sundance High School
- Cross Country Academics for All
- Whitcomb FFA
- UW Extension
- Powder Basin Classic Livestock Show
- Hulett Booster Club
- Campbell Co. Community Resource Coalition
- Rad Rozet Robotics Team
- Wright JSHS Panther Booster Club
- Gillette Wrestling
- Kaycee School
- Moorcroft High School
- Moorcroft Mat Masters
- Sundance HS Football
- Geis Memorial Scholarship
- Shayna Ritthaler Memorial Scholarship
- Apprentice Lineman Scholarship
- PRECorp Scholarship
- R.O.S.S. program

Culture and Arts:

- Wright Centennial Museum
- Rockpile Museum Association
- Weston County Arts Council, Inc.
- Crook County Rodeo Royalty
- Texas Trail Cruisers Car Club
- Jackson Youth Rodeo Series
- Johnson County 4-H Council
- Crook Co 4-H
- Weston County Jr. Rodeo
- Campbell County Fair
- Weston County Jr. Livestock Committee
- Kaycee School

"...Your continued support of our mission to feed children of Johnson County is greatly appreciated. You help make sure no child will go hungry..."
 - Johnson County Friends Feeding Friends

- MJ Rodeo Productions
- Little Levi Rodeo
- Weston County Mini Rodeo
- Gillette Festival of Trees
- Greater Hulett Community Center
- Hulett Branch Library
- Kaycee Community Christmas

Meat Donations:

- Clearmont Community Center Foundation
- Arvada Clearmont School
- Clearmont Community Food Pantry
- Buffalo Stampede
- Upton Food Bank
- Wright Community Food Pantry
- Crook County Council of County Services - Sundance Food Pantry
- Campbell County Council of Community Services
- Bread of Life Food Pantry
- Moorcroft Interfaith Community
- Salvation Army
- Hulett Food Bank
- G.A.R.F.

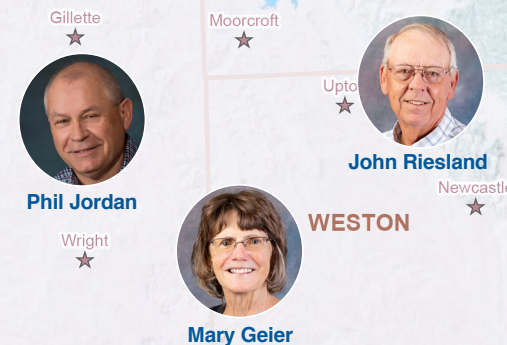
"...Your generosity makes everything we do possible, and together we are growing food with a purpose..."
 - Edible Prairie Project

Directors:

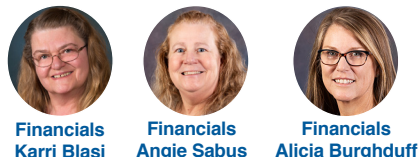
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CAMPBELL



WESTON



Powder River Energy Foundation Mission:

The Mission of the Powder River Energy Foundation (PRECorp Foundation) is to demonstrate our commitment to people and non-profit or charitable organizations in northeast Wyoming by lending a helping hand that will improve their quality of life or serve their community.

"...Your generosity is not just appreciated - it's powerful. It helps thousands of older adults remain active, engaged, and cared for each year..."
- The Hub on Smith (Sheridan)

Total people helped in 2025:
Approximately **120,000**

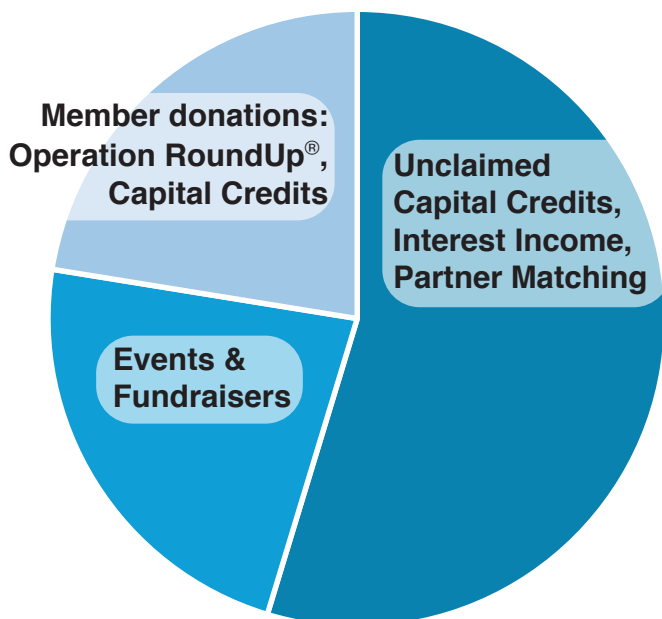
Total \$ given in 2025:
More than **\$390,000**

"...This scholarship means so much to not only me, but to my family as well. I intend to use this scholarship to better myself, my education, and to kickstart my career..."
-- ROSS Scholarship recipient

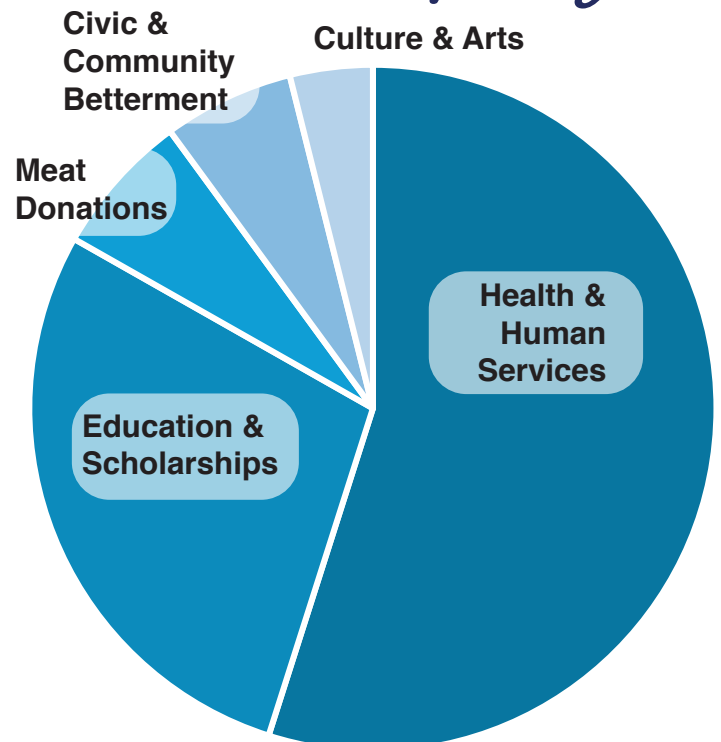
Number of organizations supported in 2025:
129

Total value given since 2007:
More than **\$3,100,000**

2025 Income Sources



2025 Giving



Avian Protection Plan...

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nually on new regulations, reporting processes, and the overall workings of the PRECorp Avian Protection Plan (APP).

PRECorp also works with state and federal agencies to review annual reports, regulatory compliance and keep all permits updated.

The physical work on the infrastructure includes scheduled construction and maintenance, incident response, and nest management. Nest Management actions may include trimming nest material, removing nests, or relocating nests to platforms installed on or near utility structures. In 2025, outside of the nesting season, PRECorp crews removed 15 nests. Of these, only four were confirmed as created by a raptor, and one was confirmed as the work of Ospreys.

However, tried and true methods of plastic shields and pole replacements continue to offer the best long-term solutions. In all, PRECorp retrofitted 50 structures that were directly threatening raptor safety.

Part of the success of the APP is outreach to regulators and other Wyoming-based groups that work on conservation and habitat protection. Until 2025, PRECorp was a member of working groups dedicated to Sage Grouse and Golden Eagles who study populations, migrations, and ways industry can co-exist with various species of wildlife.

Federal and private grant funds have also supported the APP over the years to offset the cost of retrofitting projects. In 2025, compensatory mitigation dollars covered 60 structure retrofits, and another 61 are in line for 2026.

What you can do

Although PRECorp employees have the greatest probability of noticing bird threats, PRECorp members, wildlife officials, and partner agencies also play a large role in reporting general hazards.

People who discover a bird carcass, injured bird(s), or nests atop PRECorp power lines, should call 1-800-442-3630. Please do your best to have a location and any identifying numbers from a nearby pole. Callers will also be asked for their contact information, and any photos of the scene would also assist in the response.

Reporting is the most important part of the APP. The quicker PRECorp is notified, the quicker the cooperative

Some species you might see

The following is a list of bird species in northeast Wyoming that PRECorp works to protect from power delivery infrastructure:

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| Predatory birds: | Peregrine Falcon |
| Bald Eagle | Prairie Falcon |
| Golden Eagle | Northern Harrier |
| Turkey Vulture | Cooper's Hawk |
| Osprey | American Kestrel |
| Ferruginous Hawk | Migratory birds: |
| Rough-legged Hawk | Common Raven |
| Swainson's Hawk | American Crow |
| Barn Owl | Pelican |
| Great Horned Owl | Great Blue Heron |
| Red Tailed Hawk | Sandhill Crane |



Bald Eagle

and its partner agencies can respond and assess the situation. This reduces mortalities and lessens the chances for outages and potential fires.

PRECorp partners with the USFWS, Wyoming Game & Fish Department (WGFD) and other involved agencies to investigate certain bird mortalities. Some of our investigations are very lengthy and detailed to determine what the bird was trying to do at the time of the incident; to recreate where and how the contact was made; and, to learn how to better protect from future incidents happening.

Data is logged, mitigation devices are often installed, and a record is kept regarding the incidents. The data helps in determining the cause of the incidents which assists in driving improvements to the overall APP. All new power line construction is designed with adequate spacing to reduce the chances of incidents occurring.

PRECorp will continue to retrofit existing structures to reduce overall impact to wildlife in conjunction with its system maintenance plan. Specially designed structures may also be installed near prior incident sites where they are needed as a follow-up to special mortality cases. These structures can include nesting platforms located near problem poles. Under USFWS and WGFD guidance, PRECorp has successfully moved many nests to safe platforms since 2005.

Anyone with thoughts regarding PRECorp's Avian Protection Program should call 1-800-442-3630.

Events calendar

The list of PRECorp events includes Board meeting dates, holidays, telephone town hall meetings, and more.

- **Tuesday, June 16:** PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m., Sheridan.
- **Tuesday, June 23:** PRECorp Foundation Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m., Gillette.
- **Wednesday, July 15:** Meet the Candidate Telephone Town Hall; Publication of director candidates, notice of Annual Meeting, mail-in ballot, and Annual Report.
- **Tuesday, July 21:** PRECorp Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m., Sundance.

Bob Tarver passes

Former Powder River Energy Corporation Director Bob Tarver passed away on May 13. He was elected to the Board of Tri-County Electric Association in 1988. He served on that board and then was elected to serve on the PRECorp Board until 2009.



Bob Tarver

His years of service on both boards totaled 21 years. Bob also served on the Wyoming Rural Electric Association Board from 2005 until 2009. The PRECorp Board presented the Earl Christensen Award to Tarver in 2012.

Bob's community commitment, his ranching experience and his PRECorp board position allowed him to be able to balance the interests of every individual member, from industrial and small business to residential. He referred to the electric cooperative as a "family" where members and employees work together to serve power and support communities across PRECorp's five counties in northeast Wyoming.

Powder River Energy Corporation Candidate Nominating Committee Report

Following is the report of the 2026 PRECorp Annual Meeting Director Election Nominating Committees, as appointed by the Board of Directors, per Article IV, Section 4, NOMINATIONS of the cooperative's bylaws.

The Nominating Committee(s) appointed by the Board of Directors of Powder River Energy Corporation to nominate candidates for a Director to be elected from CAMPBELL COUNTY, CROOK COUNTY, SHERIDAN COUNTY, and WESTON COUNTY at the 81st Annual Meeting of the members to be held on **Saturday, August 22, 2026**, do hereby nominate the following qualified member(s):

Campbell County:

Tyler Pirtz and James Tarver

Campbell County Nominating Committee:

Gary Stephens and
Randy Crowley

(Dated this 12th day of May, 2026)

Crook County:

Philip Habeck and
Eric Amdahl

Crook County Nominating Committee:

Chase Williams and
Will Yemington

(Dated this 19th day of May, 2026)

Sheridan County:

Mike Helvey

Sheridan County Nominating Committee:

Paul Perry and Leo Ankney
(Dated this 20th day of May, 2026)

Weston County:

Clay Branscom and
Justin Oleson

Weston County Nominating Committee:

Mike Finn and Jim Darlington
(Dated this 18th day of March, 2026)

Director candidate information and mail-in ballots will be published in the July WREN Magazine. Ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, August 21, 2026, at one of the main PRECorp offices in Sundance or Gillette. **A candidate telephone forum/Facebook Live will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15.**

In-person member voting will be held from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Annual Meeting, at Buffalo High School. Bylaws require 100 members register in person at the meeting in order for a quorum to be declared and a valid election to be held. Each director elected will serve a three-year term.



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