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Beartooth Electric Call-In Member Meeting July 12

Red Lodge, MT – Examining business options for the future of Beartooth Electric Cooperative is an ever-present duty of the Board of Trustees. A large influence in this process is the feedback Beartooth Electric receives from its members. Now, the Beartooth management and board are asking its member-owners to weigh in on the future of their cooperative.

The co-op will host a telephone town hall meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2016. Members are asked to call in to a toll free number and they'll get instructions on how to participate in the call. Callers will have the opportunity to ask questions and voice their concerns. The call-in number is 855-312-2107.

Two of the options on the table for discussion are whether or not Beartooth should remain a standalone co-op or whether it should continue to consider a potential merger with Lower Valley Energy, a rural co-op based in Afton, Wyoming.

“The Beartooth Electric Co-op belongs to all the members, so we need to know what they think about the future of their cooperative,” said Dick Nolan, District 4 trustee.

Lower Valley Energy has been managing the Beartooth co-op since April of 2015. Beartooth's three-year management agreement with Lower Valley includes a provision that the boards of the two co-ops may decide to recommend merger to their members within two years.

Beartooth Electric Cooperative serves more than 4,300 members in Carbon, Stillwater and Sweetgrass counties in Montana and part of Park County, Wyoming.

More information can be found at www.beartoothelectric.com.

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