
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the *Billings Gazette*, *Carbon County News*, *Stillwater County News*, *Laurel Outlook*, *Cody Enterprise*, and *Powell Tribune*

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To the Editor,

The reorganization plan for the Southern Montana Electrical Generation and Transmission Cooperative by the Court-appointed Trustee spells disaster for the members of the Beartooth Electric Cooperative.

The Trustee's plan makes us, our children, and grandchildren pay for the reckless, secret mismanagement by Southern's Tim Gregori and the Southern Board of Trustees, who in a perfect world, should make good on their irresponsibility, rather than Co-op members.

Now is the time for us to object to the Trustee's plan to pay off creditors, including Gregori—who all knew, or should have known had they been paying attention, that their agreements were wasteful and risky—harming the Co-op members whom they had pledged to serve.

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