

Enclosed is a Hastings “If It’s NOT Grounded, It’s NOT Dead!” bumper sticker. Please place it in an obvious location on your crew pickup. I don’t like the back-end of the truck because it’s always dragging in the mud and collecting all the dirt from our environment. Please place this sticker in an obvious place that stays somewhat clean so it will serve as a constant reminder of killing the line. Some suggestions are: on the very back center of the tool bin.

Also enclosed is a safety flyer. Please ensure along with yourself that each member of your crew gets one and reads and understands the message. This is a GREAT tailgate topic for a Monday morning crew safety brief.

In light of the last storm at Sheridan and Lower Yellowstone REA, I’d like to thank all of you for your hard and safe work. I’m a true admirer of your labor. You take total devastation and turn it into functional and safe electricity again. You do it quickly and safely and I’m proud to be on your team.

With that said a topic we need to discuss before we take off for another storm is traffic control and visibility. Please ensure you have at a minimum of 4 cones on each bucket and digger truck, rope trucks, and other assorted commercial equipment that may need to stick out in a road or area that needs to be coned off. Please keep at least two cones in your crew trucks for the same purpose. All of our trucks should have operational, flashing yellow bling bling lights. If a truck needs one on your crew, or you need cones, please contact me.

When we respond to a storm,... don’t forget your traffic control warning devices, signs/ribs & bases please. These are essential for providing a “heads up/warning” to people, and hopefully slow them down for our safety in our work zones. Make sure they come with us on the next storm please.

Finally, if you are a crew foreman, please ensure that you have an operational TIC tracer. If you need one, please contact me immediately.

Remember! **“SAFETY ALWAYS, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME”**

