



Dear Consumer,

Continental Divide Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CDEC) is committed to providing safe and reliable electricity. To support that commitment, CDEC conducts a program to trim and, when necessary, remove trees growing too close to power lines. Trees are the major cause of downed electric power lines and power outages. Data from previous storms have proven that areas where trees are trimmed away from power lines experience significantly fewer storm-related outages than those that have not been trimmed.

CDEC's tree trimming program is designed to reduce power outages and fires caused by trees, and prevent dangerous situations for line crews and the public. This program aims to complete a tree trimming cycle for our entire service area and is based on the most up to date and best practices in the electric power industry.

CDEC hires experienced and trained crews to conduct trimming throughout our service area. Tree trimming crews will plan to trim trees in the next two to four weeks in your area and, when necessary, remove trees growing too close to power lines. CDEC wants to stress that workers will be in vehicles, including all-terrain vehicles, marked with signs that say they are a utility contractor with Continental Divide Electric Cooperative. Tree trim crews are required to follow CDEC's tree trimming program standards and will do their best to perform their work with respect to you and your property.

This letter is to notify you that CDEC has determined tree trimming or removal is necessary in its right-of-way adjacent to your property and/or that it will need access through your property to trim or remove trees. Removals may be required under certain circumstances including when a tree is too close to a power line, dead or diseased. Occasionally, small trees and brush may also be removed. When trees are removed, stumps are cut as close to the ground as possible. Trunks, limbs and branches over 4" in diameter will be cut to manageable lengths and left on the site for the property owner. Smaller limbs and branches will generally be chipped and removed by the trimming crew. You will not be billed for any of this work.

We appreciate your cooperation as we work to maintain a safe and reliable electric power system. If you have any questions or would like to coordinate access to your property, please do not hesitate to contact me at 505-285-6656 extension 1012.

Sincerely,
Angela Evans
Operations Manager