

Big Skylights



An internal newsletter of the STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF MONTANA RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

A report from your Chief Executive Officer Dave Wheelihan

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Job Market

IT Specialist

Ravalli Electric Cooperative (REC) is looking for an IT Specialist who is responsible for providing corporate-wide server and end-user device support for a variety of computer equipment, software and operating systems.

The person in this position will be responsible for maintaining corporate networking, including Windows and other servers, wired and wireless infrastructure and WAN access, including routing, firewalls and remote access, Active Directory and all other server infrastructure, including databases such as Microsoft SQL Server and Oracle, and monitoring cyber security for all computing resources to maintain availability for corporate needs while delivering IT support and training to REC employees and the board of directors.

Experience/educational requirements are as follows: A four-year college degree in Information Technology or a related field and MCSA certification is preferred. However, consideration of education and work experience, including the management and technical support of a LAN and WAN system, Windows Workstations and Servers, Active Directory, MS, SQL, Oracle and UNIX/LINUX. Responsibilities may be given in lieu of a degree. Applicants must have good analytic, written and oral communication skills, experience with customer service and be able to lift and carry up to 50 pounds. The successful applicant must possess a valid Montana driver's license, present a professional appearance at all times and have the ability to travel occasionally out of town. Offers are contingent upon completion of a background check.

To apply, please visit REC's website at www.ravallielectric.com and submit a completed REC job application, resume and letter of interest. A benefits package is available after 90 days, and competitive wage depends on experience. This position will remain open until filled.

Marketing/Public Relations Manager

Fall River Electric Cooperative, based in Ashton, Idaho, is seeking an energetic, organized and creative marketing/public relations manager. The co-op's service area includes portions of Montana.

The person in this position will utilize a multimedia approach and creatively market products and services for both electric and propane operations. This person will continue building the Fall River brand as a safe, reliable, low-cost energy provider, committed to the communities and members the co-op serves. Key responsibilities are: Sales – develop and implement sales and marketing plan; Marketing – create marketing materials and promote product sales; Public relations – focus on community, brand recognition and the co-op image; and, internal/external communications – newsletter, website and social media platforms.

Qualifications are as follows: Marketing and/or communications degree, or at least two years related experience; Sales and marketing experience in a highly competitive environment with demonstrated success in building a business brand; self-starter with the ability to think and plan strategically, must work well both collaboratively and independently; excellent writing and editing skills, with the ability to speak in public with clarity and confidence, and; valid state driver's license.

Fall River Electric offers an outstanding career opportunity with competitive salary and paid time off, a friendly and positive work environment, and full health benefits and retirement plans. To view the basic job description and learn more about Fall River Rural Electric Cooperative visit www.fallriverelectric.com > Employment Opportunities under the QUICK LINKS heading. To apply; send resume and salary history by Nov. 25, 2016 to: Fall River Electric Cooperative; Attention: Human Resources, P.O. Box 736, Milville, UT 84326. Or, email to: melanienichols2@gmail.com

Journeyman or Apprentice Lineman

McCone Electric Cooperative is currently seeking a qualified applicant for a journeyman or apprentice lineman position.

The reporting location for this position is in Circle, Mont. Circle is an area rich in hunting and fishing opportunities with access to public lands. Circle is within reasonable driving distance to Fort Peck Lake, Hell Creek Marina and the famous Missouri Breaks. Mountains and great skiing are only a four-hour drive from this location. The successful applicant must possess a valid MT CDL Class A license (or be able to obtain one within 90 days of the hiring date) and join the local IBEW. The successful candidate must pass a pre-employment drug test and physical. The successful applicant must also be able to deal with co-workers and consumers in a courteous and professional manner. McCone Electric has an excellent benefits program. A McCone Electric Co-op job application is required and may be obtained from McCone Electric at PO Box 368, Circle, MT 59215. The application deadline is Dec. 16, 2016. This position will remain open until filled. Call for applications at (406) 485-3430 or e-mail Ed Crockett, edcrockett@mcconeelectric.coop.

Journeyman Lineman

Big Horn County Electric Cooperative of Hardin has an opening for a journeyman lineman. Applicants must have or be able to obtain a Montana CDL, have completed a recognized four-year apprenticeship program; be proficient in operating digger derricks, bucket trucks, trenchers, underground locating and fault-finding equipment, be in physical condition to carry out the work associated with overhead and underground power lines, be willing to work in extreme conditions such as heat, cold, wind, rain, snow, at all hours and be on a rotating "on call" list, and have experience in rubber gloving, the operation of OCR's and regulators, and underground and overhead distribution lines. Having a positive safety-minded attitude and being a "team player" is a must.

The successful applicant will be required to live within 15 minutes driving time of work, take a pre-employment physical and drug test, and be on a six-month probationary period.

Big Horn Electric is located in a farming/ranching community serving rural residents, including three-phase irrigation and pumping loads, an oilfield, and some small and large commercial loads in Big Horn County, Montana, and a small part of north central Wyoming.

The co-op offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefits program. Send resumes to: **Monte Russell**, District Supervisor, Big Horn County Electric Cooperative, Inc., PO Box 410, Hardin, MT 59034 or mrussell@bhcec.com. Ph: (406)665-2830. A company employment application with references will be required along with work history dating back five years. This position will be open until filled.

CALENDAR

November

30	Legislative Issues Event	Kalispell, MT
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December

1	Legislative Issues Event	Great Falls, MT
5	Legislative Issues Event	Billings, MT
5	Legislative Issues Event	Missoula, MT
6-8	Midwest Electric Consumers Association	Denver, CO
12	Legislative Issues Event	Big Timber, MT
13-14	MECA Winter Meetings & Holiday Banquet	Great Falls, MT
15	Legislative Issues Event	Sidney, MT

January

2	Start of 2017 Session of Montana Legislature	Helena, MT
9	Electric Co-op Day at Montana State Capitol Building	Helena, MT