

McCone Electric Co-op

Your Touchstone Energy Cooperative®



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Michael Hoy
General Manager

Insider's View of McCone Electric The western side of Garfield County scarred by fire.



The Lodgepole Complex Fire started on July 19, 2017. Fire officials considered it contained on August 2, 2017. It covered 270,723 acres of forest and rangeland. 553 people from several agencies were involved in fighting the fire. McCone Electric linemen safely worked 523 hours during the fire. They prioritized their daily work to maintain or restore power to homes and well pumps. The picture (on the right) shows them working while the fire was still smoldering. The Board and members of McCone Electric have expressed gratitude for their long hours during this event. McCone Electric has nearly 40 miles of powerlines in the fire zone. Thankfully, only about 100 power poles need replacing.



Source: Facebook – contributors unknown but appreciated

Similar to the storms of last summer, McCone Electric will have to cover the losses. Our annual work plan includes 300 pole changes. For the past two summers Mother Nature has selected which poles need changing. Shennum Construction is assisting with pole replacement in the fire zone.

Financial Audit Completed

Smith, Lange & Halley, P.C. completed their independent audit. Our assets grew to \$32,104,334. Up \$1,345,154 from 2015. All financial reporting was in compliance with Government Auditing Standards.

Employee Commitment

Every employee is a member of McCone Electric Co-op. Each day brings new challenges. Everything from member questions to outage restoration to ensuring the financial stability of the co-op. They are committed to serving the members of McCone Electric. It's their co-op too.

May this be an amazing year for you.
Cooperatively yours,
Michael Hoy – General Manager

Heating and Cooling Tips for Manufactured Homes

If you own a manufactured home, take measures to ensure you have an efficient heating and cooling system. You can also make simple improvements that save energy and make your home more comfortable.

\$ Install ceiling fans

Install ceiling fans throughout your manufactured home. Ceiling fans are energy efficient and can be used to keep warm or cool air moving throughout your home. Be sure to turn them off when you're away. Remember, ceiling fans cool people, not rooms.

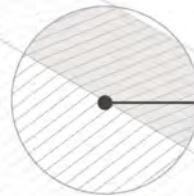


\$ Option for smaller budgets

\$\$\$ Option for flexible budgets

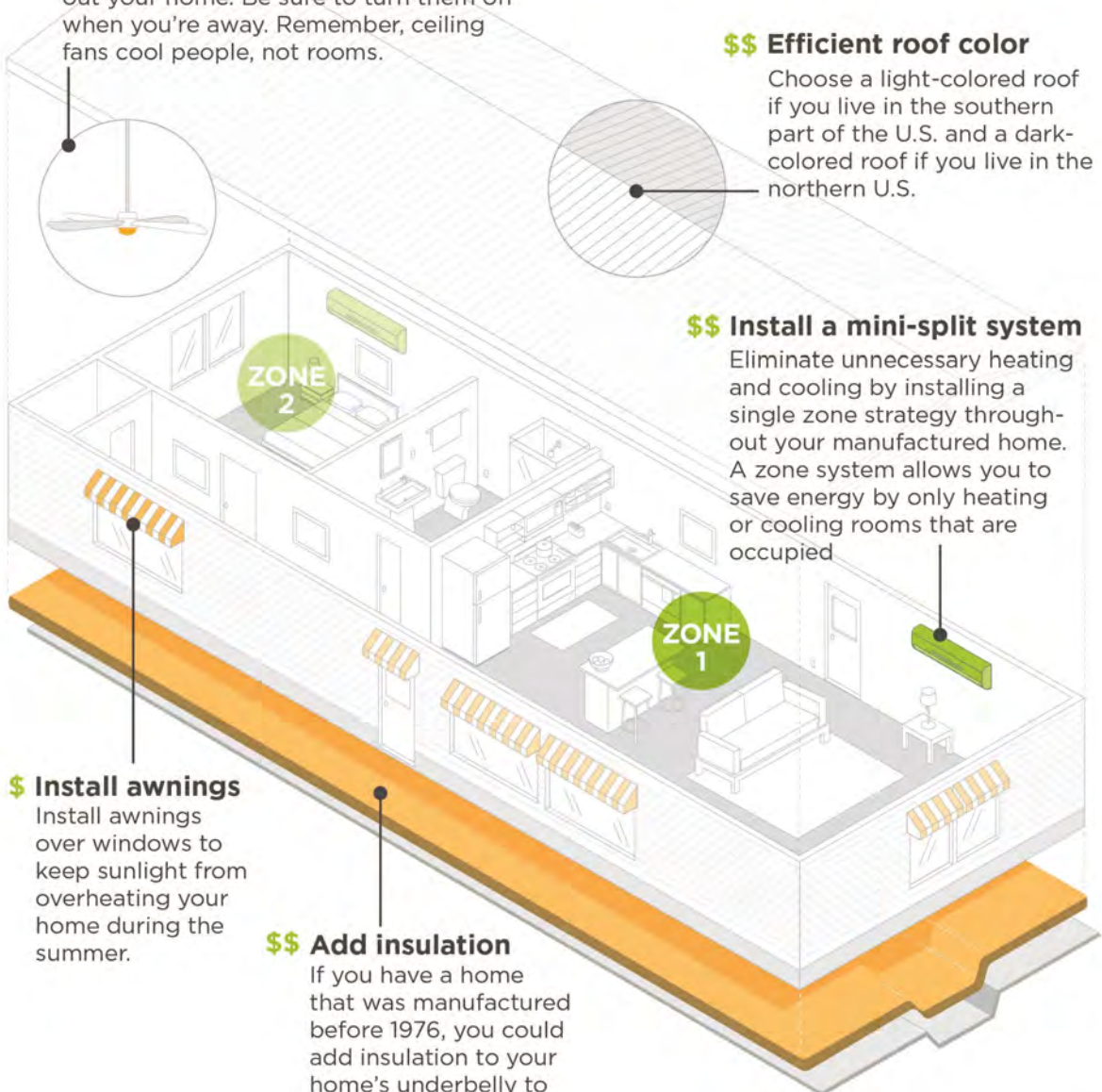
\$\$ Efficient roof color

Choose a light-colored roof if you live in the southern part of the U.S. and a dark-colored roof if you live in the northern U.S.



\$\$ Install a mini-split system

Eliminate unnecessary heating and cooling by installing a single zone strategy throughout your manufactured home. A zone system allows you to save energy by only heating or cooling rooms that are occupied.



\$ Install awnings

Install awnings over windows to keep sunlight from overheating your home during the summer.

\$\$ Add insulation

If you have a home that was manufactured before 1976, you could add insulation to your home's underbelly to reduce any heat loss.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy



First day of Fall is September 22nd

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Fall/Winter Energy Tip: When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat back 10° to 15° for eight hours and save around 10 percent a year on your heating and cooling bills. A programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature - set it and forget it!

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy



Tip of the Month

Cooler temps will be here soon! No matter what kind of heating system you have in your home, you can save money and increase your comfort by properly maintaining and upgrading your equipment. Contact a licensed professional to inspect your system *before* the winter chill arrives.

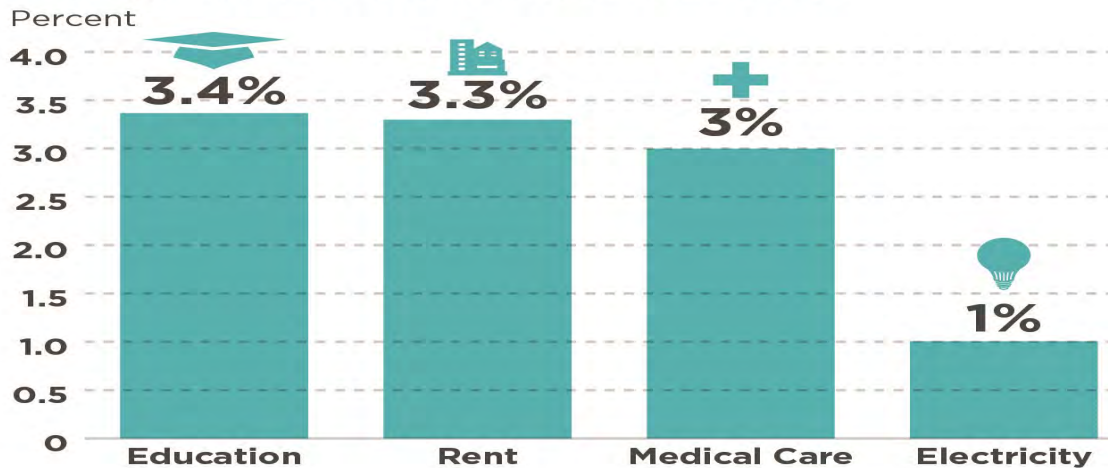


There is a new feature in the SmartHub mobile application. If you have multiple providers with SmartHub (such as McCone Electric and Mid-Rivers), you can now log into multiple accounts from the Settings screen in SmartHub. You no longer have to sign out of one provider to sign into the other. SmartHub will do it automatically.

ELECTRICITY REMAINS A GOOD VALUE

The cost of powering your home rises at a slower pace than many of your typical expenses. Compare the average price increase of these expenses each year over the last five years, and the value of electricity shines.

Average Annual Price Increase 2011-2016



Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index



McCone Electric outage call in procedure

If you have a power outage call the Circle headquarters phone number. You can call the cooperative's local phone number or the toll free phone number. During the normal work week an office employee will answer the phone between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. After hours, weekends or holidays a dispatcher will be on duty to answer your outage call. You will be assisted by our dispatcher who will call out a work crew to restore your electrical service.

**For outages call:
406-485-3430 or 1-800-684-3605
at any time day or night**

Call Before You Dig 1-800-424-5555

For Primary Line Locates:

To protect property, prevent personal injuries, and avoid lawsuits, call toll free.

Be prepared to pinpoint the location of your dig site with the exact street address, township, range, section and quarter section.

You'll need to describe the type of work to be done and some detail as to where you are working on the site.

Call at least 48 hours before your digging project.

Remember, the number is:

1-800-424-5555 or 811

For secondary line locates, please call 485-3430 during business hours.

Please Ask for Scot Brown or Dan Hammons

**McCone Electric Co-op., Inc.
Office Hours
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays
Telephone 406-485-3430
or toll-free 1-800-684-3605**

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Conrad Moline, Pres. Brockway, MT
Arne Sutton, Vice Pres. Circle, MT
Ruth Hinnaland, Sec. Brockway, MT
Patti Murphy, Treas. Circle, MT
Brent McRae. Jordan, MT
Brent Kluth. Vida, MT
Kurt Voss. Circle, MT
Ken Ehli. Circle, MT
Carla Delp. Vida, MT

OFFICE PERSONNEL

Michael Hoy General Manager
Theresa Haynie.. Manager/Finance & Admin.
Scot Brown... Mgr. Member Services/Compliance
Jennifer Hogan..... Plant Accountant
Sonja Arnston Payroll/Accts. Payable
Nichole Sikveland..... Consumer Accountant
Donna Lala..... Consumer Service Rep.
Vickie Brown..... Cashier / Receptionist
Dan Hammons..... Member Services Advisor



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OPERATING REPORT

McCone Electric Co-op., Inc.
Year-To-Date
For Period Ending: June 30, 2017

Total Income.....	\$5,037,773
G&T Capital Credits	\$168,685
Cost of purchased Power.....	\$1,566,930
Total Operating Cost.....	\$2,705,590
Total Margins	\$933,938
KWH Purch. (Yr.-to-Date).....	41,047,570
KWH Sold (Yr.-to-Date).....	35,269,040
Meters Billed.....	5,285
Miles of Line in Service.....	3,832

The Trouble Reporting Number is
406-485-3430 or 1-800-684-3605
A dispatcher is available to
answer your call at all times

LINE PERSONNEL

CIRCLE / RICHEY AREA

Ed Crockett..... Plant Superintendent
Rex Sikveland..... Line Foreman
Bryan Becker..... Sub Foreman
Clay Nagle..... Sub Foreman
Nathan Tuttle..... Lineman
Hunter Braaten..... Apprentice Lineman
Taylor Hanson..... Apprentice Lineman
Scott Becker..... Meter Technician

JORDAN AREA

Jordan Dasinger..... Sub Foreman
Adam Stanton..... Sub Foreman
Lance Anderson..... Lineman
Jonathan FitzGerald..... Apprentice Lineman