

KOOTENAI ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
Policy No. 3-8

I. SUBJECT: Vegetation Management

II. OBJECTIVE:

- A. To provide guidelines for the Cooperative for controlling vegetation in and near existing rights of way that may interrupt service or hinder restoration of electrical service to KEC members, and to mitigate fire risk.
- B. To ensure reasonable service continuity is maintained during the clearing or removal of vegetation.
- C. To ensure the safety of KEC employees, KEC contractors and the public during the clearing or removal of vegetation.

III. POLICY:

- A. The Cooperative shall follow the provisions contained in the National Electrical Safety Code regarding tree trimming around overhead supply lines.
- B. Vegetation control methods used by KEC employees or KEC contractors shall follow accepted practices identified in the current ANSI Standards.
- C. The Cooperative or its agent shall attempt to notify members prior to entering or crossing their private property during scheduled vegetation control.
- D. The Cooperative or its agent will assist members with removal of vegetation hazards located outside of a KEC right of way where the vegetation poses a threat to primary power lines.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY:

It shall be the responsibility of the General Manager to administer this policy.

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Secretary