

January 28, 2026

Utah Public Service Commission
160 East 300 South, 4th Floor
Salt Lake City, UT 84062

Re: 2025 Wildland Fire Protection Plan Annual Compliance Report

To Whom It May Concern,

Utah Code §54-24-203(3) establishes the process for electric cooperatives to prepare a wildland fire protection plan. In 2023, Deseret Generation and Transmission Co-operative (“Deseret Power”) prepared and presented a wildland fire protection plan that was subsequently approved by its governing authority. A copy of that action and the wildland fire protection plan was filed with the Public Service Commission for public inspection as required by §54-24-203(5)(a) in March, 2024, after incorporating necessary feedback from various stakeholders, including the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands.

Additionally, Utah Code §54-24-203(4) states that an electric cooperative must file an annual report detailing the electric cooperative’s compliance with the approved wildland fire protection plan. This filing confirms that Deseret Power presented the compliance report to its governing authority at a regularly scheduled and noticed board meeting held on December 18, 2025, and subsequently filed the report with its governing authority according to §54-24-203(5)(b). That report is attached below for the Commission to file and make available for public inspection.

Deseret Power has complied with the statutory requirements of §54-24-203 and is available for further questions from the Commission if needed.

Sincerely,



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Wildland Fire Protection Plan

2025 Annual Update

Deseret Power continues to enhance the effectiveness of its Wildland Fire Protection Plan (the “Plan”) and is pleased to report the progress achieved in 2025. This work demonstrates Deseret’s commitment to safeguarding its transmission facilities and the communities Deseret serves from the threat of wildland fires. In accordance with Deseret’s approved Plan and industry best practices, Deseret implemented measures across multiple operational areas. This year, Deseret completed several key initiatives that strengthen wildfire prevention and response capabilities. These include the following:

1. **Weather Monitoring:** In 2024, Deseret installed five weather stations across various locations to support environmental monitoring and fire risk assessment. These stations are equipped to provide real-time data on temperature, humidity, wind speed, and precipitation, and Deseret will utilize this capability going forward to enhance fire danger assessment and decision-making. In addition, Deseret personnel conduct daily checks of fire conditions during fire season using the Watch Duty app and resources from the Great Basin Coordination Center to inform fire danger assessment and response planning.
2. **Infrastructure Maintenance and Inspections:** Comprehensive annual aerial and ground-based inspections were conducted, resulting in the following maintenance actions:
 - a. Routine and scheduled inspections were conducted along the Bonanza–Upalco transmission corridor to assess the condition of critical infrastructure components. Particular attention was paid to areas with aging equipment.
 - i. During the inspection cycle, 62 insulators exhibiting signs of wear, contamination, or mechanical damage were replaced to maintain system reliability and safety. All replacements were performed in accordance with industry standards and documented for compliance purposes.
 - b. Routine and scheduled inspections were conducted along the Bonanza–Vernal transmission corridor to assess the condition of critical infrastructure components. Particular attention was paid to areas with aging equipment.
 - i. Five crossarms were upgraded with reinforced knees, vees, and X braces to improve structural stability and extend the lifespan of the transmission structures. These upgrades were targeted at locations with elevated equipment deterioration.
 - ii. A total of 135 insulators were replaced across multiple structures due to observed degradation, contamination, or mechanical failure. The

replacements were prioritized based on risk assessment and were completed to ensure continued safe operation of the transmission line.

- c. Routing and scheduled inspections were conducted along the Bonanza–Mona transmission corridor to assess the condition of critical infrastructure components. The scope included evaluation of structural components, electrical hardware, and environmental impacts.
 - i. Complete insulator replacement was carried out on 27 structures, totaling 3,965 insulators. This action was taken to address equipment aging and ensure the reliability of the transmission system, with all work performed in accordance with regulatory standards.
 - ii. Live line maintenance techniques were utilized to replace 312 insulators without interrupting service. This approach minimized operational downtime and ensured continued delivery of electricity to customers during the maintenance period.
 - iii. Anchor systems on 10 structures were fully replaced to address issues of corrosion and mechanical fatigue identified during inspections. The replacements were designed to enhance structural stability and extend the service life of the transmission assets.
 - d. Approximate cost in replacement/maintenance: \$1,046,000.00. This investment reflects the comprehensive scope of maintenance and replacement activities undertaken during the reporting period. The expenditures are expected to result in improved system reliability, and reduced risk of outages.
3. **Vegetation Management:** Recognizing the critical role of vegetation management in reducing wildland fire risk, Deseret conducted extensive cutting and clearing operations in areas identified as having an elevated risk of wildland fire. Following industry best practices and its approved vegetation management protocols, Deseret cleared a 150’ wide area between structures 613 – 624 on the Bonanza-Mona 345 kV Transmission line, with an adjacent section planned in 2026. These efforts include areas with juniper trees, which are particularly labor-intensive to cut and clear. Deseret’s vegetation management program includes (a) regular assessments and utilization of mapping tools to identify vegetation hazard areas; (b) scheduled maintenance and documentation of all cutting and clearing activities; (c) adherence to relevant federal, state, and local standards; and (d) emergency response protocols to address immediate risks. Deseret ensures that all personnel involved in vegetation management are properly trained and equipped, and maintains records of all activities for audit and compliance purposes. Approximate cost for vegetation management work is \$281,000.00.

These initiatives are integral to Deseret’s commitment to enhance the safety and reliability of the electric facilities and communities Deseret serves. Through careful planning, execution, and

ongoing evaluation of our wildland fire protection measures, Deseret strives to uphold effective fire safety and environmental practices.