

Board of Trustees Policy

Subject: Vegetation Management			Policy No: 301
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I. OBJECTIVE

To ensure vegetation management is conducted in a manner that protects public and employee safety, promotes electric system reliability and resiliency, and complies with applicable safety standards and regulatory requirements of 4 Rivers Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Cooperative).

II. POLICY

- A. Vegetation management is a critical safety and reliability function of the Cooperative. The Cooperative shall manage vegetation in and around its electric facilities to mitigate risk, maintain required clearances, and support the safe and reliable delivery of electric service.
- B. Vegetation management activities shall be conducted in compliance with the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC), applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and recognized industry standards.
- C. The Cooperative shall maintain its rights-of-way and public rights-of-way to the extent necessary to safely operate and maintain its electric facilities. Trees and vegetation outside of the Cooperative's rights-of-way are not subject to an affirmative duty of removal; however, management may work cooperatively with landowners to address vegetation that poses a material risk to Cooperative facilities or public safety.
- D. The General Manager / Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is authorized to establish and implement administrative procedures governing vegetation management practices, including methods, standards, documentation, and landowner interaction protocols.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The CEO shall be responsible for the administration and enforcement of this policy.

04/20/2026

Date

/s/ Warren Schmidt

Board of Trustees, Secretary