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Mt. Wheeler Power Issues Hunter Advisory

Ely, Nevada — “Absolutely, positively, NEVER shoot at electrical insulators and report those who do,” that’s the message being emphatically delivered by Mt. Wheeler Power this week.

Each year cooperative linemen are placed at unnecessary risk and thousands of dollars in equipment is lost to individuals who choose to use electrical insulators as target practice. Mt. Wheeler Power is encouraging parents to educate their children about electrical and gun safety and to report any damage to electrical equipment that they see.

Electrical insulators struck by rifle shots or shotgun shells will often crack rather than break. While they may not initially appear to be damaged, condensation will freeze in these cracks as temperatures drop, and the expanding ice will break the insulator.

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Once damaged, insulators are no longer able to prevent electrical current from traveling into sensitive areas they were designed to protect. Risks of electrocution and power outages are significantly increased.

Mt. Wheeler Power is offering a reward for anyone who provides tips leading to the conviction of electrical equipment vandals. Call 1-800-97-POWER with any information.

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Mt. Wheeler Power is now celebrating its 35th anniversary of serving the residents of Eastern Nevada and Western Utah.