



September 13, 2022

University of Montana

7:30 – 8 a.m. **Breakfast and Welcome** - Gary Wiens, Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association CEO, and Mark Hayden, Missoula Electric Cooperative General Manager. Breakfast sponsored by First Security Bank

8:15 - 8:35 a.m. **What is Beneficial Electrification and Why Should You Care?** - Keith Dennis, President, Beneficial Electrification League (BEL)

8:35 – 9:05 a.m. **Electric Transformation** - Vern Dosch, retired National Information Solutions Cooperative CEO

9:05 - 9:35 a.m. **Where Do We Go from Here? A Look at the Future of Electricity** - Katelyn Murphy, Senior Energy Policy Analyst, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

9:35 - 9:50 a.m. **Montana Governor Greg Gianforte invited**

9:50 - 10:05 a.m. **Break**

10:05 - 11 a.m. **Breakout Sessions**

1. **Beneficial Electrification's Impact on Rates** - David Farnsworth, Regulatory Assistance Project; Cyndee Fang, NorthWestern Energy; Russ Snider, EES Consulting
2. **Is There Enough Power to Electrify Homes in the Future?** - Jim Horan, Moderator. Panelists: Doug Grob, of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council; and Joel Cook, COO of Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)
3. **The Evolution of Electricity and What It Means for You**- Teri Viswanath, CoBank Lead Economist for Power

11:05 - 11:40 a.m. **EVs in Montana – Where are We and What's Next?** – Wade Harris, EV expert and former Flathead Electric Cooperative Data Analyst; Kyla Maki, Energy Resource Professional, Department of Environmental Quality; Transportation and electrification expert from Forth

11:45 a.m. - 12:25 p.m. **Electric Vehicle (EV) Trade Show**

12:30 - 1:20 p.m. **Lunch and speaker National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) President Chris Christensen.** Presented by Beneficial Electrification League (BEL)

1:25 - 1:55 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**

1. **EVs as Daily Drivers in Big Sky Country** – Wade Harris, EV expert and former Flathead Electric Cooperative Data Analyst
2. **The Future of EVs in the Commercial Sector** – Alicia Cox, Executive Director, Yellowstone Teton Clean Cities
3. **EVs in Agriculture** – Robert Wallace, Executive Director, Energy Analyst, Innovator with Wy'East Resource Conservation and Development Area Council, Inc., and transportation/electrification expert from Forth

2 - 2:40 p.m. **What Can You Do to Electrify Your Home?** - Kevin Owens, Manager, Beartooth Electric Cooperative; Lee Calhoun, Owner of NorthStone Solar; Keith Dennis, President of BEL

2:45 - 3 p.m. **Break**

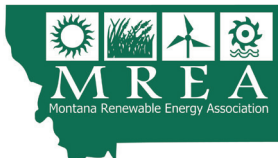
3:00 - 3:45 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**

1. **Practical Electrification Upgrades for New Construction** - Keith Dennis, President, BEL
2. **Easy Upgrades for Existing Homes** – Dan Rogers, Energy Services Specialist, Missoula Electric Cooperative
3. **Renewable Energy and Storage at Home** – Dan Brandborg, General Manager, SBS Solar

3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. **Public Policy Implications of Electrification.** Panelists - State Senator Chris Pope; State Senator Terry Gauthier; Ken Colburn, NRECA Board Member

4:30 - 5 p.m. **The Path Forward – Where do We Go from Here?** – Jim Horan, Executive Director, Mid-West Electric Consumers Association

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