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## OUR MISSION

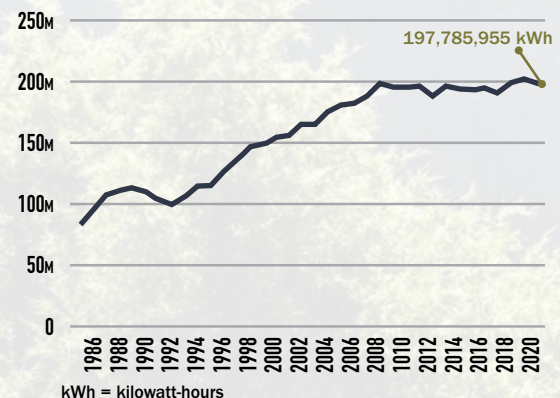
It is the Mission of the San Miguel Power Association, Inc. to provide our members with safe, reliable, cost-effective, and environmentally responsible electrical service, while demonstrating both cooperative responsibility and support for the communities we serve.

## Notice of the Cancellation of the Annual Meeting of San Miguel Power Association

The 82nd Annual Meeting of Members was cancelled by the San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) Board of Directors amid efforts to eliminate large gatherings and help prevent the spread of infectious disease. The meeting had four main purposes which were accomplished in other ways:

- 01 The election of a director to the Board of Directors for District #5 (includes part of San Miguel County, including Mountain Village and Ophir). Incumbent, Rube Felicelli ran unopposed and was deemed elected by an independent election monitor.
- 02 The election of a director to the Board of Directors for District #7 (parts of Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, San Juan and San Miguel Counties including Ouray and Silverton). In this election, a total of 303 valid ballots were received and counted. Challenger, Rory Cowie received 143 votes and incumbent, Terry Rhoades received 160 votes. Director Terry Rhoades was declared the winner and will resume his directorship for another four-year term.
- 03 The reports of Officers, Directors and Committees. These are published in this Annual Report and may be included in the online "Annual Outreach" video series, accessible at the SMPA YouTube Channel.
- 04 Any other business that may properly come before the meeting. Any member wishing to ask questions about these reports may email our Chief Executive Officer at [brad@smpa.com](mailto:brad@smpa.com).

## SMPA ANNUAL SALES (kWh)





# RELIABILITY, RECOVERY, RESILIENCY

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Why would reliability, recovery and resiliency be the focus of our report on the year 2020? It is because 2020 gave us a unique opportunity to test, expand and improve our crisis response plan, which holds these as its central tenants. A reflection on this past year and SMPA's response reveals that, with a clear mission, a rapidly improving tool set, and an

established culture of cooperation, our organization can endure, and even grow more resilient through any set of trials and challenges.

The SMPA crisis response plan was a vital tool in 2020, and it continues to play a central role in the board-generated strategic plan, which is a direct outgrowth of our co-operative mission. In February, our democratically elected board of directors met to review and update our 2017 cooperative strategic plan. Among the objectives listed there are: Reliability and Resiliency, Financial / Power Supply / Rates, and COVID 19 and Crisis Management.\*

Improving the reliability and resiliency of our electric grid has been a board priority for a number of years, as evidenced by the recent reliability projects in Telluride / Mountain Village, in the West End of Montrose County as well as the ongoing Red Mountain Electrical Reliability and Broadband Improvement project in Ouray County.

With a mega-drought and catastrophic fire season predicted for 2021, however, the fire mitigation element of the reliability work had been deemed particularly urgent. It should be noted that this work increases our expenses, but not our revenues. A recent wholesale rate decrease will help, but there will likely come a time when consumer rates will have to increase in order to reach these reliability and resiliency objectives. Learn more about these objectives on page #3.

As a distribution cooperative, over 60% of our costs are due to the direct wholesale cost of power. With this in mind, the board set an objective to determine the optimal long-term power supply strategy that best achieves safe, reliable, cost-effective, and environmentally responsible service to our members. Recently, that has meant participating directly in conversations about our supplier's rates, and options for securing power from other, potentially more affordable sources. There's more about that, as well as our wholesaler's efforts to control rates on page #7.

Additionally, the board set an objective for us to focus on our crisis response plan, which came into extensive use during the global pandemic. The implementation of our plan was successful and new additions and modifications have been preserved to make it even more responsive, agile and robust for the unpredictable future. On page #3, you can learn how we communicate during emergencies like power outages.

This theme of reliability, recovery and resiliency impacts more than just our physical infrastructure, financial outlook, and crisis response. It's the underlying intent of all our recent offerings with regard to member service, efficiency and beneficial electrification, outage communications and economic support. Learn about these by reading further in this report.

As the world hits us with difficulties, we want, not only to adapt, but to preserve the adaptations and incorporate them into our cooperative design. We do this to better serve you, our members today and in the future.

\* View the full strategic plan in the "About Us" section of our website.

## 2020 SMPA At-A-Glance

14,738	Meters
56	Employees
1887.72	Miles of Line
7.8	Meters Per Mile
\$0.134725	Per Residential KWH
\$21	Access Charge
197.8	Million KWH Sold
803	Average Residential kWh Use
365	Net Metered Accts
45,115	Peak Demand (KW)
1938	Year Incorporated
TRI-STATE	Power Supplier
7	Counties Served: Dolores, Hinsdale, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray, San Juan, San Miguel

## The SMPA Board of Directors:

SMPA directors are elected from the membership, by the membership. They employ the CEO, set the strategic direction of the cooperative, and represent their fellow members in a fair and impartial manner.

- DISTRICT 01 Doyleene Garvey
- DISTRICT 02 Kevin Cooney
- DISTRICT 03 Dave Alexander
- DISTRICT 04 Toby Brown
- DISTRICT 05 Rube Felicelli
- DISTRICT 06 Debbie Cokes
- DISTRICT 07 Terry Rhoades



## STAYING OUT OF THE HEADLINES

Watch the video.

### Fire Mitigation a Top SMPA Strategic Priority – for Good Reason

Did you know that the top three largest wildfires in Colorado history all occurred in 2020? The Pine Gulch Fire, north of Grand Junction, sparked on July 31st, 2020 and burned over 139,000 acres. The Cameron Peak Fire, west of Fort Collins, started on August 13th, 2020 and it burned over 208,600 acres and destroyed 460+ homes, businesses and service buildings. Finally, the East Troublesome Fire, near the towns of Grand Lake and Lake Granby started on October 14th, 2020. This fire burned over 192,500 acres and destroyed over 300 local homes and businesses.

The headlines reporting these facts are terrifying. As you look around the idyllic forests of Colorado's western slope, it should come as no surprise that San Miguel Power Association, the company that distributes electricity through these forests, has made fire mitigation a top strategic priority.

### Vegetation Management

Of primary importance, is the removal of vegetation that has grown in the rights-of-way, which are man-made clearings meant to follow the power lines and prevent trees from falling into them. In compliance with Rural Utility Service guidelines, SMPA inspects every right-of-way on our distribution grid on a three-year cycle. We conduct extra inspection in high-risk areas during fire restrictions. We work with a contractor to study our system and prioritize vegetation management based upon risk and need.

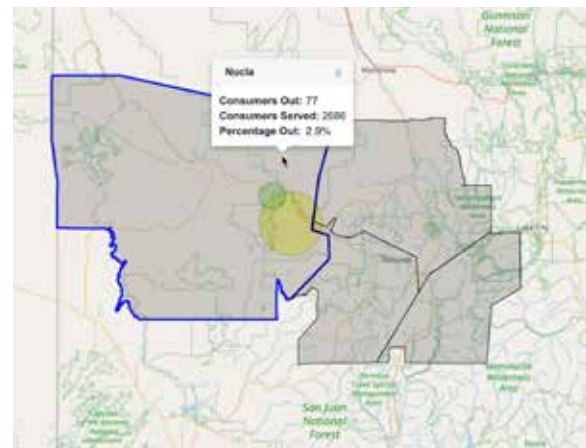
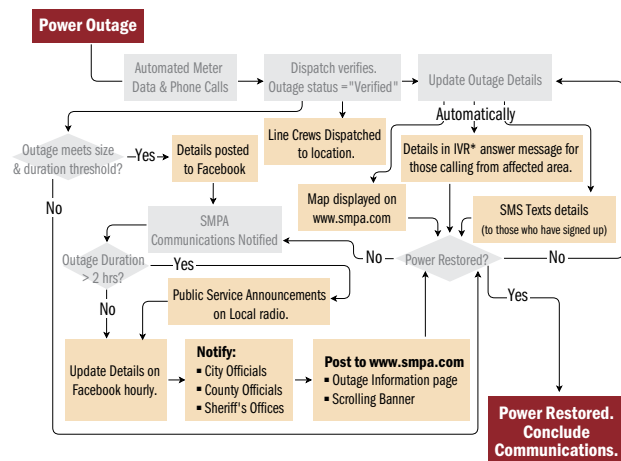
### "Non-Reclose" Procedures

Under heightened fire restrictions, we may set the system to "Non-reclose" in certain areas that may require specific precautions. This eliminates all automatic power restoration and requires crews to be present when lines are re-energized. This practice reduces the risk of fire, but it can also extend the duration of power outages. We thank our members for their understanding.

## What Happens When the Lights Go Out?

If your routine is disrupted by an unplanned power outage, you can use any or all of the communications tools below to get information and updates. In case you're wondering how this information becomes available, here's a look at the process:

- **IVR:** Interactive Voice Response
- **SMS:** Short Message Service



## Ways to Learn About Ongoing Outages:

- Call 1-877-864-7311.
- Check SMPA's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/SanMiguelPower](http://www.facebook.com/SanMiguelPower)).
- Check SMPA's Website ([www.smpa.com](http://www.smpa.com)).
- Register to get text (SMS) updates ([smpa.smarthub.coop/Login.html](http://smpa.smarthub.coop/Login.html)).



## SYSTEM HARDENING IN 2021

On page #2, we mentioned that electrical reliability and resiliency are major objectives of SMPA. What are we doing to advance those goals? There are many answers. Some fall under the heading of “System Hardening.”

The industry defines System Hardening as “a combined system of actions that create a strong infrastructure to better protect utility customers from weather-related outages.” In our region, weather & environmental events including rockslides, tree falls, avalanches, extreme wind, and fire often threaten power reliability. Any modification we can make to mitigate the effects of these events helps to “harden” the power distribution grid that serves you.

Although we may not be able to control the weather, one specific thing SMPA can do is minimize the number of members that are affected by these events. We can do this by installing specialized equipment at key points on our system. These devices can sense abnormal system conditions and isolate the damaged or “faulted” parts of the system from the parts that are still functioning properly.



Watch the video.



SMPA crews have completed many important system hardening projects over the past year. TripSaver II electronic recloser devices have been rolled out across the system both to increase reliability and to replace aging oil-filled devices. The existing hard-drawn copper line conductor, which is prone to breaking, has been replaced with new aluminum steel-reinforced cable in areas throughout the system; specifically in Silverton, Naturita, Ridgway, and Nucla. SMPA has also focused extensively on replacing faulty porcelain terminators with new polymer types as well as focused vegetation management work and right-of-way clearing. Furthermore, SMPA has been developing a new four-year work plan that prioritizes system improvements and system hardening applications for the coming years.



## An Uncertain Future for the Red Mountain Electrical Reliability and Broadband Improvement Project

It promises fewer and shorter power outages in Ouray County. It promises an alternative to a potential days-long outage that could result from a perfect storm of problems with the primary and redundant power feeds. It promises a pristine right-of-way, which can drastically reduce the risk of wildfires in the area and—by the way—it promises to extend middle-mile fiber-optics, which, combined with future projects, could help solidify high-speed internet access for the towns that grace the beautiful landscape of the San Juan mountains. Indeed, the rewards could be great, but the winning will not be easy.

Of all the reliability projects SMPA has taken on, the Red Mountain Electrical Reliability and Broadband Improvement Project, which aims to rebuild the transmission line that traverses Red Mountain Pass along U.S. Highway 550, offers some of the greatest challenges. The rugged landscape complicates access and operations, and, with added time, risk and complexity, goes added cost. Moreover, many of these costs are already seeing record highs due to pandemic market conditions and rising resource demands during the ever-widening fire season.

One of the greatest challenges may have less to do with the direct costs of the project, and more to do with its spillover effects. The work, which must take place during the favorable weather conditions that accompany tourist season, will require closures to U.S. 550, the highway that connects Silverton to Ouray through the San Juans.

These closures would—unquestionably—cause economic hardship to businesses recovering from the lockdowns and quarantines of 2020. Difficulties stemming from this became evident, earlier this year, when vegetation management work was twice postponed due to stakeholder outcry and political action following a SMPA communication campaign announcing highway closures with only a few days' notice.

In consideration of all obstacles, SMPA has determined a need to put the project on hold after all fire mitigation work has been completed—hopefully in the spring of 2022. SMPA exists to serve its members. Time is needed to best determine how to do this regarding Ouray County's backup power feed, the Red Mountain Power Line.



# 2020 FINANCIALS

REVENUES	2020	2019
Residential	\$17,628,566	\$17,374,070
Commercial	\$11,365,959	\$11,766,652
Irrigation	\$207,828	\$171,427
Street Lights	\$43,446	\$43,372
Other	\$119,478	\$134,000
Deferred Revenue / Revenue Deferral	\$300,000	(\$400,000)
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$29,665,277</b>	<b>\$29,089,521</b>

EXPENDITURES	2020	2019
Cost of Purchased Power	\$16,048,453	\$16,415,407
Transmission Expense	\$79,370	\$71,754
Distribution Expense-Operation	\$3,382,909	\$3,193,992
Distribution Expense-Maintenance	\$1,442,991	\$1,525,905
Consumer Accounts Expense	\$1,267,824	\$1,165,928
Customer Service and Informational Expense	\$444,714	\$479,166
Administrative and General Expense	\$2,952,830	\$2,937,633
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	\$2,577,642	\$2,349,821
Interest on Long-Term Debt & Other	\$1,280,225	\$1,192,367
Other Deductions	\$19,169	\$30,171
<b>TOTAL COST OF ELECTRIC SERVICE</b>	<b>\$29,496,129</b>	<b>\$29,362,144</b>

MARGINS	2020	2019
Operating Margins	\$169,149	(\$272,625)
Non-Operating Margin	(\$1,741,646)	\$197,332
Capital Credits	\$441,666	\$691,506
Revenue Deferral	-	\$400,000
<b>PATRONAGE CAPITAL OR MARGINS</b>	<b>(\$1,130,831)</b>	<b>\$616,213</b>





<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Total Utility Plant	\$92,758,627	\$89,547,931
Less: Reserve for Depreciation	\$32,926,738	\$30,755,317
Net Utility Plant	\$59,831,889	\$58,792,614
Reserve Funds & Investments	\$18,639,806	\$21,162,552
General Funds	\$9,412,457	\$3,384,814
Special Deposits	\$2,041,683	\$200,399
Accounts Receivable	\$3,384,329	\$2,992,325
Material Inventory	\$1,323,124	\$1,054,312
Prepayments & Other Assets	\$117,716	\$85,540
Deferred Charges	\$114,688	\$114,688
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$94,865,692</b>	<b>\$87,787,244</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITIES</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Total Equities & Margins	\$44,988,985	\$46,625,738
Total Long Term Debt	\$34,945,914	\$28,986,871
Notes Payable	-	-
Current & Accrued Liabilities	\$11,450,926	\$9,103,809
Deferred Credits	\$3,479,867	\$3,070,826
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES</b>	<b>\$94,865,692</b>	<b>\$87,787,244</b>

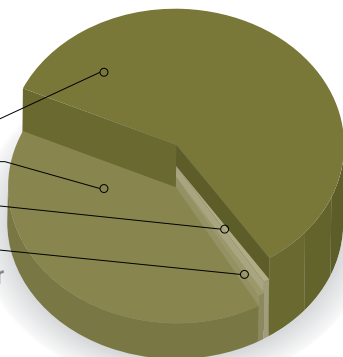
Source: 2020 & 2019 Audited Financial Statements

## REVENUE COLLECTED

59.42% Residential  
38.31% Commercial  
0.70% Irrigation  
0.55% Outdoor Lights & Other



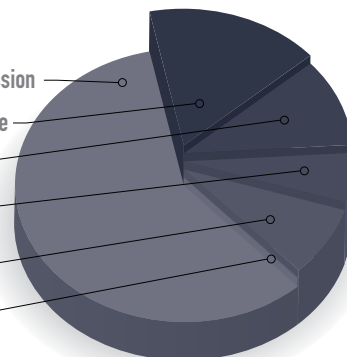
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Revenues by class. Values shown do not consider revenue deferral.

## EXPENSES

54.68% Cost of Power & Transmission  
16.36% Operations & Maintenance  
10.01% Admin & General  
5.81% Consumer Accounts & Customer Service  
8.74% Depreciation  
4.04% Other Deductions & Directors Expenses



## POWER SUPPLY STRATEGIES – DATA IS THE KEY



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It is the mission of San Miguel Power Association to provide environmentally-responsible power to its members. While we are seeing sweeping changes in the electric power industry nationally, and worldwide, this target of environmentally-responsible power is increasingly a moving one. Recognizing this, our Board of Directors has set a strategic objective to determine our optimal long-term power supply strategy.

This means making comparisons between our established method of purchasing 95% of our power from wholesale power provider, Tri-State Generation and Transmission (with a contractual 5% carve-out for renewable self-generation) against other possibilities.

Last year, the Board sent out a Request for Proposals, and received proposals from several power providers, including Tri-State. The analysis of these proposals has reached a point at which it cannot proceed without some critical figures. Namely, the Contract Termination Payment (CTP) and the Buy-Down Payment (BDP) are the costs that SMPA would incur if the association were to buy out of its contract with Tri-State, or buy down a portion of that obligation in order to self-supply under a partial-requirements contract. As of this writing, only Tri-State has the ability to calculate these figures.

With Tri-State having recently come under the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), they are now subject to FERC's requirement that they file calculation methods with the Commission. SMPA is one of six other Tri-State member cooperatives that have intervened in the docket considering these matters. This means that SMPA has a seat at the table where these methodologies are determined.

In time, the SMPA Board will be able to complete its analysis and determine the way forward that keeps energy affordable and protects our environment from greenhouse gas emissions. Are you interested in this topic? Be sure to keep reading EnergyWise, your monthly member newsletter for updates.



A 120-year-old dam sends water through the penstock that drops 440 feet to feed the Ouray Hydroelectric plant. When it's in operation, this plant provides clean, renewable energy to the Ouray area through a power purchase agreement with SMPA.



### TRI-STATE

Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.

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## Tri-State's Responsible Energy Plan

Currently, 95% of SMPA's electricity comes from our wholesale power cooperative, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, and more than 1/3 of that power comes from renewable, emissions-free sources, like wind, solar and hydropower. This fraction is set to significantly increase. In January of 2020, Tri-State announced their member-driven clean energy transition, which announced expanded renewable generation and reduced greenhouse gas emissions while ensuring reliable, affordable, responsible electricity.

The plan (referenced on pg. #2) sets ambitious goals for increasing clean energy and reducing emissions. Here are some of the highlights on the Responsible Energy Plan:

- In 2021, Tri-State began receiving power from two of eight new renewable energy projects, totalling 1,000 megawatts, which will double the amount of energy from renewable resources by 2024.
- Tri-State set a goal that 70% of energy supplied to members will be from clean energy by 2030.
- Tri-State's carbon dioxide emissions associated with member sales in Colorado will be reduced 80%, relative to a 2005 baseline, by 2030. These reductions are supported by the retirement of Craig Station's three coal units in northwest Colorado between 2025 and 2029.
- A new community solar policy adds flexibility for members interested in developing local solar projects.





## WHAT IS BENEFICIAL ELECTRIFICATION?

Beneficial Electrification is the application of electricity to end-uses that would otherwise consume fossil fuels. Some examples would be traveling in an electric vehicle instead of a gasoline-burning one, heating your home with an electric heat pump rather than by burning natural gas; or replacing gas-engine powered tools like leaf blowers or weed whackers with electric versions.

**Electrical applications are considered “beneficial” if they satisfy at least one of following conditions, without adversely affecting the others:**

- They save consumers money.
- They improve product quality, or consumer quality of life.
- They reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
- They foster a more resilient electric grid.

**SMPA Offers Beneficial Electrification Rebates for:**

- Electric Vehicles
- All-Electric Homes
- Heat Pumps
- Home Batteries
- Power Tools
- E-bikes / Motorcycles



## Thinking About Electric Vehicles?

Recent announcements have signaled a major change in the automobile industry, and the electric vehicle, once thought of as a niche item, is poised to claim a significant portion of the market in the coming years. Are you interested in learning more? Here are some quick facts:



### + EVS ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

EVs have no direct tailpipe emissions. Electricity is moving towards less emissions with the additions of hydro, solar, and wind power, making EVs an increasingly “greener” choice.

### + NEVER GO TO THE GAS STATION AGAIN

Electric vehicles do not require gasoline and can be charged at home with a standard 120V outlet or a 240V level 2 charger can be installed for faster, more efficient charging.

### + EV PERFORMANCE BENEFITS

Electric motors provide quiet, smooth operation, stronger acceleration and require less maintenance than gasoline-powered internal combustion engines.

### + EV DRIVING RANGE & RECHARGE TIME

Depending on the vehicle, an EV's range can be 80 to 330+ miles on a full charge. The average American's daily round-trip commute is less than 30 miles. Fully recharging the battery pack can take 4-8 hours. A “fast charge” to 80% capacity can take 30 min.\*

\* Source: Idaho National Laboratory, “Plugged In: How Americans Charge Their Electric Vehicles”, [https://afdc.energy.gov/fuels/electricity\\_charging\\_home.html](https://afdc.energy.gov/fuels/electricity_charging_home.html)

## San Miguel Power Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Rebates to Members for CY 2020

REBATE	ISSUED	TOTAL \$	SMPA	TRI-STATE
Energy Star Appliance	39	\$4,540.00	\$2,270.00	\$2,270.00
Residential LED Bulb	23	\$2,343.45	\$156.91	\$2,186.54
Commercial LED Retrofit	15	\$13,210.17	\$472.00	\$12,738.17
Energy Audits	2	\$500.00	\$500.00	N/A
Electric Vehicle	5	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	N/A
EV Charging	7	\$5,800.32	\$2,464.50	\$3,335.82
Heat Pump	4	\$8,380.35	\$3,375.00	\$5,005.35
Outdoor Power Equipment	4	\$316.75	-	\$316.75
IQ Weatherization	54	\$43,050.00	\$43,050.00	N/A
IQ Solar	22	-	-	N/A
Solar PV	33	\$25,426.00	\$25,426.00	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>\$105,817.04</b>	<b>\$79,964.41</b>	<b>\$25,852.63</b>

## TELLURIDE FOUNDATION COVID RELIEF FUND



It may be impossible to overstate the impact that the global spread of the coronavirus or COVID-19 has had on the health, culture and economies of communities in the western slope. When news of the virus first broke in March of 2020, travel stopped, businesses closed down and employees were laid off. The economic hardship hit those living from paycheck to paycheck particularly hard. "When I heard about businesses closing and so many people

losing their jobs, I didn't know what we were going to do," said Katie Singer, Donor Relations and Events Director at the Telluride Foundation.

Called to meet the immediate need, charitable non-profits were quickly overwhelmed, but at the same time, community members in a position to help rose up to do so. What was needed was an

experienced, trusted organization to match the help with the need. The Telluride Foundation published their Coronavirus Response Plan which announced that their 15-year-old "Good Neighbor Fund (GNF)" might be able to 'ramp up' to meet the growing needs. "We decided to expand this resource, targeting funds toward individuals and families impacted by the economic effects of COVID-19," said Singer.

Re-named the "COVID-19 Response Fund," this repository of neighborly goodwill received an unprecedented infusion of donation monies. In the first few months of its existence, the Fund provided over \$120,000 in direct assistance to affected families. The Fund also provided emergency grants to nonprofit organizations like food banks, community internet access points, and regional health clinics.

The fund continues today with the support of individuals and organizations like SMPA and Basin Electric which partnered to contribute \$3,000 in Community Focus Support donations. We're proud to donate to this organization that quickly and fairly distributes aid where it is needed most.



## Rico Envisions Trail Connection, Recreation and Growth

Whether hiking or riding, one of the best ways to exercise and enjoy the spectacular Colorado western slope is to take one of the many trails that crisscross the area. Largely maintained by nonprofit organizations, these pathways through nature, often punctuated by historic sites, can benefit the minds, bodies and spirits of locals and visitors alike.

They can also serve as economic drivers for our tourism-based communities, which, in turn, can promote, protect and maintain the trails, themselves.

With this vision in mind, the Town of Rico, Colorado has put forth a bold proposal to connect an existing trail along the historic Rio Grande Southern (RGS) railroad grade to a proposed trail to the south. Called the Rio Grand Southern Dolores Placer Connection Trail Project, this ambitious venture would:

- Support Rico's economy by enhancing recreational opportunities in and near the town.
- Introduce a hiking and biking trail in the region that is novice and family-friendly.
- Showcase unique structures related to the historic Rio Grande Southern Railroad.
- Connect the Rio Grande Southern trail to the RGS railroad grade that is currently under consideration by the USFS to be included as a system trail.

In 2020, Rico applied for a Sharing Success Grant from SMPA/CoBank. "Rico never asks for anything," remarked SMPA Board Representative, Doyleene Garvey, who sits on the grant selection committee. "When we read what they had in mind, we were totally excited to support it." From the grant fund, which is co-sponsored by SMPA and CoBank, \$5,000 was awarded to the Town of Rico. Additionally, SMPA supplier and cooperative partner, Basin Electric chipped in \$2,500 for a total of \$7,500.

"This funding will allow the Town of Rico to hire a consultant to conduct an environmental assessment including a wetlands delineation and guide us through the Army Corp of Engineers 404 permit process that will likely be needed for the construction of a bridge over the Dolores River," says Kari Distefano, Rico Town Planner. "We are so grateful to SMPA, CoBank and Basin Electric for making this possible!"





# CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE 2021 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

Each year, San Miguel Power awards up to \$27,000 in college scholarships to students who are dependents of SMPA members. We award up to fourteen scholarships to deserving graduating seniors.

**SMPA \$2000 Scholarship**  
Silverton High School  
*Daniela Acosta*

**SMPA \$2000 Scholarship**  
Telluride High School  
*Kaitlyn Almoney*

**Tri-State Generation & Transmission \$500 Scholarship**  
*Samantha Almoney*

**SMPA \$2000 Scholarship**  
Norwood High School  
*Jenna Baugh*

**SMPA \$2000 Scholarship**  
Ridgway High School  
*Maisy Gardiner*

**SMPA \$2000 Vocational Scholarship**  
Telluride High School  
*Juan Flores*

**SMPA \$2000 Scholarship**  
Ouray High School  
*Cliona Pasek*

**SMPA \$2000 Vocational Scholarship**  
Norwood High School  
*Cassidy Petersen*

**SMPA \$2000 Vocational Scholarship**  
Nucla High School  
*Sam Puderbaugh*

**Tri-State Generation & Transmission \$500 Scholarship**  
*Cailen Tougher*

**Basin Electric \$1000 Scholarship**  
Telluride High School  
*Sophia Watkins*

**SMPA \$2000 Scholarship**  
Nucla High School  
*Tyler Wytulka*



Brad Boulden

Chris Falk



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## “It’s Just What Co-ops Do.”

Having burned over 193,000 acres, the East Troublesome Fire, near Granby, CO was the second largest wildfire in Colorado’s recorded history. Mountain Parks Electric, the local electric cooperative serving this area sustained heavy damage to their system.

Volunteer line personnel from across the state came to Granby to help restore power and start the restoration effort. Among the volunteers were SMPA linemen, Chris Falk and Weston Rasmussen, Working Foreman, Brad Boulden and Area Service Technician,

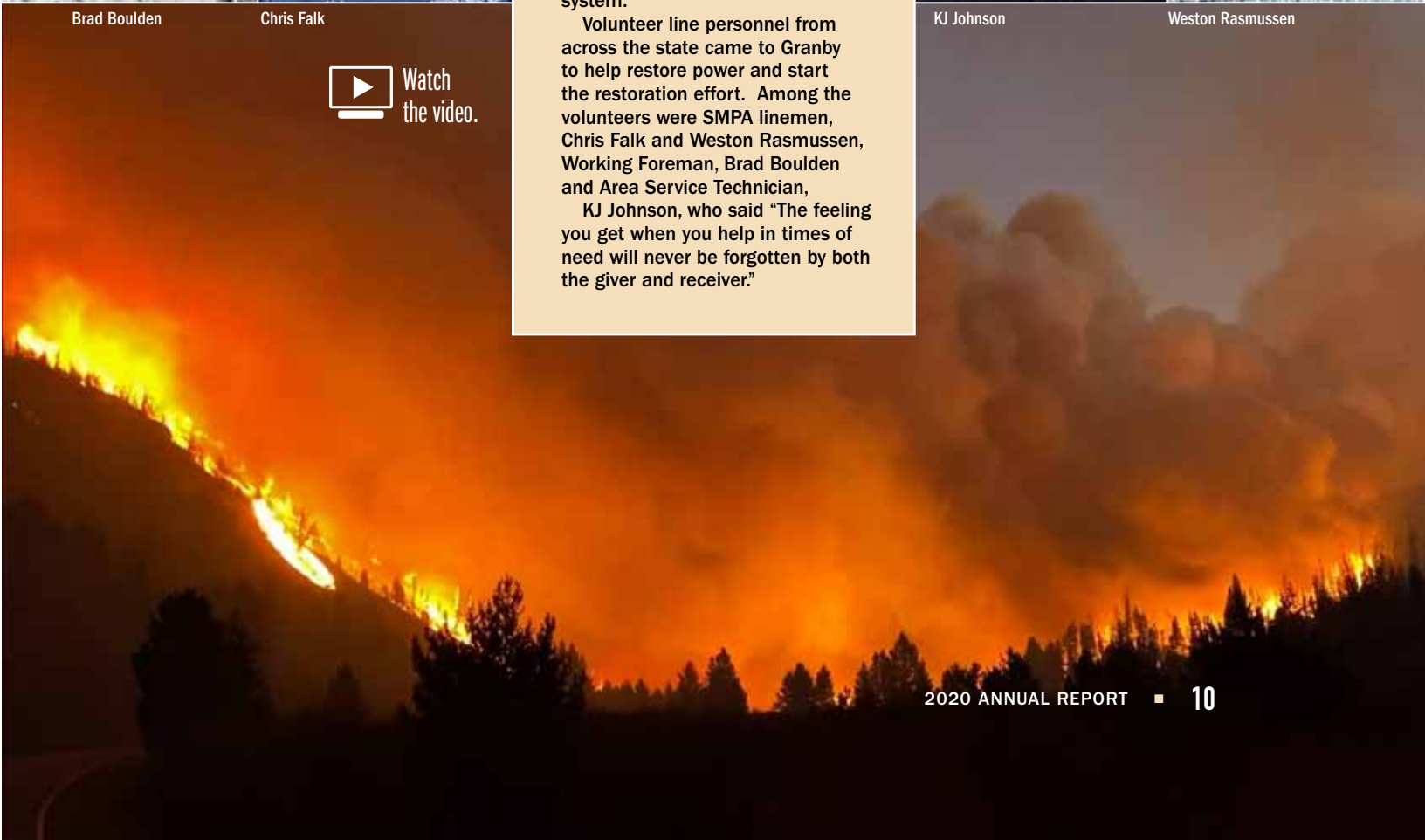
KJ Johnson, who said “The feeling you get when you help in times of need will never be forgotten by both the giver and receiver.”



KJ Johnson



Weston Rasmussen







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