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In the event of a power outage, contact your local SMPA office to reach our 24-hour dispatch.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

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SAFETY TIPS

HOLIDAY LIGHTING SAFETY TIPS:

- Inspect holiday lights for frayed wires, broken sockets or other signs of wear.
- Avoid connecting more than three strings of lights together.
- For outdoor decorating, use only lights and power strips that are approved for outdoor use.

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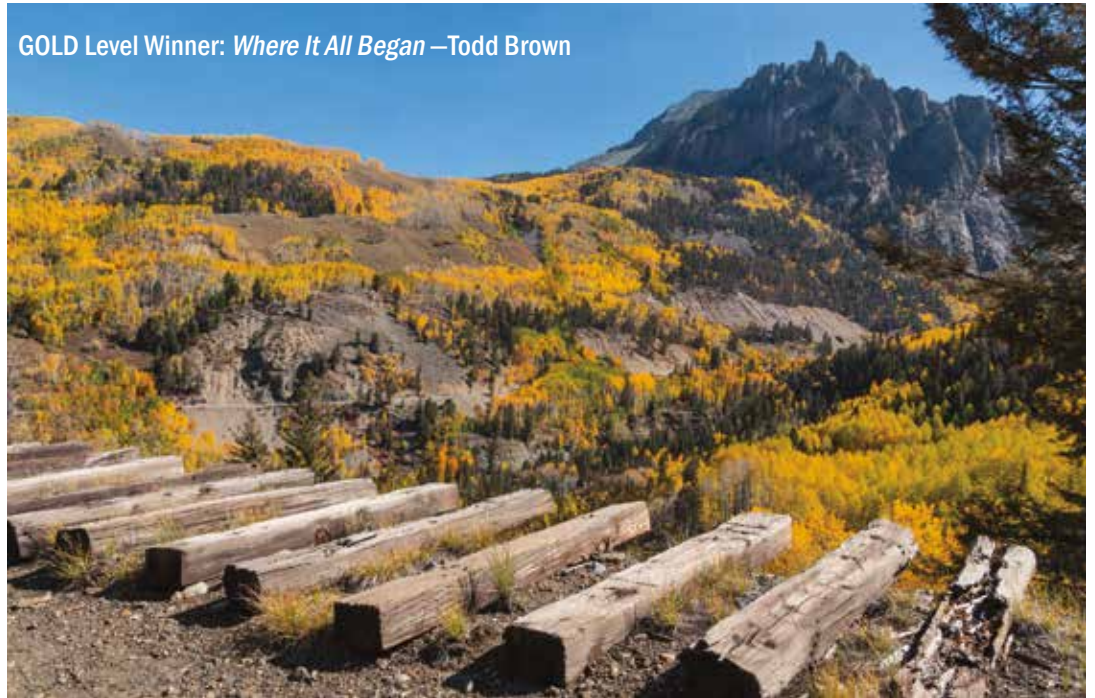
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Our Members have a Keen Eye for Color!

To celebrate National Co-op Month and SMPA Member Appreciation, we asked our members to submit their best photos of Fall colors taken throughout our service territory. Here are the top five winners:



GOLD Level Winner: *Where It All Began* – Todd Brown



Untitled –Anonymous



Untitled –Jared Wise



The Last Call of Fall
–Norwood Community Garden



Fall Photo at 10,700 ft. High North of Lone Cone –Anonymous

View all submissions and prize winners and the video exhibition at www.smpa.com/content/fall-colors-photo-exhibition... to our leaf peepers, and to all members of San Miguel Power. You're what it's all about.



SMPA OFFICES ARE OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

PLEASE CALL:
1-877-864-7311

Colorado Governor Polis Joins Tri-State to Announce Greenhouse Gas Reduction Goals

Last month, SMPA's wholesale power provider, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association (Tri-State) and Colorado Gov. Jared Polis announced Tri-State will be submitting, to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) a "preferred scenario" to reduce emissions associated with its wholesale electricity sales in Colorado by 80% by 2030.



Tri-State CEO Duane Higley & Governor Jared Polis

“We're committed to serving our members and doing our part to help Colorado meet its carbon reduction goals.

—DUANE HIGHLEY, CEO, TRI-STATE

“Our laser focus on a swift transition to clean, renewable energy has been motivated by the opportunity to grow good-paying jobs, expand economic opportunity, save customers money, and do our part on addressing climate and making our air cleaner,” said Governor Jared Polis. “This announcement marks the latest on-the-ground example of these broad benefits including an 8% green energy dividend wholesale rate reduction, and I commend the entire Tri-State team for their leadership.”



Get Outage Alerts via Text!

In last month's newsletter, we showed you how to sign up for Outage Notifications via Text and Email. [Check it out www.smpa.com/content/member-newsletter]

Kathleen Margetts, Assistant Manager at Tri-County Water Conservancy District, signed up. Here's what she had to say:



Why did you sign up to receive outage notifications from San Miguel Power?

San Miguel Power's outage notification system is a great tool. Tri-County Water has 29 pump stations that are needed to deliver water uphill to our Ouray County customers. These pump stations are powered by SMPA. If the power is flowing, our water is flowing. The outage notification system helps TCW do our job more efficiently.

Were you satisfied with the notifications you received?

Yes, we are very satisfied. We are informed immediately 24/7.

How do you expect the outage notification system will help you in case of future power outages?

The outage notification system is a part of our daily monitoring of the operations of our water system. It will shorten the time our customers experience low pressure and outages.

You don't have to be a public service to receive these notifications. As a member of SMPA, all you have to do is log in to SmartHub and sign up under "Notifications."

2021 SMPA Scholarships Are Still Available!

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 sixteen scholarships to deserving graduating seniors. This year's deadline for completed SMPA/Tri-State and Vocational scholarship applications is March 15. The Basin Electric Scholarship applications are DUE February 8.

Learn more and apply at: www.smpa.com/content/scholarships



SMPA POWER PLAY

This Month's Puzzle: ROR RAN YOUR BALD WIRE TEST
Hint: It's everyone's favorite not-for-profit laboratory that safety tests and certifies thousands of consumer products worldwide.

SUBMIT YOUR ANSWER and be entered into a drawing for a fun prize to:

**EnergyWise
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