

TANNER NORTH BEND OUTAGE UPDATE - 6/15/10

An electrical outage caused by copper thieves led to a power cut for almost 700 Tanner customers in North Bend at approximately 9:00pm on Monday June 14th. Tanner crews worked throughout the night and had power restored by 3:30am on Tuesday morning to all members.

Tanner will be upgrading the security of all of our electrical vaults over the next few weeks. We will be inspecting our equipment and installing additional locking devices.

Thieves have put their lives in grave danger while stealing or attempting to steal from high-voltage energized equipment. In addition to putting themselves in danger, metal thieves often cause damage to electric facilities, which can result in extensive power outages, explosions, fires, and other service disruptions for customers.

Tanner cautions anyone from entering electric facilities and cutting any wires from electric poles or equipment. Warning signs are prominently displayed on the fencing surrounding electric substations, due to the high voltage used in the substations.

Never enter a substation and do not touch any electrical equipment, power lines, or any items which may be in contact with a power line, as attempting to cut or remove wiring is highly dangerous.

Tanner encourages customers to contact local law enforcement and the company in the event of any suspicious activity taking place at the substations or around other facilities.