Avista will be performing vegetation management work in Bonner County

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Spokane, Wash. November 24, 2025: Beginning on December 2, Avista will be performing utility vegetation management work in Bonner County, Idaho to address risk trees that pose a threat to falling or growing into the overhead electrical lines. The crucial risk tree mitigation effort also supports Avista's wildfire mitigation efforts. The bulk of the work will be completed by December 22, with normal vegetation maintenance continuing in the area after that date. Crews will be working as far west as Newport and as far east as Cabinet. The northern boundary of the work is the town of Selle and the southern boundary is Lakeview.

How you will be impacted

- Approximately 12 Asplundh crews, with more than 20 vehicles will be canvassing the area conducting the work on behalf of Avista.
- Arbor- Metrics Utility Foresters will be working as liaisons to support tree crews and Avista customers and landowners.
- Avista will notify customers if a risk tree has been identified on their property.
- No planned outages are expected as a result of this work.
- Traffic control will be in place as temporary lane closures are possible while the work is being conducted.
- Live, pruned branches in maintained landscapes will be chipped and hauled away, limbs will be lopped and scattered in natural settings. All risk trees, wood over 4" diameter, and any dead wood will be left on site.

About the program

- Trees, in the public right of way, identified for removal are reviewed and permitted by the Cities Urban Forestry department before work is completed.
- Avista contracts with ISA Certified Arborists to inspect trees and to perform the work. All pruning conforms to the ISA and ANSI A300 Standards for Utility Clearance Pruning.
- Trees identified for removal are those that are dead, in such severe decline that they will die before the next inspection and or that are deemed to be structurally unstable.

Avista's pruning methods reduce the frequency and duration of tree-related power outages and increase the safety and reliability of its system. Avista maintains over 21,000 miles of electrical lines spanning across four northwestern states, as well as nearly 8,000 miles of natural gas mains. Avista is committed to safeguarding the integrity of these systems so their customers continue to receive safe and reliable energy.

Avista appreciates customers understanding and support as they work to enhance the safety and reliability of their infrastructure. Customers who have questions or concerns can contact Braden Wahl at (208) 208-8895 and bwahl@arbormetrics.com or Avista at (800) 227-9187.

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