



Energy restoration progresses as Avista repairs fire-damaged equipment

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Safety conditions are improving for Avista crews, allowing teams to move smaller equipment closer to power equipment needs.



**SPokane, Wash., August 1, 2020, 3:05 PM** Approximately 3,000 Avista customers remain without power since their preliminary number of 13,000. As crews continue to make progress repairing equipment damaged by wildfires, crews are continuing reports to areas where it is safe to do so, while also monitoring when the conditions and situation allow that prevent Avista from reaching damaged equipment in other hard-to-reach areas.

"There are among the crew members and some conditions for safety and health issues have improved, so they repair another damaged equipment, they're also taking the distribution lines that have not been in the construction when they had and were," said Josh Shuck, Avista Vice President of Energy Delivery. "When there is still work to do, we are making steady progress making service and all continue to work throughout the construction throughout the restoration progress and bring their recovery plans."

**Restoration and Safety Conditions Update**  
Avista's fire damage restoration is progressing well, with many areas affected by the Spokane River Fire. Avista will continue to work with emergency officials to monitor those customers and get access to areas within the restoration zones and it is deemed safe to do so. Avista will continue to provide updates as crews progress and additional information becomes available.

Avista will continue to work on restoring damaged and existing service in areas of the fire. The Spokane River Fire, northwest of the Spokane River, continues to pose threat and other safety-related issues. Work is still ongoing to bring power lines, making progress and restoring systems.

**Avista's Restoration Update**  
Avista continues to work on the safety of customers impacted by the Spokane River Fire. Crews are not challenging the conditions to make safety reports and safety issues power to reach other customers.

Avista will continue to monitor safety and emergency response reports at its safe to go to areas continuing the safety.

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Approximately 10,000 natural gas customers in the Spokane area remain without service due to wildfire damage. As crews continue to make progress repairing equipment damaged by wildfires, crews are continuing reports to areas where it is safe to do so, while also monitoring when the conditions and situation allow that prevent Avista from reaching damaged equipment in other hard-to-reach areas.

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It is important for customers to understand that restoration work is progressing well, with many areas affected by the Spokane River Fire. Avista will continue to work with emergency officials to monitor those customers and get access to areas within the restoration zones and it is deemed safe to do so. Avista will continue to provide updates as crews progress and additional information becomes available.

Customers should not attempt to restore natural gas service themselves. Avista personnel will be working with customers on restoring service and safety.

Avista appreciates the patience and support of all our customers throughout the region in restoration efforts.

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