# PacifiCorp 2020 PSPS Performance

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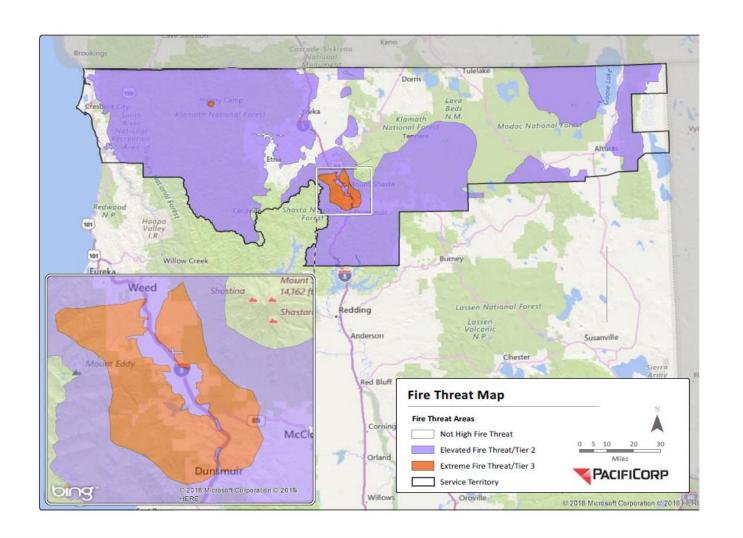








# PacifiCorp's California Service Territory



### **General Stats**

PacifiCorp provides electricity to approximately 45,000 customers via 63 substations, **2,520 miles** of distribution lines, and about 800 miles of transmission lines across nearly **11,000** square miles of which just under half is classified as **HFTD** 

### **HFTD Stats**

Approximately 1,200 miles or 36% of all overhead lines are located within the HFTD



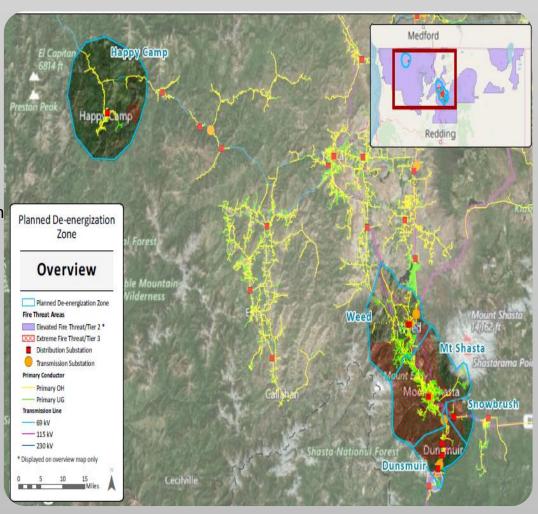
**850 miles** of overhead distribution lines in the HFTD;

**350 miles** of transmission lines in the HFTD

# Public Safety Power Shutoff Overview

PacifiCorp's plan for proactive deenergization is currently limited to Tier 3 areas

Breaking the two main areas into five PSPS
Areas was done to minimize customer impact where appropriate, based on weather monitoring capability and circuit topology.



	PSPS Name	Substation	# of Circuits	Customers	Distribution OH	Distribution UG
1	Happy Camp	Seiad, Happy Camp	3	865	48.4	5.9
2	Weed	Weed, International Paper	5	2,589	90.5	62.1
3	Mt. Shasta	Mt. Shasta	6	5,074	86.4	76.7
4	Dunsmuir	N & S Dunsmuir, Nutglade	5	1,806	30.0	8.6
5	Snowbrush	Snowbrush	1	17	4.2	1.2
	Total	9 Substations	20	10,351	259.5	154.5

#### PSPS - Watch Event

KBDI Mainly: KBDI >= 622

KBDI & VPD: KBDI >= 575 & Localized VPD >  $94^{th}$  VPD Mainly: Localized VPD >=  $97^{th}$  & KBDI >= 480

FFWI6 >= 30 and

Wind gusts >=25 mph OR

Sustained wind >=16

#### **PSPS** – **EOC** Activation

KBDI & VPD: KBDI >= 650 & Localized VPD > 94th

FFWI6 >= 30 and

Wind gusts >= 31 mph

### PSPS is Used as a Measure of Last Resort

Protocols ensure PSPS is a measure of last resort to minimize frequency and impact

- Customers notified based on forecasts
- De-energized on real time conditions
- Circuit segmentation created for Tier 3 circuits
- Pre-event review of current system conditions and vegetation work plans

### Additional pre-event actions include:

- Engagement of critical customers
- Engagement with local emergency responders

Date	Location	Total Customers Notified	Total Customers De-energized	Medical Customer De-energized	Counties De-energized	Total Tribes De-energized
9/13/2020	Weed	2,559	2,559	6	1	0
9/17/2020	Weed	Original – 2,500 Revised - 600	0	0	0	0
10/25/2020	Happy Camp	848	0	0	0	0

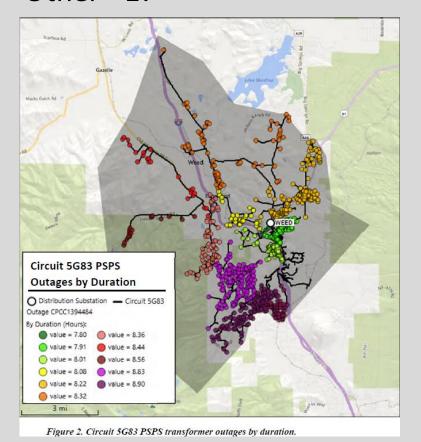
<sup>\* 9/17 &</sup>amp; 10/25 – Watch Events no de-energization

### **September 13 Event**

- Duration 7 hours & 49 minutes (10:01 a.m. until 17:50 p.m.)
- Field inspections and patrols instituted in the affected area, recording wind observations, submitting weather observations, videos, and pictures of the current conditions
- Final inspection of the de-energized circuits performed in sections prior to re-energization
- The company did not identify any equipment that was damaged during the September 13 event
- Event affected two distribution circuits (5G83, 5G45)

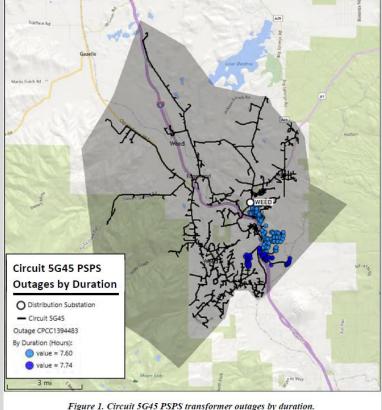
### Circuit 5G83

- Total Customers 1,976
- Residential 1,693
- Commercial/Industrial 263
- Medically Sensitive 3
- Other 17



### Circuit 5G45

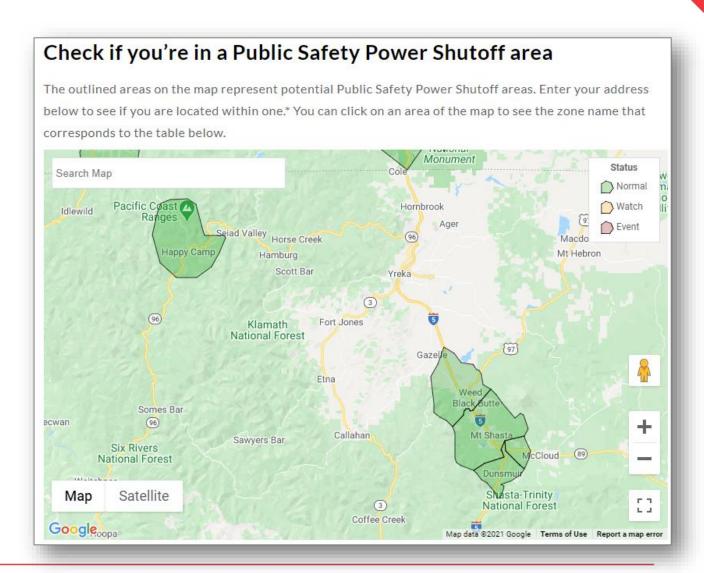
- Total Customers 581
- Residential 444
- Commercial/Industrial 135
- Medically Sensitive 2
- Other 0



### 2020 Lessons Learned

- PacifiCorp is continuing to improve its notification and documentation of events to increase communication between various departments involved in PSPS events
- Access to GIS data through shape files will be made available during notifications to public safety partners and provide such files upon request
- Improving company website to include weather forecast data to improve transparency on a PSPS potential event

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# Public Safety Power Shutoff Improvements

PacifiCorp is committed to further improve its predicative weather and PSPS forecasting capability

2019

#### **Initial capability**

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- Identification and siting of initial weather stations
- Development of initial fire indices
- High level risk and fire modeling complete

2020

#### Improved forecasting

- Expansion of weather station network to 21 locations
- Leveraged outside meteorology expertise
- Improved risk modeling began leveraging data science to formulate conclusions

2021

### Material advancement in predicative weather capability

- Chief Meteorologist hired February 2021 with extensive utility experience in establishing predictive weather capability focused on wildfire mitigation and PSPS
- Additional in-house meteorologist before fire season
- Initial scoping complete and estimates received for high performance computing cluster
- In house and fully operational Weather Research & Forecast (WRF) model before fire season

2022

#### **Continuous improvement**

- Operational high performance computing cluster for implementation of Machine Learning and impacts-based forecast.
- Continued refinement of fire potential indices
- Improved weather forecasting at station, district and zone of protection level
- Continued strategic growth of Mesonet program

# Stakeholder Engagement and further improvements in Emergency Management

- Continued improvement in stakeholder coordination
- Emergency Management Director hired March 2021
- Responsible for overall strategy to improve training, communication and response to PSPS event coordination
- Further expansion of Emergency Management Team in 2021 to provide additional community outreach and 24/7 monitoring
- Identify communities beyond Tier 2 and Tier 3 for wildfire preparedness workshops



## Customer Impact Reduction & Community Resiliency Programs

Pacific Power's Community Resiliency Program includes a portfolio of resources for communities seeking to enhance their emergency management and disaster preparedness capabilities. These resources include:

- Technical assessments to evaluate the potential costs and benefits of adding energy storage and associated technologies to critical facilities
  - Applications are currently being accepted.
  - Assessments are initiated on a first come, first served basis
- Grants are available for the purchase of portable renewable backup generators and the installation of energy storage at critical facilities
  - Grant requests will be accepted July November 2021
  - Approximately \$400,000 of available funding in 2021
  - Funding requests are competitively evaluated
  - Working with local emergency managers throughout our service territory to identify potential projects.

Zone	Low Income	Life Support	Medical	AFN*	Medical Baseline
NON-PDZ	9,546	30	30	71	77
PDZ	2,671	2	I	23	16
TOTAL	12,217	32	31	94	93

All Customers in PDZ				
All customers in CA PDZ:	10,289			
Critical Customers in CA PDZs:	210			

\*AFN include customers self certified as needing additional notification. All Life Support, Medical, and Medical Baseline Customers are contacted individually prior to a PSPS.



# **Continued WMP Focus**

Customer preparedness	Situational Awareness	Asset Inspections	Grid Hardening
<ul> <li>✓ Customer Communication regarding wildfire mitigation and preparedness education</li> <li>✓ Website customer engagement tools; such as PSPS map and weather forecast summary</li> <li>✓ Updating of customer contact preference information</li> <li>✓ Communication on process of self-identifying as an AFN customer</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Mesonet network expansion         <ul> <li>Total Program Target: 46 weather stations</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Further improve risk assessment and mapping</li> <li>✓ Improved in house weather modeling</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Complete Tier 2/3 Inspections prior to Fire Season</li> <li>✓ Identify fire threat conditions and accelerate correction</li> <li>✓ Refreshed focus on QA/QC of Inspections:         <ul> <li>Incorporate fire risk identification into annual inspector training</li> <li>Prioritization of higher risk (Tier 2/3) locations first</li> <li>Complete desktop review on 50% of planned detail/intrusive inspections (~6,500)</li> <li>Field audit at least 5% (680) of planned detailed inspections</li> <li>✓ Infrared Inspections Planned on Approximately 700 line-miles of overhead transmission in 2021</li> <li>✓ Continuation of vegetation inspection pilot program</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Installation of covered conductor         <ul> <li>Total Program Target: 221 line-miles</li> <li>2021 Program Target: 85.2 line-miles</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Replacement or reinforcement of wood poles         <ul> <li>Total Program Target: 4,326 poles</li> <li>2021 Program Target: 128 poles</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Installation of System Automation Equipment         <ul> <li>2021 Target – 27 devices</li> <li>Program Target – 68 devices</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Replacement of small diameter conductor beginning in 2022         <ul> <li>Total Program Targets: 53 line-miles (begins in 2022)</li> <li>2021 Program Target: 0 line-miles (begins in 2022)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

