

WYOMING

ASSETS: **\$2 MILLION**
 REVENUE: **\$444,160**
 MEMBERS: **\$270,000**
 JOBS CREATED: **1,300**

TOTAL
CO-OPS:

64

WYOMING CO-OPS AT A GLANCE

Co-ops in Wyoming are working to build a better world by creating quality jobs, building community wealth, protecting the environment, reducing poverty and strengthening the local economy.

FIRST EDUCATION FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Established in 1947 by a group of teachers, First Education is a full-service financial cooperative. Instead of going to shareholders, First Education profits are returned to members in the form of lower rates on loans and higher yields on deposits.

CERTIFIED GUIDES COOPERATIVE

Certified Guides Cooperative provides insurance and permits to professional mountain guides and climbing instructors certified by the American Mountain Guides Association, allowing them to work independently.



Certified Guides Co-op members come from Wyoming, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and 7 other states.

WYOMING TOP CO-OPS BY SECTOR

CREDIT UNIONS: **32**

ELECTRIC: **11**

FARM SUPPLY: **10**

UTILITIES: **5**

CHILDCARE: **4**

INSURANCE: **1**

ABOUT CO-OPS

According to federally-supported research by the University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives, co-ops inject \$3 trillion into the U.S. economy every year. Located in every state and every Congressional district in the U.S., co-ops create millions of jobs and offer solutions to meet challenging public policy issues—from affordable housing to early childhood learning. They spur economic growth in underserved rural America; empower individuals, families and communities; and ensure that Americans have access to high-quality goods and services at competitive prices from businesses they trust.

WYOMING'S ELECTRIC CO-OPS HELP KEEP THE HEAT ON

Concern for community has been a part of the electric cooperative spirit since the sector first turned on the lights in rural America.

Representing 14 electric power distribution cooperatives and three generation and transmission cooperatives, the Wyoming Rural Electric Association provides electricity to more than 104,000 homes, businesses, ranches and farms statewide. Only 3 percent of farms and ranches had electricity before Wyoming's electric co-ops were established.

In addition to providing reliable and affordable electricity to Wyoming residents, the state's electric co-ops are committed to supporting the health and development of the communities they serve. From information campaigns to youth programs and scholarships, the Wyoming Rural Electric Association and its member utilities invest time and resources to make Wyoming communities flourish.

One of the ways WREA impacts the community is through its partnership with Energy Share of Wyoming, a private, non-profit organization established to help people in hardship circumstances with energy-related emergencies. It assists people with



Since 1941, Wyoming's electric co-ops have been working to turn—and keep—the lights on for residents of rural Wyoming. Now, through a partnership with the Energy Share of Wyoming, they're also helping support hundreds of Wyoming households who face hardships and energy-related emergencies during the heating season.

energy problems when no other resources are available or when these problems are caused by circumstances beyond their control.

Energy Share of Wyoming raised a total of \$67,127 during the past heating season, enabling it to assist 246 Wyoming households with their heating bills.

Through Energy Share of Wyoming and other programs, WREA is committed to improving the lives of residents of rural Wyoming, all while providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity.

Founded in 1916, the National Cooperative Business Association CLUSA International is the trade association for cooperative businesses in the U.S. and an international development organization active in Africa, Southeast Asia and Latin America. For 100 years, NCBA CLUSA has advanced, promoted and defended co-op enterprise, highlighting the impact that co-ops have in bettering the lives of individuals, families and communities.

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