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Crawford Electric crews heading to Atlantic coast to help co-ops in path of Hurricane Florence

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BOURBON – Four Crawford Electric linemen will be taking two trucks to the Atlantic coast as part of a statewide mobilization of Missouri line workers answering the call for help from a co-op in the path of Hurricane Florence.

At the request of Santee Electric Cooperative in Kingstree, S.C., 162 Missouri cooperative line workers from 33 of the state's electric cooperatives will be traveling to South Carolina to assist in the cleanup after the storm has passed. Missouri will be sending both construction and service crews to help with the power restoration efforts.

They are a part of a massive show of strength in advance of the storm, which currently includes linemen from 11 states out of the hurricane's path. As soon as it is safe for them to mobilize, the crews will descend on Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina to help line workers in those states restore power as quickly as possible.

The Missouri crews will gather on Friday morning to travel east so they're closer to the area but still out of harm's way until the storm passes Saturday evening.

Missouri's electric cooperatives have a long history of lending a helping hand to its cooperative peers in trying times. Missouri crews first helped with hurricane relief efforts in 2004 when the Gulf Coast was hit by Hurricane Ivan. The most recent deployment was in 2017 when crews traveled to Florida and Georgia following Hurricane Irma.

The favor has been returned, as Missouri co-ops received assistance restoring power following ice storms in 2007 and 2009.

Missouri's restoration efforts are being spearheaded by the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives, the Jefferson City-based service organization for the state's electric cooperatives.

Here is a list of the cooperatives sending help:

Atchison-Holt Electric Cooperative, Rock Port; Barry Electric Cooperative, Cassville; Black River Electric Cooperative, Fredericktown; Boone Electric Cooperative, Columbia; Central Missouri Electric Cooperative, Sedalia; Citizens Electric Corp., Perryville; Co-Mo Electric Cooperative, Tipton; Consolidated Electric Cooperative, Mexico; Crawford Electric Cooperative, Bourbon; Cuivre River Electric Cooperative, Troy; Farmers' Electric Cooperative, Chillicothe; Gascosage Electric Cooperative, Dixon; Grundy Electric Cooperative, Trenton; Howell-Oregon Electric Cooperative, West Plains; Laclede Electric Cooperative, Lebanon; Lewis County Rural Electric Cooperative, Lewistown; Macon Electric Cooperative, Macon; North Central Missouri Electric Cooperative, Milan; Osage Valley Electric Cooperative, Butler; Ozark Border Electric Cooperative, Poplar Bluff; Pemiscot-Dunklin Electric Cooperative, Hayti; Platte-Clay Electric Cooperative, Kearney; Ralls County Electric Cooperative, New London; Sac Osage Electric Cooperative, El Dorado Springs; SEMO Electric Cooperative, Sikeston; Se-Ma-No Electric Cooperative, Mansfield; Southwest Electric Cooperative, Bolivar; Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Lancaster; United Electric Cooperative, Maryville; Webster Electric Cooperative, Marshfield; West Central Electric Cooperative, Higginsville; White River Valley Electric Cooperative, Branson; Central Electric Power Cooperative, Jefferson City

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