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Local Linemen Helping Neighbors In Need Following Storm

UPDATED Friday, April 12, 2019 – Marion, IA — More than 70 linemen from Iowa's electric cooperatives, including 12 from Linn County REC in Marion, are helping neighboring electric co-ops as they work to restore power following Winter Storm Wesley. The storm delivered substantial ice accumulations and high winds along Iowa's northern border and throughout Minnesota, causing broken poles and ice-packed conductor wire to fall to the ground. Overburdened branches and broken trees have also caused outages.

Linn County Rural Electric Cooperative sent eight linemen to Heartland Power Cooperative in Thompson, Iowa yesterday and are sending four more linemen to Freeborn-Mower Electric Cooperative in Albert Lea, Minnesota today.

"A cooperative principle, which guides our daily business efforts, is cooperation among cooperatives," Terry Sullivan, General Manager/CEO for Linn County REC says. "Whether that cooperative is 10 miles away or in another state, our goal is work with each other to ensure member-consumers have safe and reliable power."

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