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WREC Honors Vegetation Management Contractors and Staff for Commitment to Reliability and Safety

April 14, 2026 — Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) proudly recognized its vegetation management contractors and internal staff for their vital role in maintaining system reliability and supporting safe, dependable electric service for Members. WREC currently partners with hundreds of Davey vegetation management contractors, whose dedicated efforts help protect electric infrastructure, reduce outages, and improve restoration times.

To show appreciation for their hard work and ongoing support, WREC hosted a cookout honoring both contractors and staff, providing an opportunity to personally thank those whose behind-the-scenes efforts are essential to keeping power flowing safely across the Cooperative's service area.

"Our Davey contractors play a critical role in keeping our lines clear and our system strong," said Clint Jackson, WREC's System Reliability Manager. "Their hard work and continued partnership help us become more reliable every single day, and we sincerely appreciate their commitment to our Members and communities."

WREC General Manager David Lambert emphasized the broader impact of vegetation management on safety and service reliability. "The work our vegetation management contractors do directly translates to fewer outages and a safer environment for our Members, employees, and the public," Lambert said. "Their dedication helps strengthen our electric system and ensures we can continue delivering reliable power while prioritizing safety across our service territory."

Contractors also expressed appreciation for the recognition and partnership. "On behalf of the entire Davey Tree team, we are grateful to WREC for the luncheon and the genuine appreciation shown to our crews," said Edward Kubica, General Foreman with Davey. "WREC's leadership consistently demonstrates respect and consideration for its contractors, and we are proud to support their commitment to reliability and service."

Vegetation management remains a key component of WREC's proactive approach to reliability, combining safety, environmental stewardship, and strong contractor partnerships to keep the lights on for the communities WREC serves.

About Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. (WREC):

Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a not-for-profit electric cooperative serving over 281,000 homes and businesses in Pasco, Hernando, Citrus, Polk, and Sumter counties since 1947. WREC is dedicated to providing safe and resilient energy and services at the best possible value to its Members while actively contributing to the communities it serves.

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Below: WREC Managers and staff who cooked for Davey contractors





