

**AGENDA**  
**COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK**  
**March 10, 2026**  
**11:00 am**  
**Council Chambers**

- 1) Approval of Agenda
- 2) Delegations:
  - a) 11:00 am Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation – “Bringing Hearts Home”  
Cardiac Care Centre of Excellence
  - b) 11:30 am AltaLink - AltaLink Wildfire Mitigation Program
- 3) Closed Session
  - a) Public Works Call Log – ATIA Sec. 29.1
- 4) 2026 Newsletter Discussion
- 5) Round Table
- 6) Adjournment

# AltaLink's Wildfire Mitigation Plan

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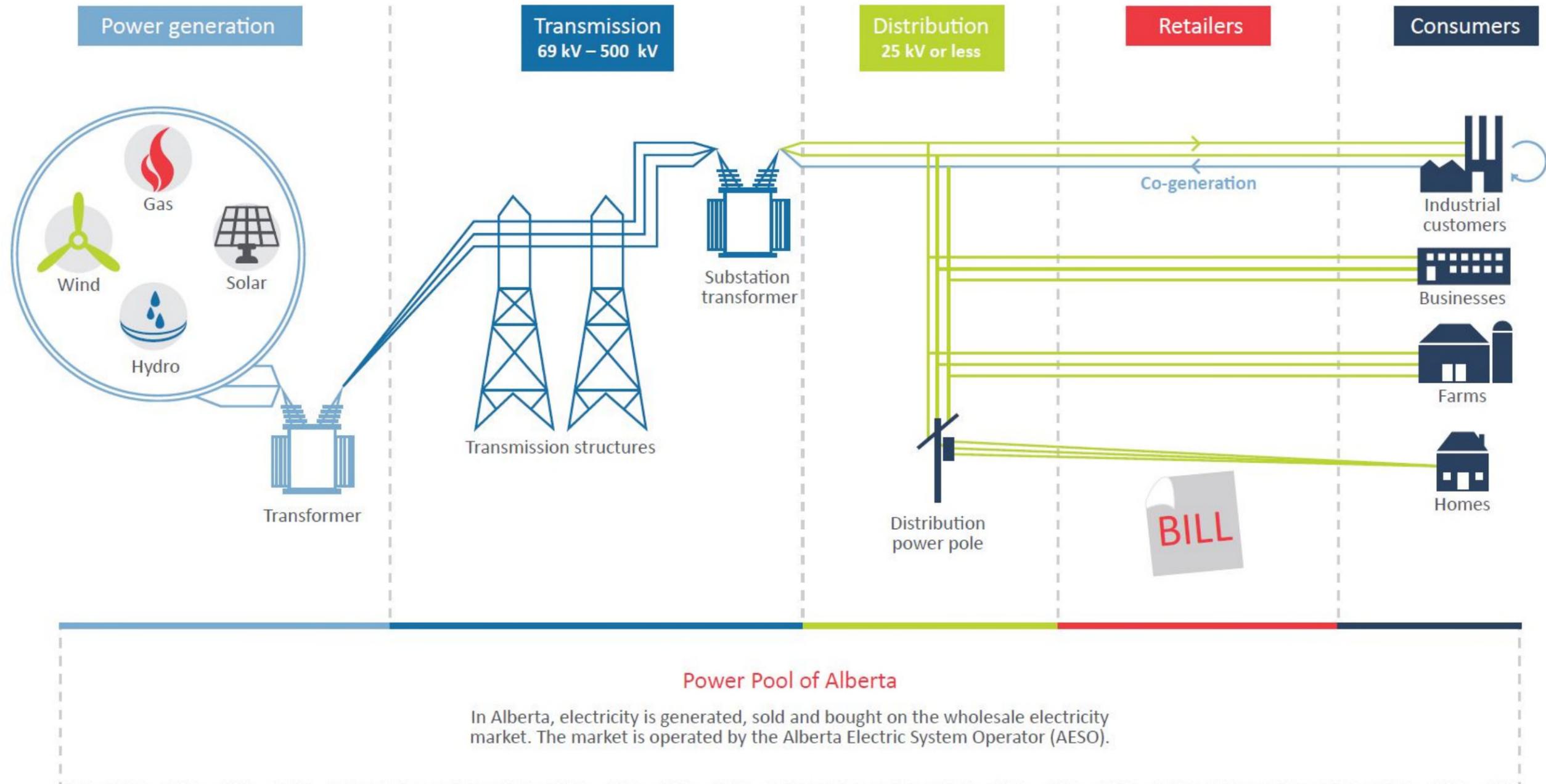


# AltaLink is Alberta's largest electricity transmission provider

- Alberta's largest regulated electricity transmission provider
  - 13,400 km of transmission lines
  - 310 substations
  - Serving 85 per cent of Albertans
- Serving your power needs:
  - AltaLink owns, operates and maintains facilities 69kV and higher
  - FortisAlberta owns the majority of distribution facilities in AltaLink's area (25kV)
- Certified with Electricity Canada's Sustainable Electricity designation



# The flow of power in Alberta

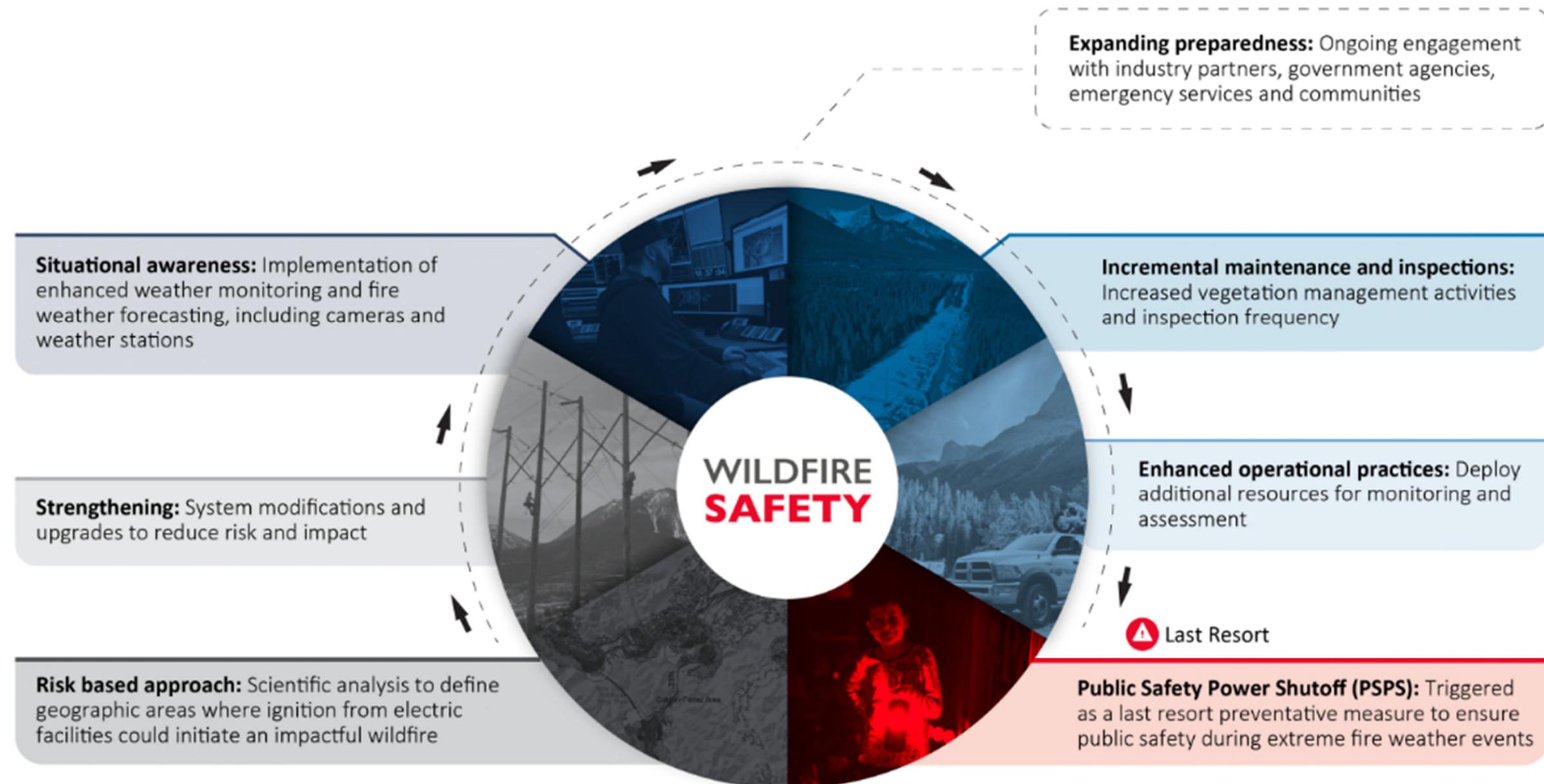


## Wildfires are becoming larger and more severe

- **The hectares (ha) burned in Alberta in recent years continues to exceed previous averages with a similar number of fires**
  - 2015-2022 annual average:  
~1,200 wildfires/283,000 ha
  - 2023: ~1,080 wildfires/2.2 million ha
  - 2024: ~1,200 wildfires/705,000 ha
  - 2025: ~1,090 wildfires/674,000 ha
- **On average, less than 10% of fires are started by electricity infrastructure**
  - Regardless of the numbers, the risk remains
  - AltaLink is committed to reducing the likelihood that our infrastructure contributes to the ignition of a catastrophic fire
- **AltaLink is a leader in wildfire mitigation in Canada**
  - Implemented wildfire mitigation program in 2019
  - Continue to enhance and expand mitigation efforts

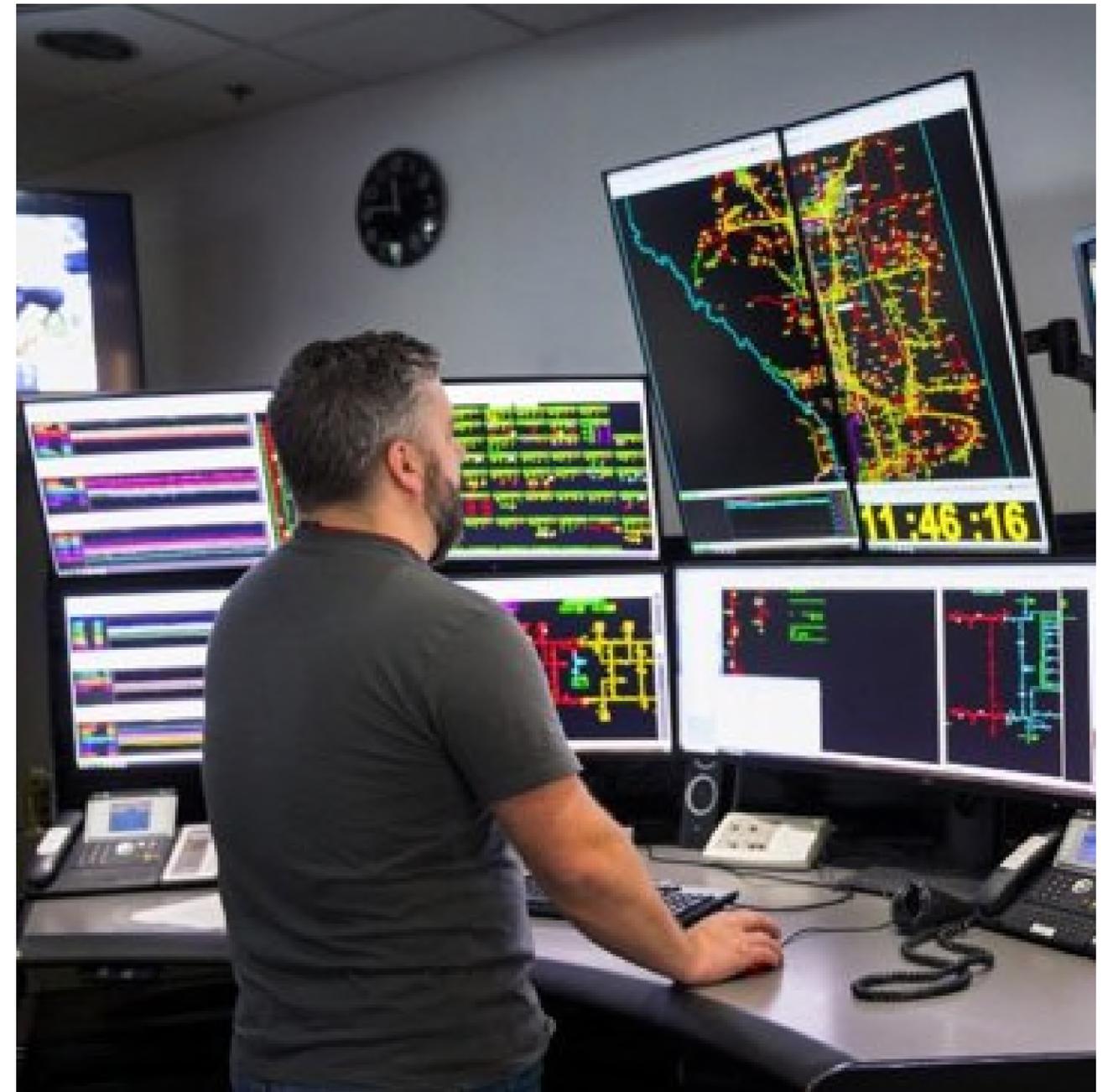


# AltaLink's wildfire mitigation plan is focused on protecting communities while providing safe, reliable and affordable power



## Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS): a last-resort fire prevention measure

- A PSPS is a tool to keep people and communities safe
- We proactively shut off power during extreme and dangerous weather conditions that can result in catastrophic wildfires
- PSPS is used as a last-resort preventative measure
- Each situation is unique – no single factor drives a PSPS



## Public Safety Power Shutoff factors

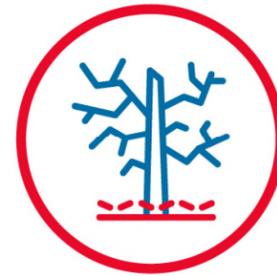
We monitor a range of factors before executing a Public Safety Power Shutoff, such as:



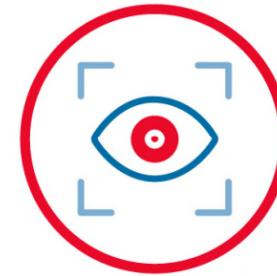
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CONDITIONS



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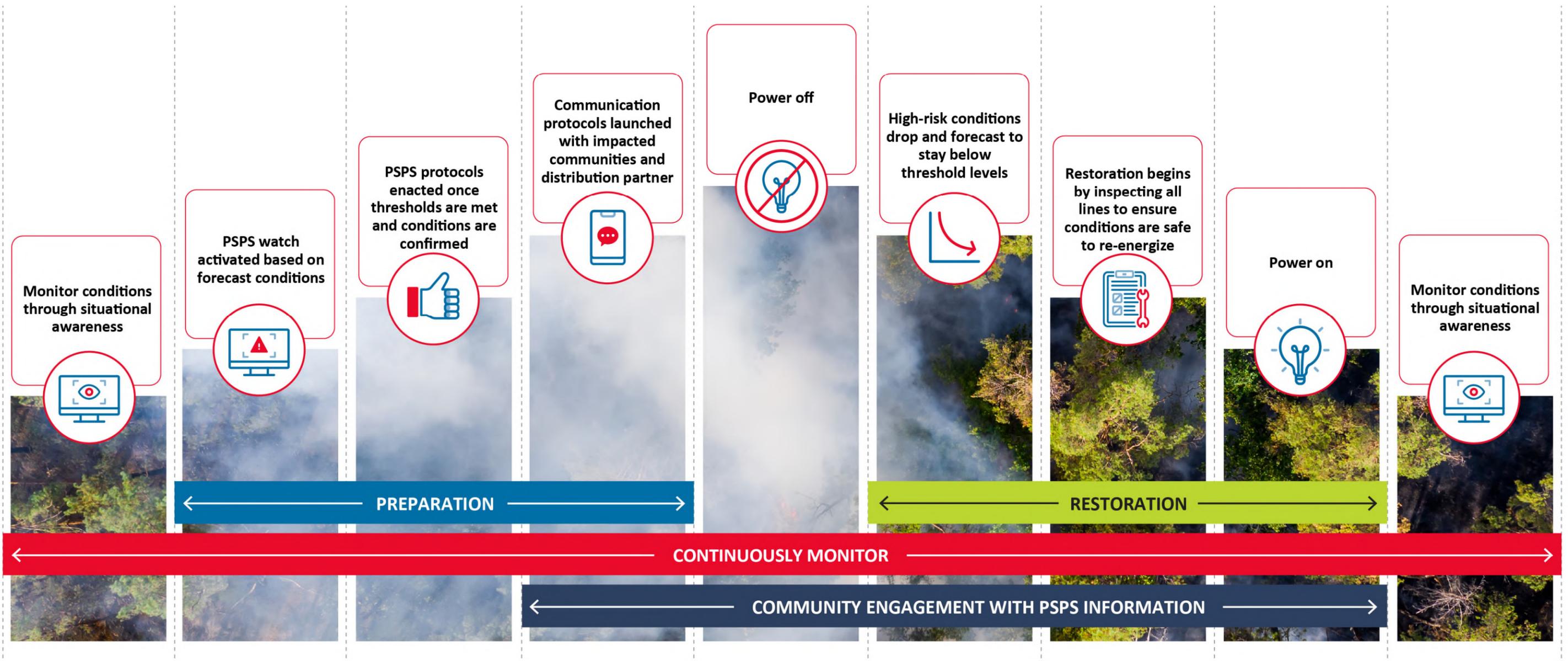


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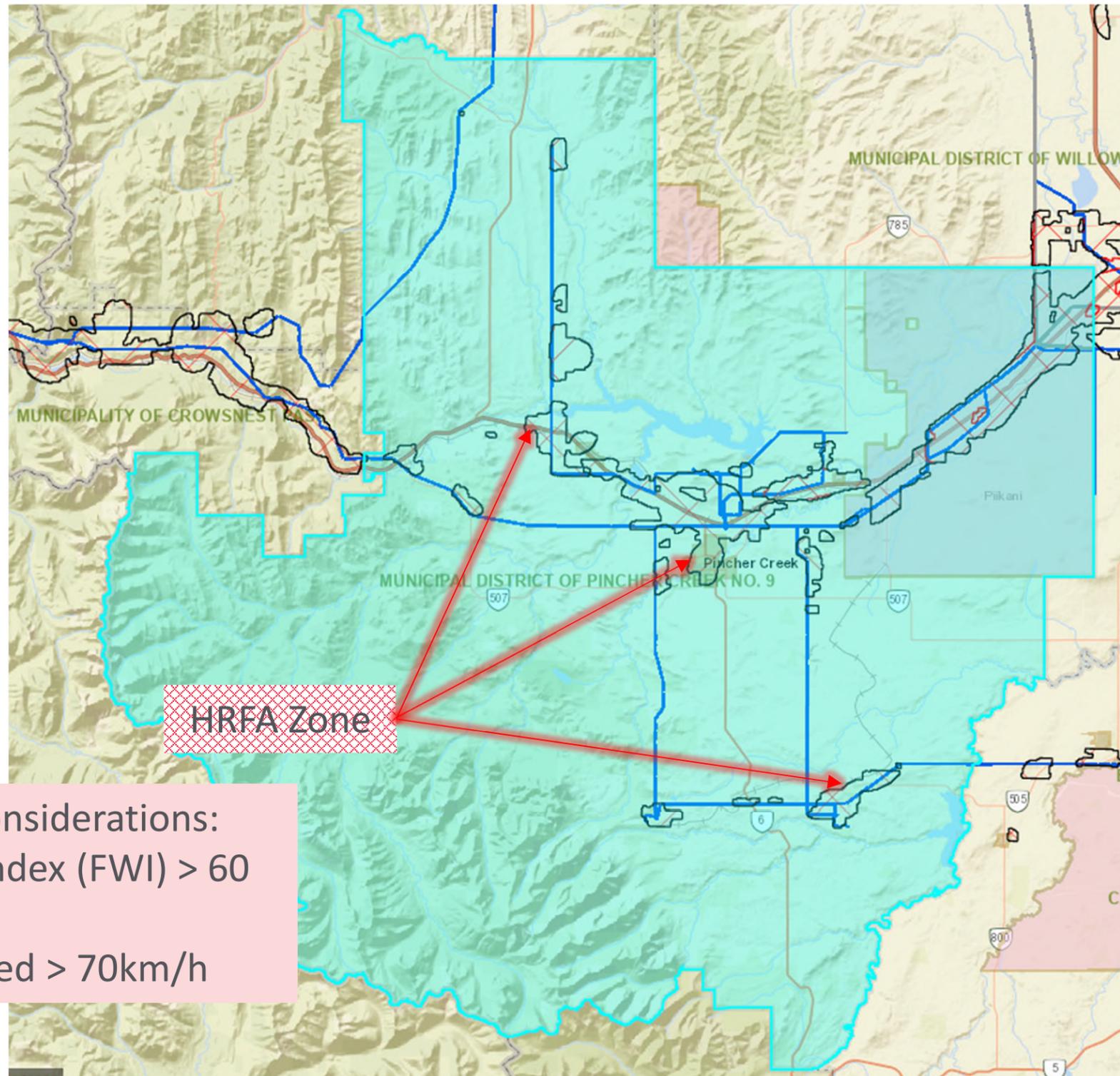


FIRE IN  
VICINITY

# Public Safety Power Shutoff process – The full picture



## Pincher Creek – Connectivity Overview

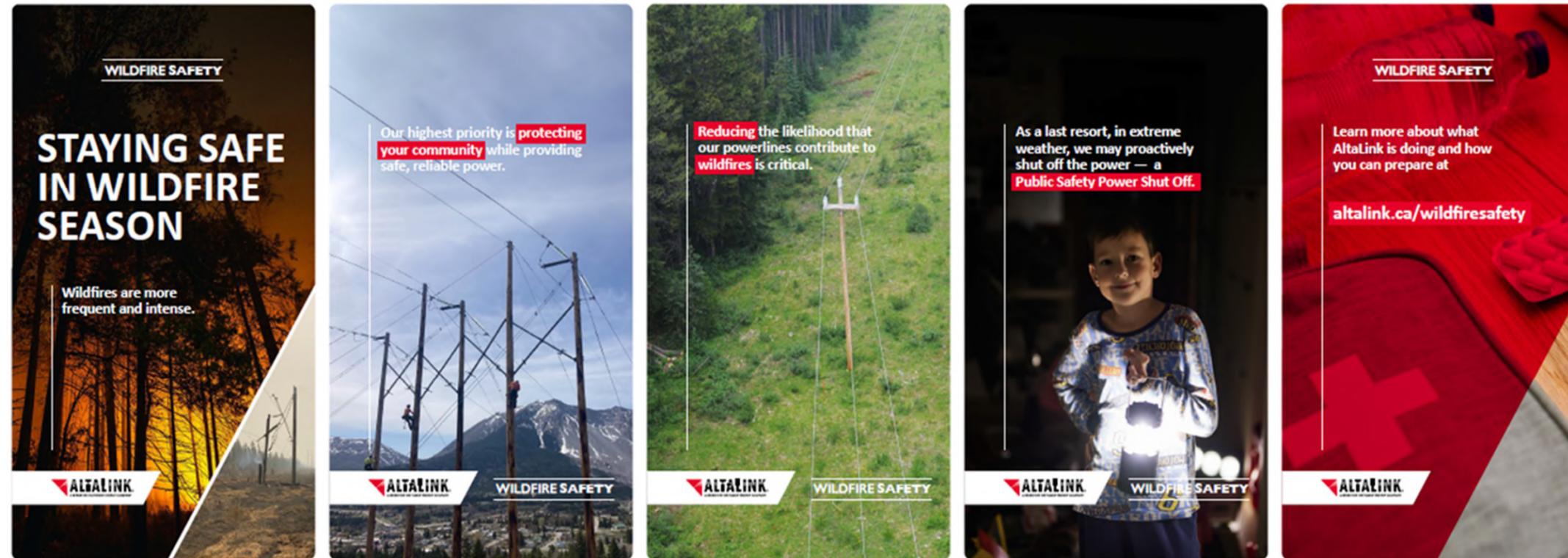


### PSPS Condition Considerations:

- Fire Weather Index (FWI) > 60
- +  
• Wind Gust Speed > 70km/h

## Targeted community outreach aims to increase awareness and emergency preparedness

- Annual wildfire awareness and preparedness campaigns:



- Ongoing engagement and awareness through social media:
  - LinkedIn: @altalink
  - Facebook: altalinktransmission
  - Instagram: altalink
  - X: @Altalink

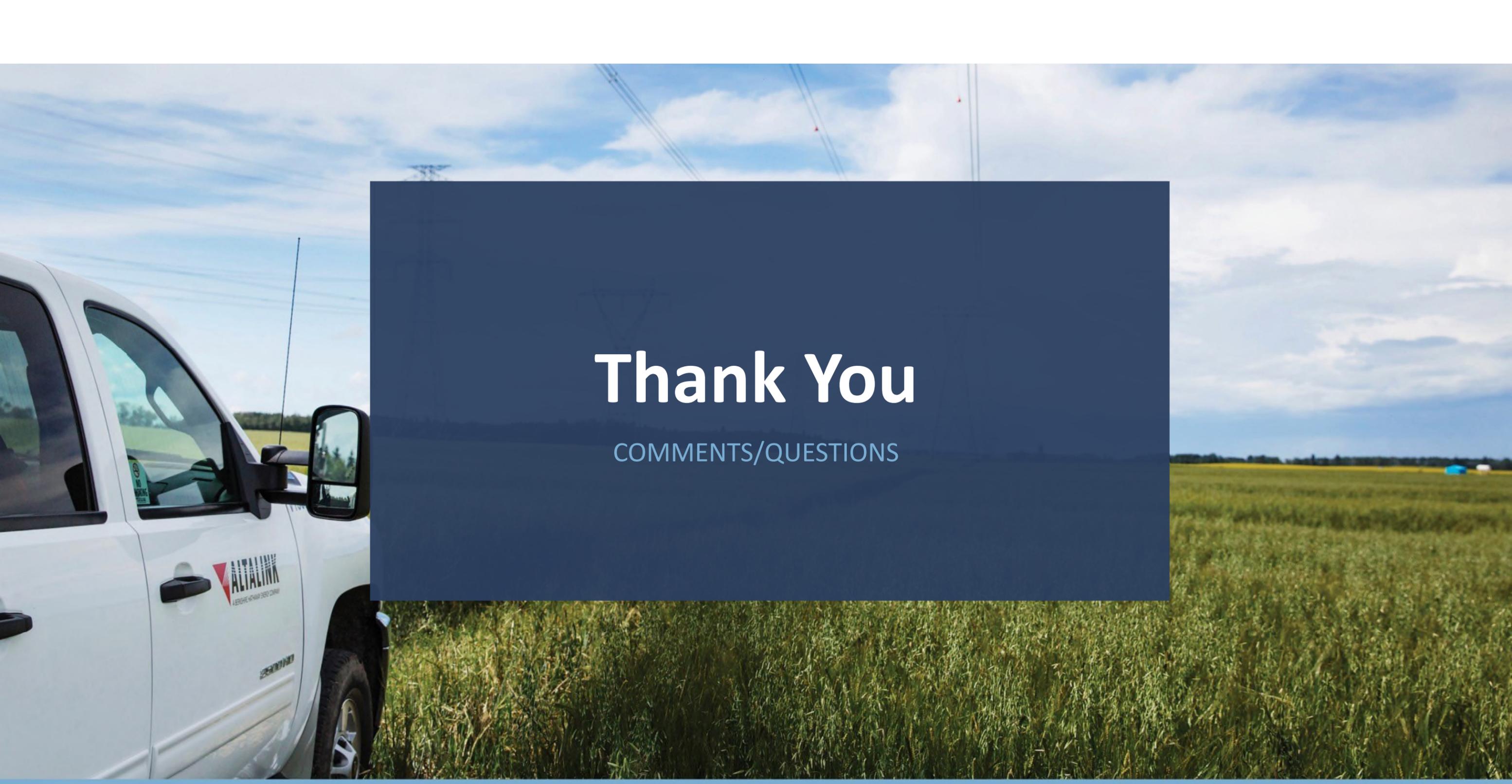
## Building preparedness and resilience through industry collaboration

- Collaborating with the Government of Alberta and Alberta Wildfire through the Power Line Wildfire Risk Mitigation Task Force
- Collaborating with ATCO Energy Systems and FortisAlberta as the three founding members of the Alberta Wildfire Utility Coalition



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# Thank You

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

