**Distribution right of way and pole inspector**

A "distribution right of way inspector" is responsible for regularly patrolling designated utility right of way areas to identify potential hazards and damage to infrastructure. For the pole inspector you will need to identify any decay or defects with poles. To accomplish your responsibilities as a utility pole inspector, you must have knowledge of a variety of hand tools and specialized equipment used for assessment and replacement purposes. Tongue River Electric will train you in the use of specialized pole inspection equipment. Applicants must be willing to learn new skills.

Key responsibilities may include:

* **Field Inspections:** Regularly patrolling designated utility right of way areas to identify potential hazards, damage to infrastructure, or violations of easement agreements.
* **Encroachment Monitoring:** Identifying and documenting instances of unauthorized structures or vegetation growth encroaching on the utility right of way.
* **Documentation and Reporting:** Preparing detailed reports documenting inspection findings, including photographs, measurements, and potential violations.
* **Communication and Coordination:** Collaborating with crews, landowners, engineering personnel, and regulatory agencies to address issues and ensure compliance.
* **Technical Knowledge:** Understanding of utility infrastructure, including power lines, cables and poles.
* **Observation Skills:** Keen attention to detail to identify potential hazards and compliance issues.
* **Communication Skills:** Effective written and verbal communication to document findings and interact with stakeholders.
* **Field Work Capability:** Willingness to spend significant time outdoors in various weather conditions, often working independently.

**Location: Ashland, MT**

**Education/Experience:** High School diploma or equivalent

**Compensation:** based on experience.

This is a full-time position with an excellent benefits package. The successful candidate must pass an initial substance screening and, as an employee, will be subject to random drug/controlled substance screenings.

**To apply for this position, go to our website job posting or stop by the Ashland office to pick up an application and submit the application by March 28, 2025 in our office or postmarked.**

**Website: www.tongueriverelectric.com**