

National Grid Asks the Public to Stay Away From Power Line Corridors

Accessing rights-of-way can be dangerous to humans, animals and the environment

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PROVIDENCE, R.I. – The broad swaths of open ground that high-voltage power lines run through might look like great places to hike, hunt or ride your all-terrain vehicle, but National Grid reminds everyone that right-of-way corridors are private property where unauthorized access is against the law and potentially damaging to endangered plants and animals.

In many cases, National Grid does not own the land on which a transmission line is located. In these cases, the company has an agreement with the property owner allowing National Grid to build, operate, maintain and access the wires and structures on the land. Any public use of the property would require the consent of the property owner, and accessing the rights-of-way without permission from the property owner is considered trespassing.

These areas are also frequently the site of illegal dumping by people looking for an isolated area to leave everything from basic trash to furniture, abandoned motor vehicles and construction waste. Dumping and off-road vehicle use in rights-of-way also create safety hazards for utility personnel, damage plant and animal habitats, including endangered species that exist in these areas, and is a disruption for neighboring property owners.

National Grid and local police are collaborating on enforcing no-trespassing laws on the rights-of-way, particularly as they pertain to all-terrain vehicle (ATV) traffic. Many police departments frequently use spot patrols of the ROW using their own ATV's.

About National Grid

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