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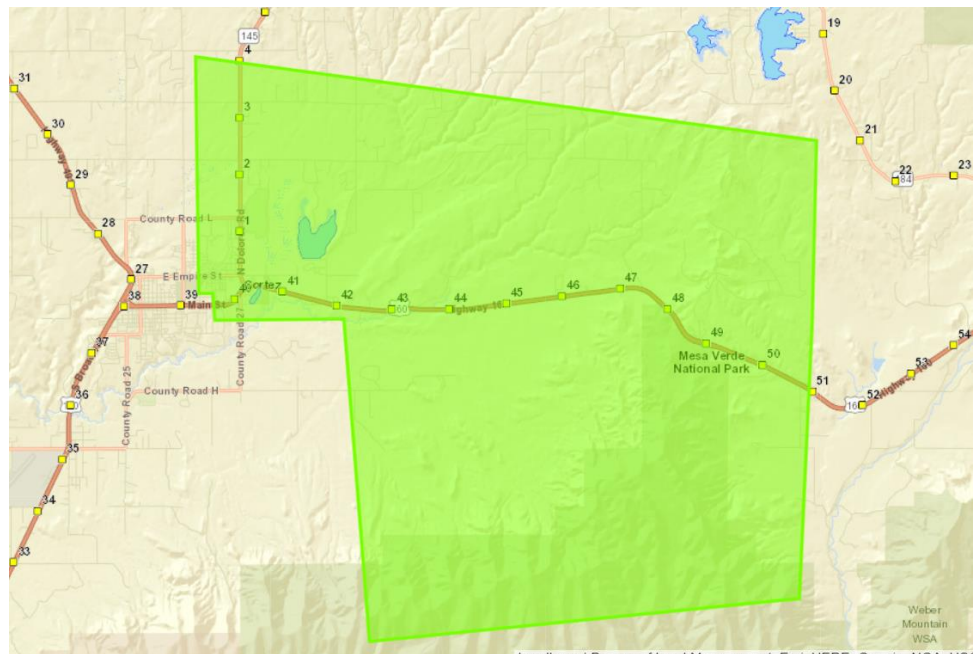
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EEA Schedules East Cortez Maintenance Outage for March 18, 2021

Substation Maintenance Critical to Maintaining Reliability

On Thursday March 18, 2021, there will be a planned outage at EEA’s East Cortez substation from midnight to approximately 2:00AM. The outage is necessary to allow EEA and Tri-State crews to upgrade equipment and perform routine maintenance. The upgrade will prepare the substation to accept power generation from the Totten Lake Solar Project. A mobile substation will be placed in service to maintain power delivery while the work takes place.

Phone calls will be made to services that will be impacted on Wednesday March 17. Outage preparation and safety information can be found at eea.coop/prepare-outage. A map with the general area for the outage is shown below:



A second outage will occur on Tuesday March 30, 2021 between midnight to approximately 2:00AM for to allow crews to remove the mobile substation and place the East Cortez substation back in service. Reminder phone calls will made again on Monday March 29 for the second outage. If you have any questions regarding the specified outages, please us at 970-565-4444.

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