

Storm from A1

Week or more. "This is was massive storm. We have outages throughout our district," EPUD public relations coordinator Patty Jo Angelini stated in a press release. "Many were caused by downed lines from heavy snow and tree branches. This is extremely dangerous. A downed power line has an overwhelming amount of power running through it and it can kill. We urge our customers to call us if they see any downed line."

Similarly, Lane Electric, which handles mostly rural areas, said that its roughly 8,500 affected customers should expect to be without power several days as both its Blue River and Oakridge stations were down.

Power companies urged the public to stay away from downed lines as they may be live. While the I-5 highway had been closed because of downed trees and power lines, all lanes of I-5 south of the Eugene-Springfield area (mileposts 168-183) opened by 5 p.m. Monday and the highway also opened south of Cottage Grove.

The Oregon Department of Transportation warned drivers to expect some single lane closures in areas as trees and debris could still be present and to be prepared for winter driving conditions.



This four-wheel drive pick-up (left) was one of few vehicles able to travel through downtown Cottage Grove while the majority of vehicles were snowed in; in The Grove's Historic District, residents made the most of the winter weather (below left) by making a snowman.

Two sewage pumps reportedly stopped working for a time during the deluge, but the city quickly dispatched electricians to fix the problem and is counting on a cold night.

"Hopefully it melts slowly," said Meyers.

Meanwhile, the city's water system continues to flow normally, though Meyers said, "We're watching it very carefully."

Emergency services were also tied up responding to the sudden snow flurry. Police and other first responders were kept busy with constant welfare check requests and responding to motor vehicle accidents in the area.

Amid the disarray, Cottage Grove local Remington Moore, 21, took advantage of his day off work to help vehicles caught in the snow.

"I've just been driving around. I've helped 22 people today," Moore said Monday afternoon. "They've got those little 2-wheel drive cars, so I've been tugging them a little bit and getting them back on the road."

Moore found most people stuck in the center of the road where snow plows had pushed the snow away and could be edged out with his Chevy Silverado.

"I even pulled a semi out at Walmart earlier," he said.

The expansive storm brought snow to the Northern Rockies and Sierra Nevada and spread across the Midwest and into the Northeast United States by Wednesday.

Northern California and areas of southwestern Oregon are simultaneously on notice for potential flooding.



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Though a scheduled City Council meeting was canceled, Cottage Grove City Hall continued operating Monday by keeping its generator fueled while city officials worked to clear streets.

In some instances, however, downed power lines were hidden beneath the snow, which make them hard to differentiate from phone or cable lines.

"They're all power lines," said City Manager Richard Meyers. "That's how we had to treat them."

As workers hurry to return power to the community, another hurdle may be just around the corner. Heavy rains over the weekend put the city's sewage treatment plant at full capacity, raising concerns that a quick melting of the snow could cause overflow.

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