

Staying Safe During Wildfire Season

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Keeping you safe is job #1.

With wildfires becoming more frequent and intense throughout our region, protecting your community while providing safe, reliable power, is our highest priority.

Our approach

Build on past work, strengthen our system

- Maintaining the safety of our system
- Seeking out new best practices to be even more vigilant

Work hand-in-hand with your community

- Local emergency services, and community leaders
- Expand and enhance existing emergency response plans

WILDFIRE SAFETY



Steps we are taking

We're adding new safety measures and system enhancements, including:

- Enhanced vegetation clearing practices
- Additional inspections
- Investments to improve resiliency

We're enhancing our situational awareness by:

- Field crews monitoring wildfire risk
- Identifying and prioritizing higher risk areas
- Monitoring weather and fire risk conditions
- Installing local weather stations
- Continuous monitoring of fire threats to utility infrastructure



A new fire prevention measure

We're adding a new tool to help keep people and communities in high fire risk areas safe – *Public Safety Power Shutoff*.

What is a Public Safety Power Shutoff?

- We proactively shut off power during extreme and dangerous weather conditions that can result in catastrophic wildfires
- Used as a last resort and as low impact as possible based on the conditions
- Each situation is unique - No single factor drives a Public Safety Power Shutoff
- Expected to be infrequent based on historical weather data



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How does a Public Safety Power Shutoff work?

- Specific area and number of customers depends on forecasted weather and which circuits need to be turned off for public safety
- Coordinate with local leaders and emergency services
- Crews will visually inspect lines, clear debris and make repairs if needed before restoring power
- Will last as long as extreme conditions exist

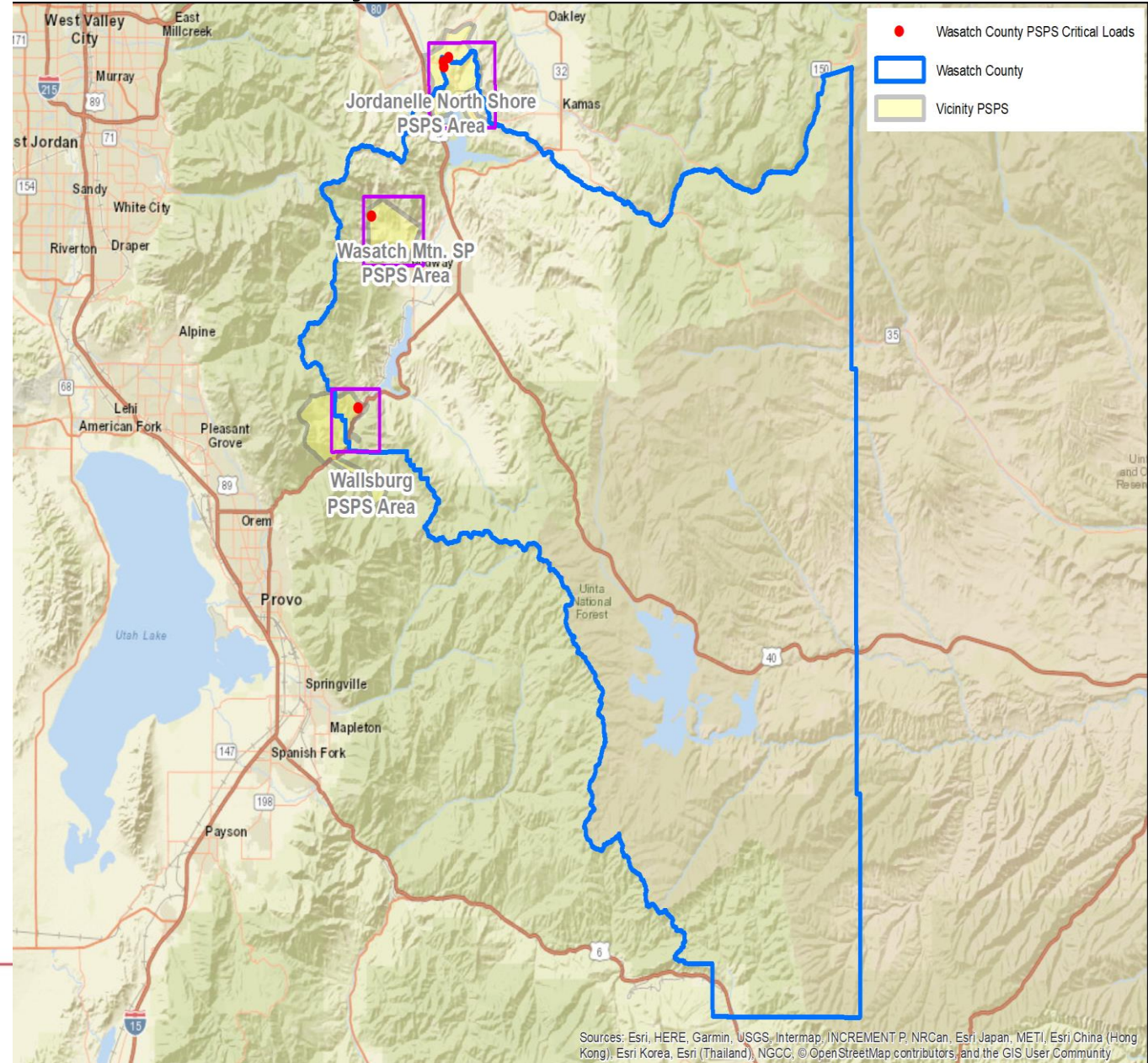


Public Safety Power Shutoff areas

Wasatch County

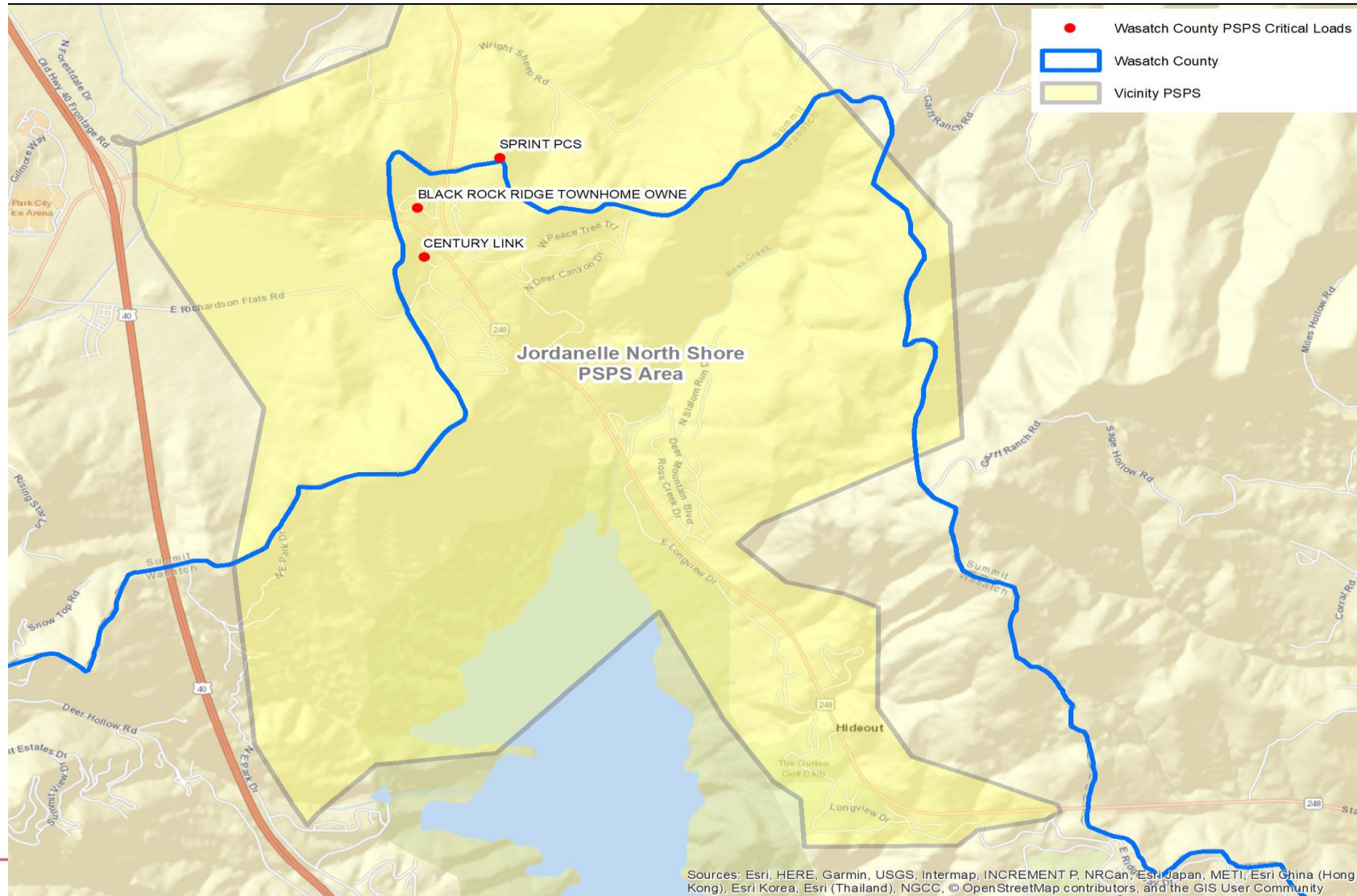
- Your area is at higher risk for wildfires
- Parts of your community are in possible Public Safety Power Shutoff areas
- Detailed maps are available on the Public Safety Power shutoff page at rockymountainpower.net/wildfiresafety

Wasatch County (1,210 Total Customers)
Hideout (418 Total Customers)



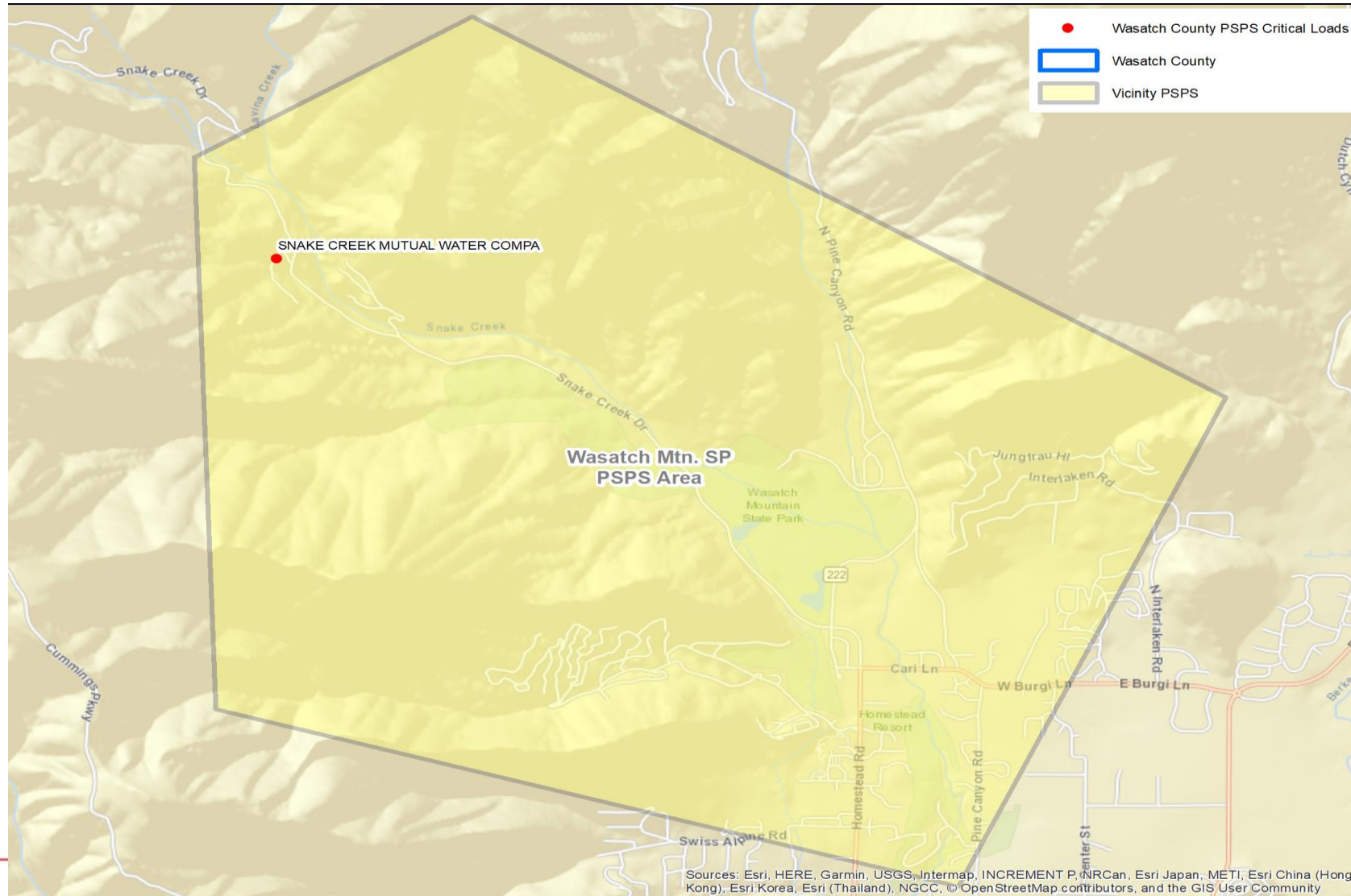
Public Safety Power Shut-off Area

Wasatch County – Hideout & Jordanelle North Shore PSPS



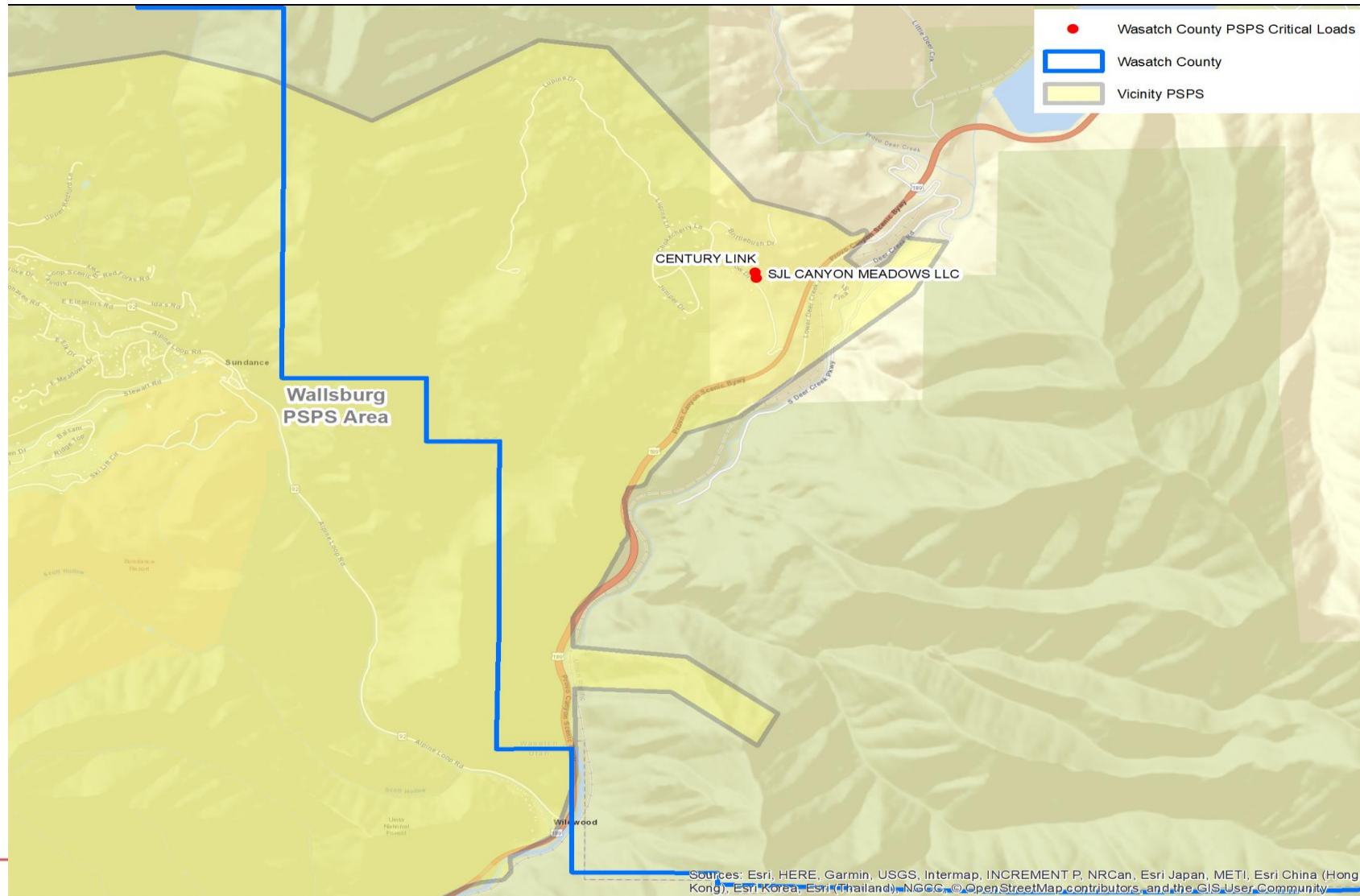
Public Safety Power Shut-off Area

Wasatch County – Wasatch Mountain PSPS



Public Safety Power Shut-off Area

Wasatch County – Wallsburg Substation Area PSPS



Public Safety Power Shutoff factors

We monitor a range of factors before triggering a Public Safety Power Shutoff:



WIND



**LOW
HUMIDITY**



**DRY
VEGETATION**



**REAL TIME
OBSERVATION**

Public Safety Power Shutoff process

What should you expect?

- Advance warning whenever possible
- Continued updates to keep you informed before during and after
- Communications via phone, text, radio and social media
- Safety inspections to confirm extreme conditions have passed
- Power restoration as soon as possible



Public Safety Power Shutoff notification

72 - 48
hours

- **Potential – Forecast received**
- Notify emergency management, the state regulatory authority, media, community support organizations and customers of potential Public Safety Power Shutoff. Update Rocky Mountain Power website and social media channels.

24 hours

- **Potential – Continued monitoring**
- 1st call made to customers. Update Rocky Mountain Power online channels. Contact self-identified medical needs customers.

2 hours

- **Imminent – 2 hour notice**
- 2nd call made to customers. Local emergency management continues outreach to medical needs customers. Update Rocky Mountain Power online channels. Update emergency management, the media and community support organizations.

1 hour

- **Imminent – 1 hour notice**
- 3rd call made to customers. Update Rocky Mountain Power social media channels and website. Update emergency management, the media and community support organizations.

Event
Begins

- **In progress – Notice of start of Public Safety Power Shutoff**
- 4th call made to customers. Update Rocky Mountain Power social media channels and website. Update emergency management, the media and community support organizations.

Public Safety Power Shutoff notification

Cancellation

When forecasts change a Public Safety Power shutoff can be cancelled. In this case, we will:

- Call customers to let them know
- Contact community leaders via their Regional Business Manager
- Update our social media channels and notify the media

Power restoration

- Notify customers when restoration begins
- Notify community leaders via their Regional Business Manager
- Notify customers when complete

What you can do to prepare

Safety begins at home. Take these steps to prepare:

1. Update your contact information with Rocky Mountain Power
2. Create a defensible space around your home
3. Update your emergency plan and supplies
4. Plan for any medical needs
5. Visit rockymountainpower.net/wildfiresafety for additional details and resources

