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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## Storms, High Winds Cause Power Outages

*MARION, Iowa – August 10, 2020, 2:30 pm –* Linn County REC line crews are accessing the damage to our distribution system after a strong line of thunderstorms and damaging winds moved throughout our service territory early this afternoon. Winds up to 80 mph blew poles and structures to the ground shutting off power to over 21,000 Linn County REC member-consumers.

As soon as the storms moved out of the area, crews began responding immediately to the situation.

As a safety reminder, if you see a downed line or damaged utility equipment, contact us immediately. Make sure to keep people away. Always assume a downed line is energized.

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