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[DIRT CRUNCHING]

We are currently undergrounding 1.5 miles in an area called Spring Valley. This project is in a residential area. The density of homes is a lot higher. There's going to be a lot of hand-digging because we have a lot more utilities that we're going to have to excavate and ensure that we're not damaging.

This year, we have forecasted 32 miles of undergrounding here in Lake County. And for the 2025, 2026 years, we're forecasting another 37 miles. So a lot of power lines are going to be going underground, a lot of work to come.

[MACHINE PUTTERING]

It is a lot of work, digging the trenches, laying the power lines, working with the distribution centers to shut off the old lines and activate the new ones. That said, it's still a fraction of what it costs to maintain the vegetation around our thousands of miles of overhead electric lines.

Now, we know each dollar matters to our customers. And so we take each and every one of those dollars and the investment that we're making with those very, very seriously. And we're taking significant steps, both in the undergrounding program, and more broadly in our business, to reduce costs, so that we can do more work for the same or less dollars and ultimately save our customers money, while reducing wildfire risk.

[CEMENT MIXER CLATTERING]

It's a great feeling of accomplishment. 10,000 miles is a lot of undergrounding work. And we are accomplishing milestones and mileage per year that we never have done before. And I've had people shake my hand, thank me for the work that we're doing. And we're out on the job site. There's dust being kicked up. We're digging up their roads. And they're happy for us to be out there. It's motivating. It motivates us to keep going. It motivates me to do the best job that I possibly can for the residents of this community.

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