

## PG&E - Marketing & Communications | Your Energy Dollars at Work in Pioneer

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This undergrounding work in Pioneer is your energy dollars at work. It's a six mile project. It's two phases. This project should be done in mid-July. When we underground utility lines, it creates a safer, stronger, more resilient system.

Our undergrounding has proven to be the most effective way of preventing wildfires in our service territory. If you take a look at this area, we have very tall trees. We have a lot of ground vegetation, which can be very easy to ignite.

And it carries flame quite quickly, especially in high wind days. So, based on our analytics, we've determined that Pioneer is one of the highest risk areas in our PG&E service territory. That's why we're targeting it first. That's why we're here today.

We're working hard. We're doing everything we can to bring our costs down. Some of-- this project in particular, some of our cheapest miles to date.

And let's due to the hard work and determination of these crews. We're working every day for new methods of installation, new ways to drive our productivity and bring down the cost. But all of it is rewarding, I mean, to do. No matter the conditions, we're making our community safer.

While the construction is going on, it may feel overwhelming. But in the end, it's really worth it to get these power lines undergrounded. We trim millions of trees every year.

And once those power lines are underground, we no longer have to maintain and trim those trees. So that's an additional savings that's perpetual. And so overall, it's actually more cost effective in the long run for our customers.

When our customers pay their bills, we want them to see this is the investment that we are putting in our energy system to underground and make the lines safer.