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When the Roseburg area experienced a major wet snowstorm in February of 2019 the entire area experienced catastrophic damages. The electric grid was off for our house for 14 days. Our house had access to Natural Gas and we survived because of this efficient reliable source of energy. We had no power, phone service or ability to get off our property due to downed trees and power lines. With natural gas we were able to heat our house with a natural gas space heater and cook our food on a natural gas stove. The storm did not cause any damage to the underground natural gas pipelines. Every Oregonian deserves access to this excellent natural resource. Governor Tina Kotek has required the installation of natural gas and propane to the Governor's mansion as she understands that the electric grid is much less reliable.