



Casper Squirrel Causes Brief Downtown Power Outage



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CASPER, Wy. This afternoon stoplights in downtown Casper were out. Other locations downtown were without power as well.

City of Casper officials reported at about 2:00 pm City Hall lost power, but with backup generators power was restored.

We spoke with Rocky Mountain Power who reported an outage, affecting 323 customers around downtown Casper at approximately 1:55 pm.

Power was restored at 2:01 pm and the cause of the outage, a squirrel.

Rocky Mountain Power officials explained how maintenance crews were working on or at a circuit breaker, when a squirrel came into contact with a power arrester, creating a path to the ground and spurring the outage.