Wind knocks out power

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KEOWEE KEY – High winds knocked out power lines overnight Thursday near Keowee Key, causing power outages.

County officials warn that more could be coming before the winds die down later today, giving way to sunny weather and temperatures in the 50s to low 60s this weekend.

"We are expecting wind most of (Friday) and into (Saturday)," said Scott Krien, emergency management director for Oconee County. "We will see sporadic outages due to trees coming down."

Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative confirmed limited service interruptions, and Duke Energy had over 350 customers without power as of noon Friday.

"The hardest hit areas have been Anderson, Greenville and Oconee counties," according to Duke spokesperson Ryan Mosier. "A number of these outages are a result of broken poles and downed wires. With continued windy conditions forecast throughout the day, we expect more outages to be reported into the afternoon and evening."

No other significant outages were reported in Oconee or Pickens counties.

Blue Ridge customers without power should call (888) 258-3743, and Duke customers should call (800) 769-3766.