# STAYING CONNECTED

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# CEO'S

# **MESSAGE**

Taos County Local Governments, KCEC and EC-Coad Collaborate on the Wildfire

According to the last reports from nmfireinfo.org, the Cooks Peak fire continues to fill the area with smoke throughout Colfax and Taos county and is approximately 20% contained. Firefighters were able to engage aggressively across the fire area, capitalizing on the favorable weather conditions. Taos local governments, KCEC and EC-COAD, are offering aid and assistance to residents and families affected.

The Wildfire Evacuee Response has set up the following resources for those displaced by the wildfires in the area. We are working to maximize the support and aid efficiently to the needs of the communities.

Fire season has started and restrictions are in place. Please report trees on powerlines to KCEC for fire and outage mitigation.

We ask you to prepare and stock up on essential items in case of an outage. We recommend community members stock up on water, batteries, food, and other supplies needed to weather any possible adverse outcomes of storms safely. Please ensure an adequate backup power supply if you have a medical device. Make sure your cell phone is fully charging and have a portable radio for backup.

Residents are encouraged to utilize the Peñasco Evacuee Resource Center as the first option to ensure staffing and resources are used efficiently and reduce mirroring efforts. Please sign up up with a resource officer when entering the Evacuee Resource Center. The Juan I Gonzales Agricultural Center is available as a back-up/overflow location. Water, power, and supplies are available at the shelter sites. Wi-fi is also accessible at some locations.

The fires have displaced many residents and families. We continue to pray for the safety and well-being of those affected. We will provide updates and resource information as they become available. Please ensure Taos local governments, KCEC and the EC-COAD are utilizing the necessary staff and support to help our communities.

We encourage those who wish to donate: to volunteer their time or make monetary donations. While supplies are needed, it is more efficient to utilize the existing services to supply the necessary resources for evacuees. Thank you.



## AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM WHAT IS IT?

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service.

The benefit provides:

- Up to \$30/month discount for internet service.
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands.

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- A household is eligible if one member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:
- Has an income that is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP,

Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline.

- Participates in Tribal specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations.
- Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision.
- · Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income program. TWO STEPS TO ENROLL
- Go to ACPBenefit.org to apply or print out a mail-in application.
- When approved, contact your internet provider. They will inform you of what information they need to enroll you in the ACP and then the discount will be applied to your monthly bill.

KCEC offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

## Propane

For the Month of May, Kit Carson Propane is running a new customer special. New customers will receive \$1.99 per gallon on their first-time delivery. Come Join our Kit Carson Propane family!!

New Customer Referral Program- Earn a \$50 credit when you refer a friend or family member. They must purchase 100 gallons or more of propane. Upon purchase confirmation KCP will apply a \$50 credit towards your next purchase. There is no limit!

PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE.

INFORM OFFICE OF CHANGES TO LOCKS SAFETY IS OUR #1 PRIORITY



#### **CURRENT PRICING**

\*\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*
RESIDENTIAL PRICE - \$3.00/gal
BOTTLE DOCK PRICE - \$3.00/gal
FIRST FILL (NEW CUSTOMERS) - \$1.99/gal

#### **Kit Carson Electric Board of Trustee Elections**

#### **RESUMPTION OF 2020 ELECTIONS**

DISTRICT ONE – MAY 10, 2022 – Taos & surrounding areas - Kit Carson Boardroom DISTRICT THREE – MAY 16, 2022 – Ojo Caliente & surrounding areas – Ojo Caliente District office

DISTRICT FOUR - MAY 18, 2022 - Penasco & surrounding areas - Penasco Community Center

 $DISTRICT\ FIVE-MAY\ 20,\ 2022-Angel\ Fire/Eagle\ Nest\ \&\ surrounding\ areas-Angel\ Fire\ Resort$ 

Please contact Carmella Suazo, Assistant Manager for information or questions regarding upcoming elections scheduled to be held in May 2022.

## **Board of Trustees**

Bobby Ortega	President	Questa	District 2
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Bruce Jassman	Treasurer	Angel Fire	District 5
David Torres	Trustee	Arroyo Seco	District 1
Robert Bresnahan	Trustee	Valle Escondido	District 1
Luisa Valerio Mylet	Trustee	Pot Creek	District 1
Bernie Torres	Trustee	Costilla	District 2
Arturo Rodarte	Trustee	Ojo Caliente	District 3
Russ Coyle	Trustee	Angel Fire	District 5
Michael Romero	Trustee	Vadito	District 4

Next Board of Trustee monthly Board meeting will be held
May 31, 2022 at 9:00 am.

# Community

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF DISTRICT FIVE FOR THE ELECTION OF TWO TRUSTEES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions of Article II and III of the ByLaws of Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. a special meeting of the Members of District Five, as defined in the Bylaws as the area, east of Palo Flechado Hill including the Moreno Valley, will be held at Angel Fire Resorts, Angel Fire, NM at the hour of 9:00 o'clock a.m., on Tuesday, May 20, 2022, to take action upon the following matters:

#### 1. The election of two Trustees

In connection with the election of two Trustees scheduled for this meeting, the following eligible and qualified individuals have been nominated for Trustee by petition signed by at least fifty (50) members residing in District Five:

Bruce Jassmann Angel Fire Russ Coyle Angel Fire

KIT CARSON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

By: Manuel Medina, Secretary



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EMERGENCY LINE-LOCATES: 1-800-321-2537

QUESTA OFFICE: (575) 586-2113 Closed until further notice

**KIT CARSON INTERNET:** (575) 758-4838 or 1-800-758-4820

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