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KCEC Forest Fire Mitigation Update: June 21, 2024

Taos, New Mexico – Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) will continue providing members with periodic updates regarding its efforts to mitigate forest fires and keep its members informed. KCEC is increasing its communication with members to increase transparency on the cooperative's strategy during these upcoming hot summer months. The weather has provided substantially needed rain, but it does not prevent the potential start of wildfires in the area. KCEC electric and internet crews are working diligently to identify and work on possible issues that may reduce service interruptions. This includes low-clearance utility lines and hazard trees and ensuring that the KCEC infrastructure works efficiently.

As part of our action plan, we are currently attempting to identify KCEC members who require electricity or internet to power medical devices or medication. Your communication with us is vital. We encourage you to contact KCEC if you or a family member have a medical device or medication dependent on electricity. KCEC wants to respect members' privacy and will keep all information confidential. KCEC's goal is to identify the needs of our communities by planning accordingly. The more information we have allows KCEC to make better decisions on allocating crews and services. Again, please get in touch with KCEC if you or a family member have a medical device that requires electricity or internet.

Contact for Placement on KCEC Medical Devices or Medication List:

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KCEC crews are patrolling, monitoring and tree trimming in the following designated areas:

Black Lake, Tres Ritos, Town of Taos area, Cabresto Canyon, Taos Canyon and Upper Red River.

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