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KCEC Forest Fire Mitigation Update: August 1, 2024

Taos, New Mexico— Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) will continue its forest fire prevention measures throughout the month of August. KCEC's operations and crews have diligently worked on electrical and internet infrastructure to minimize service interruptions. KCEC monitors weather conditions across its service territory and will take appropriate action as needed. KCEC crews have responded to more service disruptions due to devices being on non-reclose, showing the success of the safety protocols in place.

KCEC would like to thank its members for their patience during power service disruptions. Most of KCEC's equipment is on non-reclosing, which means that if any object comes into contact with a power line, the power will shut off. Crews then patrol to ensure the line and equipment are safe and free from objects before restoring power, a process that may take time, depending on the outage. KCEC aims to mitigate the potential threat of a piece of equipment or electrical line causing a fire.

As KCEC continues implementing its fire prevention protection plan, the safety of our communities is our top priority as we provide essential services. KCEC encourages members to contact our offices if they notice any dangers that could interfere with an electrical line or cause a power disruption.

KCEC will inform and update community members of any future planned outages and information regarding the wildfire conditions.

For further information, please get in touch with CEO Luis Reyes at lreyes@kitcarson.com or COO Richard Martinez at rmartinez@kitcarson.com.

About Kit Carson Electric Cooperative

Formed in 1944, Kit Carson is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative in northern New Mexico and the second-largest cooperative in the state. It is one of 16 electric cooperatives that serve rural New Mexico communities, serving nearly 30,000 members in Taos, Colfax and Rio Arriba counties. To learn more about Kit Carson, visit www.kitcarson.com.