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KCEC Forest Fire Mitigation Update: August 29, 2024

Taos, New Mexico—Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) wants to keep its members informed about its ongoing forest fire mitigation efforts in the area it serves. After analyzing the data and considering the significant amount of precipitation in the region, KCEC is resuming normal operations for all its protective devices. The cooperative will systematically proceed with its tree trimming and maintenance program while closely monitoring the weather to take necessary actions.

KCEC's ongoing tree trimming and maintenance are top priorities as we move into the harsh winter months. KCEC crews are working diligently to reduce service interruptions by inspecting and tightening electric and internet infrastructure and patrolling and monitoring electric and fiber optic lines.

KCEC crews have cut and maintained the following areas:

- Upper Red River
- Taos Canyon
- Rockwall to Tres Ritos
- Idlewild
- Vallecitos
- La Madera
- Black Lake
- Cabresto Canyon

KCEC crews have strategically worked in these high-exposure areas identified through satellite imagery-assisted applications and internal KCEC operations.

KCEC would like to inform its members that the annual substation maintenance schedule is set for the month of September. During this period, our crews will perform preventive maintenance on all substations within the service area. Please be aware that unforeseen circumstances may arise, potentially extending the duration of the maintenance. This includes maintenance on

substations that may not directly affect members. There may be minimal impact on internet services as well. Below, you will find the schedule of dates, times, and affected areas for the maintenance of the corresponding substations as part of the planned preventive maintenance for 2024.

KCEC continues to uphold all safety measures and maintains close operation of the electric and internet services, particularly in areas densely populated with forests. KCEC encourages members to contact it if they notice any dangers that could interfere with an electrical line or cause a power disruption.

We will continue to inform and update community members of any future planned outages and information regarding the extreme wildfire conditions. Rest assured, KCEC has crews on standby to address power disruptions.

KCEC wants to thank members, businesses and organizations for their patience and assistance during the dangerously high heat season. KCEC understands the importance of reducing extreme catastrophes in its area and is proactively working to ensure our members have critical services.

For any questions or concerns, please contact 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 is the second largest cooperative in the state. Kit Carson 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.

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