

KCEC Monthly Newsletter



March 2025 Edition

Message from the CEO

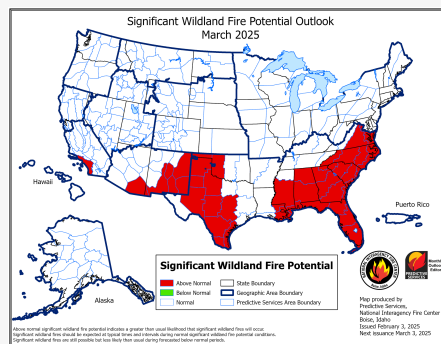
KCEC Proactive Forest Fire Mitigation and Prevention Resources for Members

Taos, NM - Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) continues to work in collaboration with the Carson National Forest, New Mexico State Forestry, Taos County, Taos Ski Valley, UNM-Taos, and the Taos County Chamber of Commerce to share information and resources with our communities. KCEC's top priority is to proactively prepare for and be ready for the upcoming fire season and extreme weather events.

Extreme weather events and forest fires don't respect boundaries. We must work together to prepare for the upcoming wildfire season. Uncertainty remains at the federal level, so our communities must be ready and coordinated as we approach this high-fire danger period. We must take more proactive and rigorous steps to ensure the safety of our communities. Our families and neighbors live and work in this region, and it is our responsibility to keep them safe and protect them.

According to the National Interagency Coordination Center, the potential risk for a wildland fire is above normal for the upcoming months. An above-normal significant wildland fire potential indicates a greater likelihood that significant wildland fires will occur.

For more outlooks and information regarding upcoming fire potential, please visit the NRIC website



KCEC has three maintenance crews dedicated primarily to tree trimming and maintenance. Each month, KCEC updates the areas being serviced as the crews continue their work. The KCEC teams are working hard to minimize service interruptions by inspecting and tightening our electric and internet infrastructure and patrolling and monitoring our electrical and fiber optic lines.

For more information on forest fire mitigation resources, please visit kitcarson.com. These resources can help members prepare for wildfire events and provide steps homeowners can take to protect their properties. KCEC encourages members to review



this information and take the necessary precautions for their families and homes. This guidance will also be beneficial when dealing with homeowners' insurance applications or renewals.

*Luis A. Reyes Jr.
Chief Executive Officer*

Sign up to receive text messages regarding outages and updates at www.kitcarson.com

KCEC is 100% Daytime Solar

"Owned By Those WE SERVE"

\$2.74/gal for Residential
\$2.67/gal for Bottle Dock
*Prices subject to change

March Propane Pricing

Community



KCEC Scholarships Available!

KCEC and KCP scholarships applications are now available!

Please see if you qualify!

You can access applications at kitcarson.com or contact **Brianna Trujillo** at btrujillo@kitcarson.com.

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Kit Carson Propane

Kit Carson Propane is now accepting applications for 2025 Vocational Scholarship. For more information and to apply, please visit our website, stop by our office, or give us a call. The application deadline is April 11, 2025.

Did you know we offer a budget billing plan to help you manage your propane costs? This plan provides you with a consistent, predetermined monthly payment, calculated by averaging your past year's usage.

Budget billing effectively smooths out seasonal fluctuations in your propane bill, providing a predictable monthly cost regardless of weather changes. You'll still only pay for the actual propane you use, with any over or underpayments adjusted annually based on your actual usage. If you're interested in learning more about our budget billing plan and how it can benefit you, please call our office today. We'd be happy to discuss your options.

If you're considering selling your home and you currently lease a propane tank from Kit Carson Propane, please remember that the tank cannot be included in the sale. To verify ownership of your propane tank and avoid any billing discrepancies after the sale, please call our office today. We'll be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your continued interest in KCP's annual customer sale. We understand that customers look forward to a discount on their propane purchase. Unfortunately, KCP has made the difficult decision to postpone the annual customer sale. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to serving you in the future.

Current Prices:

- Member Residential: \$2.74 per gallon
- Bottle Dock: \$2.67 per gallon

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Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. Helps Aid Federal Employees Separated from Employment

During these trying times, KCEC will assist federal employees who are separated from employment. KCEC understands the financial obligations of federal employees during this difficult time. We are here to help our members and the communities we serve.

KCEC will not disconnect electric, internet or propane services for federal employees who have been separated from employment; however, to avoid disconnection of service it is important that you contact KCEC, KCI and KCP to establish a payment arrangement.

We want to thank you for being a valuable member and appreciate you. KCEC understands the value of community and the importance of our members. To be eligible for one-time credits please respond to KCEC, KCI and KCP by March 31, 2025. If you would like more information about this topic, please contact customer service at 575-751-9064 or via email at csr@kitcarson.com.



Kit Carson Internet

We want to take a moment to express our gratitude to our loyal consumers and members who support us at Kit Carson Internet. Your continued support motivates us to improve and overcome any challenges we face.

Beginning April 1, 2025, a 3% convenience fee will be applied to all credit and debit card transactions.

There will be no convenience fee if you choose to use a checking account. If you are currently on autopay with a credit or debit card and wish to switch to a checking account, please provide us with a voided check or a picture of your check, and a customer service representative will gladly update your information.

If you already know your routing number and account number, you can make these changes through the payment portal at <https://vportal.visp.net/kitcarson/>. To avoid any errors, we will not accept check information over the phone.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 575-758-4838. With a mild winter behind us, we will soon begin our digging operations again. We have observed a significant decrease in the frost line, which will allow our crews to start digging sooner than expected. Thank you for being a valued Kit Carson Internet customer.

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