

KCEC Monthly Newsletter



October 2025 Edition

Message from the CEO

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative Wildfire Mitigation Update: Returning to Normal Operation

Taos, NM – Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) continues to make progress in its wildfire mitigation and grid resilience programs. All electrical infrastructure is operating normally, and vegetation management remains a priority. KCEC is accelerating the deployment of AI-enabled cameras and weather stations in the most fire-prone areas that will complement the community microgrids.

By pairing microgrids with privacy-preserving edge-AI detection, we're building a smarter, more resilient grid that protects people, communities, and our forests. This is about early detection, faster response, and keeping essential services online when they're needed most. Fire risk never goes away. That's why KCEC stays vigilant every day, enhancing safety measures, upgrading infrastructure, and standing ready to respond when our community needs us most.

KCEC continues to implement work in the following areas:

Infrastructure & Vegetation Management

- All electrical systems have resumed regular operation after the forecasted cold weather season.
- The Internet division is still doing routine maintenance and system upgrades.
- Substation maintenance is complete, further enhancing system reliability.
- Tree trimming and vegetation management remain ongoing priorities to reduce ignition risk from overhead lines and maintain safe clearances.

Technology Deployment: KCEC is advancing its wildfire defense strategy by installing and utilizing Edge AI cameras, weather stations, satellite imagery tools, and community microgrids in the most fire-prone areas.

KCEC crews are continuing maintenance work on the Ranchitos Circuit and performing tree trimming along the Ranchos Circuit along NM State Road 240. In addition to this scheduled work, various service orders are being addressed throughout the service territory, with a particular focus on streetlight repairs and other miscellaneous tasks to improve reliability and safety across the system.

KCEC is making strong progress on wildfire mitigation, microgrids, hydrogen integration, and solar-plus-storage projects to improve reliability and resilience. The microgrid and hydrogen projects are advancing through design and procurement phases, with groundbreaking targeted for late 2025. At the same time, solar developments like Amalia II are on track for commercial operation by December 2025. Please see more at kitcarson.com



Luis A. Reyes Jr.
Chief Executive Officer

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October Propane Pricing

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When you enroll in online bill pay, you can view your bill via email QUICK CONVENIENT and EASY! All you need is an EMAIL ADDRESS! Call KCEC Offices to Get Started.



KCEC is proud to support DreamTree Project's 4th Annual Radio fundraiser with KNCE True Taos Radio on November 12th & 13th. DreamTree offers comprehensive support to the community by addressing the housing crisis through various initiatives, including transitional living, an emergency youth shelter, outreach and prevention programs. If you want to give to a local nonprofit, we encourage you to support DreamTree's impactful work. Tune in to 93.5 KNCE True Taos Radio and be part of our journey toward creating a better tomorrow. Thank you for your generosity, compassion, and commitment to DreamTree Project's cause.



Kit Carson Propane

As winter approaches, it's crucial to prepare your residential propane tank to ensure safe and efficient operation throughout the colder months. Taking a few proactive steps now can save you headaches and potential hazards later.

Clear the Area Around Your Tank

- **Remove Snow and Ice:** Regularly clear snow and ice from around your tank, especially from the regulator and connections. A build-up can block vents and cause malfunctions.
- **Keep a Clear Path:** Ensure a clear and accessible path to your tank for deliveries and emergency services. This is especially important during heavy snowfall.
- **Remove Debris:** Clear any leaves, branches, or other flammable debris from the area around the tank.

Inspect Your Tank and Connections

- **Check for Leaks:** Periodically check for propane leaks. A rotten egg smell is the most common indicator. If you suspect a leak, immediately evacuate the area and contact Kit Carson Propane.
- **Examine Hoses and Fittings:** Look for cracks, wear, or damage on hoses and fittings. Report any issues.
- **Verify Regulator Operation:** The regulator reduces the pressure of the propane as it leaves the tank. Ensure it is clear of snow and ice and appears to be functioning correctly.
- Please clear the area around your tank.

Please note that prices for our propane or services are subject to change at any time. Such changes may occur without prior notice. Thank you for your understanding.

Member Residential \$2.80 per gallon

Bottle Dock \$2.70 per gallon

Community

KCEC Supports Taos Feeds Taos! Consider Donating to the Annual Taos Feeds Taos Project



Dear Taos Feeds Taos Supporter:

Your past support of our program is greatly appreciated. Taos Feeds Taos is operated entirely by volunteers. For the past four years, we have distributed vouchers to our clients that are redeemed at Super Save. It has been an enormous success. We have received a great deal of positive feedback from the recipients of the vouchers.

Your contribution is as vital as ever with the high price of food and basic living expenses for our clients. Without your support, our community services would not exist. We hope to distribute vouchers worth \$125 in groceries. Please consider donating to the annual Taos Feeds Taos project. We assist all of Taos County, including Costilla, Amalia, Cerro, Questa, and the south, as well as Peñasco and its surrounding areas. Thank you. See more at taosfeedstaos.org
Francis A. Cordova, President



Kit Carson Internet

Beat the Freeze—Get Connected Before Winter Hits!

Time is running out! Our crews are in your area right now, but once the ground freezes, new connections can be delayed until spring. Don't miss your chance for the fastest, smoothest installation—schedule today and stay connected all winter long.

Why Act Fast?

- **Crews on the ground today:** Installations are still moving quickly before freeze-up.
- **Skip the wait list:** Avoid long winter delays and spring scheduling backlogs.
- **Cleaner, easier work:** Softer soil means less mess and smoother yard restoration.
- **Winter-ready internet:** Be prepared for streaming, gaming, and work-from-home without interruptions.

Act now to lock in your spot. Once the ground freezes, your wait could stretch into spring.

You can reach us at 575-758-4838 or visit us at 116 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, NM, next to Kit Carson Electric Coop. You can also sign up for your fiber optic drop at www.kitcarson.com.



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