

KCEC Monthly Newsletter



March 2026 Edition

Message from the CEO

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative Advances Its Rural Microgrids to Protect Northern New Mexico Communities Amid Upcoming Extreme Wildfire Risk

As Northern New Mexico faces an increasingly severe wildfire season driven by prolonged drought and record-low precipitation, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) is continuing construction and design of critical microgrid infrastructure to ensure rural communities maintain access to essential electric services during emergencies.

KCEC is currently operating under heightened awareness, given minimal precipitation throughout the winter months and the resulting elevated wildfire risk across Northern New Mexico. With conditions indicating a very high probability of wildfire activity, KCEC is taking a proactive, operationally focused approach to reduce the likelihood of wildfire ignition within its service territory. This includes advancing resilient infrastructure projects, strengthening system preparedness, and implementing preventive measures designed to protect communities, critical services, and the landscapes we serve.

Microgrids play a uniquely vital role in rural Northern New Mexico, where geographic isolation, long distribution lines, limited access routes, and extreme weather conditions significantly increase the risk and impact of power disruptions. For many KCEC communities, electricity is directly tied to public safety, water systems, emergency response, healthcare access, communications, and heating.

KCEC's microgrid projects in Taos, El Rito West, and Peñasco are designed to provide localized, resilient power during wildfire events, public safety power shutoffs, and other grid disruptions, ensuring critical services remain operational when needed most.

The Taos microgrid 60% design is currently under review, while El Rito West's 60% design is nearing completion and expected imminently. Peñasco is progressing in parallel. These systems integrate battery energy storage and advanced controls to enable islanded operation, supporting community resilience during prolonged outages. The batteries for the microgrid projects are currently on order, marking a significant milestone in advancing construction readiness.

See the full press release at kitcarson.com



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Chief Executive Officer

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March Propane Pricing

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Matilda Duran Gonzalez

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees unanimously appoints Matilda Duran Gonzalez to represent District 4. View full press release at kitcarson.com.

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Kit Carson Propane

Kit Carson Propane is proud to support the next generation of skilled professionals in our community! We are encouraging all 2026 high school seniors pursuing a career in a trade or vocational field to apply for the Kit Carson Propane Trade and Vocational Scholarship. This \$1,000.00 award is intended to help offset the costs of tuition, books, or tools for students entering vocational programs, trade schools, or community college technical programs. The scholarship will be paid in two increments: one at the start of the first semester and a second upon successful completion of the first term. Key Deadline: All applications must be received by April 10, 2026. To learn more about eligibility requirements and to download the application form, please call our office today!

As the weather fluctuates, remember to check and clear any snow, ice, or debris from your propane tank's regulator and any exterior vents and flues. Proper venting is crucial for the safe operation of your heating systems and appliances.

Managing your heating costs shouldn't be a burden. We offer several flexible payment plan options designed to help you budget effectively throughout the year. Whether you prefer a level payment plan or scheduled delivery payments, we have a solution for you. Please call the office to discuss which plan works best for your household budget!

Kit Carson Propane is committed to giving back through the Neighbors Helping Neighbors program, which provides assistance to local families facing difficulties covering their heating expenses. This vital program is funded by community donations and contributions. If you would like to contribute or need information on how to apply for assistance, please contact our office.

Community

KCEC and KCP Student Scholarships! Apply Now

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative is proud to support students who are ready to take the next step toward college or a career in the trades. Whether you're heading to a university, trade school, or vocational program, there's financial support available to help you succeed.

- Don't miss this opportunity to invest in your education and your future.
- Kit Carson Electric and Propane scholarships are available. See full details and apply at kitcarson.com/community/scholarships.
- Deadline to submit: Electric - March 31, 2026, Propane - April 10, 2026



Apply Now!



Kit Carson Internet

When everything is going up, your internet bill is going down. Effective April 1, 2026, Kit Carson Internet is increasing speeds and delivering more value, without increasing your costs.

More performance. More reliability. More for our members. It feels like prices are rising everywhere you look, from groceries to cell service providers to streaming. You name it.

At Kit Carson Internet, we believe our members deserve something different.

In the coming months, you'll see:

- 🚀 Speed upgrades
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All built with one goal in mind: giving our members the best possible internet experience at the best possible value.

Because we're not a big corporation focused on profits, we're a member-driven cooperative focused on you.

Stay tuned for exciting new offerings coming soon.

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