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Your Socorro Electric Cooperative Inc. Enacts Forest Fire Mitigation Measures

Socorro, New Mexico – Socorro Electric Cooperative (SEC) is now enacting our forest fire mitigation measures. These measures are in place to ensure minimal risk of forest fire caused by downed power lines, debris, or animal contact with lines. We have contracted with Windy Tree Trimming Services to conduct year-round tree trimming throughout our service territory. Tree trimming and the mitigation plans we have in place will help prevent SEC power lines from starting catastrophic fires.

SEC's fire mitigation plan is a proactive plan to place specific lines and breakers on what we call a one-shot setting. If anything arcs or comes in contact with our lines, our system shuts down that line immediately without trying to reclose the breaker. If this happens, it will cause an extended outage because our crews must patrol the lines and find the issue before reclosing the breakers. Implementing this protocol for high-fire danger weather is the best way to prevent powerline-caused fires.

The areas that will be placed on one-shot are:

North Area

- Paradise
- Veguita Fire Station
- Las Nutrias
- Lagrima

Socorro Area

- San Acacia East
- Carl Gutierrez
- Hagen
- McElvain
- Pueblito
- Chaparral
- Hope Farm Road
- Otero
- Bosquiceto
- San Pedro

West Area

- Muleshoe
- Kelly Road
- Council Rock

- Luera Mountain
- Luera South
- Davenport
- Swingle Canyon Rd
- Pie Town South
- Largo

SEC will inform you about planned outages and information regarding extreme fire danger. SEC is committed to minimizing any fire danger resulting from our power grid.

If you have any questions or need further information, please get in touch with Jerrid Williams, Director of Communications and Public Affairs, at jwilliams@socorroelectric.com.

About Socorro Electric Cooperative Inc.

Founded in 1945, SEC is a member-owned cooperative that serves five counties in south-central and western New Mexico. SEC is also proud to be part of the Tri-State Generation and Transmission Cooperative. To learn more about SEC, visit, www.socorroelectric.com