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Before wildfire season: Inside PNM's wildfire prevention efforts

(Albuquerque, NM) – As rising temperatures and drying fuels increase wildfire risk across New Mexico, PNM is taking an active role in helping communities stay safe and informed. From expanded vegetation management to advanced weather monitoring, PNM is strengthening the electric grid to reduce wildfire risk and minimize outages for customers across the state.

Key activities include:

- **Weather monitoring:** We installed more than 70 weather stations and ignition detection devices across our system. These tools provide real-time monitoring of conditions like humidity, wind speed, rainfall, and temperature, while ignition sensors detect early signs of fire. By spotting risks faster, we can respond more quickly to protect neighborhoods during periods of heightened wildfire danger. This investment in advanced technology is one more way we're working to keep New Mexico safe.
- **Leveraging technology:** We are using advanced technologies to better inspect, assess and monitor conditions of our system including LiDAR equipment, satellite and Uncrewed Aerial Systems, daily situational reports, and AI machine learning.
- **Vegetation management:** We prioritize tree trimming and vegetation clearing around power lines in areas where wildfire risk is highest or where outages would impact the greatest number of people.
- **Infrastructure improvements:** We are upgrading equipment, expanding rightsofway, and hardening the system ahead of peak fire season. This allows for greater remote operability and utilizing tools to reduce the risk of wildfire ignition from power lines.

These efforts help ensure the electric system is as resilient as possible before extreme weather arrives. PNM's wildfire prevention work is only one part of keeping communities safe and customer preparedness is the other. By strengthening the electric system and sharing clear information before wildfire season begins, PNM is helping New Mexicans stay informed, take action, and reduce risk together. Customers can find preparedness tips at [PNM.com/wildfire-safety](https://www.pnm.com/wildfire-safety).

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