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PNM changing system settings over the weekend to reduce wildfire risk

(Albuquerque, NM) – To protect customers and communities, PNM is changing system settings on parts of its system where there is an elevated wildfire risk in response to Red Flag Warnings issued by the National Weather Service.

The enhanced system settings mean an increased chance of extended, weather-related outages today through Sunday, April 13 while the Red Flag Warnings are in effect. These settings cause lines to automatically de-energize when strong winds cause debris, trees, or wildlife to contact lines, reducing the chance of igniting a fire.

The enhanced system settings will be in effect today through Sunday in the following areas:

- Clayton
- Las Vegas
- Santa Fe
- Silver City

Conditions can change rapidly, but as of Friday PNM does not anticipate the need to implement a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) in any of the communities it serves. A PSPS is when PNM is forced to de-energize parts of system during severe weather and wildfire conditions to prevent power lines from becoming an ignition source.

PNM reminds all customers to be prepared for possible power outages. Visit [PNM.com/outage](https://www.pnm.com/outage) for more information.

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