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PNM expands wildfire safety tools with statewide network of weather stations

(Albuquerque, NM) – PNM has installed 66 weather stations across New Mexico, creating a new layer of protection for communities located in High Fire Risk Areas. These stations provide near real-time weather data every five minutes, giving PNM a clearer and more accurate picture of conditions that can increase wildfire danger.

The stations measure temperature, humidity, wind speed, wind direction, and rainfall meaning PNM can monitor conditions and make decisions more effectively. These stations also provide relevant weather information when Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) is considered as a last resort.

“These stations are an investment in community safety,” said Thad Petzold, Associate Director of Wildfire Risk and Vegetation Management for PNM. “They give us real-time information we simply didn’t have before, and that helps us make better decisions during high-risk weather events.”

The data gathered by these stations also strengthens PNM’s forecasting models. When real-time conditions match forecasted conditions, PNM gains confidence in what is expected later in the day or week. This helps the company prepare earlier and more effectively for potential wildfire threats.

Most importantly, these weather stations are an investment in safety. They help PNM operate the grid responsibly, while supporting community safety. They are another way PNM is working to Power New Mexico, Together.

For more information on PNM’s wildfire mitigation efforts, visit [PNM.com/Wildfire-Safety](https://www.pnm.com/Wildfire-Safety).

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About PNM

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