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## **NMPRC to host series of workshops related to wildfire mitigation and preparedness strategies**

### ***First session to focus on resiliency and mitigation planning***

SANTA FE – To help initiate robust dialogue and proactive planning among utilities, state agencies, emergency management responders, and other stakeholders regarding wildfire mitigation and preparedness strategies, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC) will host a series of four workshops this year to ensure continued services and grid reliability while gathering insight into essential regulatory considerations. The first session will be held on Thursday, May 8, focusing on resiliency and mitigation planning. An agenda for this session can be found [here](#).

During the initial workshop session, the state's three investor-owned utilities – Public Service Company of New Mexico, El Paso Electric Company, and Southwestern Public Service Company – as well as Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. and the City of Santa Fe each will present an overview on Public Safety Power Shutoff strategies, customer notification processes, and mitigation planning expenditures.

Additionally, representatives from the state's Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department will talk about the role of state government agencies in wildfire mitigation, including a discussion on Emergency Support Function 12, which focuses on the restoration of damaged energy systems and components during emergencies requiring a coordinated federal response, and emergency operations center coordination during such events. The agency's Forestry Division will also provide a breakdown of lessons learned from Calf Canyon/Hermits Peak and South Fork fires, including collaboration with utilities on warning systems and planning processes.

There will also be a discussion of recent relevant legislative actions, such as Senate Memorial 2, which requests the creation of a wildfire study group, and an overview of state and federal policy frameworks impacting wildfire mitigation.

Public comments are encouraged during the session, either in person or online. To sign up to provide comment online, send an email to [public.comment@prc.nm.gov](mailto:public.comment@prc.nm.gov) or by phone at 505-490-7910 no later than 5 p.m. the day before the session. For anyone who would like to provide written comment about this case, you may do so by sending a statement referencing this case to [prc.records@prc.nm.gov](mailto:prc.records@prc.nm.gov).

Subsequent workshop sessions in this series are scheduled to take place on July 17, September 15, and October 23.

Details about the first workshop session are as follows:

- WHO: NMPRC, utilities, other state agencies, emergency management operators, and other stakeholders
- WHAT: First session in a workshop series centered on wildfire mitigation and preparedness strategies, related to case no. 22-00154-UT
- WHEN: Thursday, May 8, 2025, starting at 10 a.m.
- WHERE: Bokum Building, located at 142 W. Palace Ave., Santa Fe, NM 87501; watch online via the NMPRC's YouTube channel

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