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Crews respond to storm-related outages on Hawai'i Island

HILO, Dec. 7, 2021, 4:00 p.m. – Hawaiian Electric crews continue to restore electric service to customers impacted by the storm system that is affecting the state. Gusty winds and fallen trees damaged sections of the island's transmission and distribution system, causing power outages mostly in the southern portion of Hawai'i Island.

Yesterday, crews restored power to about 7,500 customers from Kamaoa to Kealia, Royal Hawaiian Estates, Kurtistown, and Orchid Isle. About 1,200 customers on Wright Road in Volcano and Mauna Loa Estates are experiencing an extended outage due to numerous problem areas caused by winds and vegetation. Crews are also responding to scattered outages in Puna and Kona. Puna areas include Leilani Estates, Nanawale, Hawaiian Beaches, Hawaiian Paradise Park, Ainaloa, Kurtistown, Fern Acres, and Volcano. Kona areas include Kailua, Kaloko, Holualoa, Captain Cook, and Kealia.

The County of Hawai'i has opened shelters at the Kea'au Armory (top of Shipman Park), Na'alehu Community Center, and Pahala Community Center.

Hawaiian Electric also reminds the community to stay at least 30 feet away from downed power lines. Downed power lines are energized and dangerous.

Outage updates are posted on the company's Twitter account @HIElectricLight. To report an outage or downed power line, please call (808) 969-6666.

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