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Please feel free to distribute the following video link with your audiences and constituents. A special thank you to Chase Toler of the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina for a majority of this footage.

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"Over the last five days, our communications team has gone into the Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative service territory to document the damage our crews are responding to. This video encapsulates only a fraction of what's truly out there. To contextualize some of what we've seen, we've shared with members how many broken poles crews have recorded. As of tonight, we know there are 707 broken poles. More will be added to that tally.

Our service territory has the most rugged terrain in the state, which means access to many of these poles poses a unique challenge. While it takes approximately four hours to replace a broken pole, many being replaced now are in areas inaccessible by machinery. This means the poles must be dug and placed by hand, just like they were in 1940 when the cooperative was formed. Some spans of line have as many as 10 broken poles on them. This will be a long process. This is why we have more than 500 personnel working in the field, with additional help on the way.

Our members have been very supportive and patient, and we are grateful for that. Please know we are working as safely and quickly as possible to bring power back to all of our members. Until the very last light is on."

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