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Utility pole being hoisted by crew, making sure of everyone's safety (Photo by Romalita Laban/HT)

Hopi Tutuveni

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - On Indigenous People's Day, October 14, 2019, , while Hopi Tutuveni staff were in the midst of finishing off the October 15th publication, a major delay and challenge presented itself

Due to a heavy-duty loader getting caught up in an optic fiber line, running across and over the main parking lot where major re-surfacing was slated, and subsequently pulling down and cracking the wooden pole the line was attached to, an evacuation of the building was immediately called for, including Hopi Tutuveni office staff.

At approximately 12:45p.m. a loud snap could be heard inside the building followed by loud yelling by the parking lot construction workers. Upon looking out the side emergency door, Tutuveni staff could see the pole located directly outside of the northwest corner of the

Hopi Tribe's Risk Management modular building, was leaning toward the main Administrative building.

Minutes later the Risk Management staff in the building took off outside to see what was going on. Right around the same time, Facilities staff came into the building and began informing staff they needed to get their items and exit the building.

The parking lot project was scheduled to last all day Monday, October 14, 2019 but with no direct effect scheduled to impact the building's occupying program staff. All except for their required assistance in ensuring their program and personal vehicles were not left in the main parking lot were staff expecting any other impacts to their work day.

Staff inside shut down equipment and evacuated in minutes not knowing where they would be relocated while the construction crew, Facilities staff, Hopi Department of

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Staff watching the crane as they work to save the pole (Photo by Romalita Laban/HT)

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