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## **BEL Restores Power to Grid Following Power Interruption Caused by a Bush Fire in the Maskall Area of the Belize District**

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) informs our Customers that the power interruption, which affected several of our service areas earlier today, was caused by a bush fire in the Maskall Area of the Belize District. The fire burnt the heel of one of our transmission line structures, which eventually collapsed, resulting in a fault on the system.



*Figure 1 Burnt heel of transmission line structure caused by bush fire in Maskall Village*

The power interruption impacted supply to our Customers in the Belize, Cayo, Stann Creek, and Toledo Districts, while the Orange Walk and Corozal Districts were not affected. The outage occurred at 8:12 a.m. Power supply was fully restored to Toledo at 8:49 a.m., Stann Creek at 8:47 a.m., the Belize District at 10:45 a.m., and Cayo at 10:46 a.m.

BEL apologizes for the inconvenience caused and thanks our Customers for their patience and understanding.

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