



POWER DELIVERED

Spring 2016

Dear readers,

Spring has arrived - and that means our team is preparing for construction. In certain areas, you'll soon start to see the hustle and bustle of construction activity. But before construction starts early this summer, we'll continue to conduct field surveys and coordinate permit requirements with local officials.

To prepare for construction, we finalized easement agreements with landowners and completed the line's design.

We'll continue to provide you project updates throughout construction. And you'll soon be able to view construction progress on an interactive map at BSETransmissionLine.com.

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SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

Safety is our first priority. To ensure safety for you and our construction crews, don't approach an active construction site. Instead, please:

- **Maintain at least a 100-foot distance between you and the construction crew. Remember, operators of large equipment may not know you are behind them!**
- **Call or email our team if you have questions.**
- **View our online interactive construction map to see construction progress.**

Safety is everyone's responsibility. We appreciate your role in helping to create a safe working environment for you and our construction crews.

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

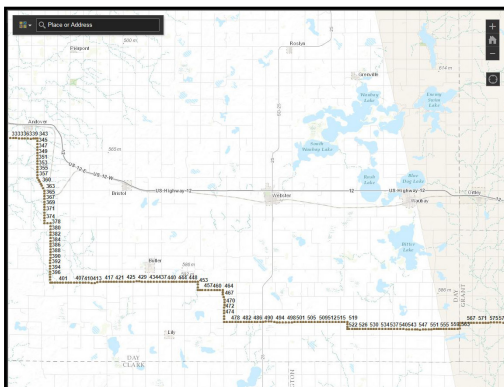
Construction of a new transmission line requires a step-by-step process. As you begin to see construction crews and equipment throughout the project area, use the following construction progress information to identify what phase of construction work is happening in your area.

STARTING IN JUNE YOU'LL NOTICE:

- An increase in traffic due to material deliveries, construction equipment, and crews.
- Road approaches, mats, and gates to identify access areas.
- Damaged crops within the right-of-way due to traffic. We'll compensate landowners for crop damage.
- Stakes to identify structure locations.
- Large drilling equipment, cranes, dump trucks, and concrete trucks to install foundations.

COMING SOON!

An interactive construction map at BSETransmissionLine.com.



SPRING SURVEYS

Soybean Cyst Nematode (SCN) Surveys

SCN testing is almost finished. We'll contact landowners before an SCN survey team accesses their property. These surveys take approximately two hours per parcel to conduct. We'll provide the soil samples to South Dakota State University for analysis and mail the final results to landowners.



Bald Eagle Nest Survey

We'll conduct the bald eagle nest surveys from public access areas.



Grassland Bird Nest Surveys

We'll conduct grassland bird nest surveys in grassland areas.

AREA PROJECTS

Two other transmission line projects are under construction in the area: the Big Stone South-Brookings County 345-kV project and an East River Electric Cooperative project near the James River. If you have questions about activity in your area, check our interactive construction map or contact us.

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