

# Northland Reliability Project

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## Project Updates

Crow Wing, Aitkin, Itasca counties – Spring 2026

# Three construction phases

- **Phase 1 (2025-2026)**  
Segment two and realignments
- **Phase 2 (2026-2027)**  
Benton County Substation to Cuyuna Series Comp Station & realignments
- **Phase 3 (2027-2029)**  
Cuyuna Series Comp Station to Iron Range Substation



# Phase 3 construction

Starting in 2027

## 2026 activities



**Engineering:** Design in progress



**Real Estate:** In progress



▲ Phase 3 right-of-way.

# Real estate process



# Easement process



# What landowners can expect during construction

*We do our best to minimize impacts during construction. The following temporary impacts may occur:*

- Noise, dust and lights for nearby residents
- Equipment (pick-up trucks, tree-clearing machines, drilling rigs and wire-stringing vehicles), materials and construction crews located along the road and in project right-of-way
- Work during daytime hours with potential for some work to be completed outside normal working hours (7 a.m. – 7 p.m.)
- Construction area staking
- Removal of all trees and tall vegetation within the easement area
- Erosion control measures installed to reduce impacts to streams and wetland areas
- Matting to minimize surface disturbance
- Temporary lane and road closures
- Signage and traffic management



**Travelers and snowmobilers be cautious along trails and ditches near active construction sites.**

# Continued project communications



Project email, information line and website with construction map

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Land agent updates and notifications

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Mail and email updates

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Local leader project update presentations

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**Upcoming communication:** Periodic newsletters – both mailed and emailed

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