

## A Word from Minnesota Power

It's been a successful construction season for the Great Northern Transmission Line Project and we continue to remain on schedule, even a little ahead! Crews have been installing foundations and working on the Warroad Series Compensation Station in Segment 1, in addition to setting structures and stringing line in Segment 3. Work continues at the Iron Range Substation and material yard in Segment 4 with clearing started in late August. To keep community leaders informed on important construction milestones, our Project Team presented to the Koochiching and Itasca County Commissioner Boards and the Bearville and Nashwauk Township Boards.

In this newsletter, you'll read about our pre-construction and construction progress. Look inside to see our latest Project Schedule by segment.

Thank you for your ongoing collaboration on this important project for Minnesota Power and our region. We always welcome suggestions for topics to include in future newsletters. Please use the Project contact information to reach out if you have any questions.

- Jim Atkinson Environmental & Real Estate Manager



Helicopter installation of a structure.



Helical pile foundation.



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GreatNorthernTransmissionLine.com

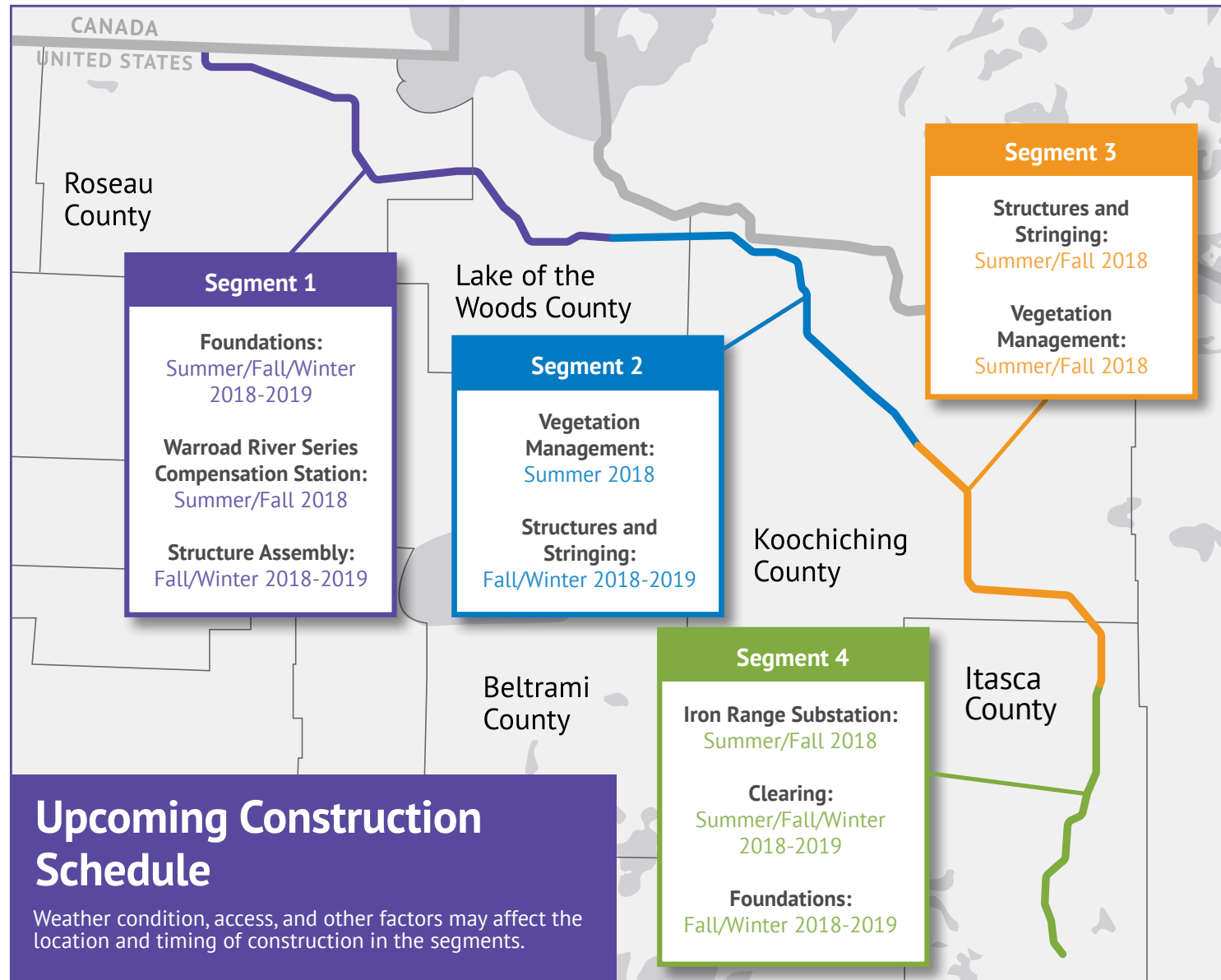


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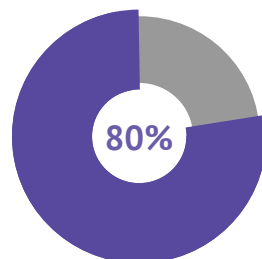
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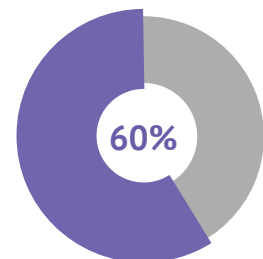
## Project Schedule & Construction Progress



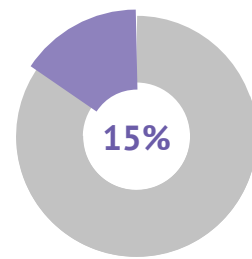
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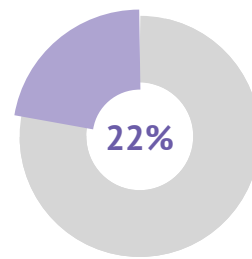
Foundations



Structure  
Setting



Conductor  
Stringing



## Project Highlight: Harvested Trees



**“** *It was quite a success and a great milestone for the project and local communities.* **”**  
 Kyle Larson, GNTL Construction Manager

The Great Northern Transmission Line Project permits have strict requirements when it comes to tree clearing. This includes harvesting merchantable timber instead of disposing it, when practical. During clearing, merchantable trees will be cut to standard logging lengths and stacked within the right-of-way. The harvested timber is then sold to local mills and local firewood markets depending on species of wood and the current market.

The Great Northern Transmission Line team harvested nearly 26,000 cords of timber in Segments 1, 2 and 3 during the 2017-2018 winter clearing season.



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# Project Highlight: Community Update

As part of our ongoing project communication program, members of our project team met with Koochiching and Itasca County Commissioner Board members and the Bearville and Nashwauk Township Board members earlier this summer to give a status update. These presentations were specific to completed, current, and future construction within their area. Board Members were pleased to hear that the project is a few months ahead of schedule and to date there have been minimal issues. Our project team continues to do our best to keep community members and leaders engaged in the project. If you have questions, you're always welcome to contact our project team.



Crews installing spacers on the erected transmission line.