

A Word from Minnesota Power

In October, after much planning, design, and public outreach, construction began on the Great Northern Transmission Line. In mid-September, the Project Team presented to the County Commissioner Boards in Roseau, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, and Itasca counties about this important milestone.

In this newsletter, learn about the pre-construction and construction progress on the Project and gain a better understanding of activities that will be occurring in the coming months. We've highlighted the tree-clearing process and safety reminders about the upcoming firearm deer hunting season and winter snowmobiling.

Look inside to see detailed maps of where snowmobile trails intersect with the Transmission Line and review the Project timeline below.

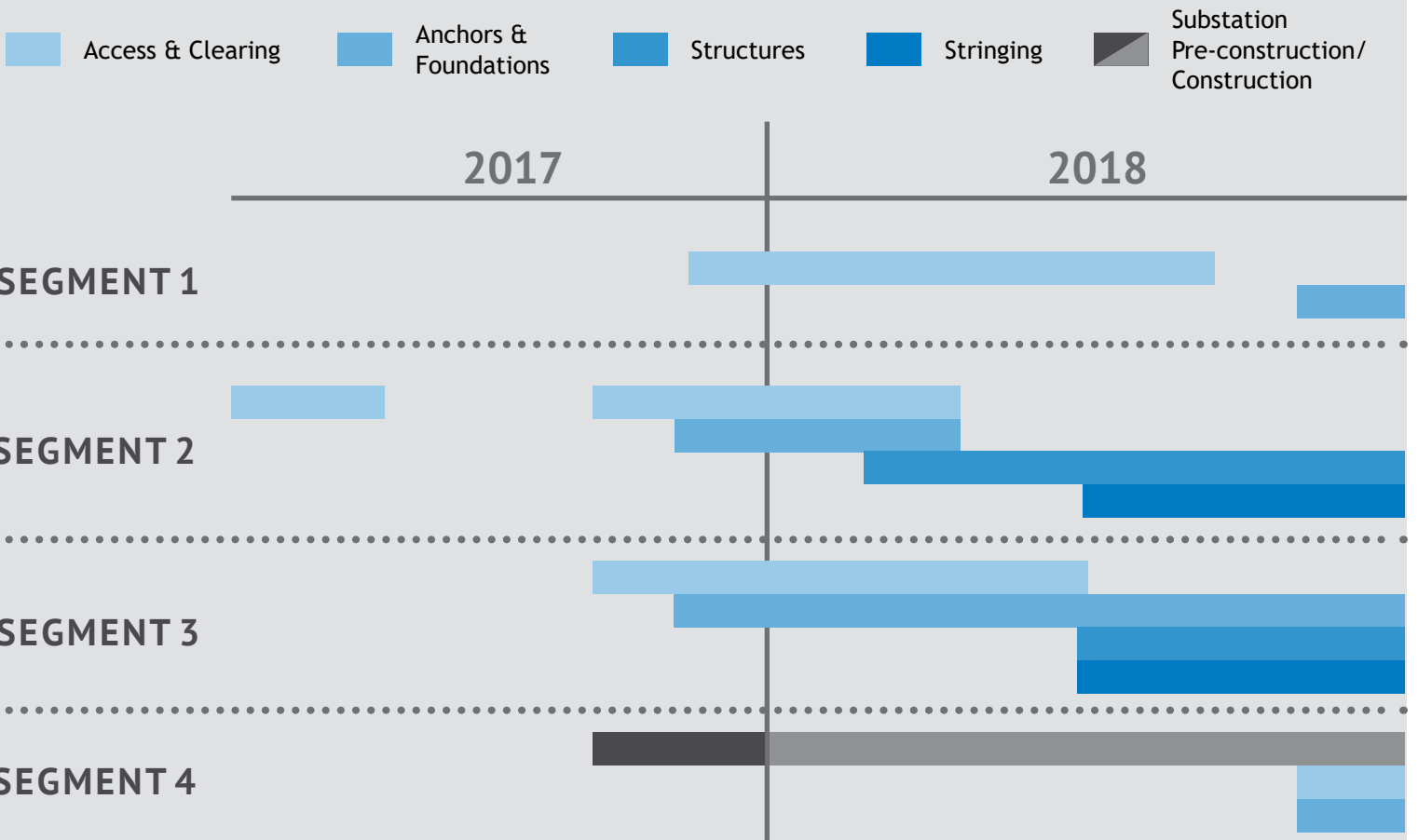
Thank you for your ongoing collaboration on this important project for Minnesota Power and our region. We will continue to use these newsletters to update landowners and the community as the project progresses. Please use the Project contact information to reach out if you have any questions.

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Project Overview Schedule

For a reminder of where each segment is located, please review the map located on the inside of this newsletter.

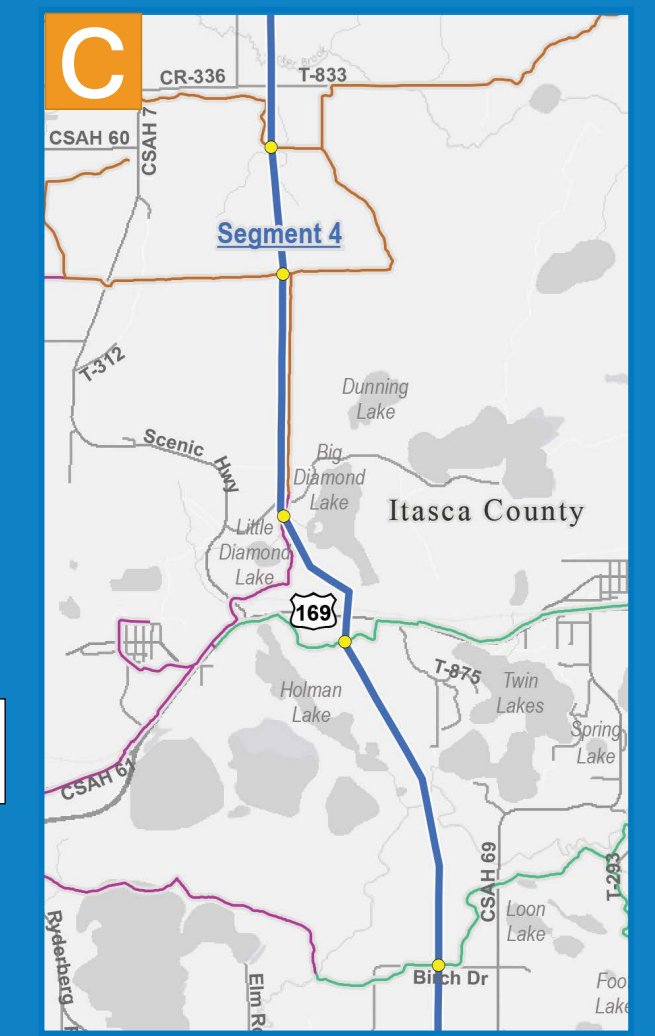
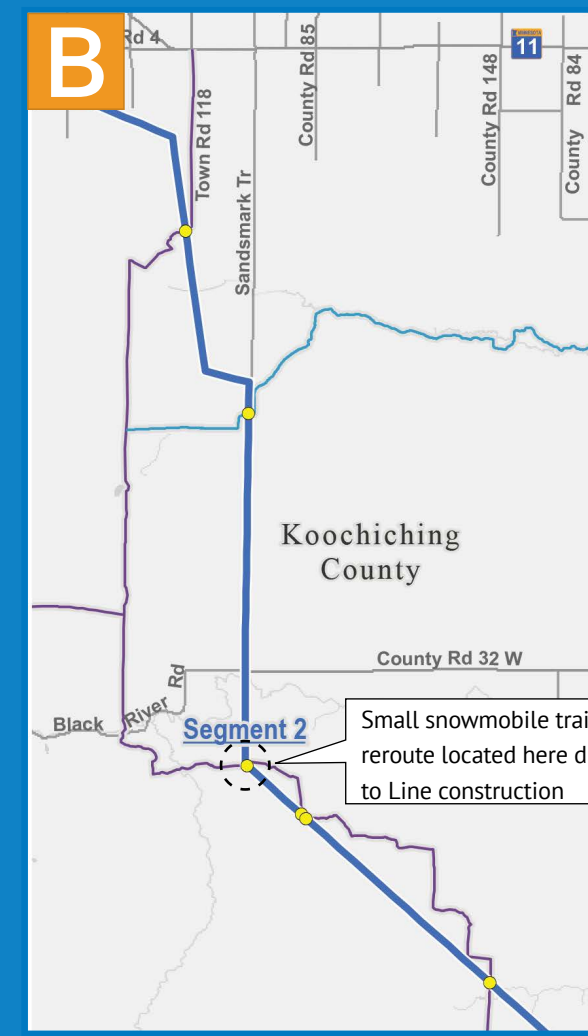
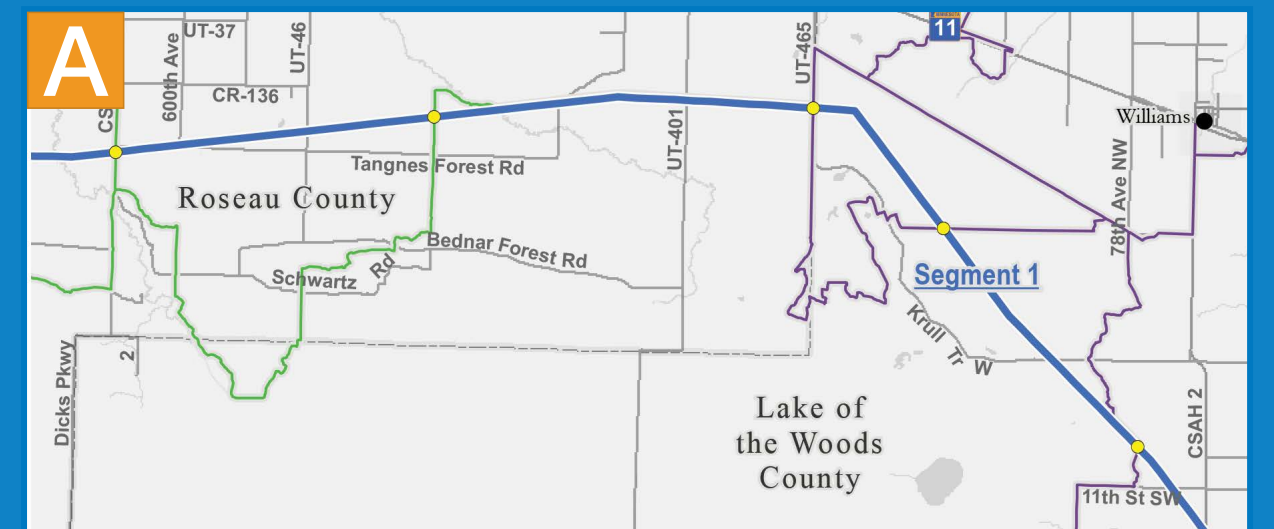
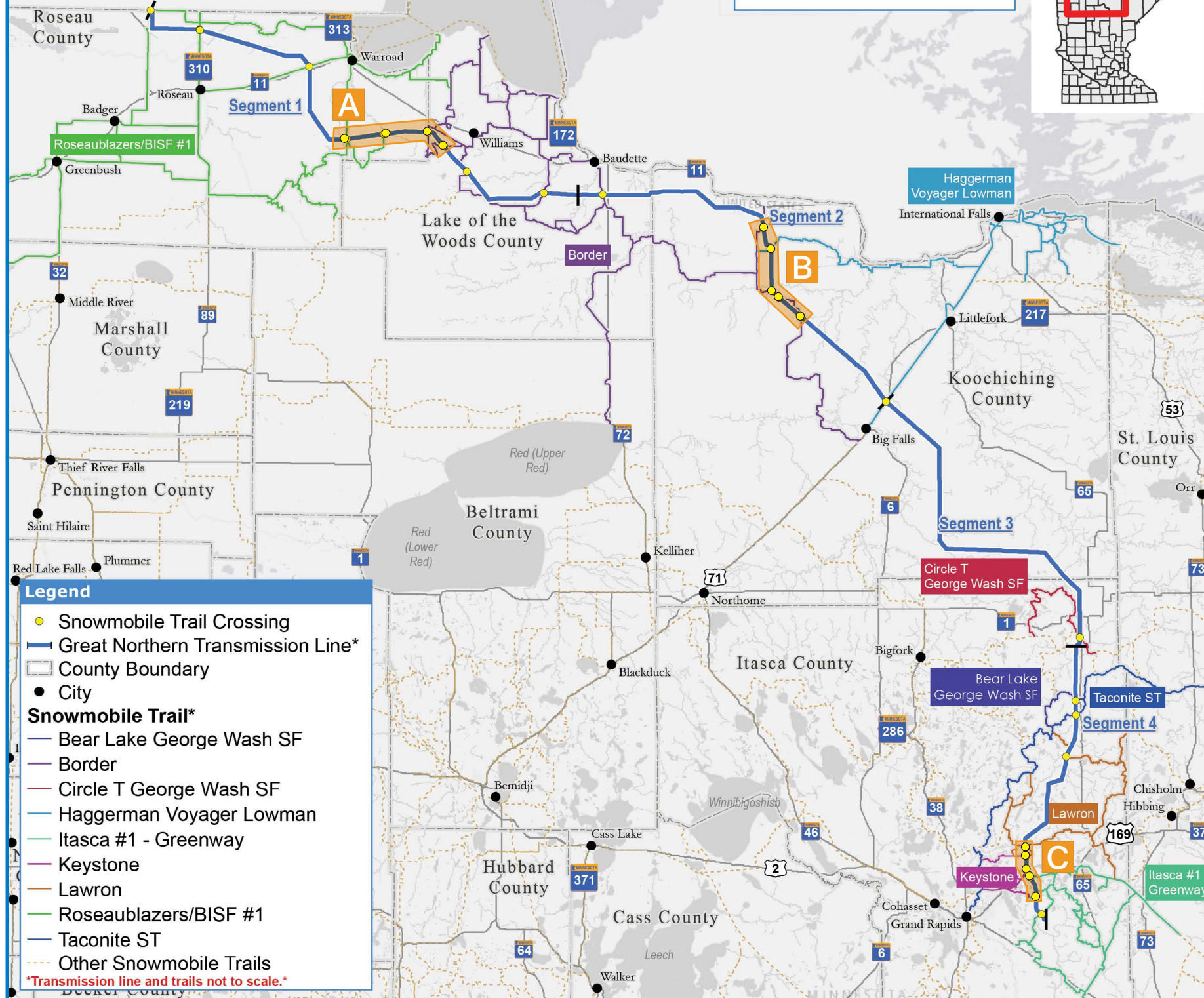
Tree clearing, soil boring, and creation of access road approaches began on Segment 2 in January 2017 and will wrap up this winter. These activities began in Segment 3 and Segment 1 in October 2017. Segment 4 pre-construction activities will begin in 2018.



*2019-2020 construction not shown.


Snowmobile Trails Crossing Maps


Snowmobile trails intersect the Great Northern Transmission Line in 26 locations. These maps can help snowmobilers understand where crossings occur and stay safe while riding.



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SAFETY



Firearm Deer Hunting

Firearm deer hunting season begins in November. The Project will reduce activity during the firearm hunting season. If participating this year, before heading out, please review the Project map to better understand if you will be near construction activities. Construction workers will be wearing high visibility vests.

ENVIRONMENT



Herbicide Use

Herbicides will be applied to control regrowth and invasive vegetation. Notification of herbicide use was provided in the recent landowner mailing. Visit the project website for details.



Snowmobile Trails

There are 26 locations where designated snowmobile trails intersect the new transmission line. Crews are aware of these locations and will maintain the trails throughout the winter if they are impacted by the Project. If additional trails exist that are not shown on the map, please contact the Project Team.



Apiaries

Due to herbicide use, the Project is interested in reaching out to all known bee keepers. If you know of beekeepers or beehives in your area, please reach out to us about its location and contact information.