

Center to Grand Forks Project



▶ CGF Project Weekly Status Report

Case No. PU-09-670

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Week 9

Extraordinary Events

Safety: One: Near Miss Incident

Environmental: None:

Damage: None

Threatened or endangered Species: None

Cultural or Historical: One: New Historical/Archaeological site identified

Attachments: None

Construction Summary To-Date:

Foundations Installed = 55

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Safety

One “Near Miss” Incident occurred in this reporting period.

The Foundation Contractor was working on the foundation for structure 817 when the outer bar to a hoist swivel pin and approximately four (4) feet of cable broke off and fell down – the swivel missed an employee but the cable end grazed employee’s hard hat causing the hard hat to be knocked off. Employee sustained only minor scratches (no injury).

Investigation is underway but believed to be result of mechanical failure of cable & swivel.

Environmental

Additional surveys being scheduled for the first two (2) weeks of July for the Dakota Skipper and avian nesting within specified areas (which have been on hold) within right-of-way.

Work Progress

Survey crews have complete ESA marking to structure 1158 (correction from last week) in Grand Forks Co.

Structure staking has been completed for structures 790 – 972. Further staking on hold until construction begins to catch up.

Tree clearing has progressed to Structure 1334 (Prairie Substation), and started westward from 850 and has reached 790.

Material delivery continues with deliveries of structures to the DI-Foster laydown yard. Twenty three (23) loads worth of material was delivered to DI and eight (8) loads to EI-Griggs yard over the past week.

Foundation installation has completed 815, 817, 819, 854, 861, 866, 870 - 872, 875, over the past week for a total of ten (10) foundations, with fifty five (55) completed total.

Crews completed 90% of civil work at FI-Northwood laydown yard, which will be completed by July 3rd.

Work Planned for Next Week

ROW marking to 1244. ESA marking to Structure 1253.

Structure staking of structures on hold until construction work catches up.

Tree Clearing on hold during holiday break.

Foundation installation of Structures 821, 822, 852, 853, 860, 862 (3 drill rigs).

Land Owner/Public Issues

Land owner in Grand Forks Co. had called complaining about mulch being left on property that they did not approve. Investigation revealed that husband had signed the release form to allow leaving mulch on ROW. Working with land owner to resolve the issue once tree clearing crews return after holiday break.

Extraordinary Events

One Safety “Near Miss”. See above

One Cultural find. See below

Cultural or Historical Events

A new potential historical/archaeological site was found between structures 848-849. The area has been cleared of construction activities and fenced off until a full evaluation can be performed.