

Center to Grand Forks Project



► CGF Project Weekly Status Report

Case No. PU-09-670

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Week 17

Extraordinary Events

Safety: Forklift incident

Environmental: Forklift Incident

Damage: None

Threatened or endangered Species: None

Cultural or Historical: None

Attachments: None

Construction Summary To-Date:

Foundations Installed = 204

Structures Set = 80

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Safety

On Friday August 24th while moving a heavy duty forklift along 12th St NE just east of ND-1 and Binford ND, an operator was driving the equipment in the incorrect ravel mode and lost control of the forklift while going down a hill and ended up driving off the side of the road and rolling the forklift into a wetland area. There were no injuries. There was less than one (1) gallon of fuel and hydraulic oil that was spilled. The spill was rapidly contained (within minutes), the forklift uprighted and towed out of the wetland onto higher and flat stable ground. Containment was placed under the equipment until mechanics could tow it on Monday, August 27th to shop for repairs.

Cause of this incident was the forklift being in 4-wheel creep mode, which is used at a site location to steer the forklift in tight spots and results in front and back wheels behaving/turning in opposite directions. When the operator was driving down the hill it caused the steering to become unstable and thus the loss of control.

Environmental Inspector and Construction Manager reviewed the scene during, after clean-up, and follow-up review on Monday, August 27th. The area was properly cleaned up and the wetland restored. There should be no long term impacts to the wetland or surrounding areas. Crew training on forklift operations and safety has been completed.

Environmental

Deep soil monitoring at foundation locations along the Sheyenne River were completed with no additional environmental discoveries or issues.

Please note the environmental portion of the incident along 12th St NE described above.

Work Progress

Survey crews have complete ESA marking to 1253 in Grand Forks Co.

Structure staking has been completed for structures 788 – 1077.

Tree clearing has been completed through 350 working westward.

Material delivery continues with deliveries of structures to the DI-Foster and EI-Griggs laydown yard. Twenty two (22) loads to EI-Griggs yard, and five (5) loads to FI-Northwood, and eleven (11) loads to DI-Foster yard over the past week.

Foundation installation has completed 917-920, 944, 955-957, 976, 979-981, 990-993, 1002-1007, 1020-1022 over the past week for a total of 25 foundations, with 204 completed total.

Hauled structures 21 structures to site locations, framed 17 structures, and set structures 832-835, 839-844, 867, 871, 886-887 over the past week with 80 completed total.

Crews are performing civil work on BI-Wilton laydown area.

Work Planned for Next Week

ROW marking to 1253, then to start westward.

ESA marking to Structure 1253. Structure staking of structures to 1085.

Tree Clearing starting at 400 working westward to 350.

Foundation installation of Structures 973, 977-978, 994-999, 1008-1019, 1028-1032, 1037, 1041-1043.

Line contractor to hold two (2) days of detailed OSHA & Safety training, then mobilize to Center

Substation for preparation for 230kV Tie Line work
next week..

Land Owner/Public Issues

None

Cultural or Historical Events

None

Extraordinary Events

None

Structure Move Requests

None