

## MINNESOTA FIELD SURVEYS

Otter Tail Power Company and Missouri River Energy Services are conducting various field surveys as part of the Big Stone South to Alexandria transmission line project. Environmental, cultural, and land surveys allow the project team to verify or collect new information about the proposed route. This information is used to help design the route and minimize impacts from structure locations and construction of the transmission line.

Field surveys are anticipated to begin in the second half of 2026. Anticipated timeframes and descriptions for each field survey is in the table below. Not all surveys in the list will take place on every parcel.

Survey permission will be requested from landowners prior to survey teams accessing private property. Upon permission to enter landowner property, our land agents will continue to coordinate with individual landowners and upon request, their respective tenants, prior to and during field surveys so that everyone is informed when our project team will be present on the property.

Survey Type	Survey Location	Survey Description	Anticipated Survey Timeframe*
<b>ALTA and topographic</b>	Along the MN Public Utilities Commission approved project route	Survey crews verify land parcel boundaries, easement area boundaries and specific structure locations. <i>Property access required for walking and occasional UTV vehicle.</i>	Summer 2026 through Spring 2027
<b>Soil borings</b>	At each anticipated structure location along the proposed centerline of the transmission line	Survey crews perform soil borings at anticipated structure locations to evaluate soil types. <i>Property access required for walking and soil boring rig.</i>	Spring 2027 through Fall 2027
<b>Stick nest surveys</b>	Approximately 1-mile from each side of the proposed transmission line	Survey crews will look for raptor nests. Most surveys can be done from public rights of way. <i>Property access required for walking.</i>	Winter 2026 through Spring 2027
<b>Aquatic resource delineations</b>	Approximately 150 ft from each side of the proposed transmission line	Survey crews will verify wetlands. <i>Property access required for walking and soil sampling.</i>	Fall 2026 and Spring/Summer 2027
<b>Threatened and endangered species habitat surveys</b>	Approximately 250 ft from each side of the proposed transmission line	Survey crews identify potential habitat for various protected wildlife species. <i>Property access required for walking.</i>	Fall 2026 and Spring/Summer 2027
<b>Cultural resources</b>	Approximately 250 ft from each side of the proposed transmission line	Survey crews, along with tribal representatives, review areas for archaeological and architectural history resources. <i>Property access required for walking and limited shovel testing at potential sites.</i>	Fall 2026 and Spring/Summer 2027

\*All surveys may be conducted now through construction

## CONTACT YOUR LAND AGENT FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

