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Survey Activities

In the summer of 2023, our environmental consultant, Tetra Tech, performed environmental activities to help inform our route refinement process. These activities included mapping all raptor nests within a half-mile of the project area, conducting habitat assessments, and mapping all wetlands and other water features within the proposed rights-of-way.

As we continue to refine our proposed route, we will leverage the environmental data collected to date as well as input received from landowners, community and environmental groups, Tribal Nations, trade associations, and state and local government officials. We will incorporate this feedback into the proposed route that will be included in our regulatory filings.

We performed ground-based civil surveys to locate and map property corners and ground features. In November, we conducted a light detection and ranging (LiDAR) survey using fixed-wing aircraft. LiDAR uses precise laser scanning technology that provides highly accurate terrain information, including elevation data, which we will incorporate into our routing and design processes.



Our Commitment to Local Communities



We are excited to announce that we partnered with the Cherokee Strip Community Foundation to create the Three Corners Connector Community Investment Plan (CIP). The CIP is dedicated to providing grant funding to the 3CC host communities in Cimarron and Texas Counties in Oklahoma. On behalf of the CIP, the Cherokee Strip Community Foundation developed the Community Advisory Committee, composed of Cimarron and Texas County residents who identify and award grants to non-profit organizations that provide meaningful contributions to their respective counties. The

Advisory Committee carefully reviewed grant applications and determined funding for projects and programs expected to have significant benefits for the host communities. Please visit the Community Investment page of our website to see the full list of grant recipients from the December 2023 award round.

Funding for the CIP will be distributed through two grant cycles per year, with submission deadlines set for May 15 and November 15, and grant dollars will be allocated proportionally based on the length of line sited in each county. 501(c)(3) non-profits and government entities are eligible to apply. If there are non-profits who support Oklahoma communities in our project area that you would like to see us support, please encourage them to submit a grant application here:

<https://threecornersconnector.com/community-investment-program/>

YOUR QUESTIONS, ANSWERED

Who will ultimately benefit from 3CC?

3CC represents a \$1.5 billion investment in Colorado and Oklahoma and will be a long-term asset for both states. The project will provide direct economic benefits to the communities in which it is being developed by:

-  Contributing tens of millions of dollars in additional property tax revenues, which will support schools, community programs, and other local services
-  Creating hundreds of construction jobs and long-term, permanent operations and maintenance jobs
-  Increasing economic activity for local small businesses including materials suppliers, professional services, and hospitality

On a broader scale, 3CC will support a strong, reliable transmission system. This will help reduce congestion and increase the resiliency of our power grid, mitigating the impact of extreme weather events. 3CC will also increase regional power reliability by optimizing the region's generation assets to full capacity, and facilitating access to new markets for power producers, thereby enabling the export of power during periods of low demand for electricity.

What surveying activities are coming up?

Survey crews will continue civil survey activities across the project area throughout 2024. Environmental and cultural surveys are scheduled to begin in May.

Environmental surveys are performed to identify wetlands, waterbodies, and wildlife habitats as well as to verify the presence or absence of threatened or endangered species.

Cultural resource surveys are performed to help determine if significant archaeological or historic resources are present.

We will continue to maintain a high priority on access preferences and restrictions. A project representative will contact you for consent before any personnel access your property.

We will closely monitor these activities, and your input is always valued. If you do not have a land representative or your representative's contact information, please call (877) 623-4651 and we will be sure that you are directed to the right person.

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How long will construction take, and what should we expect during the construction phase?

Once all required permits and approvals are obtained, detailed engineering and design of 3CC can begin, incorporating final route adjustments and addressing specific regulatory requirements. The project will then be finalized for construction. We anticipate initiating the permitting process in early 2024 and receiving all required permits and approvals by 2025.

Construction of 3CC is expected to begin in 2027. The construction period should take approximately three years and will include the following activities:



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- **Site Preparation:** Clearing tower locations, laydown yards, and staging areas of vegetation and upgrading access roads
- **Foundation Construction:** Installing of concrete foundations to anchor the transmission structures
- **Structure Construction:** Assembling the transmission structures from the ground up
- **Wire-Stringing Operations:** Stringing the conductor from structure to structure, attaching to insulators on each structure for the entire length of the route
- **Restoration:** Upon construction completion, cleaning and restoration of the right-of-way to pre-construction condition

Construction activities will not take place on your property for the entirety of the three-year construction period. There will be periods of high activity and periods of little-to-no activity, and construction will not occur until the initial site preparation is complete. Transmission lines are not constructed from one end to the other, so there will likely be several crews and different contractors working on different segments of the project at the same time.

3CC IN THE COMMUNITY

Knowing that our projects will have a long-term presence in the communities where they are proposed, we aim to build and foster enduring relationships with landowners and local stakeholders. In addition to developing the 3CC Community Investment Plan, we have proudly sponsored the following events and organizations in and around the 3CC project area this year and look forward to continuing to be active in the community through outreach and sponsorships:

- Arkansas Valley CASA
- Arkansas Valley Fair
- Arkansas Valley Resource Center
- Bent 4H Livestock Auction
- Bent County Fire Department Golf Tournament
- Bent County Santa Fe Trail Days
- Bent-Powers Cattle and Horse Growers
- Colorado Agricultural Forum
- Colorado Association of Wheat Growers
- Colorado Cattlemen's Association
- Colorado Corn Growers Association
- Colorado Fruit and Vegetable Growers
- Colorado State Fair Foundation
- Guymon Chamber of Commerce
- Guymon Crawfish Boil
- Guymon Festival of Lights
- La Junta Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet Table
- National Western Junior Livestock Sale
- Otero Museum
- Pueblo Bulls
- Pueblo Chamber of Commerce
- Pueblo Economic Development Corporation
- Pueblo Latino Chamber of Commerce

If there are any local events or organizations you think we should get involved with, please let us know.



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