

Decision Summary – Energy Infrastructure

Project Name	2021 Xcel Pole Replacement NGLVC		
Forest	Chequamegon Nicolet National Forest	Region	Region 9
Choose Type of Activity (Wilderness, Roadless, Energy infrastructure, Minerals, Vegetation CE, Land Management Plan) and level of Decision (No DM, DM, DN/FONSI, ROD)			
Energy infrastructure (36 CFR 220.6 (e)(2) Additional construction or reconstruction of existing telephone or utility lines in a designated corridor. DM			
Planned Decision Date	March 15, 2021		

Summary Description

Purpose/Need
The purpose is to respond to the request to upgrade the Xcel transmission line to add more capacity and increase the reliability of the electricity to the public.
Intended Selected Action
The proposal is to upgrade transmission line infrastructure within Xcel’s existing permitted area by replacing the single-circuit 34.5kV line on single-circuit poles with new double-circuit 34.5kV/34.5kV lines on double-circuit poles.
Potentially Significant Effects or Extraordinary Circumstances (if any)
No significant effects or extraordinary circumstances are expected.
Public Involvement (include State, local governments and Tribal consultation)
This project is in the early stages of review so tribal consultation and public scoping has not been initiated. Similar actions in this vicinity have been consulted and reviewed by the public and no issues have been raised.
Timeline Considerations (statutory, court-related, administrative) and Objections Status
The applicant would like to start construction in April 2021. The decision is not subject to objections.