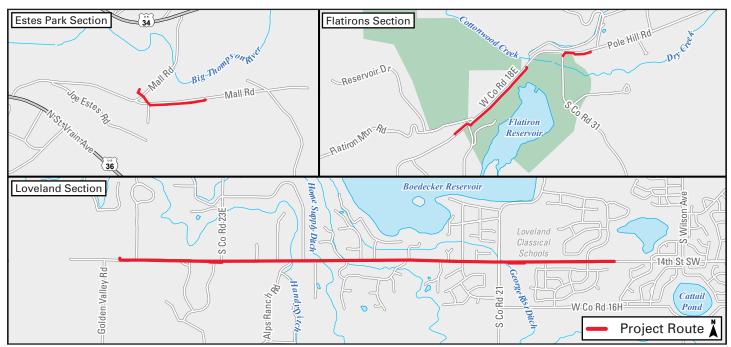
LOVELAND TO ESTES PARK NATURAL GAS PROJECT





Overview

This map is a graphic and may not show exact locations.

We are revitalizing a section of our natural gas system that runs from Loveland to Estes Park beginning this year. We will install natural gas line and rebuild natural gas regulator stations in Loveland, Estes Park and unincorporated Larimer County. Work will occur in the following areas:

- Installing 3 miles of natural gas line along 14th Street Southwest between Angora Drive and Golden Valley Road in Loveland and unincorporated Larimer County.
- Installing 1 mile of natural gas line along Larimer County Road 18 near Flatiron Reservoir in unincorporated Larimer County.
- Rebuilding and reconfiguring a natural gas regulator station in Loveland.
- Rebuilding natural gas regulator stations and replacing associated natural gas line in Estes Park.

This work allows us to continue to provide safe, reliable service and enhances system resiliency during extreme weather.

Schedule

Construction is expected to begin in spring 2022 and continue through the end of 2022.

Please note schedules are subject to change.

Construction

We will install the natural gas line by open trenching and boring. Open trenching involves digging a trench and placing the line in the trench. Boring uses a bore machine to create an underground pathway through which the line is pulled into.

During work you may notice:

- Marking of utility lines and utility survey holes.
- Road and sidewalk closures.
- Traffic control.

- Temporary changes to access.
- Construction noise.
- Parking restrictions.

We'll restore work areas to preconstruction conditions as weather allows.

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Safety overview

Public safety is at the foundation of all we do. The safety of the public around Xcel Energy's natural gas system influences every decision we make. We take a proactive approach to public safety by implementing safety measures before, during and after construction.

The project has been designed to meet federal and state standards and safety requirements for installing, maintaining and operating natural gas infrastructure.

Learn to recognize a natural gas leak

It is important to know how to recognize potentially dangerous natural gas leaks, so use your senses. Signs of a natural gas leak include:

- A "rotten egg" or sulfur-like odor, although it may smell differently to you.
- Hissing, whistling or roaring sounds outside near the natural gas line or inside near an appliance.
- Dirt spraying into the air or continuous bubbling in a pond or creek.
- Unexplained dead or dying vegetation.

If you ever suspect a natural gas leak, leave your home or business immediately. Once you are safely away, call **911**, then Xcel Energy at <u>800-895-2999</u>.

Call before you dig

A common cause of natural gas incidents results from improper or unauthorized digging near underground utilities. Prior to digging, call **811** or visit **colorado811.org** to have buried utility lines located and marked.

Locating buried lines before digging prevents potentially dangerous natural gas conditions that result from digging into or nicking a buried gas line.

Natural gas construction safety

During construction and installation of the line, we protect your safety by:

- Implementing a corrosion prevention system designed to eliminate metal loss.
- Verifying pipe welds by an independent third party.

Once the line has been installed and prior to putting it into service, we take the following steps:

- Internally inspecting the line.
- Performing internal pressure tests to verify the line's integrity.

During the lifetime of the line, we:

- Regular inspections of the line.
- Conduct annual hazard patrols and leak surveys.
- Monitor (24/7) the line and other infrastructure through Xcel Energy's staffed gas control center.



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