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Update - This is the July update from New Mexico Gas Company on the Taos Mainline reroute project. From August through November 2017, NMGC will install a 6-mile stretch of natural gas pipeline through the Rio Grande Gorge at a cost of \$14 million to improve reliability of delivery to Taos County residents.

Late in November, New Mexico Gas Company anticipates activating the new line. Throughout the entire construction process, natural gas service will not be interrupted to northern New Mexico. The project is on schedule to begin August 1, and there is much happening as we work toward the start.

On July 14, we held a pre-construction meeting in Albuquerque with the project contractor, subcontractors and representatives from the New Mexico Department of Transportation. We discussed safety as a priority for all aspects of the project and went over construction parameters.

There is activity along the work zone in anticipation of the August 1 start date. Crews have cleared brush at the laydown yard in Rinconada where pipe sections will be stored. Delivery starts this week and continues through August 4. The project will begin at the north end near Pilar and work to the south near Rinconada through November. The 24-hour traffic control plans will be in place for the morning commute on Tuesday, August 1, at the north end of the project.

Our website landing page is live and can be viewed [here](#). On this page, readers can view information about the project or review Frequently Asked Questions and project maps.

NMGC remains available to attend public meetings or visit with civic organizations to discuss the Taos Mainline project and answer questions. Please contact me to request an appearance.

Background – Because of hazards from shifting soils and landslides, the pipeline in the Rio Grande Gorge is being moved from the west side of the Rio Grande to the right-of-way along New Mexico Highway 68, east of the river, between the communities of Rinconada and Pilar.

An existing 8-inch pipeline delivers natural gas to about 16,000 customers in Taos, Questa and Red River. We are taking advantage of this work to replace the existing pipe with a new 12-inch pipeline in the roadbed. The larger capacity is not necessary now, but will accommodate future growth.

Please email or call me with questions. Thank you.

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