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Sabal Trail Community Briefing



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From the beginning, Sabal Trail developed an initial pipeline route for the proposed underground natural gas pipeline. This initial route was based on gathering and analyzing information from publicly available sources, i.e., agency records, wetlands mapping, print media and information published on the Internet. This process is called a desktop analysis.

Since September 2013, Sabal Trail representatives have been on the ground conducting surveys to gather field data to determine the viability of the proposed route and to determine appropriate routing changes. As a result, the currently proposed route is approximately 70 percent co-located along existing utility corridors to minimize impact to the community and environment. The other 30 percent of the proposed route is where there is no existing utility corridor or Sabal Trail representatives have identified the need to deviate in order to avoid constructability issues, such as terrain, structures, higher population areas and environmental concerns.

There are three primary types of surveys Sabal Trail performs to identify the pipeline route: 1) civil surveys to determine pipeline routing and construction requirements (which may include geotechnical corings), 2) environmental surveys to identify water bodies, wetlands and species habitat and 3) cultural surveys which identify areas of historical or archaeological significance. The results of these surveys also identify areas where the pipeline could be potentially re-routed to avoid or minimize impacts identified by the field work. The information from these necessary survey activities is then incorporated into Sabal Trail's draft and final Environmental Resource Reports which will be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and made available to the public for comments. Last October, FERC approved Sabal Trail's request to utilize the FERC Pre-file process in Docket PF14-1-000 to inform the public and to gather the necessary information for its evaluation of the pipeline route under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

During the surveys, it is possible that Sabal Trail personnel would need to re-visit a property several times to complete the surveys. This could be due to inclement weather or because one or more species of a significant plant or animal has been identified. There are specific criteria, methods and timing that have been developed with the appropriate agencies. Sabal Trail follows these specific guidelines for gathering data on each identified species. In addition, cultural surveys may identify further survey work that needs to be performed.

Various portions of the proposed Sabal Trail route will continue to evolve as the route continues to be examined through the FERC Pre-file process and ongoing discussions with agencies and other stakeholders, including further assessments of constructability and permitability of the options considered. This process is closely monitored by federal and state environmental agencies, requiring a number of permits and Sabal Trail closely adheres to all applicable environmental standards to ensure its footprint is minimized.

Sabal Trail is committed to working with federal and state agencies, local officials and landowners to minimize issues and/or concerns related to its proposed route. Please feel free to contact your Right-of-Way Agent directly should you have any questions or concerns. In addition, feel free to contact our 24-hour Project Hotline at 1.888.596.7732.



Sabal Trail is committed to protecting the environment. Our dedication to preserving species that play an integral part in the environment of the Southeastern United States is unwavering. Surveys have shown six potential species along the pipeline route are listed as threatened or endangered by states and/or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. These animals include the Gopher Tortoise, Scrub Jay, Southeastern American Kestrel, Florida Sand Skink, Burrowing Owl and the Sherman Fox Squirrel. Actual field surveys and consultations with state and federal wildlife agencies identify where these species could occur and thus allow Sabal Trail to take the necessary precautions to avoid, minimize impacts and to preserve these and other animals along the proposed pipeline route.



June 2013
Start of Research

October 2013
FERC Profile
(Current Status)

June 2014
File FERC Draft
Resource Reports

October 2014
FERC Application
is Submitted

November 2015
Anticipate FERC
Certificate

June 2016
Commence
Construction

May 2017
In-Service