

# Information for File #2012-00732-DWW

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**Primary County** Koochiching and St. Louis

**Legal Description** Sections 5, 6, T. 61N., R. 15W., St. Louis County  
Sections 3, 4, 10, T. 61N., R. 16W., St. Louis County  
Sections 30, 32, T. 62N., R. 15W., St. Louis County  
Sections 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, T. 62N., R. 16W., St. Louis County  
Sections 4, 5, 6, T. 64N., R. 21W., St. Louis County  
Sections 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, T. 65N., R. 21W., St. Louis County  
Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, T. 64N., R. 22W., Koochiching County  
Section 1, T. 64N., R. 23W., Koochiching County  
Sections 13, 24, 30, 31, 32, 33, T. 65N., R. 22W., Koochiching County  
Sections 25, 36, T. 65N., R. 23W., Koochiching County

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**Authorization Type** LOP-05-MN

This application is being reviewed in accordance with the practices for documenting Corps jurisdiction under Sections 9 & 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act identified in Regulatory Guidance Letter 07-01. We have made a preliminary determination that the aquatic resources that would be impacted by the proposed project are regulated by the Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE:

Northeast Service Cooperative is proposing to install broadband infrastructure (fiber cable) within existing road right-of-ways on the Bois Forte Reservation. The fiber cable for Phase (II) would be installed using the vibratory cable plow and directional boring procedures. The fiber cable would be placed across 1,616 square feet of wetlands on the Bois Forte Reservation.

## NAME, AREA AND TYPES OF WATERS (INCLUDING WETLANDS) SUBJECT TO LOSS:

The Phase (II) project would result in crossing 1,616 square feet of wetlands adjacent to tributaries to St. Louis River on the Bois Forte Reservation. The wetlands should revert back to pre-project conditions along the project corridor. There are no proposed water crossings for the placement of the fiber cable.

This project could be exempt under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act; equipment that is capable of plowing (vibratory plow) or knifing the fiber cable into the ground in one single operation, does not require a Clean Water Act permit. However, if the work across the wetlands would be graded and/or smoothed then a Corps permit would be required.

**COMPENSATORY MITIGATION:**

Compensatory mitigation may be required by the Bois Forte Reservation at a ratio of 1.25:1.

**Drawings**      Upon request only.