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2017 Taos Mainline Project Update

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- **TAOS MAINLINE PROJECT AT A GLANCE**
- Realignment of a 6-mile stretch of pipeline between Rinconada and Pilar.
- Work is scheduled August through November 2017. The new pipeline will be installed in the right-of-way along New Mexico Highway 68.
- Estimated cost is \$14 million.
- The project will improve reliability of natural gas delivery for Taos County residents. No service interruptions are anticipated during construction.
- The existing 8-inch pipe is at risk because of shifting soils in the canyon on the west side of the Rio Grande between Rinconada and Pilar.
- We have worked with the New Mexico Department of Transportation on a traffic control plan which utilizes pilot cars to lead motorists through one-way sections. The pilot cars will operate 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week.
- This is the only pipeline providing natural gas to about 16,000 customers in Taos County – Taos, Questa and Red River.
- The replacement line will be a 12-inch steel pipeline, expanding service capacity to accommodate future growth in Taos County.
- NMGC filed a Right-of-Way request in 2014. The Bureau of Land Management led a public comment process starting in 2015 that resulted in an Environmental Assessment in 2016 and final approval in April 2017.
- Alternate routes for the pipeline through the canyon and across the mesa were considered but eliminated early in the process after consultation and public comment involving the BLM and Taos-area groups.
- On our webpage – www.nmgco.com – we have provided maps of the work zone and alternate highway routes to Taos and Espanola. We are also posting daily updates about the project on our website and on the New Mexico Gas Company [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.
- Safety is the number one priority.

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Taos Pipeline Project realignment – 6 miles



NMGC Pipeline

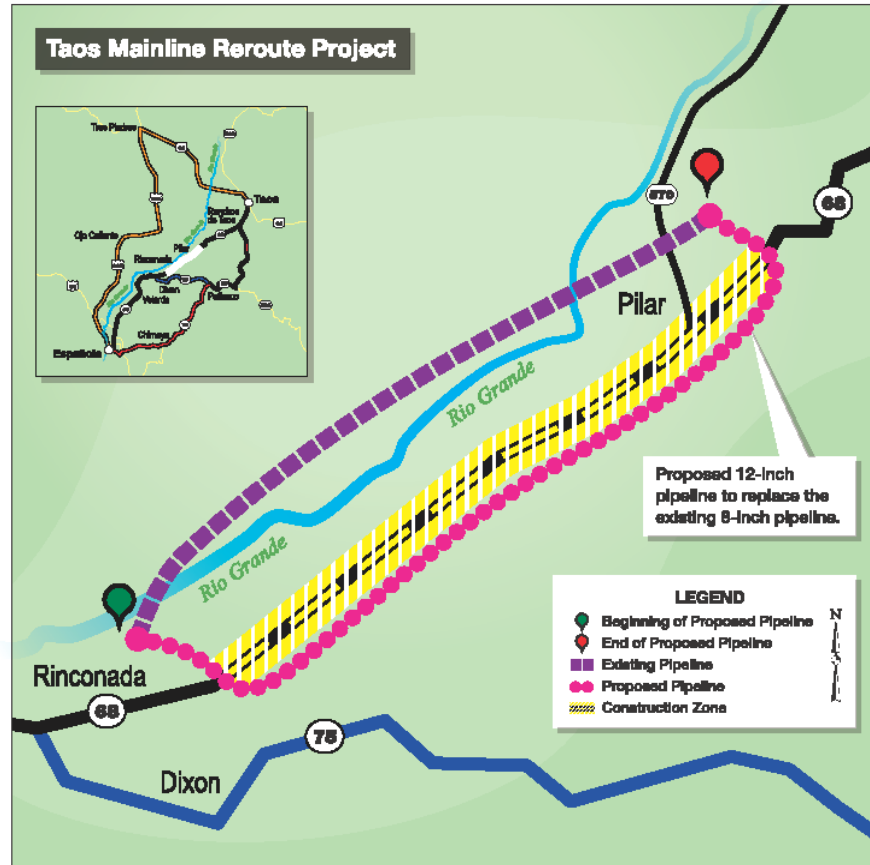


Route Selection



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Construction Zone



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Pipeline Construction



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