

Trapping and Transmission Lines



The effect of a transmission line on a trap line is generally minimal and temporary. If a registered trap line area is disrupted, ATCO Electric will:

- work with the trapper to determine specific impacts;
- offer compensation to the registered trapper.

Our *Trapper Compensation Policy* includes:

- Notice and Review payment,
- General Disturbance payment, and;
- Specific Damage payment that compensates for impacts to trap-sets, cabins, and other specific damages (if applicable).

Planning

ATCO Electric undertakes consultations with registered trappers and other interested parties.

Transmission Line - Planning Phase

During the initial planning stages of a major transmission line route, and before beginning construction, ATCO Electric undertakes consultations with registered trappers, landholders, and others. Extensive wildlife surveys may also take place prior to construction. Through consultation and environmental protection planning, ATCO Electric works to reduce trappers' concerns. Careful environmental protection planning will reduce or eliminate most potential negative affects.

Construction

Precautions are taken to avoid disturbing den and nesting sites. Noise from construction will only temporarily keep animals away from the area.

Construction Phase

During construction of the transmission line, the most obvious source of disturbance to wildlife in the vicinity of a trap line is noise. Noise during construction will tend to temporarily keep animals away from the area. ATCO Electric attempts to identify dens and nesting sites during the pre-construction wildlife surveys. Precautions are taken to not disturb wildlife during construction.

Foxes, coyotes, wolves and other fur bearing animals may temporarily leave the area while construction is underway and will normally return to the area after construction is complete. Beaver, muskrat and other aquatic fur bearers will not leave their preferred area unless their dens or lodges are accidentally damaged.

Maintenance

Disturbances to wildlife in the vicinity is infrequent and generally neither significant nor long-term.

Maintenance Phase

Inspection and maintenance of the transmission line and *right-of-way are generally conducted by helicopters, and less frequently by vehicles. Disturbances to wildlife in the vicinity of a trap line as a result of noise produced by equipment or maintenance workers, is infrequent and generally neither significant nor long-term.

**Right-of-way refers to the area required for a transmission line.*



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Did You Know...

Because many wildlife species concentrate at various times of the year in specific and often traditionally used areas - the effect of a transmission line on a trap line will depend on many factors, including the particular wildlife species being trapped and the particular phase of the transmission line development (construction, maintenance, ongoing operations). **ATCO Electric works to minimize the impact of a right-of-way by planning transmission lines along existing linear disturbances and property boundaries where feasible.**