

# CLEARING CREW UNDAUNTED BY BRUTAL WINTER



## We Energies WEST CENTRAL LATERAL PROJECT

72 miles cleared during brutal winter conditions with temperatures reaching -40F below zero. This project finished ahead of schedule and had ZERO safety incidents.

A crew of 60 completed 72 mile project in just 41 days boasting a perfect safety record. An average of 9,282 feet per day, without incident or time lost, was accomplished despite the brutal cold. The crew strictly adhered to all environmental requirements at the federal, state, and local levels.

## MOTHER NATURE

Weather provided the greatest set of challenges, as equipment was difficult to start and keep running. Due to the extreme cold, fires proved difficult to start and to keep burning. Frost built up on hills making it challenging for equipment to move forward and to cut roads. (continued)



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## CLEARING & PROCESSING

This project included clearing the right of way, cutting, processing, removing brush, burning, and grinding. Wood was processed and separated by species into piles dedicated to logs or pulp. Private landowners, the state and county each required specific wood regulations and handling instructions.

## ENVIRONMENTAL

Careful management of environmentally sensitive areas is always a top priority. On this project, we worked around exclusion fencing to protect endangered species habitat, and initiated our invasive species protocols to ensure these areas remained as untouched as possible. This included blow off areas, where equipment had to be cleaned to specific standards before it could proceed forward.

*I wanted to extend my thanks to Denny Bergman and the employees at Northern Clearing who worked on the clearing activities for the West Central Lateral Project. There were many compliments that came in regarding the professionalism, organization, and courteousness of the Northern Clearing employees.*

*Finishing ahead of schedule and injury-free is an impressive accomplishment and greatly appreciated. Congratulations on a job well done!*

*Regards,  
Jon Czarnecki  
Project Manager - We Energies*



**We are proud to have completed this project safely and well ahead of schedule for our client.**