

# FIELD STUDIES INFORMATION SHEET

## Rare Plants Study: July – August 2014

The Site C Clean Energy Project is continuing to conduct environmental and engineering field studies on and around the Peace River between the Williston Reservoir and the Alberta border to inform detailed mitigation and monitoring planning as part of the project’s environmental assessment process. Project construction will not take place unless Site C receives environmental certification, regulatory permits and authorizations, and approvals to proceed.

BC Hydro is conducting general rare plant surveys in association with engineering investigations along the transmission line and within the dam site area on the south bank. Surveys will be conducted in areas not surveyed during previous baseline rare plant surveys.

Additional surveys will be conducted targeting persistent-sepal yellowcress and Peace daisy, two rare plants that have been found within the proposed project area. Surveys will occur along the Peace River downstream of the proposed dam and within grasslands outside the proposed reservoir footprint. A subset of surveys will occur outside the Peace River Valley but within the broader Peace Region, in areas identified as having potential to support these two rare plants.

Sampling will be conducted by a professional botanist and field technician. Surveys will take place between mid-July and mid-August when target species are most easily identified. Surveys will be conducted on Crown and BC Hydro owned lands.

Accessing properties for the field studies will be through a mix of road, quad and foot. A boat may be required to access some portions of the river where there are no access roads to the sampling locations.

Field study updates are available at [www.sitecproject.com](http://www.sitecproject.com) and in the Community Consultation offices in Fort St. John and Hudson’s Hope.

For further information, please contact:  
Kate O’Neil, Community Relations  
Site C Clean Energy Project  
Community Consultation Office  
Fort St. John  
Office: 250-785-3415 Cell: 250-793-5416

### RARE PLANTS STUDY July – August 2014

- BC Hydro is conducting a rare plant study in the Peace Region
- Accessing properties for the field studies will be through a mix of road, quad and foot
- A boat may be used to access some portions of the river where there are no access roads to the sampling locations
- Keystone Wildlife Research is leading the work