

FIELD STUDIES INFORMATION SHEET

Site-Specific Archaeological Assessment: October 2013

The Site C Clean Energy Project is currently undergoing a cooperative environmental assessment by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office, which includes a Joint Review Panel process. BC Hydro filed its Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in January 2013 as part of this process. BC Hydro 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 project planning.

A site-specific archaeological assessment is currently planned for late October along the existing transmission line between the proposed dam site and the Peace Canyon Dam in advance of sub-surface geotechnical investigations planned for 2014. The work will be completed under a heritage inspection permit issued by the BC Archaeology Branch. The work is expected to take up to two weeks.

The assessment will record and evaluate potential archaeological and historical artifacts or sites located within the areas identified for geotechnical investigation for the transmission line; assess potential impacts by the geotechnical investigation to these sites; and recommend mitigation options.

The majority of the work will be shovel tests. Crews will be primarily on foot, with land access by road or boat, supported by all-terrain vehicles.

Golder Associates is leading the work from its Fort St. John office, supported by locally trained and hired field assistants.

Field study updates are available at www.bchydro.com/sitec and in the Community Consultation offices in Fort St. John and Hudson's Hope.

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