

Field Studies Information Sheet

PEACE RIVER SITE C HYDRO PROJECT

BC Hydro Geotechnical Studies

Tree removal to be conducted on existing access road for safe access March 25 and 26, 2010

BC Hydro is conducting geotechnical studies in the Peace River, in the area of the potential Site C dam. This work is being conducted as part of the stage by stage evaluation and planning of the potential Site C project. No decision has been made to build Site C.

As part of this geotechnical work, BC Hydro is required to remove some trees from an existing unused access road on an island located near the south bank of the Peace River. The removal of these trees will allow safe access for geotechnical testing. On March 25 and 26 approximately 30 danger trees will be removed on the west end of the island, which is Crown Land.

In accordance with WorkSafeBC regulations, these trees were identified as prone to falling and are required to be removed before workers can access the area. The trees are being removed now to ensure that birds are able to select other nearby trees as nesting sites to avoid the three-month bird nesting window that begins on May 1, 2010.

In fall 2009, a tree assessment and archeological overview was completed for this area. An environmental review and further tree assessment will be done before work begins to ensure no conditions have changed over the winter. Golder Associates will be conducting environmental monitoring of the planned work. BC Hydro has received the required permits from the Ministry of Forests and Range and Integrated Land Management Bureau.

SITE C FIELD STUDIES TREE REMOVAL ON THE SOUTH BANK ISLAND March 2010

- BC Hydro will be removing approximately 30 trees from the South Bank Island on March 25-26, 2010.
- These trees have been identified as danger trees in accordance with WorkSafeBC regulations.
- BC Hydro has received the permits for this work from the Ministry of Forests and Range and Integrated Land Management Bureau.

Further information is available at www.bchydro.com/sitec and in the Community Consultation Office: 9948 – 100th Avenue, Fort St. John.



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