

## FIELD STUDIES INFORMATION SHEET

## Rare and Sensitive Ecosystem Surveys: August – September 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 rare and sensitive ecosystem surveys within the proposed project area. Surveys will be conducted to confirm the presence of rare and sensitive ecosystems in areas where construction activities will occur in 2015. Areas surveyed will be those identified on Terrestrial Ecosystem Mapping as having the potential to support these communities.

Surveys will be conducted by a team of biologists. Surveys are currently planned to start in August and will continue through September. 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 river islands.

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

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- Keystone Wildlife Research is leading the work

