

FIELD STUDIES INFORMATION SHEET

Bat Surveys: May – September 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 mitigation planning, prepare project permits, and ensure information is gathered with respect to monitoring programs proposed in the EIS.

BC Hydro is conducting bat surveys to collect additional baseline data on bat presence and use at a proposed quarry at Portage Mountain to advance mitigation planning. Baseline data collected in 2012 indicated that hibernacula are present at the proposed quarry and additional data are needed to determine the location of hibernacula in relation to proposed activities at site and to aid in mitigation planning.

Sampling will be conducted by a team of professional biologists. The surveys will focus on gathering data from bats emerging from hibernation (in May) and bats preparing to enter into hibernacula (in August and early September). Data will be collected using bat detectors and night-time observations of potential hibernacula sites.

Access to the proposed quarry site will be through a mix of road and foot.

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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- BC Hydro is conducting bat surveys at a proposed quarry at Portage Mountain
- Data collected will provide location of hibernacula in relation to proposed extraction activities and will aid in mitigation planning
- Keystone Wildlife Research is leading the work