

FIELD STUDIES INFORMATION SHEET

May – October 2012: Habitat Mapping Ground Surveys

The Site C Clean Energy Project (Site C) is now in Stage 3, the environmental and regulatory review phase, which will include an independent environmental assessment. Stage 3 work includes conducting environmental and engineering field studies on and around the Peace River between the Williston Reservoir and the Alberta border. Site C is in the early stages of a cooperative environmental assessment process by federal and provincial regulatory agencies, which includes a joint review panel.

Terrestrial Ecosystem Mapping (TEM) surveys and ground truthing for the wildlife species model will be completed between May 1 and October 31, 2012 within and adjacent to sites that will be directly affected by the proposed project in the broader Peace Region.

Several ecosystems mapped on the TEM may represent ecological communities at risk. These sites will also be targeted for field sampling in order to verify the occurrence of these communities.

Field sampling will be conducted by foot and or boat.

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 ecosystem mapping in the Peace Region
- The study will complete the field surveys needed to finalize draft wildlife species models
- Field sampling will be conducted by foot and or boat
- BC Hydro will obtain permissions before land is accessed
- Keystone Wildlife Research is leading the work