

## FIELD STUDIES INFORMATION SHEET

### Notice of Noxious Weed Control Program: 2011 Field Season

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. BC Hydro entered the environmental assessment process in May 2011 with the submission of a Project Description Report to the provincial and federal environmental assessment agencies.

To avoid the spread of noxious weeds, a weed control program has been designed for Site C staff and contractors conducting field based surveys for the Site C project. The noxious weed control program will be followed by all crews conducting field work during the 2011 season.

The program requires all vehicles and equipment to be free of vegetation and soil debris before entry into field sites where off-road travel and/or ground disturbance will occur. As required, vehicles will be cleaned of soil and vegetation debris before leaving off-road sites. Field crews will also be required to clean their footwear and clothing before entering or leaving sites where off-road travel or ground disturbance will occur.

Where ground disturbance may occur, sites may be inspected for weeds prior to the start of work. If weeds are documented, a site-specific weed control program will be developed and implemented in consultation with property owners and lease holders. Possible weed treatments include chemical (herbicide application) and manual (cutting or hand pulling) methods.

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

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#### NOTICE OF WEED CONTROL PROGRAM 2011 Field Season

- To avoid the spread of noxious weeds, a weed control program has been designed for Site C staff and contractors conducting field surveys.
- Vehicles and equipment will be cleaned of soil and vegetation debris before leaving off-road sites.
- Crews will clean footwear, clothing and equipment before entering or leaving sites where off- road travel or ground disturbance will occur.
- Site-specific weed control programs will be developed in consultation with land owners or leaseholders for sites where weeds are confirmed and ground disturbance may occur.