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Preliminary Impact Lines, Highway 29 Realignments and Agriculture Assessment March 2013

Current Conditions	Reservoir Conditions and Preliminary Impact Lines Related to the Proposed Site C Reservoir
Location	Proposed Reservoir
This map sheet covers Halfway River, approximately 3 kilometres to 11 kilometres upstream from the confluence with Peace River.	Within this map sheet, the proposed Site C reservoir would have a width typically ranging from 200 to 600 metres.
Geology and Topography The north and south side of Halfway River generally comprises high sand and gravel and bedrock slopes that are overlain by interbedded sand, silt and clay. The upper slopes tend to be steep and subject to landslides while the lower slopes tend to be shallower and covered by colluvium (landslide debris).	Preliminary Impact Lines Most of the slopes immediately above the proposed Maximum Normal Reservoir Level are moderately stee Consequently the flood impact line would be located close to the reservoir shoreline when the reservoir filled. The exception is at the upstream end of the proposed reservoir where the flood impact line would further upstream on low-lying terraces and the Halfway River floodplain. The shoreline materials typically comprise sand and gravel or silty shale bedrock under colluvium. Over to wind-generated waves will erode through the colluvium and form a narrow beach or foreshore area. The impact line is typically located between 50 and 150 metres from the shoreline, and this distance depends estimated thickness of the colluvium and the steepness of the natural slope. The stability impact line along both sides of the river is located at the top of the valley above the crest of high bank slopes.
Agriculture Assessment Improved (irrigated and/or drained) agricultural land capability ratings are provided for the Site C project component areas where additional soil survey work has been undertaken as part of the Agriculture Assessment. For remaining lands outside the Site C project component areas, including the Peace River valley downstream of the Site C dam, unimproved agricultural land capability ratings are provided. The unimproved ratings reflect published agricultural capability maps from the 1970s, based on an assumed low climatic moisture deficit (CMD) during the growing season in the range of 34 mm. However, subsequent climate studies have confirmed much drier conditions in the Peace River valley, with a CMD in the range of 148 mm, which results in a Class 3 unimproved climatic capability rating. With irrigation, it is likely that Peace River valley soils downstream of the Site C dam historically rated as Class 2 or Class 3 with aridity or soil water holding capacity limitations, which would now be rated as unimproved Class 3 due to climatic limitations, would improve to Class 2 or Class 1 with irrigation.	Land Use Within Preliminary Impact Lines BC Hydro has developed an approach to land use on private property within the impact lines. The approach focuses on public safety, maximizing flexibility for land owners, and minimizing the amount of land require project. BC Hydro's approach would be as follows: • BC Hydro would purchase land between the current river shoreline and the area required for the preservoir, up to the Maximum Normal Reservoir Level (461.8 metres above sea level) • No new residential structures would be permitted within impact lines • Non-residential structures could remain, pending site specific geotechnical assessment • Within the Stability Impact Line, existing residential structures could remain for a period of time, at owner's request and provided a site-specific geotechnical assessment determines that it is safe to within the Flood, Erosion or Landslide-Generated Wave Impact Line, existing residential structure not be permitted to remain, to protect public safety • Other activities such as agriculture, grazing and trapping could continue within the impact lines The establishment of reservoir impact lines is intended to ensure public safety while maximizing land use flexibility, and to minimize the amount of land required by the project. BC Hydro will purchase the property required for the impact lines. Where impacts and implications on zoning, land use and property acquisition be avoided, BC Hydro will identify and evaluate options for mitigation. BC Hydro is meeting directly with property owners whose land may be impacted to discuss their specific interests.

