

FIELD STUDIES INFORMATION SHEET

Heritage Study Program: June – October 2014

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. 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 and monitoring planning. Project construction will not take place unless Site C receives environmental certification, regulatory permits and authorizations, and approvals to proceed.

Starting in June and running through October, BC Hydro will be continuing the Heritage Study Program of the Site C project area. The archaeological component of the heritage study has been designed in consultation with the B.C. Archaeology Branch and meets the requirements of the *Heritage Conservation Act* (HCA). The work will be completed under HCA permits issued by the BC Archaeology Branch.

The assessment will identify, record and evaluate archaeological sites and further investigate previously recorded archaeological sites located within the proposed Site C project area; assess potential impacts by the Site C project to these sites; and recommend mitigation options.

The majority of the work will be shovel tests, as well as visual inspections of areas with good soil exposures, such as freshly tilled fields. Crews will be primarily on foot, with land access by road or boat, supported occasionally by helicopter or all-terrain vehicles.

Golder Associates is leading the work from its Fort St. John office, supported by locally trained and hired field assistants.

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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