

FIELD STUDIES INFORMATION SHEET

Heritage Mitigation Field Trial at the Dam Site: August – 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.

BC Hydro is conducting a field trial of proposed mitigation measures for project-related effects on archaeological resources within the dam site. This field trial has been designed in consultation with the B.C. Archaeology Branch and meets the requirements of the *Heritage Conservation Act* (HCA). The work is currently planned to start in August, pending HCA permits issued by the BC Archaeology Branch.

This field trial will test the systematic data and recovery methods that will be proposed as mitigation measures for project-related effects on archaeological resources. The aim is to determine the feasibility and success of the approach and methods in order to facilitate further mitigation planning. Systematic excavation will take place at 18 heritage sites that comprise a representative sample of site classes and environmental settings of sites located in the dam site.

The majority of the work will focus on excavations by shovels and trowels at each of the designated sites. 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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HERITAGE STUDY PROGRAM August – October 2014

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- Systematic investigation and data recovery methods will be field tested at archaeological sites located within the proposed Site C dam area.
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