

## FIELD STUDIES INFORMATION SHEET

### Danger Tree Assessment and Removal: July 2014

The Site C Clean Energy Project 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 as part of the project's environmental assessment process. Project construction will not take place unless Site C receives environmental certification, regulatory permits and authorizations, and approvals to proceed.

As part of the dam site investigations underway this summer, BC Hydro is conducting an annual assessment of danger trees as part of establishing safe access for workers to the proposed dam site areas from the north and south banks. In accordance with WorkSafeBC regulations, trees identified as presenting a hazardous threat to worker safety are required to be removed before workers can access the area.

The tree assessment and removal will take place along access roads leading to the dam site on both the north and south banks of the Peace River. This work is currently scheduled to start the second week of July and is expected to take two weeks to complete.

Environmental monitors will be carrying out mandatory pre-cutting bird nesting surveys where trees have been identified as dangerous by certified danger tree assessors. Surveys will start early in the early morning until approximately mid-day. Following the bird surveys, certified tree fallers will be falling danger trees that have been assessed and approved for clearing by environmental monitors. This work will typically occur in the afternoon and early evening.

Trees will be felled and on-site environmental monitors will advise on the best treatment for the wood; left on site or bucked for firewood. Transportation on the left and right bank will be via pick-up trucks, with jet boat service across the Peace River to access the south bank.

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

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- In accordance with WorkSafe BC regulations, trees presenting a hazardous threat to worker safety are required to be removed before workers can access the area.
- Environmental monitors will carry out bird nest and cavity wildlife surveys for the identified danger trees, and certified tree fallers will be falling danger trees that have been assessed and approved for clearing.