



Ministry of
Forests

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File: 10550-20/BC Hydro Cone Collection

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Dear Meaghan Candy:

In response to your June 17th request, under section 52 (1) (b) of the *Forest Act*, I am authorizing BC Hydro to occupy land and collect seeds and live sticks from specified tree species within the operation area, as referenced on the attached map.

The purpose of this authorization is to allow native seeds to be collected from selected tree species as part of the BC Hydro reclamation project. Seeds collected in this activity will be provided to nurseries to grow seedlings or used as live stakes for the reclamation of areas that were temporarily disturbed by BC Hydro projects. This authorization is valid from **July 1st, 2022 to October 1st, 2025**.

The applicant is required to:

- Avoid cutting down any tree species during the seed collection activities
- Avoid disturbing wildlife habitats if found any during the operation
- Restrict the seed collection operation within the prescribed area
- No more than 20% of the tree crown will be removed
- Follow the seed and species selection standard described in the request letter (*Table 1. Seed Species and Quantities*)
- Avoid any operation that might have adverse impact on the surrounding environment
- Seeds and cuttings will be collected using hand tools from low-lying branches, and no mechanical collection method is proposed for the activities
- At least 50% of the seed will be left in place on an individual plant to allow for natural propagation
- Compile with rules and regulations set out by *Forest Act* and *Forest Range and Practice Act* that are relevant

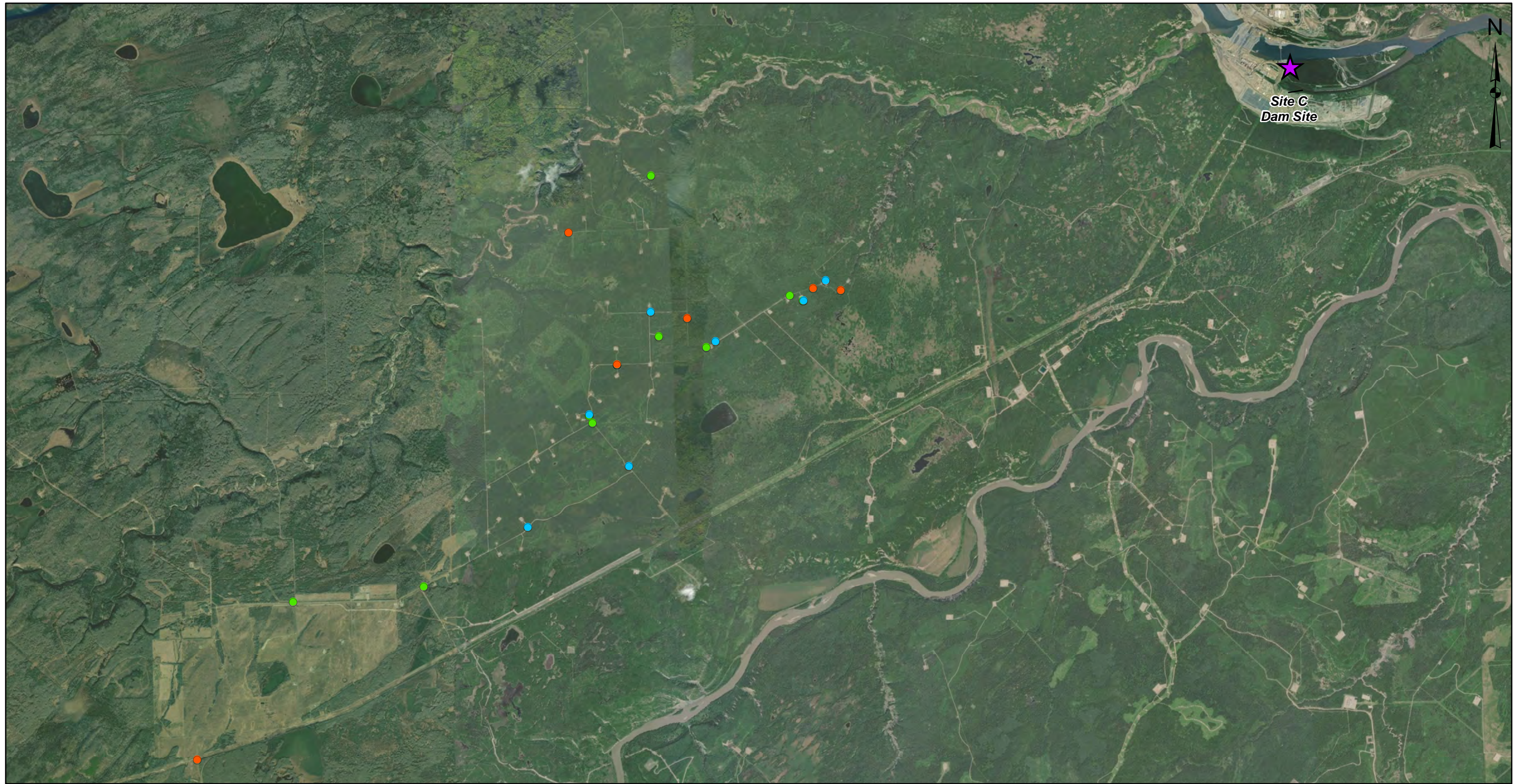
Please contact Dave Francis, Director of Authorization at (778) 693-3208 if you have questions, comments, or concerns regarding this authorization.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Francis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a stylized "Francis".

Dave Francis
Deputy District Manager
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Attachment: Map of proposed Seed Collection Area



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Map Notes:
 1. Datum: NAD83
 2. Projection: UTM Zone 10N
 3. Base Data: Province of B.C.
 3. Imagery: Esri online basemapping.

- Legend**
Seed Sampling Locations
- Aspen
 - Balsam
 - Paper Birch

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Forest Act Section 52 Request for Seed Collection Activities			
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