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Field work notification: Bridge River Transmission Project

Dear Neighbour,

I am writing to let you know of upcoming field work in the area related to the Bridge River Transmission Project.

Project background

The purpose of the Bridge River Transmission Project is to improve the reliability and safety of the Bridge River transmission system by eliminating system constraints and increasing its capacity to move electricity from where it is produced to other parts of the province.

This project involves upgrades to a number of transmission wood pole structures (approximately 150 identified at this time) and raising the height of an existing transmission line (2L90) in several sections between Kelly Lake Substation and Bridge River Terminal Station (**see map below**) within existing BC Hydro rights-of-way (ROW, the land under and around our power lines).

This project is being done in consultation with impacted First Nations. For more information go to www.bchydro.com/brt.

Upcoming activities

Small crews will be in the area conducting environmental and archeological assessments at existing transmission structures, project access roads and other access sites, as well as refreshing and adding markings along project access roads and the existing ROW. This work is in preparation for construction anticipated to begin in the Fall of 2026.

When: Work is planned to start in May and continue into October.

Work includes:

- Assessing the project area and revisiting structures for signs of wildlife use
- Surveying wetlands for amphibians
- Shovel or mechanical soil testing near existing transmission structures
- Hanging ribbons (vinyl flagging tape) and/or installing wooden stakes at previously identified sites and at other road features and clearing areas not previously marked
- Archaeological studies to establish areas where artifacts are present

Most sites will be accessed by 4x4 pickup or walked by foot. Areas not accessible by road will be surveyed via helicopter. A boat will be used to access several areas on the south shore of Seton Lake. **No traffic impacts are anticipated from this work.** An invasive species management plan is in place.

Most of this work is being done within BC Hydro's ROW however, there are portions of the access roads and other access sites that fall outside of this. Affected landowners will be notified in advance.

For more information on this work or the project, please contact 1-866-647-3334 or projects@bchydro.com. If you haven't already, you can subscribe for updates at bchydro.com/brt or bchydro.com/bridgeriver.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we proceed with this essential work.

Sincerely,

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Map – Bridge River Transmission Project

