# Teck Electrification

#### Welcome

- We plan to build a new transmission line, substation, two new switching stations, and associated infrastructure to support Teck's goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.
- O Please review the storyboards and maps to learn more about our plans.

#### • Project team members are here to answer your questions.



Crews working on an existing transmission line north of Elkford.



## **Electrification overview**

- Electrification is a key pathway to achieving the B.C. Government's CleanBC emission reduction targets.
- We're committed to working with industrial customers who want to use our clean electricity to power their operations and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.



Electricity generated in B.C. is the cleanest in western North America, yet 70% of our economy is still powered by fossil fuels.





# Working in partnership with First Nations and Indigenous communities

- We're working to implement the B.C. Government's commitment to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).
- We're building economic relationships with Indigenous peoples, including:
  - O Procurement
  - O Deeper Indigenous involvement in decision-making

O Employment and training opportunities

 We're thinking differently about how we do our business, and this new approach is an example of our work to advance reconciliation with First Nations and Indigenous communities.



## Teck's decarbonization plan

- Teck is committed to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by
   33% by 2030 and to achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.
- Teck estimates this will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 700 kilotons of carbon dioxide equivalents a year by 2050.
- This is the equivalent of taking about 155,000 gas-powered passenger vehicles off the road each year.
- Beginning in 2025, Teck is planning to deploy battery electric haul trucks and electrify more of its processing equipment.
- To power this transition, Teck's Elk Valley mines will need significantly more electricity than they currently use.
- We need to upgrade our existing infrastructure to meet this increased demand at Teck's Elk Valley mines.



Graphic provided by Teck.



## New infrastructure

To deliver additional electricity to Teck's Elk Valley operations, we're planning to build a new transmission line, substation, two new switching stations, and associated infrastructure.

#### **Transmission line from Sparwood to Elkford**

 A new 230kV transmission line between Sparwood and Elkford—about 85km long—to connect Teck's mines to our substations

#### **Alexander Creek Substation**

O A new substation east of Sparwood, close to the B.C./Alberta border

### Switching stations

- Two new tap switching stations to connect Teck's mines to the new transmission line
  - O At Teck's Elkview Operations in Sparwood
  - O At Teck's Greenhills Operations in Elkford

#### **Associated infrastructure**

- A passive reflector near Sparwood
- O New equipment at Natal Substation in Sparwood
- O New equipment at Cranbrook Substation





## Power lingo



## What is a substation?

A substation brings together power lines of different voltages. Substations contain equipment that can change the voltages of these lines and safely control the flow of power.



# What is a switching station?

A switching station is used to segment a transmission line path into sections that make the system more reliable and easier to maintain.



## Power lingo



## What is a transmission line?

Transmission lines move

electricity from one point to another via numerous towers in an electric power system. Transmission lines vary in size with those carrying more electricity at a higher voltage requiring larger towers.



## What is a passive reflector?

A passive reflector is a structure usually installed on a high elevation location. It looks like a large billboard and it allows microwave antenna towers at two different locations to communicate with each other.



## **Alexander Creek Substation**

To deliver additional electricity to Teck's Elk Valley operations, we plan to build a new substation named Alexander Creek Substation near Highway 3, close to the B.C./Alberta border.

We bought property east of Sparwood in 1987 in case electricity demand in the Elk Valley grew enough that we needed to build another substation and we designed the existing 500kV transmission line to accommodate another substation at this location.

We're conducting a technical study to confirm the suitability of this property, based on the current scope of the project.

The footprint of Alexander Creek Substation is still being determined; however, 500kV/230kV substations are usually about 10 hectares (25 acres). This is about the same size as Cranbrook Substation in Mayook.



## Transmission line overview

- We're studying four corridor options for the new transmission line route to meet Teck's request for power.
- The corridor options generally follow existing disturbances on the landscape: the highway, a forestry road, an existing transmission line, and the railway.
- The final route may cross between corridor segments at the mines.
- Routing the new transmission line through these corridors would reduce impacts on fish and wildlife habitat, limit new habitat fragmentation and allow us to use existing access roads.



	We are here		
	Planning	Transmission line design	<b>Pre-construction</b>
0	Identify route corridors Identify right-of- way requirements High-level environmental review	<ul> <li>Detailed engineering and environmental studies</li> <li>Permit applications</li> <li>Confirm placement of structures</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Clearing</li> <li>Access</li> <li>Prepare right-of-way so that foundations and towers can be installed</li> </ul>
0	Initial engineering and environmental field studies to determine if line can be built in an area Route selection	<ul> <li>Confirm new right-of-way</li> <li>Acquire property rights including access</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Purchase construction materials</li> </ul>

## Steps in building a transmission line

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#### Construction

- Foundations
- Pole structures
- O Line stringing
- O Restoration

# Identifying route corridor options

When we're considering the transmission line route, we'll work to minimize impacts where possible, including environmental and private property impacts.

We're engaging early with stakeholders to share our plans for the project and possible routes for the transmission line.

The project is in its earliest study stage where we assess what is required to deliver

power to Teck. We're sharing our plans now. The scope could change as we complete these studies.

To decide on a line route option, we'll compare the options considering:

- O feedback from First Nations
- feedback from landowners, communities, authorization holders, other interested parties, the public, and specialists in various fields
- impacts on the natural and human environments
- O completion date, reliability, and safety risk
- O lifecycle costs

We'll work to identify an option that best balances these considerations.

We expect to select a leading route option in summer 2024.



## Routing options **Alexander Creek to Elkview**



The proposed transmission line route has not been determined. It may be north or south of this corridor.





## Routing options **Alexander Creek to Elkview**

Route length (km)

Potential new habitat fragmentation (approximate km)

Potential water crossings

**Potential old-growth forest interaction** 

**Potential ungulate winter range interaction** 

**Vegetation clearing** 

**Private properties along the corridor (non-Teck)** 

**Conservations areas crossed** 

This route corridor:

- require upgrades to existing and creation of new access
- interact with other land users including agricultural and recreation land
- interacts with American badger and whitebark pine critical habitat

We'll carry out further field studies to confirm these impacts and create mitigation and management plans for potential impacts.



14.5
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2 km
Yes
<ul> <li>O Extensive clearing along new right</li> <li>O Clearing is on Teck property</li> </ul>
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Alexander Creek



t-of-way (adjacent to existing)

## Routing options Elkview to Line Creek



The proposed transmission line route has not been determined.



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## Routing options **Elkview to Line Creek**

The following table provides an overview of differences between the corridor options. We'll carry out further field studies to confirm these impacts and create mitigation and management plans for potential impacts.

Route length (km)	1
Potential new habitat fragmentation	L
Potential water crossings	S
Potential wetland interaction	S
Potential old-growth forest interaction	S
Potential ungulate winter range interaction	S
Vegetation clearing	
Private properties along the corridor (non-Teck)	6
<b>Conservations areas crossed</b>	(

All route corridors:

 require upgrades to existing and creation of new access

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lighway 43 corridor	Existing transmission line corridor	Railway corridor
6.5	16.5	16.5
ower	Lower	Higher
Similar	Similar	Lower
Similar	Similar	Similar
Similar	Lower	Similar
Similar	Similar	Similar
<ul> <li>Clearing along new right-of-way</li> <li>Clearing on private property</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Clearing along new right-of- way (adjacent to existing)</li> <li>Clearing on private property</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Extensive clearing along new right-of-way</li> <li>~7.5 km follows railway</li> <li>Clearing is on Teck property</li> </ul>
52	31	9
Grave Prairie, Big Ranch	Grave Prairie, Big Ranch	Teck's Grave Prairie conservation lands

0	interact with other land users including	0	interact
	agricultural land, traplines		whiteba

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with American badger and ark pine critical habitat

## Routing options Line Creek to Greenhills





The proposed transmission line route has not been determined.



## Routing options Line Creek to Greenhills

The following table provides an overview of differences between the corridor options. We'll carry out further field studies to confirm these impacts and create mitigation and management plans for potential impacts.

Route length (km)	2
Potential new habitat fragmentation	L
Potential water crossings	L
Potential wetland interaction	S
Potential old-growth forest interaction	F
Potential ungulate winter range interaction	S
Vegetation clearing	
Private properties along the corridor (non-Teck)	4
Conservations areas crossed	E

All route corridors:

 interact with American badger and whitebark pine critical habitat

CS-3443



lighway 43 corridor	Railway corridor
25–28	22–25
ower	Higher
ower	Higher
imilar	Similar
ligher	Lower
imilar	Similar
<ul> <li>Extensive clearing along new right-of-way (adjacent to existing)</li> <li>~2.5 km on Teck property</li> <li>Clearing on private property required</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Extensive clearing along new right-of-way</li> <li>~1 km follows railway</li> <li>~9 km on Teck property</li> <li>~14 km on Crown land</li> </ul>
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 require upgrades to existing and creation of new access

 interact with other land users including agricultural land, traplines

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## **Routing options** Greenhills to Fording River





The proposed transmission line route has not been determined.



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## Routing options **Greenhills to Fording River**

The following table provides an overview of differences between the corridor options. We'll carry out further field studies to confirm these impacts and create mitigation and management plans for potential impacts.

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Route length (km)	38
Potential new habitat fragmentation	Hi
Potential water crossings	Lo
Potential wetland interaction	Lo
Potential old-growth forest interaction	Sir
Potential ungulate winter range interaction	Sir
Vegetation clearing	0
	0
	0
Private properties along the corridor (non-Teck)	3
Conservation areas crossed	_

All route corridors:

 require upgrades to existing and creation of new access

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k River Forest Service Road corridor	Existing transmission line corridor	Railway corridor
3-42	36-40	15–18
igher	Lower	Medium
ower	Similar	Similar
ower	Similar	Similar
milar	Similar	Higher
milar	Similar	Similar
Extensive clearing along new right-of-way (adjacent to forestry road and existing right-of-way) ~6 km on Teck property ~36 km on Crown land	<ul> <li>Extensive clearing along new right-of-way (adjacent to existing)</li> <li>~11 km on Teck property</li> <li>~29 km on Crown land</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Extensive clearing along new right-of-way (adjacent to railway)</li> <li>~9.5 km on Teck property</li> <li>~7.5 km on Crown land</li> </ul>
	2	0

 interact with other land users including agricultural land, traplines

O interact with American badger and whitebark pine critical habitat



# What will the transmission line look like?

Typical structures on this type of line are wood poles and 25 metres high.

Right-of-way width will vary depending on location.

- Between the new substation and Sparwood, there will be two lines side by side, which typically has a right of way that's 60 metres wide.
- O Between Sparwood and Teck's Elkview, Greenhills, and Fording River operations,

there will be a single line, which typically has a right of way that's about 35 metres wide.

• Water crossing spans and other longer spans such as over gullies will have wider rights-of-way and taller structures.

Initial right of way clearing will be wider through vegetated areas to ensure security of the new transmission lines from vegetation. Actual clearing widths vary and are determined at a later stage as transmission line routing is refined and the design advances.







A single circuit span with wooden H frame structures. The line between Sparwood and Elkford is expected to look like this. A double circuit span with wooden H frame structures. The line between the new substation and Sparwood is expected to look like this.



## **Environmental studies**





During this early stage of the project, we're reviewing the project footprint to understand the high-level environmental risks.

We're working with First Nations to see where archaeological studies have been completed and where more assessments are needed.

There's a lot still to be done, including studies on:

• Wildlife: amphibians, bats, birds, wildlife habitat

- Fish: stream assessments
- Vegetation: Terrestrial Ecosystem Mapping, rare plants
- Archaeology, heritage and cultural resources
- O Indigenous traditional knowledge and land use

We'll incorporate these studies as well as input from First Nations, Indigenous communities, and stakeholders to create mitigation and management plans for potential impacts.



## Next steps

- O Advance project planning
- O Continue First Nations consultation and stakeholder engagement
- Identify the best location for the new transmission line, switching stations, and passive reflector
- O Confirm suitability of substation site
- O Determine regulatory and environmental requirements
- O Acquire property rights
- O Complete:
  - O Required studies
  - O Regulatory/environmental processes
  - O Planning design



## Thank you for attending

Please complete a comment form to share your feedback and leave it with us.

We'll continue to keep you informed as the project advances

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