



PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS LEGACY SITE RESTORATION PROGRAM

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PROGRAM STATUS

- **Spring 2020** – Petroleum and natural gas (PNG) Restoration MOU between the Province and PNG sector. Initial funding contribution of \$1.5 million
- **Summer 2020** – Restoration Management Committee established with Terms of Reference
- **Summer 2020** – Federal Government contributes \$5 million towards restoration program
- **Winter 2021** – Program manager hired: Blackbird Environmental Ltd
- **Spring 2021** – Program implementation initiated

PROGRAM PURPOSE

Purpose:

- Collaborate on planning and jointly fund and implement projects designed to restore legacy PNG sites in NEBC

Objectives:

- Establish a fund and contribute \$
 - Establish a committee to coordinate and approve restoration projects
 - Partner and engage Treaty 8 First Nations on restoration projects
 - Conduct research and monitoring
 - Develop culturally appropriate restoration/reclamation techniques
 - Seek additional funding partnerships
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WHAT ARE LEGACY SITES?

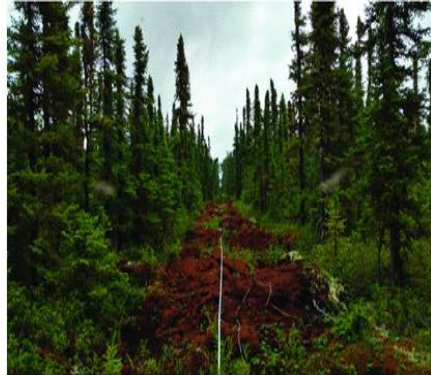
- Historical PNG development or operational areas where land disturbance occurred
- No historical or current legal obligation for site restoration, e.g., seismic lines



PROGRAM BENEFITS



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

- Address multiple policy, program and operational initiatives
- Creates local jobs and advances the work of establishing a restoration economy
- Advance's reconciliation efforts with Treaty 8 First Nations
- Provides opportunities for collaboration and partnerships across agencies and other parties that have an interest in restoration

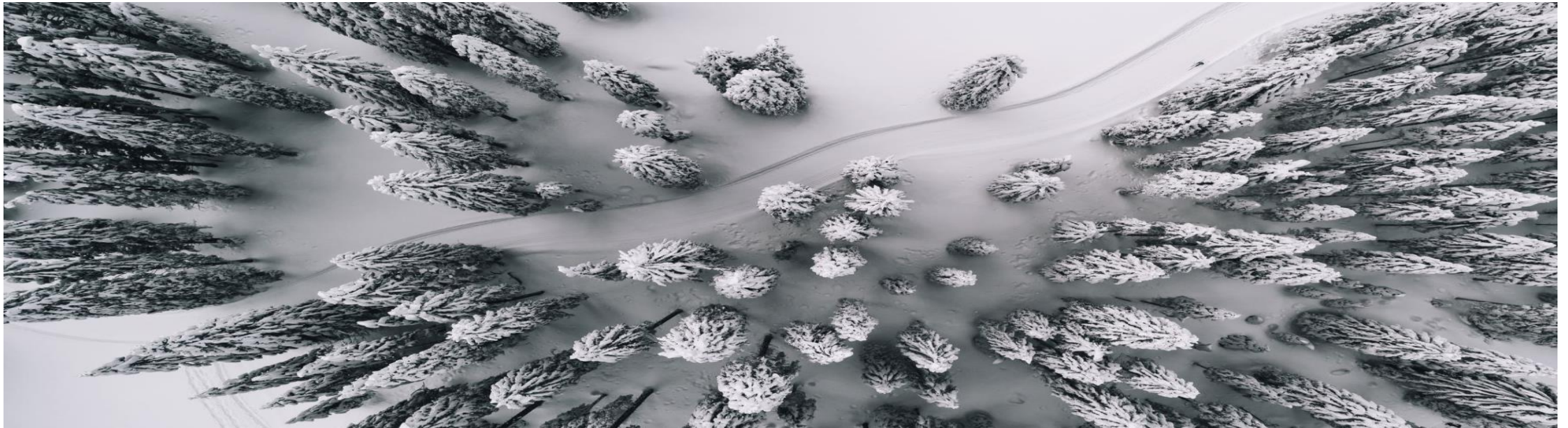


OPPORTUNITIES/CHALLENGES

- Funding
- Permitting
- Monitoring
- Maintaining restoration investments
- Expectations

NEXT STEPS

- Continue to engage Treaty 8 First Nations
- Develop program elements (e.g., site selection, priority areas)
- Identify program gaps and research needs
- Implement projects in summer/fall 2021





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