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Site C OGMA Replacement

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Introduction

OGMAs

- In May 2009, the Northeast Region identified and designated approximately **190,400 hectares** of forests as OGMA in the Dawson Creek TSA.
- Together with old forests protected under different statutory mechanisms, there is approximately 308,000 hectares of old forests protected in the DC TSA.

Site C

- In 2015, BC Hydro obtained the necessary authorizations to construct and operate the Site C Clean Energy Project on the Peace River.
- The footprint of the project will have an impact on OGMAs in the Dawson Creek TSA. While some degree of incursion is allowable, the Site C project exceeds that amount.

First Nations Reconciliation

- The project is in accordance with the Province's new approach to old forests, including identifying and protecting more old growth in collaboration with First Nations.
- In particular, the replacement of OGMAs was a commitment to First Nations through the permitting process for Site C and is likely to be relevant to future litigation with West Moberly First Nation.



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Incursion Details

OGMA	Area (ha)	OGMA Intactness (%) [*]	Incursion (ha)	Other values
DC_lmo_1	369	95.2	10.62 (2.9%)	Contains Trumpeter Swan nesting site.
DC_lmo_2	430.6	92.9	23.45 (5.4%)	Contains Trumpeter Swan nesting site.
DC_lmo_5	267.1	94.6	7.33 (2.7%)	Contains WHA for Warblers.
DC_lmo_7	1480.9	98.8	16.64 (1.1%)	Contains Trumpeter Swan nesting site.
DC_lmo_8	525	97.8	0.54 (0.1%)	
DC_lmo_11	3327.8	97.7	99.17 (3.0%)	
DC_lmo_12	1337.9	90.5	55.30 (4.1%)	Contains WHA for Warblers. Adjacent to Trumpeter Swan nesting site.
DC_lmo_13	877.3	94.3	27.17 (3.1%)	Contains historic First Nations trail and camp site. Adjacent to Trumpeter Swan nesting site.
DC_pbo_13	14572.7	88.2	2937.10 (20.2%)	Comprised of the proposed Peace Boudreau Protected Area

^{*} Intactness measurement from Area-based Analysis data.



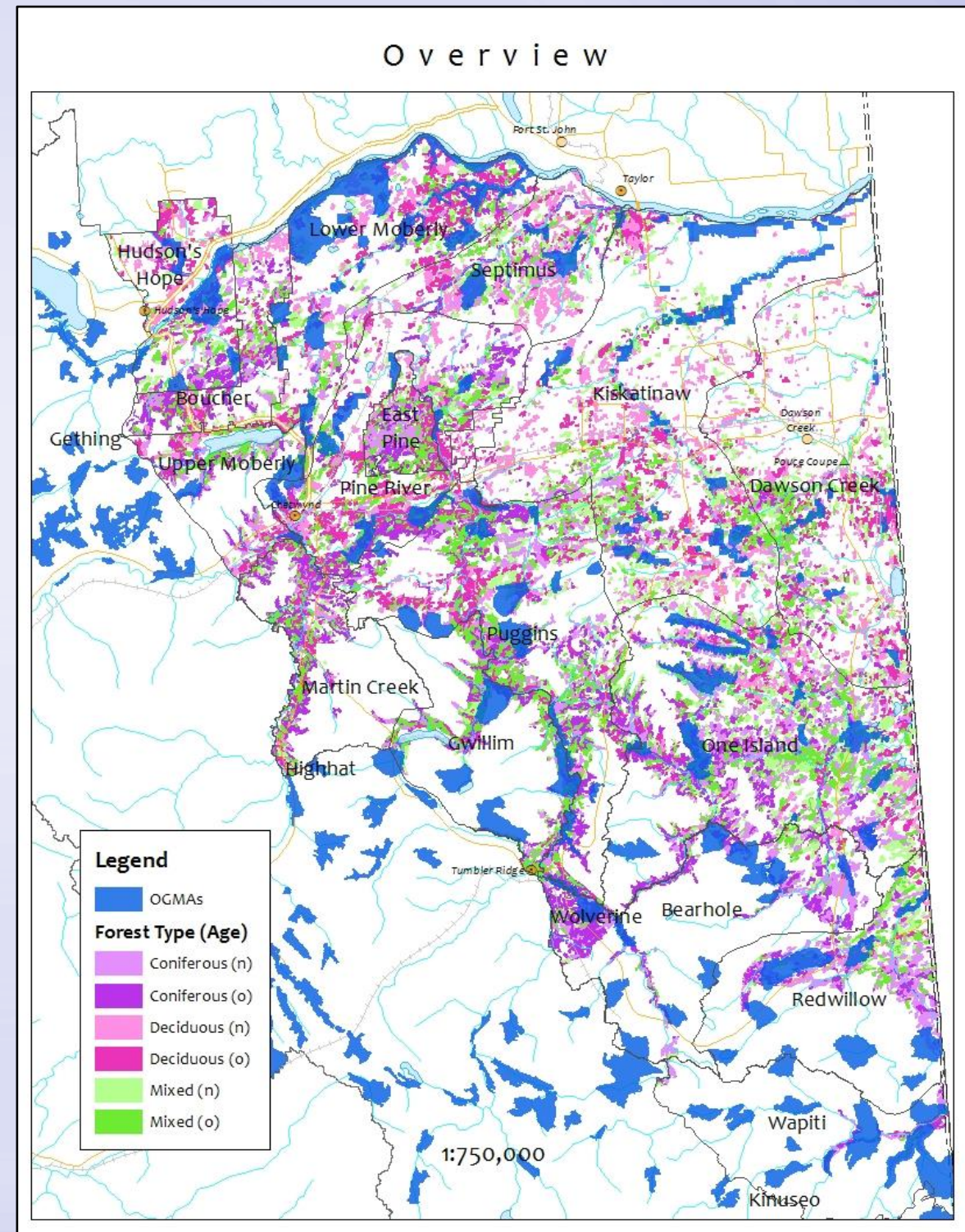
Process

- » Project Planning
- » Invitation to First Nations & Licensees (June 2021)
- » Pre-Engagement (NE Roundtable June 2021)
- » Site Selection & Review (By December 2021)
- » Public Review (By March 2022)
- » Statutory Decision (April 2022)



Site Selection

- Working with Forest Licensees and First Nations
- Forest Age
- Size, location, i.e., proximity to other protective mechanisms
- Other natural values
- Impacts to tenures
- Multi-disciplinary internal review





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