

Public Notice

DRAFT SCREENING SCOPING DOCUMENT FOR THE CLEARWATER MULTI-USER ACCESS PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE *CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT*

The proposed Clearwater Multi-User Access Project is a 30 km long, 40 m wide all-season access road in the Rural Municipality of Wood Buffalo, Alberta. The road will provide access from Highway 69 to an existing network of resource roads that connect to the east Athabasca Highway. The project requires bridge construction over the Clearwater River, along with 17 other crossings of various watercourses along the proposed route. The bridge over the Clearwater River will have three spans and two in-water piers. The approximate footprint of each pier is 13 m². The piers will be constructed using work platforms on a temporary bridge.

The responsible authorities will consider all comments received by the public in accordance with Section 18(3) of CEAA. A record of how comments have been considered and, where appropriate, incorporated into the environmental assessment, will be prepared.

At this stage of the environmental assessment, the public is invited to comment on the following issues:

- proposed scope of the project for the purposes of the environmental assessment;
- factors proposed to be considered in the assessment; and
- the proposed scope of those factors.

Persons wishing to submit comments may do so in writing to Transport Canada. Comments must be received by close of business day May 16, 2011. Comments should be sent to:

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Please be as detailed as possible and clearly reference the **Clearwater Multi-user Access Project** on your submission. Please note that all comments received are considered public and will become part of the public registry.

Also note that the public will also be invited to participate by reviewing the environmental assessment screening report when it is available.