

INDIGENOUS MONITOR OVERVIEW REPORT

Month: February 2020

Indigenous Monitor days on-site: 25

Project Region: Yellowhead (Spread 2)

**Kilometre Posts (KPs) monitored:
140-317**

Indigenous Monitors on the Trans Mountain Expansion Project – Overview

The Trans Mountain Expansion Project (the Project) has retained Indigenous Monitors as integrated members of its construction Environmental Inspection team. Indigenous Monitors work with Environmental Inspectors to monitor compliance with mitigation measures in order to minimize impacts to traditional resource use and cultural/heritage impacts during construction. Indigenous Monitors have a strategic role in providing traditional knowledge directly and pragmatically to construction oversight practices and bring an Indigenous lens to daily environmental inspection activities.

This Overview Report provides highlights of the Indigenous Monitors' day-to-day work and key mitigation measures observed by the Monitors related to Project construction in the Yellowhead region. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on Indigenous Monitor activity to Indigenous groups.

During this reporting period, key Project activities in the Yellowhead Region involving Indigenous Monitors were focused around KP 140-317 and included monitoring wildlife activity, clearing and log hauling.

For more information: email info@transmountain.com or call 1.866.514.6700.

Wildlife Corridors

Wildlife corridors provide ungulates travel routes away from the construction activity and mitigate population fragmentation.

Indigenous Monitors inspected these corridors to ensure they remained open after logging and clearing operations occurred.

Indigenous Monitors will conduct ongoing inspections in these areas.



Travelways allowing wildlife access.

Clearing

During clearing activities, Indigenous Monitors were onsite performing monitoring and inspection duties including ensuring activities remain within the approved footprint and environmental buffers are observed.

Indigenous Monitors have been involved in inspecting the salvage and removal of the merchantable timber as per the Timber Salvage Plan. Indigenous Monitors also monitor the salvage of woody debris to be used as access control and for wildlife screening and habitat after construction is complete.



Monitoring clearing for access to right-of-way

Log Hauling

Log hauling activities commenced this month. Trans Mountain has a Timber Salvage Plan outlining practices around management and handling of trees cleared along the Project right-of-way. Trans Mountain is working with Indigenous communities that have identified timber salvage interests.

The Indigenous Monitors conduct inspections to confirm the haul trucks are washed thoroughly before entering the site. This reduces the introduction and spread of noxious weeds and soil pathogens.

Indigenous Monitors work with the loader on-site to monitor log integrity. This prevents waste of merchantable timber.

In warm weather conditions, topsoil tracking is a high priority. Rutting, admixing and compaction are closely monitored while the haul trucks are on-site.



Hauling merchantable timber.

Indigenous Monitor Request Dashboard

Indigenous Monitors are provided daily on-site field support from Environmental Inspectors and office support from Indigenous Monitor Coordinators. Indigenous Monitors can also make specific support requests or submit questions through their daily report. Examples include but are not limited to: request for Project reports, input from an environmental resource specialist or on-site support from an Elder or other cultural knowledge holder. Monthly requests and their completion status are noted below.

Status	Number and Type of Requests				
	Project Reports/Documents	Environmental Resource Specialists	Elder/Cultural Knowledge Holder	Other	Total
Total	2	0	0	1	3
<i>Fulfilled</i>	1	-	-	-	1
<i>Outstanding</i>	1	-	-	1	2

This report has been reviewed by the active Indigenous Monitor(s)

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