

Bow Lake Wind Project

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Project Update

On July 9, 2014, the Ontario Environmental Review Tribunal released its decision on the appeal of the Bow Lake Wind Project. We're pleased to report the appeal was dismissed and the Renewable Energy Approval was upheld. The full decision can be viewed on at bluearth.ca or at www.ert.gov.on.ca.

Site preparation activities, including the sorting of cleared timber and transportation of timber to authorized destinations occurred in May and June and will continue over the summer. Road construction started in June and a new entrance off Hwy 17 will soon be established to provide access to the site.

Over the past few months environmental protection measures, as well as erosion and sedimentation controls have been implemented at the project site. These include installation of erosion control matting, silt fencing, and other mitigation measures, including the application of seed on steeper slope areas to establish ground cover vegetation to minimize the potential for erosion.

The project has established a Community Liaison Committee to provide a forum for information sharing and discussion as we progresses through construction and into operations. The first meeting will take place from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on July 23, 2014 at the Obadjiwan Conference and Convention Centre and is open to the public.



Senior Environmental Specialist Garry Perfect and Regulatory Lead Tom Bird looking at the road layout as part of the inspection of environmental controls at the Bow Lake Wind Project site.

The Bow Lake Wind Project

is a 60 megawatt wind energy project located in Algoma district. Once completed, the facility will generate enough renewable electricity for approximately 15,000 homes. Batchewana First Nation is a full commercial partner with BluEarth Renewables on the project, representing one of the largest economic partnerships between a First Nation and wind energy developer in Canada.

Project Schedule

Access Road Construction & Foundation Installation	May 2014 – Jul. 2015
Wind Turbine Installation	Oct. 2014 – Jul. 2015
Commercial Operation (phase 1)	Dec. 2014
Commercial Operation (phase 2)	Aug. 2015

Did you know...

Ontario is the 1st jurisdiction in North America to eliminate coal as a source of electricity? Closing down coal-fired power in Ontario is the same as taking up to 7 million cars off the road.

– Ontario Ministry of Energy

Commitment to Safety



Road construction is underway at the Bow Lake Wind project site.

TRAFFIC & ROAD

Throughout the project, we will continue to work with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Natural Resources, local OPP, and City of Sault Ste. Marie and our contractors to ensure roads are kept safe during construction. Large construction equipment and logging trucks continue to operate on the Crown Land public roads in vicinity of the project (MacKay Road, Hogg Dam Road, Rebecca's Road, Trim Lake Road and Mile 67 Road). We will continue to monitor employee and contractor driving behaviour around the project site and would ask that vehicles and ATVs are driven with caution around project workers and equipment.

HUNTING

Hunting season is quickly approaching and we would ask that all hunters in the vicinity of the Bow Lake project site be cautious and follow standard hunting safety practices and Ontario hunting regulations.

Hunters should stay a safe distance from the construction area be aware that there are people on site at all times, so consider their safety.

Practice Safe Hunting. It's the Law!

Hunters who handle or discharge firearms without due care and attention or consideration for persons and property are liable to a fine of up to \$25,000 or imprisonment for up to two years – or both. Depending on the circumstances, a person may also be subject to charges under the Criminal Code.

For more information or to report concerns, contact 1-844-214-2578 or bowlakewind@blueearth.ca.

Your Questions Answered!

Q: Will the Bow Lake project impact weather radar?

A: Detailed study and consultation with Environment Canada has determined that the project is not likely to cause significant interference with the weather radar. In fact, the Renewable Energy Approval was issued with specific mitigation requirements that were endorsed by Environment Canada to ensure the Montreal River Weather Radar Station continues to provide accurate and reliable forecasts and weather warnings.

Q: Will access to the area change?

A: Existing public roads and new or upgraded Forest Management Plan roads will not be gated and will remain open for public use following construction. Gates that exist today on public roads will remain in place. Project-specific roads such as to the spur roads that lead to each wind turbine site will likely be equipped with locked access gates. Some localized, infrequent and temporary closures of roads on Crown Lands in the project area will be required for the purposes of ensuring public safety during construction and major maintenance activities. The public will be notified in advance of road closures through the use of site signage and notices in local newspaper in accordance with Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources requirements.

For more information



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