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Ministry of Forests and Range

TENDERS REQUESTED FOR CONNECTOR CONSTRUCTION

PRINCE GEORGE – The first Invitation to Tender for a contract to begin construction on the \$10.75 million road that will connect the communities of Mackenzie and Fort St. James, has been issued, Forests and Range Minister Pat Bell said today.

“This is an exciting step for the communities of Fort St. James and Mackenzie,” said Bell. “We’re well on the road to accelerating the economic opportunities for both those communities.”

This is the first of five construction contracts expected to be tendered over the next month. The \$10.75 million joint provincial and federal capital infrastructure project will help upgrade the existing resource roads to a standard double-lane road between the two communities which can be safely used year-round.

“We’re excited the new road will bring our communities closer together, as well as help us show off the region to visitors looking for tourism and recreation activities,” said Nechako Lakes MLA John Rustad.

All construction contracts will be posted through the government BC Bid website at www.bcbid.ca. Additionally, contractors are encouraged to use the Project’s new, dedicated website for a schedule for contract tendering and the most up-to-date local information at www.for.gov.bc.ca/rni/engindex.htm.

Construction is expected to start in June and be completed by the end of November. The public is reminded to anticipate delays and restrictions during this period. The Project website will include current road and construction updates once construction commences.

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