

Integrated Pest Management



City of
NELSON

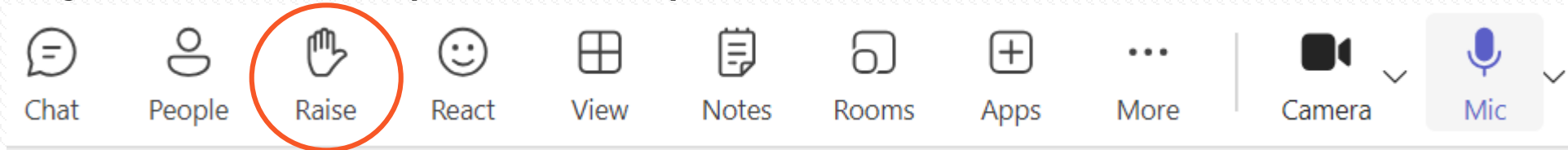
November 25, 2025



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Ktunaxa, the Syilx, and the Sinixt peoples and is home to the Métis and many diverse Aboriginal persons. We honour their connection to the land and rivers and respect the importance of the environment to our strength as a community.

EVENT MANAGEMENT

- Participants will remain muted with video off during the presentation.
- If you have a question, please use the Q&A button or raise your



- We will be recording the meeting.
- Please turn cell-phones off.

AGENDA

1. Introduction
2. History and Current Situation
3. Regulatory Context
4. Engagement
5. Vegetation Management Program
6. Proposed Options
7. Discussion



INTRODUCTION

- Emotions are high — let's stay kind and listen to each other
- Nelson Hydro does not conduct aerial or widespread spraying
- We're open to updating our Rights of Way Integrated Pest Management Plan
- You can share your thoughts until **December 15th**



HISTORY AND CURRENT SITUATION

- This is the 3rd set of five-year Integrated Pest Management Plans.
- No feedback received from previous notices.
- IPMP standard document template used.
- Historically, the Nelson Hydro has rarely used pesticide treatments.
- Limited to fenced substations and poles...both required for electrical safety and reliability.



REGULATORY CONTEXT

- City of Nelson Pesticide By-Law
 - BC Ministry of Environment and Parks
 - Health Canada
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- BC Integrated Pest Management Act and Regulations
 - BC Weed Control Act and Regulations
 - BC Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act and Regulations
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- Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS)



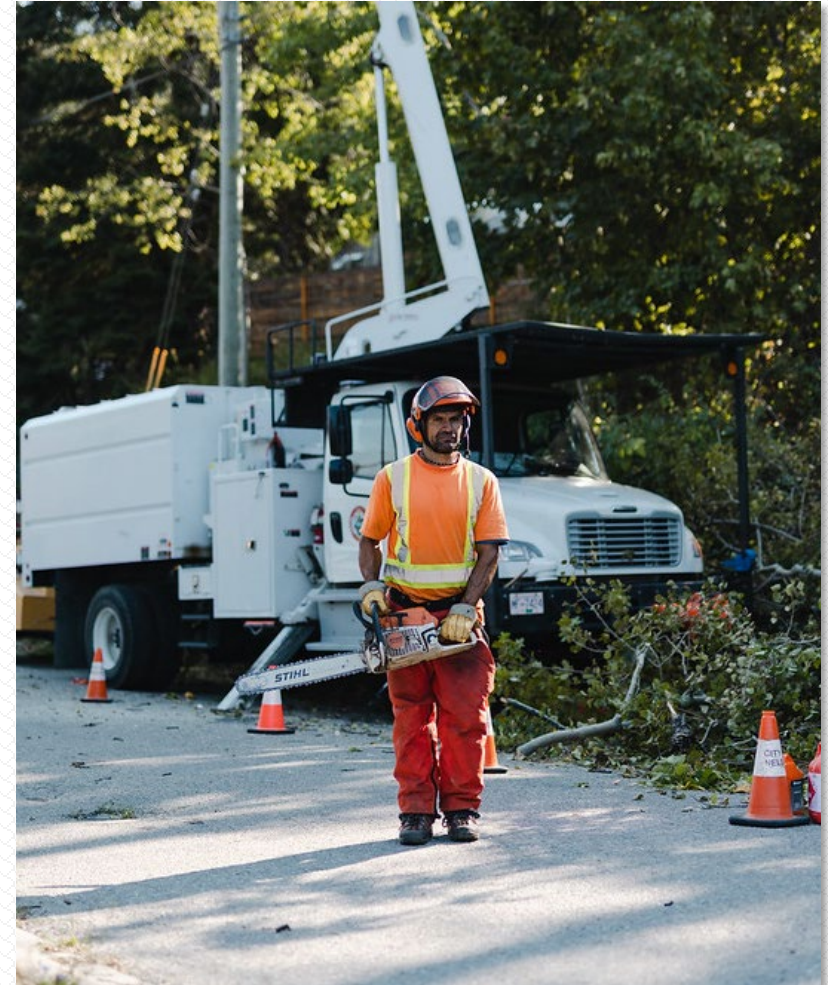
ENGAGEMENT

- BC Integrated Pest Management Regulations prescribes wording, process, and timeframes for public engagements; advertisements, notices, documents, applications, etc.
- BCIPMR also prescribes wording and the process for First Nation engagement.
- Both have been completed to requirements.
- We apologize that this has not been enough as many have felt unheard.

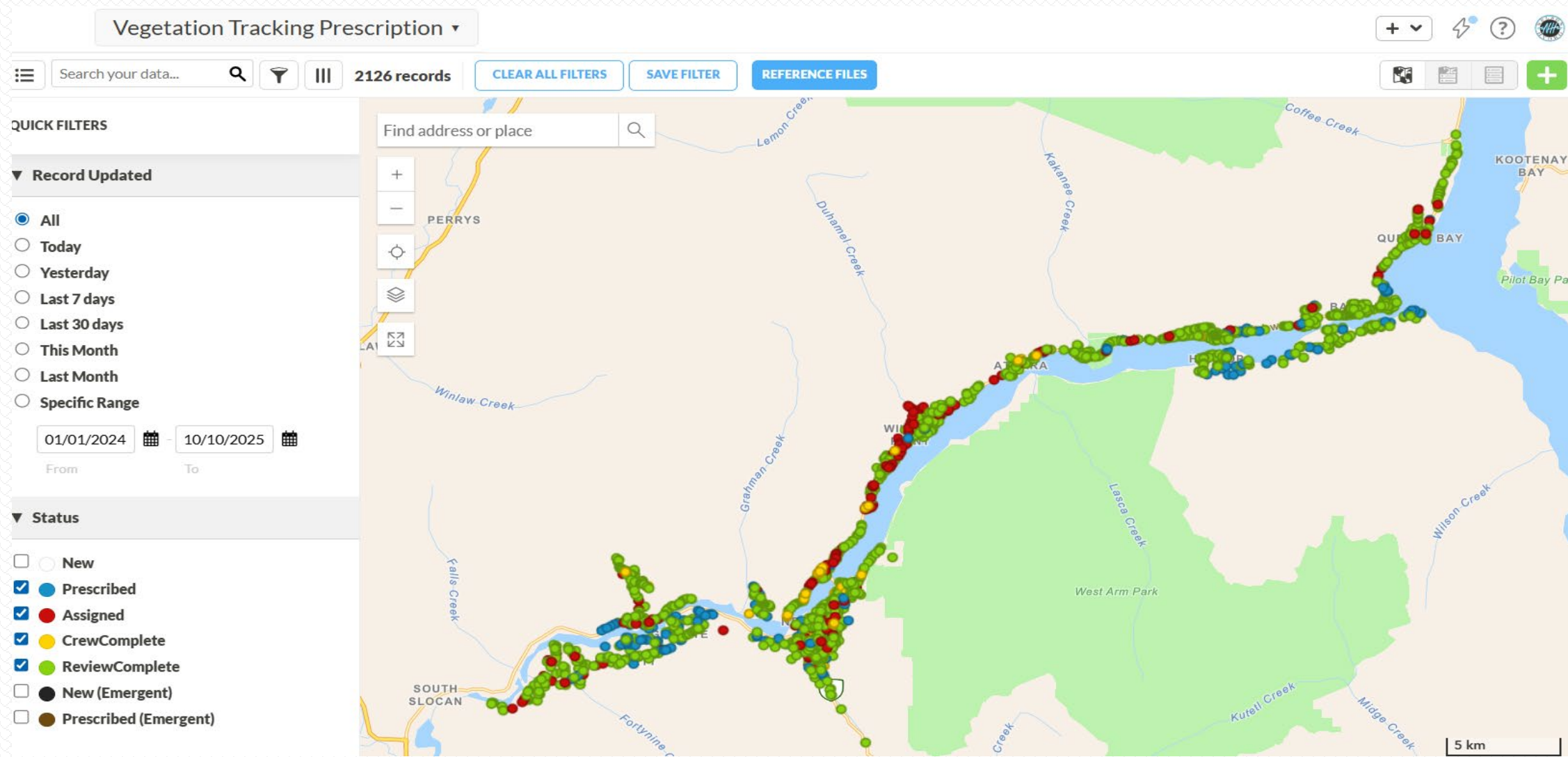


VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

- Increase in regrowth rates, root base and density
- Nelson Hydro only hires qualified personnel for non-chemical (Certified Utility Arborists) and chemical (Applicator Certificate and User License)
- Invasive plants like Knotweed can only be managed with foliar application of pesticide as ground disturbances propagate species



VEGETATION MANAGEMENT – 2024-2025 WORK COMPLETED



MANAGING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

- Obligation to provide safe, reliable and affordable electrical service.
- Seek to maintain a broad set of options for pest management.
- Invasive species, noxious weeds and problem vegetation that interfere with the access to and functioning of electrical equipment are a safety hazard.
- Substations cannot have vegetation of any kind due to the risk of electrocution.



YOUR CONCERNS RAISED

- Money – the root of all evil
- Carte-blanche
- Human and water health
- Wildlife and pollinator health
- No pesticides of any kind
- No Hierarchy of Controls for Treatment
- Lack of Engagement



PROPOSED OPTIONS

1. Only use pesticide to control invasive plants.
2. Prohibit specific chemicals from being used.
3. Remove chemical treatments entirely.
4. Others?



DISCUSSION

1. Do the options presented represent all voices?
2. Within the scope of Nelson Hydro, what else can be done?



CLOSING REMARKS

- Let's Talk Pest Management
<https://letstalk.nelson.ca/pest-management>
- Balance between environment and operations



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