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**Public Advisory: Controlled Burn has Started on Edward's Island, Churchill River**

The public is advised that a controlled burn has been started on Edward's Island in the lower Churchill River. The site is located within the lower Churchill River, approximately 60 km west of Happy Valley-Goose Bay along Route 500, near the mouth of Edward's Brook.

Earlier this summer, Nalcor Energy cleared and piled approximately 40 hectares of trees on Edward's Island as a further mitigation measure within the reservoir for the Muskrat Falls generation project. The project assessed a number of options to manage the removal of the trees from Edward's Island and has consulted with the Provincial Government. We also evaluated the option to move the trees off the island by barge but we determined that the safest method was to burn them directly on Edward's Island.

Johnson's Construction will complete the work and will work closely with the Provincial Department of Fisheries and Land Resources to monitor and implement the burn. There are no health and safety impacts to the public, and the burn will be supervised at all times.

During the controlled burn, drivers traveling along Route 500 may at times see smoke and helicopter activity near Edward's Island.

If you have an inquiry on the upcoming controlled burn, please contact the Northwest River District Forestry Office at (709) 497-8479.

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