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## **Blueberry River First Nations Responds to Provincial Approval of NEBC Connector Project**

**February 21, 2025 - Buick, B.C.** - Blueberry River First Nations (Blueberry) Council is pleased to have worked with NorthRiver Midstream Inc. (NorthRiver) and regulators towards the recently fast-tracked provincial approval of NorthRiver's NEBC Connector Project.

The NEBC Connector Project is a pipeline from northwest of Wonowon in northeastern B.C. to the Gordondale area in Alberta. It will consist of two parallel 216 kilometre pipelines - one to be used for natural gas condensate, the other for natural gas liquids. The pipeline corridor will include nearly 200 hectares of Crown Land that will require new land disturbance as part of the construction. NorthRiver engaged with Blueberry in the fall of 2024 on their permit application and the new disturbance requirements. This collaborative engagement facilitated the process for the project to receive provincial approval, and ensured the 2023 Implementation Agreement protections for Blueberry's Treaty Rights were upheld.

Blueberry and NorthRiver now have an agreement that will, as the project proceeds, provide important benefits to not only Blueberry, but also to NorthRiver, the northeast, and the provincial economy as a whole. Blueberry looks forward to continuing to build a positive relationship with NorthRiver and other project proponents.

Blueberry's Council continues to support balanced industrial development in northeast B.C. that respects our Treaty Rights while contributing to economic growth. We will continue to actively participate in formal joint permitting and planning under the Implementation Agreement with British Columbia and we encourage all proponents to work with Blueberry to ensure their projects align with the Implementation Agreement, respect our Treaty Rights, and benefit our community.

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