

BACKGROUNDER

Improving Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park

The *Campground Re-development Project* is a long-term, sustainable, approach to enhance camping services in the park and renew the lodgepole pine forest.

Work planned for 2011/2012:

Pine Hill Campground Forest Renewal:

- Partial closure in 2011 (approximately ½ of the 85 sites). All lodgepole pine in this area of the campground will be harvested.
- Full closure in 2012 (the rest of the 85 sites). All lodgepole pine in the remaining area of the campground will be harvested.
- The lodgepole pine will be renewed through natural regeneration and by planting lodgepole pine seedlings in the spring.
- It will take 10 to 15 years for the lodgepole pine to regenerate. The Pine Hill Campground will re-open as a re-developed, expanded and fully electrified campground in approximately 15 years.

Meadows Campground:

- Eighty-seven new electrified sites will be added to make up for the closure of the 85 sites in Pine Hill.
- Preliminary site development is underway. Construction will carry on throughout the 2011 camping season. During the construction approximately half of the 53 sites in Meadows Campground will be closed for safety reasons.
- The campsites are scheduled to open during the 2012 camping season.

Rainbow Campground:

- Electrical service will be upgraded in 36 existing electric sites and added to 33 others.
- Construction will be completed in time for the 2011 camping season.
- A vegetation management demonstration site will be established near the entrance of Rainbow Campground. It will show how harvesting the mature trees and planting lodge-pole pine seedlings helps renew the lodge-pole pine forest.
- In future years the forest will require renewal. This campground will be closed for forest regeneration once Pine Hill re-opens.

Terrace Campground:

- Electrical service to be upgraded in 68 existing electric sites and added to 21 existing non-electric sites.
- The construction will begin in the fall of 2011 and the campsites are scheduled to open during the 2012 camping season.
- In future years the forest will require renewal. This campground will be closed for forest regeneration once Pine Hill re-opens.