

MERIDIAN DAM PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY STUDY

FACT SHEET

What is the purpose of the study?

The purpose of the study is to assess the benefits and costs of building a dam and water supply project on the South Saskatchewan River. The study will help to determine whether or not a larger scale feasibility study should move forward.

Who is undertaking this study?

Alberta Environment and Sask Water have hired a consultant, Golder Associates Ltd. to conduct the study.

Where is the proposed dam and reservoir?

The proposed dam would be located on the South Saskatchewan River, just inside Alberta (refer to map on back). It would create a reservoir in the South Saskatchewan River valley that would extend upstream towards the city of Medicine Hat.

Why are we considering the construction of a dam and reservoir?

Given the current pressures on the water resource, the debate continues on how to address this situation. An ongoing discussion also continues with regard to the feasibility of a dam on the South Saskatchewan River, to provide relief for current pressures on the resource. To address these issues, we are collecting the information to assess all aspects of these pressures on water. Once information is compiled, government will be in a better position to make an informed decision on how or whether to proceed.

Will environmental issues be addressed as part of the study?

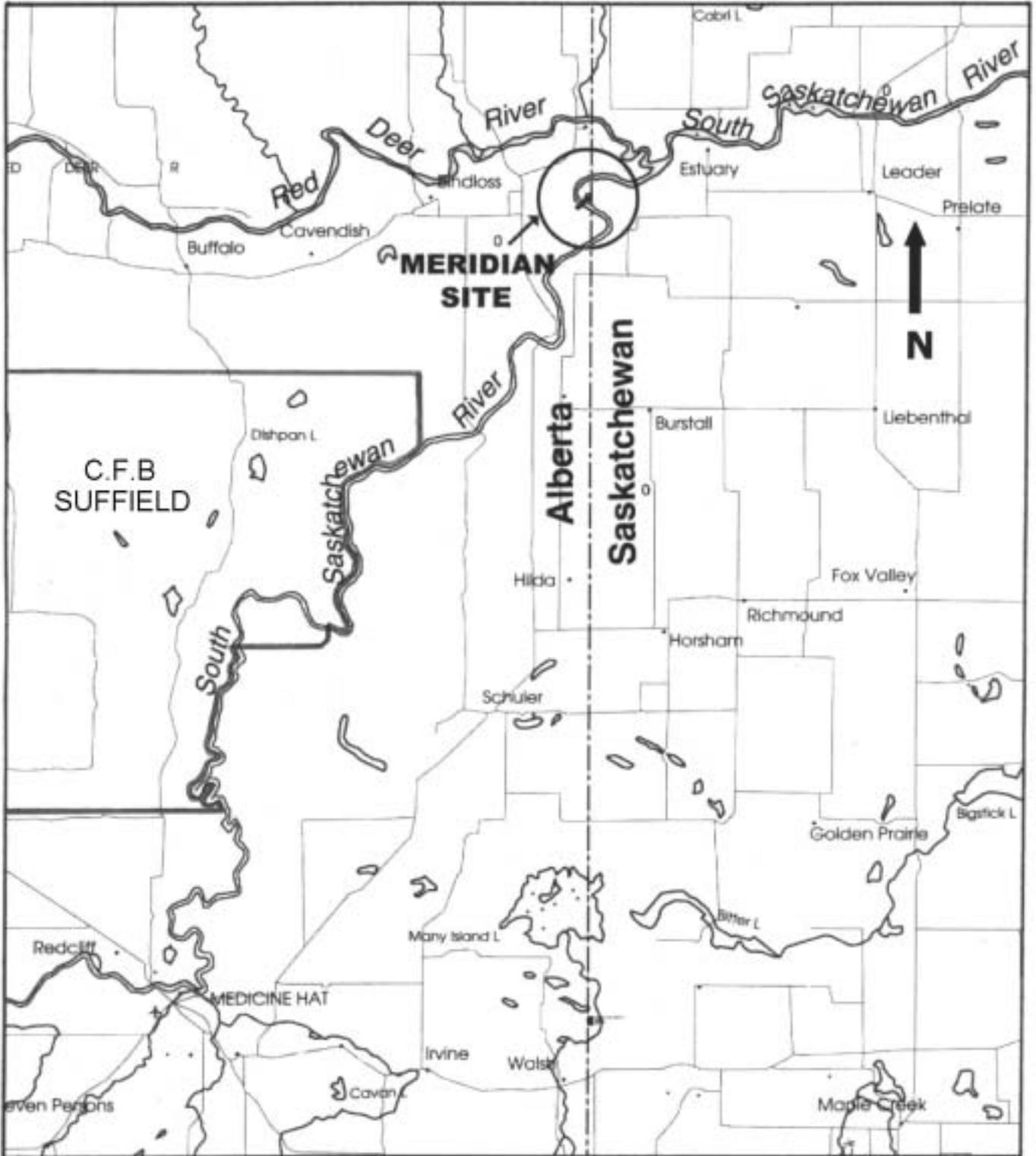
Yes, with the assistance of the public, the study will identify and describe all environmental issues and the economic analysis will include costs associated with addressing these issues. If it is determined that a feasibility study should go ahead, all issues will be analysed carefully.

How will the input from the public be used?

The public will have several opportunities at working meetings, as well as providing written submissions to assist government in identifying issues that need to be addressed by the study. The input received at these meetings and through written submissions will be forwarded to Golder Associates Ltd. for consideration in preparing the study. Input received from the public up to the cut off date of September 30, 2001 will be made available through mail out or on the Alberta Environment and Sask Water websites.

When will the study be completed?

The study will be completed by January 18, 2002.



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