



What the RRS means for Industry

RESOURCE ROADS SYSTEM

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1 WHAT IS THE RESOURCE ROADS SYSTEM?

The Resource Roads Project (RRP) is working to improve road management incrementally, with the top priority to improve safety by standardization of road use rules across FLNRORD and under the *Oil and Gas Activities Act*. Currently, there is no mandate to consolidate road legislation into an omnibus bill, as was anticipated under the Natural Resource Roads Act Project (NRRRA). Instead, the ministry is relying on amending existing legislation and policy to improve resource road management. This will be supported by implementation of the new Resource Roads System (RRS).

The RRS is a web based Information Technology and Information Management (IT/IM) system. It is one of the ten assignments in the government's IT System Transformation for the Natural Resource Sector and will provide operational users (both government and industry) with expedited, streamlined and automated capabilities for the administration of resource roads across the province of British Columbia.

2 WHAT DOES THE RRS MEAN FOR INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS?

All submissions related to road permits will continue to be submitted through the Electronic Submission Framework (ESF) and every effort is being made to minimize potential disruption to your business during the transition to the new Resource Road System. Industry will be able to apply for road use permits electronically using the new Natural Resource Sector Online Services (NRSOS) portal.

2.1 Benefits

The Resource Roads System will deliver the following to our industry stakeholders:

- **The ability to improve safety:** Road use permit holders and the designated maintainer will be notified when another road use permit is issued.
- **'Online' resource roads administration functionality:** Road use permit applications and road permit section reassignments and retirements (partial and full) will now all be done online, decreasing processing time. Information entered via smart forms will populate immediately in the RRS and the following business day, as spatial information into the BC Geographic Warehouse. This data can be used by any GIS application. System generated Exhibit A's and other supporting documents will also be instantly accessible.
- **Road permit holders will be able to electronically:**
 - Provide notice of intent to construct a road,
 - Notify government of their intent to deactivate a road,
 - Submit a declaration on completion of a road deactivation,
 - Report (tabular format only) on roads constructed and deactivated, and
 - Request termination of a road under a road permit.
- **Amendments:** Designation of the maintainer will be done by a district manager order, eliminating the need for amendments.
- **Electronic notice:** Industrial users will be able to provide their five-day notice before use electronically.
- **Electronic issuance:** When any permit associated with a resource road is approved, instead of receiving a paper copy, the applicant will be provided with an electronic link to their permit documents that will remain active in perpetuity.

- **An additional comment field in the ESF submission:** A new field allows applicants to communicate with government and provide detailed information that could influence application processing time.
- **A related road permit and cutting permit field in the ESF submission:** There will be fields in CP and RP ESF submissions that will link them to one another, if they need to be reviewed and approved together. This information will inform the reviewer that the applications should be processed simultaneously.

2.2 Potential Impacts

Minor system updates: Minor changes will be required to update the third party software, which are estimated to require less than one day of resource time to implement for road permits.

Updating Client Access: Clients (and anyone delegated to submit on their behalf), will need to sign up with the NRSOS Portal using their BCeID, in order to apply for RUPs or to access their issued permits electronically.

Business process changes: The current processes are highly manual and still utilize hard copy documentation, but the RRS enables these to occur electronically. These process changes will require training and communications support for successful implementation.

Temporary productivity impact: There may be productivity impacts due to the natural learning curves when the new system is launched. This impact is expected to be temporary and will be mitigated through project communications and training.

Data Cleanup: As new applications are entered into the system, the existing data integrity issues may become more evident and problematic. There will be a strategy developed to address the need to provide an avenue for the clients to submit their clean and reliable data, in order that the data published by the Province can be improved over time, on a voluntary basis.

3 WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT

As the project team prepares for implementation and launch later this year, we are assessing the level of support required by our industry stakeholders. Understanding how best to communicate upcoming activities, as well as determining who within each licensee office needs to be trained is critical to us being able to prepare our clients for the upcoming change. **To help us understand how best to support you, it would be extremely helpful if you could fill out this [short survey](#), or have a designate fill it out on behalf of your team.**

Upcoming months will see informational sessions held across the province for our industry stakeholders. These sessions will provide more detailed information including timelines and specifics about implementation activities, as well as smart form demonstrations, providing the opportunity for conversation and questions to the project team.

4 HOW YOU CAN GET MORE INFORMATION

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