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## **Notice to Gitxaala Citizens Re: Alpha River – Blasting and Safety Plan**

Gitxaala Forestry will begin road construction at Alpha River on or around April 12. This work will include regular drilling and controlled blasting. For everyone's safety, please review the following information and guidelines if you are in the area.

### **Work Schedule**

- Lemare Construction will be working daily from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

### **Blasting Activities**

- Due to heavy rock conditions, controlled blasting will take place 4–5 times per day
- Blasting will occur at random times between 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM
- Controlled blasting uses small, carefully measured charges to break rock safely for removal

### **Safety Area**

- A 600-metre safety zone will be in place around the blasting area
- Please refer to the Alpha River Blasting Map for the exact location
- During work hours, avoid traveling by boat or aircraft within this area

### **Safety Procedures Before Blasting**

- Crews will use a barge and boat to check and clear the area
- Once the area is clear:
  - A warning will be broadcast on:
    - Air band radio (123.200)
    - Marine Channel 6
  - You will hear twelve short (1-second) whistles
  - After a 2-minute wait, the blast will occur
  - A 5-second long whistle will sound after the blast to confirm the area is safe

### **Duration of Work**

- These safety procedures will be in place for approximately 2–3 months, or until the road has progressed further up the valley and the safety area can be reduced

If you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out.



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