

1 **B-35 Supply and Installation of a Bridge, \$211,900**

2 Q. How many times has the area been accessed by NLH since the removal of
3 the bridge?

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6 A. The number of river crossings made since the removal of the bridge has
7 been much lower then before, due to the difficulties created by the removal of
8 the bridge. Preventive maintenance procedures have been deferred
9 awaiting a resolution to the access problem created by the removal of the
10 bridge. The procedure for gaining access to the far side of the river is
11 expensive and time consuming, involving either very long travel times to gain
12 access from the far side (please refer to 2007 Capital Budget Page B-36) or
13 an expensive river fording procedure. To ford the river with tools, materials
14 and equipment permission must be obtained in advance from both the
15 Provincial Department of Environment and the Federal Department of
16 Fisheries. The tools, materials and personnel must be flown across the river
17 by helicopter and then the vehicle may ford the river at a location identified
18 by the regulatory bodies. Either method of access is expensive and time
19 consuming compared with bridge access. The time element is extremely
20 important during power outages.

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22 See IC-14 NLH for additional information.