

Gale force winds hit Canadian coast

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About 156,000 Canadians are without electricity after a massive windstorm Monday night downed power lines and toppled trees on Canada's west coast. BC Hydro said it could take until Wednesday to restore electricity to its customers in British Columbia. "Based on the damage we are seeing, we are advising customers that it will be one to two days that power will be out and they should prepare for one to two days of outages," company spokeswoman Gillian Robinson told the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. Areas hardest hit by the storm that generated wind gusts of 55 mph were the Fraser Valley, northern Vancouver Island, Bowen Island and the Sunshine Coast area, Robinson said. The storm wreaked havoc for thousands of airplane and ferry passengers, leaving them stranded temporarily after a long Remembrance Day weekend.

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