

Field work notification: Bridge River Transmission Project (B RTP)

May 6, 2026

Dear Neighbour,

We're completing environmental and archaeological field work to support planning for the Bridge River Transmission Project as we prepare for construction to start as early as fall 2026.

Project Background

The purpose of the Bridge River transmission project is to improve the reliability and safety of the Bridge River transmission system by eliminating system constraints and increasing its capacity to move electricity from where it is produced to other parts of the province.

This project anticipates upgrading approximately 150 structures and raising the height of an existing line (**see map below**) in several sections between Kelly Lake Substation and Bridge River Terminal Station within the existing BC Hydro right of way (ROW, the land under and around our power lines).

This project is being done in consultation with impacted First Nations.

What we're doing

Small field crews will be in the area conducting environmental and archeological-related surveys within the project area which will inform project planning and help ensure construction is planned and carried out responsibly. Crews will also be refreshing and adding markings (flagging tape and wooden stakes) along some of the project access roads and clearing areas as well as access road maintenance as needed.

All activities will follow applicable environmental protection measures, including invasive species management protocols.

When	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crews are expected to begin May 11, 2026, and will continue periodically through the summer months.
Where	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work will take place at select locations along the existing Bridge River transmission line between Kelly Lake Substation and Bridge River Terminal Station, primarily within BC Hydro's established right of ways (ROW). Some nearby access routes will also be used.
Field activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wildlife and habitat feature assessments (e.g., looking for dens, burrows, bird use, tree cavities). Reptile habitat surveys in rocky outcrop areas.

Access and traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree assessments for nests and wildlife use. • Archaeological field investigations and related assessments. • Invasive plant species surveys • Clearing and access planning and related field markings. • Access road maintenance.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most sites will be accessed on foot or by 4x4 pickup truck using existing access routes. • Areas not accessible by road may be accessed by helicopter. • <u>No traffic disruptions are anticipated.</u>

Questions?

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Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we complete this important work.

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Map: Bridge River Transmission Project, transmission line 2L90

