



La Joie Dam Improvement Project update:

Fall field work and feasibility studies – November, 2025

We're pleased to share the latest updates on the La Joie Dam Improvement Project.

Updates include:

- progress made on feasibility studies for worker accommodation and project access,
- activities at the quarry,
- fall public engagement activities; and
- next steps

Project purpose: The La Joie Dam Improvement Project is being undertaken to address dam safety risks related to ageing infrastructure and potential seismic activity, ensuring continued clean power generation for British Columbians while minimizing environmental impacts.

This work is being done in consultation with St'át'imc Nation.



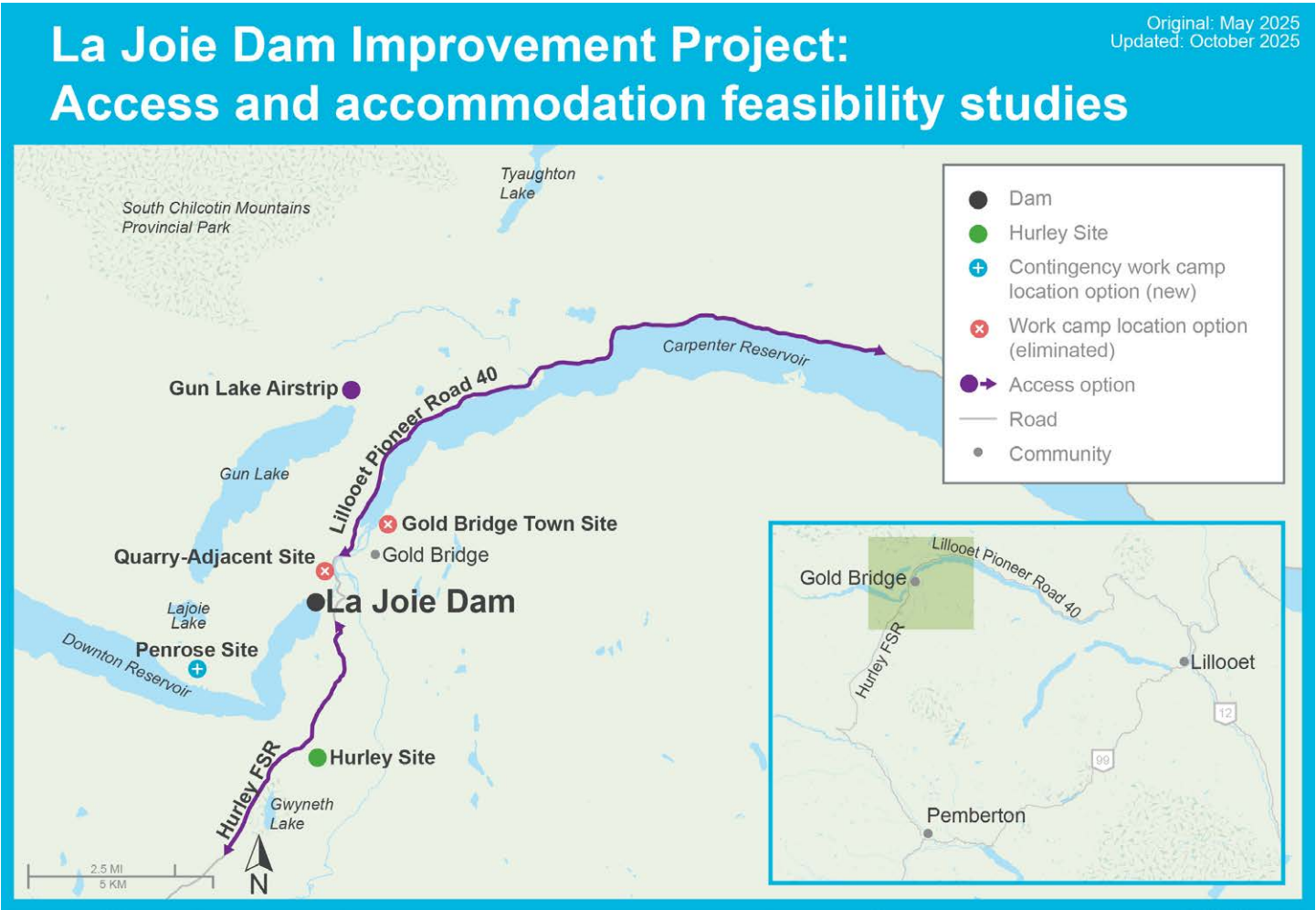
Hurley work camp site (May 2025)



Accommodation studies (work camp site options)

We’ve been conducting feasibility studies to support future site selection for the work camp and their preliminary design (see map below).

Note: As part of our procurement process when selecting a work camp operator, the intent is to remain open to bidders proposing alternative sites, provided they meet or exceed the standards of the preferred location.



Fall field studies

Work camp site options	Environmental and archaeological assessments	Geotechnical	Test well drilling and pump test
Hurley site	Desktop and fall field assessments for camp site option and drill sites complete.	Complete	Complete. Drill sites did not identify a viable water source. Site remediation complete.
Penrose site (Contingency site, formerly the Truax site)	Desktop and fall field assessments for camp site option and drill sites complete.	Complete	Complete. Drill sites did not identify a viable water source. Site remediation complete*

Early outcomes: With no viable water sources identified during the test well drilling, we’re going to explore alternative options for getting water to camp (e.g., hauling water). Further test well drilling may also be required.

*The project is assessing whether it needs to drill a test well at a site adjacent to the Penrose work camp site to further inform our studies. Should that need be identified, we will inform key stakeholders. While drilling is paused at that location, the access roads and drilling pad will remain in place and a barrier has been installed to prevent vehicle access. Additional site remediation efforts will occur as plans progress.



Crews conducting quarry investigations. (October 2025)

Access studies

WORK DONE THIS YEAR INCLUDED:

- **Lillooet Pioneer Road 40 (Road 40):** coordination meetings and site visits with the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT) regarding potential road improvements. Desktop environmental studies and archaeological field studies were conducted.
- **Hurley Forest Service Road:** assessing bridges, drainage conditions, and winter maintenance required for all-season use, as well as meetings with key stakeholders. Desktop environmental studies and archaeological field studies were conducted.
- **Gun Lake Airstrip:** confirming airstrip operability through wind and ceiling height studies and geotechnical assessments. Archaeological studies were also conducted.

Quarry development activities

We'll need a reliable local supply of rock that can be quarried and processed for use during remediation of the facility.

This year we completed a geotechnical drilling program to collect core samples of the rock for classification and laboratory testing.

Other activities included a surface geophysics investigation near the quarry to explore what geological features lie below the surface, as well as environmental and archaeological studies.

These studies will inform our planning for rock excavation, access roads and haul routes at the quarry.



Engagement activities: thank you for joining us!

Thanks to everyone who attended our October 2025 in-person open house for the La Joie Dam Improvement Project. We appreciated the opportunity to connect and hear your feedback.

If you weren't able to attend, you can view the open house storyboards online at www.bchydro.com/lajoie.

We also shared a project update at the Squamish–Lillooet Regional District's (SLRD) Committee of the Whole meeting on October 23. You can find links to watch the presentation video or view the presentation materials at www.bchydro.com/lajoie.

We'll continue to keep you informed through project updates and future open houses.



Public open house at the Gold Bridge Community Club (October 2025)

Next steps

The data collected from this year's studies will support our project planning. We're also beginning to outline what we anticipate for spring 2026 field activities such as:

- A spring drilling program focused on the dam and quarry to learn more about the rock type and strength in areas where new construction could take place. Archaeological studies will be completed prior to drilling.
- Further environmental and archaeological studies related to access and accommodation. Locations are still to be determined.

Emerging recommendations are in development on the preferred work camp site and project access route(s). We'll continue to provide updates and gather feedback from key stakeholders and residents as these plans progress.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we proceed with this essential work.

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