



## BC Hydro: La Joie Dam Improvement Project

Project update, May 2026  
(May 16, 2026)

We're continuing field investigations this spring to support planning for the La Joie Dam Improvement Project. This work helps us better understand site conditions which prepares us for future construction.

This work is being carried out in consultation with St'át'imc Nation and in accordance with environmental protection requirements.

### In Case You Missed It

During our March/April virtual public open houses, we shared key outcomes from our project access and work camp feasibility studies.

View the presentation: [www.bchydro.com/lajoie](http://www.bchydro.com/lajoie)

### Project access

Improving the safety and reliability of access routes being used for the project is important for public and worker safety as well as reducing risks to project schedule and cost. This scope of work also includes access to the project work camp site.

#### KEY OUTCOMES OF OUR RECENT FEASIBILITY STUDIES INCLUDED:

- **Lillooet Pioneer Road 40 (Road 40):** Proposed as the primary project access route for equipment, materials, supplies, and local labour, and moves forward into detailed design.
- **The Gun Lake Airstrip:** Airstrip improvements to enable transporting workers moves forward into preliminary design.
- **The Hurley River Forest Service Road (FSR):** A limited set of studies are being advanced to support further consideration of this route option while engineering design for the dam progresses.

### COME SEE US!

We're in the community this May to share project updates and gather feedback.

#### Gold Bridge

Saturday, May 16, 2026

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Haylmore Heritage Site season opener

#### Seton Portage/Shalalth

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

5 – 7:30 p.m.

Sk'il' Mountain Community School

#### Lillooet

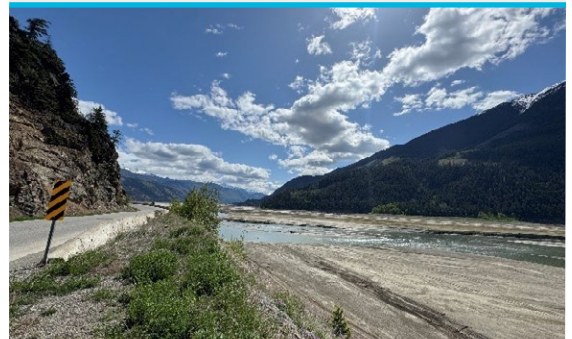
Thursday, May 28, 2026

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Canada Post, Lillooet

#### Learn more:

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## OVERVIEW OF PROJECT ACCESS FIELD ACTIVITIES:

Subsurface (geotechnical) investigations of project access routes are required to understand soil and rock conditions which will support design work. Timing is subject to permits, contractor availability, and equipment scheduling.

Lillooet Pioneer Road 40 (Road 40)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Permit application submitted to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MoTT).</li><li>○ Work is expected to start in June and last up to four weeks.</li><li>○ Expect single lane alternating traffic at investigation locations and the potential for a short road closure.</li><li>○ Sites will be remediated once work is complete.</li></ul>
Gun Lake Airstrip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Complete: Investigations, including drilling, to confirm subsurface conditions.</li></ul>
Hurley River Forest Service Road (Hurley FSR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Work camp site access: geotechnical drilling and test pitting is planned for June and July on the northern 7 kilometres between Gold Bridge and the Hurley work camp site near Gwyneth Lake Provincial Park.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Drilling along Gwyneth Lake Road will be scheduled to a date presently undetermined.</li></ul></li><li>○ Additional field investigations on the Hurley FSR will not proceed this spring or summer.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ We're continuing consultation with St'át'imc Nation to better understand their perspective on this project access option.</li></ul></li></ul>



## Work camp planning (Accommodation)

Dependable worker accommodation is important to ensure construction stays on schedule and avoids undue strain on housing and services in the region. The Hurley work camp site was identified as the preferred option.

### This spring, we are:

- Completing remediation of the Penrose well drilling site (finished May 3).
- Planning geotechnical investigations for June, including drilling.
- Advancing planning for power, septic and other site services.
- Exploring water source options for the camp, including trucking water to site.
- Initiating emergency planning and preparedness conversations for fire risk management.



## Dam site drilling program



Crews working at La Joie Dam (April 2026)

We're expecting to wrap up our geotechnical studies at the dam in early July. This work allows us to get a better insight into what the current conditions are below the surface, giving us the information we need to evaluate what improvements are necessary to address dam safety risks related to ageing infrastructure and potential seismic activity.

Crews will be working at the dam facility during daylight hours. Traffic impacts are expected to be minimal on the Hurley FSR as crews and equipment access the dam site.

**New:** Drilling near the existing substation at the dam site is planned for this spring to support future expansion and power needs, including those associated with the work camp. Any upgrades would also improve power reliability for the community



## Complete: Grizzly Bar Side Channel fish habitat restoration

In April, fish habitat restoration at the Grizzly Bar Side Channel was completed which will help prevent fish stranding and support healthy fish populations in the Bridge River System.



Side-by-side view of the Grizzly Bar Side Channel showing conditions before restoration in March 2026 (left), and improved channel flow and structure after restoration in April 2026 (right)

Work was carried out in consultation with regulators and in partnership with Xwísten.

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED INTEREST. WE WILL CONTINUE TO SHARE UPDATES AS PLANS  
PROGRESS AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT UPCOMING EVENTS**

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