



BC Hydro: La Joie Dam Improvement Project

Upcoming field work, and virtual public open houses (March 12, 2026)

As early as March 23, 2026 crews will begin early spring field work to support planning in several key project areas, including:

- Dam facility improvements.
- Project access.
- Work camp planning.

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

Additional field work is anticipated later in the spring and summer.

We'll keep you updated as those plans are developed.

Dam facility improvement studies

Starting in March 2026, we're conducting further geotechnical studies at the dam, to get a better sense of what the current conditions are below the surface in and around the facility. These investigations give us the information we need to evaluate what improvements are necessary 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.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Learn more about this field work as well as the latest project updates at our upcoming virtual open houses!

You'll need to register to attend. We're offering two session dates for you to choose from:

March 31, 2026
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

OR

April 1, 2026
Noon – 1 p.m.

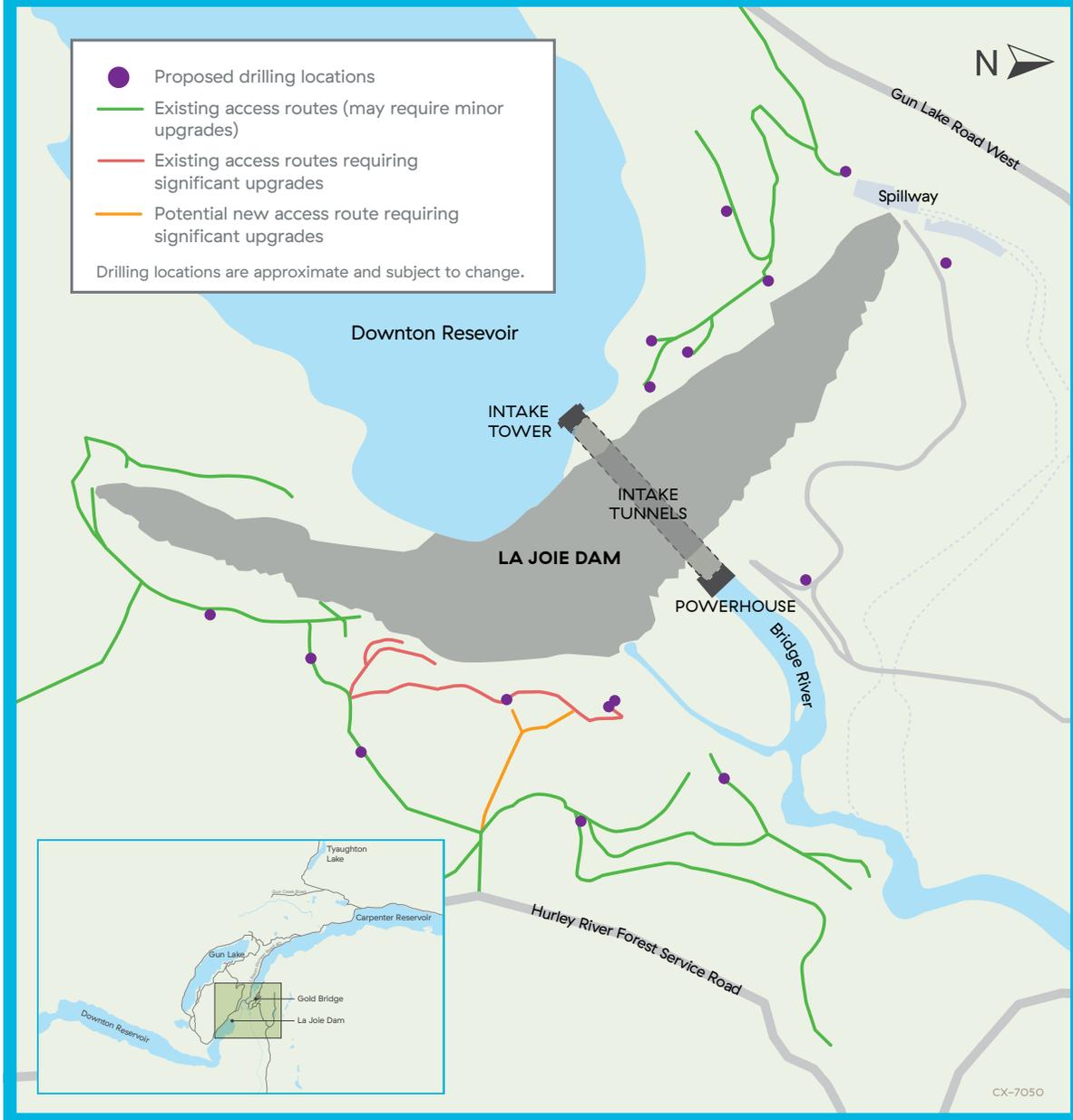
Registration is required and can be completed online at www.bchydro.com/lajoie.

Registration will close one hour prior to the start of each session.

We look forward to seeing you there!



La Joie Dam Improvement Project: Spring 2026 dam drilling program



GEOTECHNICAL STUDIES AT THE LA JOIE FACILITY WILL INCLUDE:

- Drilling activities during daylight hours.
- Improving access routes for drilling crews and equipment, including some vegetation removal, mainly on the north and northeast side of the dam.
 - Pre-existing access routes are being used where possible to minimize vegetation removal and ground disturbance.
- Drone surveys to assess the condition of the dam (expected to begin in May)

Traffic impacts are expected to be minimal on the Hurley Forest Service Road as crews and equipment access the dam site. Environmental and archeological studies will be conducted before work begins.

We anticipate this phase of investigations at the dam site to wrap up in June 2026.



Access studies

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.

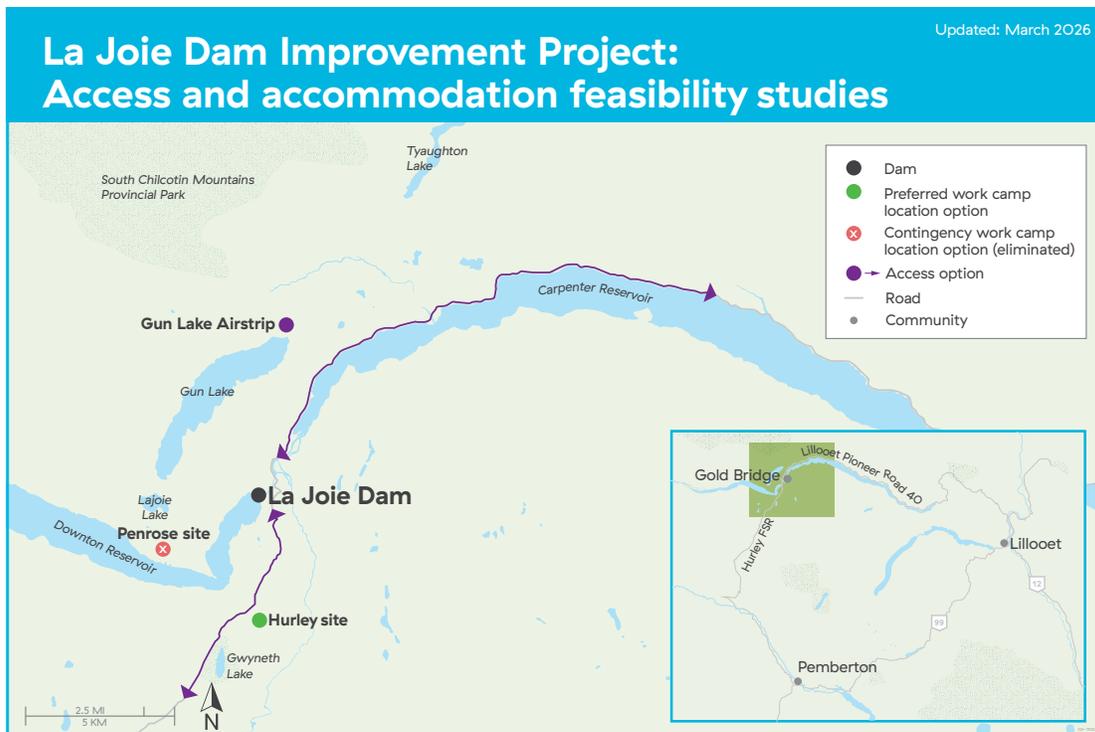
Our upcoming March and April spring field and desktop work will feed into our assessment of project access options.

Here's what's happening so far:

Lillooet Pioneer Road 40 (Road 40)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Developing plans for geotechnical investigations to identify nearby rock and gravel that could support project construction. ○ Coordinating with the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MoTT) on field investigations that could begin as early as April 2026, depending on how planning progresses and the availability of contractors and equipment. ○ When investigation work is underway at a site, you can expect single-lane alternating traffic. Road users will be notified in advance, and traffic control will follow a MoTT approved traffic management plan.
Hurley Forest Service Road (Hurley FST)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Geotechnical drilling anticipated for April 2026, at three sites on the north end of the Hurley FSR (Gwenyth Lake Road). Exact dates are to be determined. ○ This will require temporary road closures and single lane alternating traffic. Directly impacted property owners and road users will be notified and a traffic management plan will be in place.
Gun Lake Airstrip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Investigations to learn more about subsurface conditions could begin as early as April 2026, depending on how planning progresses and the availability of contractors and equipment.

Environmental studies and desktop heritage reviews will be completed before work begins.

We're just getting started on access investigations for this year. You'll hear more details about plans for field work later this spring and summer as they're developed.



Work camp planning: Hurley work camp option identified as preferred site

Dependable worker accommodation is important to ensuring construction stays on schedule and avoids undue strain on housing and services in the region.

We've selected the Hurley work camp site as our preferred option (**see map above**). No further work will occur at the Penrose site aside from site remediation anticipated to happen in March, 2026.

Key rationale:

- The Hurley site best meets the criteria that has been developed and refined through conceptual and feasibility studies.
 - This included consultation with First Nations and engagement with key stakeholders and residents.

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.

Anticipated field work this spring and summer will support:

- Investigations for work camp access road improvements.
- Planning for power, septic and other site services.
- Further environmental and heritage studies.

We're also continuing desktop studies on potential water sources for the camp. Updates will be provided as our plans take shape.

UNDERWAY: GRIZZLY BAR SIDE CHANNEL FISH HABITAT RESTORATION

We're restoring fish habitat in the Bridge River System by enhancing the Grizzly Bar Side Channel. This work will help prevent fish stranding and support healthy fish populations.

- Crews are excavating the side channel to improve connectivity to the main stem of the Lower Bridge River.
- Construction started in early March 2026 and is expected to last ~3-4 weeks.
- This work offsets impacts from the spring 2022 Downton Reservoir drawdown.

Learn more on our website: www.bchydro.com/lajoie

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

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we proceed with this essential work. We'll continue to update you on upcoming field work and project plans as they progress.

We look forward to seeing you at the virtual open houses.

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