

North Coast Transmission Line Phase 1

Construction Update – July to September 2026

The North Coast Transmission Line (NCTL) is a nation-building project being built in partnership with First Nations and the Government of B.C. NCTL will help unlock industrial and economic development in northwest B.C., support the diversification of trade, and add resilience to the stability of the regional electricity system.

NCTL Phase 1 (Williston to Glenannan) and Phase 2 (Glenannan to Terrace) will twin the existing 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Prince George and Terrace. This will more than double electricity capacity in a region experiencing rapid growth in mining, critical minerals, LNG, port development and technology.

Phase 1 includes building 165 km of new 500kV transmission line from Williston Substation near Prince George to Glenannan Substation just west of Fraser Lake and expanding Williston and Glenannan substations and Saranovich Capacitor Station. Fibre optic cables will be added on the new transmission structures. To support construction, we're developing laydown areas in Vanderhoof and Prince George and worker accommodation in Vanderhoof.

PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION STARTED IN JULY

To facilitate construction, the corridor is divided into segments as shown in the map below and on the attachment to this bulletin. As construction progresses, we'll refer to these segments when discussing activities underway.



North Coast Transmission Line Project Phase 1 construction segments A1-H

For all activities described in this bulletin, the necessary approvals will be obtained before work begins. Geotechnical site investigations and other studies and investigations (e.g., engineering, environmental, forestry layout, and surveying) are ongoing along the Phase 1 corridor.

PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2026

GENERAL UPDATES

We encourage people who use our rights-of-way for recreation or other purposes to follow information and direction provided on signage along the construction route. Please be aware of activities underway (e.g., workers and vehicles entering the rights-of-way, active construction) and to stay away from areas where construction-related activities are taking place.

Construction activities can result in increased noise and dust. Mitigation measures have been put in place to reduce or avoid these and other potential construction related effects.

Construction will result in increased traffic and may affect access to certain areas. Check the project website for the latest updates on traffic and access changes.

TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION

Segment A1 (Williston Substation to Beverly Substation)

- Start mowing existing right-of-way for new wooden transmission poles (August).
- Start building and upgrading access roads and replacing Little Haggith Creek bridge (September).

What to watch for in this area

- Domano Forest Service Road, a restricted access road, will be closed to public use in active work areas during construction.
- Increased traffic from heavy equipment, construction vehicles, and logging trucks on Domano Forest Service Road, Cummings Road, Pinegrove Road, Pooley Road, Sutley Road, Chilcotin Road, Old Cariboo Highway, Ellis Road, Columbia Road, Bowron Road, Wansa Road, Sintich Road, Boundary Road, Bunce Road, and Southwell Road. Roads will be affected in September and effects will depend on how work progresses.

Segments D (Culculz Creek to Sinkut River), E (Sinkut River to Stony Creek), F (Stony Creek to Nechako River)

- Start clearing and access: Segment D (July), Segment E (August) and Segment F (September). Work will continue past September in all three segments.
- Activities will include timber clearing, aggregate development, right-of-way preparation, upgrading existing roads, building new access roads and timber/fibre management activities including hauling and debris management.

What to watch for in this area

- Increased traffic from heavy equipment, construction vehicles and logging trucks is expected along the following roads:

Segment D	Degal Pit Road, Barsness Road, Braaten Road, and Mapes Road
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Segment E	Shanley Road, Carman Hill Road, McDonald Road, Saranovich Road, Nechako Avenue, Kenney Dam Road, and Bond Road
Segment F	Mooney Pit Road, Giesbrecht Road, Bearhead Road, Keith Road, Telegraph Road, and Horn Road

SUBSTATIONS AND CAPACITOR STATION

Saranovich Capacitor Station

- Tree clearing and grubbing work (as early as August).

Williston Substation

- Mowing expansion area (July)
- Site preparation for the expansion (August).

LAYDOWN YARDS AND WORKER ACCOMMODATION

Prince George laydown yard

- Site preparation including soil removal and storage and installation of geotextile and gravel (as early as July)
- Security upgrades including fencing and yard lighting (August)

What to watch for in this area

- Increased traffic from heavy equipment and construction vehicles can be expected on Willow Cate Forest Service Road.

John Horgan Dam (Site C) worker accommodation dismantling

- Dismantling of the dormitories at the John Horgan Dam (Site C) site begins (July)
- Begin moving dormitory units to Vanderhoof worker accommodation site (September).

What to watch for in this area

- Increased traffic from heavy equipment and construction equipment can be expected on 269 Road in Fort St. John.
- Impacts to other roadways to be determined once route is selected. Additional information will be provided when available.

Vanderhoof worker accommodation and laydown yard

- Site preparation including soil removal and installation of geotextile and gravel, installation of utility infrastructure and security upgrades (fencing, lighting) begins at the former Canfor site near Engen, west of Vanderhoof in August for worker accommodation and September for laydown yard.
- Worker accommodation construction begins (September).

What to watch for in this area

- Increased traffic from heavy equipment and construction vehicles can be expected on Bearhead Road, west of Vanderhoof.

PRINCE GEORGE CONSTRUCTION OFFICE (879 VICTORIA STREET)

- Renovations at the new office including building and infrastructure upgrades and fencing (July/August)
- Construction office opens (fall 2026).

What to watch for in this area

- Water infrastructure upgrade in summer 2026 will result in traffic disruption on 9th Avenue. Please obey signage and traffic control.
- Increase in large vehicle movements to and from site can be expected during summer 2026.
- Those currently parking at the site will have to find other parking. Notification will be provided via signage and flyers.

The next quarterly update will be shared at the end of September.

Kindest regards,

The NCTL Project Team

HAVE QUESTIONS?

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North Coast Transmission Line Phase 1 Construction Segments

