

HIGHWAY 8 INFORMATION & UPDATES



Ministry of
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Infrastructure update prepared for residents
For the weeks of February 7 to February 20, 2022

Progress report

No. of Sites

5
Temp. Repairs
Complete

7
Work
Underway

11
Planned
Work

The Highway 8 Team is working on 23 sites overall. So far, we have completed temporary repairs at five locations, started construction on another seven, and have 11 sites where work is planned for the near future.

Latest information

Crews are still working to create temporary access throughout the Highway 8 corridor. We continue to work closely with cultural monitors to avoid impacts to known heritage sites and areas of cultural and archaeological significance. We anticipate this phase - emergency access and temporary construction - will be complete in the spring. We are working on forecasting a long-term repair schedule for the phases of work to follow.

To report any man-made debris in waterways along Highway 8, please contact Emergency Management BC at 1-833-376-2452 (daily from 7:30am to 5:00pm).

Site updates

- Temporary repairs are complete in five locations:
 - 17km west of Mamit Junction (N'kwala)
 - 18.5km west of Mamit Junction
 - 22km west of Mamit Junction
 - 29km east of Spences Bridge
 - Curnow Bridge
- Work is ongoing in seven locations:
 - 16km east of Spences Bridge
 - 20km east of Spences Bridge
 - Two sites 16km east of Spences Bridge (9 Mile)
 - 3 Mile Bridge
 - Rattlesnake Bridge
 - 1km northeast of Spences Bridge



Before



Progress made



Before



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Before



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<https://www.tranbc.ca/current-travel-advisories/>

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- Call 1-877-655-0341 or email returnhome@merritt.ca

Emergency Management BC

- 1-833-376-2452 (daily 7:30am to 5:00pm)
- www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD), Cascades District:

- forests.cascadesdistrictoffice@gov.bc.ca
- 1-800-665-1511

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)

- 604-775-5100 (Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm) (BC Office)

Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) - Emergency Operations Centre

- 250-377-7188 or 1-866-377-7188
- emergency@tnrd.ca
- To make an appointment for the Cache Creek resiliency centre, contact the Gold Country Communities Society at 250-456-6606

Disaster Financial Assistance

- DFA@gov.bc.ca
- 1-888-257-4777
- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca>

Canadian Red Cross

- 1-800-863-6582 (daily 8:00am to 8:00pm)
- www.registration.redcross.ca



Preparing for freshet (spring thaw)

Freshet describes the annual melt of ice and snow when cold winter weather transitions to warmer spring temperatures. A spring freshet can last several weeks around large river systems, sometimes resulting in flooding.

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is preparing for the spring freshet in B.C. Many of the temporary repairs we have completed include reinforcing and armouring parts of the highway with additional rock (riprap). This will make the repaired sections of highway more resilient to future flooding. We are also monitoring conditions as temperatures warm and melt begins.

Completed: 25km east of Spences Bridge

Following the November floods, a 500-metre section of Highway 8 was completely washed out 25km east of Spences Bridge. This area suffered extensive damage and both lanes of the highway were lost. As crews worked to repair the highway, fish groynes were installed. Groynes improve fish habitat by diverting the main flow of the river away from rip rap, creating small areas downstream with a calmer water flow. We added large woody debris to the groynes below the waterline, helping juvenile fish hide from predators and creating opportunities for increased food sources. It wasn't long before a beaver was spotted in the area, indicating the groynes were working well to protect and restore the fish and wildlife in the area.



Before



After

For general enquiries, please email highway8.information@gov.bc.ca or call 250-378-1452. We aim to reply within 24 hours. Thank you for your patience.



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