

HIGHWAY 8

INFORMATION & UPDATES



Ministry of
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Infrastructure update prepared for residents
For the week of September 28 to October 2, 2022

Progress Report

No. of Sites	20	10
	Temp. Repairs Complete	Work Underway

In an important milestone for Highway 8, the highway has been fully reconnected for the first time since November 2021. Although the highway remains closed to the general public, full access has been restored, allowing for construction access and for the final isolated residents to return to their homes. Works continue to complete the remaining temporary repairs, which will allow the highway to be opened to the public. We thank the massive efforts of everyone involved in the temporary repairs.

Temporary repairs are complete at 20 locations. Work is underway at the remaining 10 sites, which includes the five debris flow sites detailed in the September 12 issue of this newsletter.

Latest Repair Updates

Site 10D (14km east of Spences Bridge)

Crews have established emergency/construction access at Site 10D, the last of four sub-sites located at Site 10.

This location lost more than 1,000 metres of highway infrastructure in November 2021. After rigorous planning from the Highway 8 Team, a new temporary alignment of the corridor was instated at Site 10, which follows the existing Nicola Valley Railway corridor.

The temporary single-lane bridge at Site 10D will provide access to repair crews and residents.



Site 10D Before (Apr-14-2022)



Site 10D Progress (Sept-17-2022)

Site 15 (9.1km east of Spences Bridge)

Crews have established emergency/construction access at Site 15. Over 600 metres of highway infrastructure washed out at this location in November 2021.

Site 15's temporary repairs include environmental features to help preserve the fish and wildlife species of the area. Crews have constructed rock groynes with large woody debris, which are beneficial for fish habitat, to the shoreline adjacent the highway.

To promote plant life, crews have installed cardboard sonotubes into the layer of rock (riprap) between the river and the highway. These tubes will be filled with soil and planted with species such as willows and cottonwoods. The tubes will allow the plant roots to reach the soil underneath the rock and create vegetation.



Site 15 Before (Jun-02-2022)



Site 15 Progress (Sept-13-2022)



The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure publishes these newsletters for residents bi-weekly. See digital copies and the latest updates at: gov.bc.ca/highway8recovery

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Site 3B Before (Aug-24-2022)



Site 3B Progress (Sept-19-2022)

Site 3B - Gordon Creek (27.4km west of Mamit Junction)

During the heavy precipitation and debris flows on August 23rd, a culvert at the Gordon Creek Crossing was blocked, accumulating over 20,000 cubic metres of debris at Site 3B. The blockage caused flows to spill over the embankment and road, resulting in erosion damage and instability to the slope.

Work is now underway to repair Site 3B. The repair works include installing dual culverts underneath the highway, buttressing the embankment that supports the highway, and placing riprap armouring to protect the road against further erosion.



The Ministry of Agriculture and Food (AF) provides support to Local Authorities, First Nations, and partner agencies when emergency events such as floods, wildfires and landslides impact the agricultural sector. Those requiring AF's support can place their request through EMBC as the lead coordinating agency for emergency management. The contact details for the Ministry of Agriculture and Food have been added to the directory.

Environmental Updates



237 fish were recently salvaged at Site 11. They were later relocated to a safe area downstream. (Sept-9-2022)



Crews have installed groynes (rock and wooden structures that stick out against the river's current) at Site 15 to provide areas of refuge for fish species. (Sept-12-2022)

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.