

HIGHWAY 8

INFORMATION & UPDATES



Ministry of
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Infrastructure update prepared for residents
For the weeks of October 7 to October 16, 2022

Progress Report

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

Temporary repairs are complete at 20 locations. Work is underway at the remaining 10 sites, which include the five debris flow sites from the August debris flows.

Highway 8 Update



Highway 8 remains closed. As mentioned in our last newsletter, temporary repairs have reconnected both ends of the highway, and crews are continuing to complete the remaining temporary repairs needed before the highway can re-open to the public.



Once Highway 8 has fully re-opened to the public, it will look different than it used to. There will be stretches of gravel road and reduced speed limits throughout the corridor.

Drivers will be asked to yield to oncoming traffic over select bridges and refrain from passing other vehicles. Please pay careful attention to speed limits and road signage.

To the left are some examples of signage that drivers can expect to see throughout the corridor.



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Latest Repair Updates

Site 12 (11.3km east of Spences Bridge)



Site 12 Before (May-5-2022)



Site 12 Progress (Sept-17-2022)

As a result of the November 2021 atmospheric river, 200m of the highway was completely washed out and both lanes were lost at Site 12. Emergency/construction access has been established. Crews are continuing to place rocky materials (riprap) along the riverbank to protect the highway from erosion.

Site 14 (9.8km east of Spences Bridge)



Site 14 Before (Dec-5-2022)



Site 14 Progress (Sept-20-2022)

At Site 14, 350m of the highway was washed out and both lanes were lost. Emergency/construction access has been established and similarly to Site 12, crews are continuing to place riprap along the highway to protect against erosion.

Environmental Updates



Site 10B Western Yellow-bellied Racer (Sept-26-2022)

Preserving wildlife and wildlife habitat continues to be a top priority for MoTI. Increased snake activity is anticipated in the fall as temperatures drop and snakes search for their overwintering sites. As a result, crews have seen an increase in snake activity along the Highway 8 corridor.

MoTI is working to ensure snakes and their habitats are not impacted by construction. Environmental Monitors (EMs) are present on site to conduct daily sweeps, and crews are following best practices outlined in the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and Snake Protection Mitigation Guide, which are reviewed in daily meetings. All snake encounters are to be reported to on-site EMs who are trained to support relocation outside of work sites to appropriate habitat.

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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