



CATILINE CREEK DEBRIS FLOW MITIGATION PROJECT

Community Update #10

July 22, 2025

This is a project status update for Lillooet Lake Estates (LLE) community members regarding the debris flow mitigation project [related to the debris flow hazard at Catiline Creek](#).

Project Overview:

The project is to design, construct, and establish operation and maintenance of a debris flow mitigation structure for the Catiline Creek at Lillooet Lake Estates (LLE). The objective of the project is to reduce the risk to the community and potential for loss of life by increasing capacity of the existing channel to manage future debris flows up to 100,000m³ through the community, under a new forest service road bridge, and into Lillooet Lake. Details of the project scope, current funding and approved budget along with these community updates can be found on the project website: <https://www.slrd.bc.ca/catilinedfm>

Project Updates

Invitation to Tender:

- The Invitation to Tender (ITT) for Construction Services was issued on June 5, 2025 and the pre-bid site meeting was held on June 23. The tender close date has been extended from July 16, 2025 to July 23, 2025 based on feedback received.
- After the tender close date, the SLRD will follow the process laid out in the ITT, including assessing any bids received. Next steps are dependent on this assessment.
- At a high level, there are two paths forward:
 - If a compliant bid is received that falls within the approved budget staff will work towards obtaining SLRD Board approval to award the contract and move into the construction phase.
 - If no compliant bids are received within the approved budget, the SLRD will review the project to determine next steps. *As a backup plan to no compliant bids being receiving within the approved budget*, staff are seeking SLRD Board authorization at the July 23, 2025 Board meeting ([View the staff report online here](#)) to submit a funding application to the 2025 Strategic Priorities Fund (SPF) if additional funding is determined to be required after tender close. (Please note that this Board authorization is being sought at this time due to the timing of tender close (July 23, 2025), the SPF application deadline (September 12, 2025) and the next Regular SLRD Board meeting (September 17, 2025).)
- Further communication updates will be provided after the tender close and assessment of bids.

Schedule

- Schedule – There are no changes to the project schedule at this time. The project schedule anticipates construction starting in Quarter 3 of 2025 and ending in Quarter 4 of 2026. The construction schedule remains dependent on a number of items, including results of the tender process, and finalising key permits and approvals such as the land tenure and statutory right of way.

Permits and Approvals:

- Staff are continuing work to get permits and approvals in place for anticipated construction start this year, and complete work requested through permits received.
- Attachment 1 of Project Status Update #7 contains a list of permits and approvals – [view the PDF of the attachment here](#).
- The community of LLE is in a location which overlaps or is located near habitat for a number of wildlife species that are regulated by provincial and federal agencies including fish, mountain goats, and spotted owl. The project has involved the submission of applications for a number of related permits and approvals including the General Wildlife Measures Exemption for Wildlife Habitat Area 2-251, Public Land tenure and Authorization under Fisheries Act (Emergency Circumstances), and the SLRD must meet any requirements resulting from these applications. Examples of requirements include offsetting habitat loss, developing management plans to reduce the impacts of construction on wildlife, and surveys for spotted owls prior to starting construction. It is essential that the project comply with all permit requirements. Without compliance to the satisfaction of the applicable provincial and federal agencies, construction may not be able to start and grant funds may be withheld.
- Spotted owl surveys are required to be completed before the start of construction and once every year of construction. The project has started these surveys in anticipation of a fall 2025 construction start date. One survey has been completed, and there are two surveys planned between now and the anticipated construction start.
- It is extremely important that the consultants are able to perform the site work necessary to complete these spotted owl surveys to avoid negative impacts on the project schedule and receipt of grant funds. Thank you to community members for their patience and support for all site visits that are helping to move this important work forward. If you have any questions about this process please direct them to the SLRD (pcampbell@slrd.bc.ca) or your LLE representatives.

Financial

- The SLRD Board approved the 5 year budget for Catiline Creek Debris Flow Mitigation Service (Cost Centre #2406) on March 26, 2025, and the budget is [available to view online in the SLRD's Financial Plan](#). The 5 year budget incorporates information from

the Project Budget report shared at the November 27, 2024 Board meeting (staff report [here](#) and presentation recording [here](#), including:

- the approved budget for the Catiline Creek debris flow mitigation project (\$11.697 million);
 - the initial staff estimate for the implementation phase of the offsite offsetting work (\$1.265 million), which will be carried out as a future separate project;
 - projected service administration costs; and
 - updated operations and maintenance cost estimates.
- Requisition for 2025 is \$217,206.
 - No loan funds have been drawn to date. The first draw on the loan is anticipated in 2025 or early 2026. The amount of draws needed and the timing of such draws remains to be determined by the SLRD Board and is dependent on various factors, including tender results, updated cost estimates and project schedule.

Current Work:

At this time the project team is proceeding with a number of activities, including:

- Managing the tender process.
- Site visits for spotted owl surveys.
- First Nations engagement and consultation activities including working with Lil'wat Nation on referral update and response items including monitoring for construction services.
- Following up on submitted Provincial land tenure application documentation (approved in principle)
- Following up on submitted provincial and federal permitting applications
- Working with LLE representatives regarding the statutory right of way required for the project
- Coordinating with the Ministry of Forests (MOF) for the replacement of the In-SHUCK-ch Forest Service Road (FSR) bridge (to be completed by MOF) and potential areas along the FSR to improve the road
- Coordinating with BC Hydro for proposed work and related agreements within the Hydro right of way
- Engagement and coordination with partners
- Reviewing funding strategies and opportunities
- Project communications
- Grant administration

Upcoming Milestones – Q3 2025:

- Continue work on permitting and approvals, coordination with partners and rightsholders.
- Continue First Nations engagement and consultation activities.
- Complete procurement process for construction services.
- Review procurement results against approved budget, and determine next steps.

Site Visits:

In collaboration with LLE representatives, the SLRD will schedule site visits associated with tender and construction phases. When a site visit is confirmed, notices will be posted on the project page (<https://www.slrd.bc.ca/catilinedfm>) and shared to the community by LLE representatives. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these necessary site visits and inspections, as the SLRD continues to carry out this project. Please let the SLRD (pcampbell@slrd.bc.ca) and or LLE representatives know if you have any feedback at any time.

Project Governance:

The SLRD works with LLE on this project through the Project Steering Committee and regular coordination meetings. The Project Steering Committee includes senior SLRD staff, the project manager, and Gary Young (acting in an advisory capacity) as the appointed representative of the LLE Board. This committee meets monthly to provide project oversight, and as needed makes recommendations to the SLRD Board for items requiring SLRD Board decisions or approvals.

SLRD Board Reports:

Meeting agenda packages are published on the [SLRD website at the Meetings Portal](#), and the reports are available to review prior to each meeting. Meetings can be attended in person at the SLRD administration office (1350 Aster Street, Pemberton), and can be viewed via livestream or recording. Information on how to view SLRD meetings is available on the [SLRD website](#).

Contact:

The SLRD appreciates the support of the community members during this important project. The SLRD is committed to keeping you informed and will provide another update once the next milestones are reached. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your LLE representative, or the SLRD staff listed on the project webpage: [slrd.bc.ca/catilinedfm](https://www.slrd.bc.ca/catilinedfm)