



CATILINE CREEK DEBRIS FLOW MITIGATION PROJECT

Community Update #16

August 20, 2026

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>

Wildfire Update:

The Two Twin Creek Wildfire (V30941) was reported on July 17, 2026 east of the project site. The SLRD issued an Evacuation Alert on July 23, 2026 for an area including Lillooet Lake Estates and the Catiline Creek Debris Flow Project site, which was upgraded to an Evacuation Order on July 30, 2026. The SLRD downgraded the Evacuation Order to an Evacuation Alert on August 12, 2026.

- [View Evacuation Alerts and Orders on the SLRD website](#)
- [View the SLRD Wildfire Updates - 2026](#)

BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) has been responding to the wildfire around the debris flow structure including tree falling and building fireguards, with structural protection activities for Lillooet Lake Estates. The Twin Two Creek Wildfire remains active. For information about the wildfire, please see [Twin Two Creek \(V30941\) information on the BC Wildfire Service Dashboard](#).

For information about the in-SHUCK-ch FSR, please see [View In-SHUCK-ch Forest Service Road Conditions](#).

We are grateful for the work of the BCWS, partners and all involved in the response efforts.

Project Update:

Construction operations at the Catiline Creek Debris Flow Mitigation Project at Lillooet Lake

Estates site were temporarily suspended as of July 23 2026 due to the Two Twin Creek Wildfire (V30941), and the General Contractor immediately demobilised some equipment. The project team has been monitoring the updates from BCWS, tracking site conditions, maintaining and monitoring essential equipment on site, and planning for next steps.

As a result of the Evacuation Order being downgraded to an Evacuation Alert the project team is initiating a plan for safe re-entry and restart. Please note the following important information:

- The Twin Two Creek Wildfire remains active in the area, and the project site remains on Evacuation Alert.
- BCWS crews continue to work in the area.
- The In-SHUCK-ch FSR is a key access route for several communities and for wildfire responders. FSR road conditions and restrictions will be a consideration in restart plans.
- The project team will continue to follow guidance or direction from BCWS, the SLRD EOC and other authorities.

Next Steps:

The project's technical experts are planning to complete site assessments to determine the extent of the wildfire impacts to the worksite, debris flow structure and surrounding area in the coming weeks. Assessments are anticipated to begin the week of August 17 or when it is safe to do so.

Based on the site assessment results, the project team will restart construction, sequencing work in alignment with site assessments and conditions. Work may include repairs or remediation resulting from wildfire activity or response activities. Construction is anticipated to begin as early as the week starting August 24, with the actual date to be determined based on the outcome of the site assessments.

Thank you for your patience as we review and adjust to this wildfire event. Further updates on project impacts will be provided as information becomes available.

Current Work:

At this time work underway includes the following:

- Maintaining awareness of wildfire activity and site conditions
- Coordinating safe re-entry and restart with the project team comprising the General Contractor, engineers, Lilwat Nation and LLE representatives.
- First Nations engagement and consultation activities
- Project communications and engagement
- Grant administration

Site Visits / Site Presence:

There will continue to be an increased site presence by the General Contractor and other project partners through 2026. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as the SLRD

continues to carry out this project.

Site Safety:

Safety remains a priority. Please note as a result of the wildfire and response activities, site conditions may have changed, and additional hazards may be present.

The mitigation project happening is an active construction site. For your safety, and the safety of others please be aware of the following hazards:

- Heavy machinery operating throughout the day (excavators, loaders, and other equipment in motion)
- Frequent rock truck traffic entering and exiting the site
- Increased vehicle movement on LLE private roads and the Forest Service Road (FSR)
- Changing conditions, limited visibility and variable terrain in work zones
- Noise and dust related to ongoing construction activity

We ask all residents to:

- Remain alert.
- Follow posted signage and area closures.
- Stay clear of moving equipment.
- Keep out of construction areas at all times, including excavation areas.
- Keep clear of stationary equipment, pumps, hoses and parked vehicles.
- Keep out of silt containment area in the lake, at the mouth of the creek

Additional information will be provided through community representatives. Your help educating visitors and children about these construction hazards and important safety messages is greatly appreciated.

Construction Communications

- Communications are being shared directly to the community by LLE representatives who have played a key role in keeping information flowing between the community and the project team.
- To help keep communication efficient, the SLRD encourages residents to direct their questions and feedback through their designated LLE representatives. Residents can also reach out to the SLRD staff listed on the project webpage: slrd.bc.ca/catilinedfm
- Construction and road updates for the public are being posted to this page: <https://www.slrd.bc.ca/inside-slrd/current-projects-initiatives/catiline-debris-flow-mitigation-service-project/road-construction-updates>

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, with Erich Klassen as alternate. This committee meets quarterly 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 to SLRD staff as listed on the project webpage:

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