



INCIDENT NAME

Big Bar Landslide

INCIDENT LOCATION

North of Big Bar on the Fraser River

DATE PREPARED

July 9 2019



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UPDATES

- The Unified Command Incident Management Team continues to work together to create options for action on the Big Bar Landslide Incident.
- Work is underway to ensure site safety and to prepare for potential operations. Unstable weather conditions are challenging field personnel logistically. However, personnel safety and field work has not been impeded.
- As a result of high water levels in the Chilcotin River, water levels on site are also rising. This has brought debris and additional turbulence to the slide site.
- Sluicing using helicopter buckets to remove unstable and loose rock is complete at this time.
- Field personnel have lightly brushed the landscape to create a helipad landing site that can be used for emergency extraction. This is a precautionary measure to ensure the safe removal of personnel, should they be exposed to unforeseen hazardous elements.
- Hydroacoustic fish monitoring stations have been established upstream and downstream from the slide site to allow for quantification of the number of fish being obstructed by the slide. However, due to rising water levels, data was not collected yesterday. Fish catch and tag methods to track the quantity of fish traveling through the slide site are also being evaluated. Once data is gathered it will be used by the Environmental Unit for future recommendations.
- Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans, and the Canadian Coast Guard, Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, and Jati Sidhu, Member of Parliament for Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon, will be visiting the Incident Command Post today. The ministers will meet with personnel from the Unified Command Incident Management Team for a technical briefing and take a helicopter tour of the landslide area.



Log debris piles up at the slide site.



A helicopter awaiting transportation objectives for the day.

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