Big Bar Landslide Unified Command Incident Management Team

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In response to the complexity, location, and multi-jurisdictional impact of the Big Bar Landslide, a Unified Command Incident Management Team was established in Lillooet, B.C. on June 29th, 2019. Three Incident Commanders work collaboratively to oversee the incident management team's daily planning and operations. The command team is comprised of representatives from the Government of Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), British Columbia's Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) and the Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat (FRAFS).

The Unified Command Incident Management Team is guided by the Joint Executive Steering Committee (JESC), an innovative collaboration between federal, provincial and First Nation governments. The JESC provides strategic direction and approvals for the incident management team. A First Nations Leadership Panel has also been formed to provide guidance and decision making (via consensus) related to the incident.
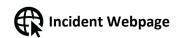
The Canadian Coast Guard and the BC Wildfire Service regularly use the incident command system. Their expertise was sought to help coordinate an effective response and ensure responder safety, while supporting technical experts who are focused on determining how to improve fish passage in the slide area. Their collective knowledge of watercraft, water-based operations, aviation, safety, logistics and other aspects of response are beneficial to managing this incident.

The team is currently based out of the Lillooet Fire Zone offices where an incident command post has been strategically placed for proximity to the incident. Currently, there are approximately 100 personnel on site, including individuals contracted from various agencies.

Members of the Unified Command Incident Management team debrief at the incident command post in Lillooet.

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