



# Big Bar Landslide

## Unified Command Incident Management



In response to the complexity, location and multi-jurisdictional impact of the Big Bar Landslide, a unified command incident management team was established on June 30, in Lillooet, B.C. The Government of Canada and the BC Government are working under a unified command structure to allow for shared management of the incident. Unified command enables a collective approach that will ensure the objectives of both governments are considered. Consolidation of resources into one unified command structure has allowed for integration of terminology, objectives, control, coordination and planning. Respective constraints and concerns are being addressed as strategies and objectives are developed.

The unified command incident management team is comprised of individuals from the BC Government's Ministry of Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD), including the BC Wildfire Service, and the Government of Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), including the Canadian Coast Guard. A First Nations Leadership Panel, made up of representatives from DFO, FLNRORD and First Nations leaders from the Fraser River watershed and river approach area, has been formed to discuss and consider fish passage mitigation options. A Strategic Steering Committee, which includes senior leaders from both DFO and FLNRORD, is providing direction and oversight to the onsite team as well.

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 more than 55 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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