

## Working near the pipeline right-of-way: What you need to know

Even activities that seem minor can affect pipeline safety. Before starting any work on or near Trans Mountain's right-of-way, it's important to understand what approvals may be required.

### [ MYTH ]

"I made a One Call, I'm cleared to work."

### > FACT <

A One Call locate ticket does not authorize work on or near the pipeline right-of-way. In addition to making a One Call, you must request approval from Trans Mountain before work begins. Safe digging near pipelines isn't just a best practice—it's the law. The Canada Energy Regulator's Damage Prevention Regulations require anyone planning ground disturbance activities near a federally regulated pipeline to take steps to prevent damage. In simple terms:

- One Call helps identify the location of underground utilities
- Trans Mountain's permit process ensures work is planned and carried out safely.

NOTE: See page 2 to help you determine whether you need a permit.

### [ MYTH ]

"If I'm digging at a shallow depth, I don't need to notify anyone."

### > FACT <

Depth alone does not determine whether work is exempt from permitting requirements. Even shallow activities can damage pipeline coatings or associated equipment.

Activities at any depth may require approval if they:

- Break or disturb the ground surface
- Involve powered equipment
- Occur within the right-of-way or prescribed area
- Require vehicle or equipment access

### [ MYTH ]

"It's just a fence—that doesn't count as ground disturbance."

### > FACT <

Installing, replacing or removing a fence requires Trans Mountain approval. Fence posts often extend deeper than expected and may pose a risk to buried infrastructure.

### [ MYTH ]

"Surface brushing isn't a problem."

### > FACT <

While brushing may appear to be surface-level work, it can involve stump removal, root exposure or the use of heavy equipment. These activities can disturb soil cover and may require approval.

### [ MYTH ]

"Removing a stump isn't considered ground disturbance."

### > FACT <

Stump removal always disturbs the ground and may exert force on buried infrastructure. This activity requires both a One Call and Trans Mountain approval.



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## We can help you plan your work safely

Before starting any activity near the pipeline, please make a One Call. One Call will notify Trans Mountain. We will help you understand the permitting requirements and timelines.

For more information, visit [transmountain.com/pipeline-safety](https://transmountain.com/pipeline-safety).



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# Landowner Update

BC and Alberta  
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One \$500 gift card  
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- Return the enclosed survey
- Visit [snts.cs/tmc](https://snts.cs/tmc)
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## Reclamation Update

In 2026, Trans Mountain remains committed to reclaiming the areas affected by the Expansion Project across the pipeline system in Alberta and British Columbia. Although significant progress has been made and many areas have already been reclaimed, Trans Mountain continues to prioritize the timely completion of remaining reclamation work.

To support these efforts, Trans Mountain has retained additional land representatives to help ensure landowners receive timely responses to their questions and concerns. Four dedicated Reclamation Land Agents now focus exclusively on ongoing reclamation efforts and serve as landowners' primary contacts for any post-construction matters. These agents bring extensive experience and work closely with our existing Land Representatives and other Trans Mountain teams.

If you have questions about current or outstanding reclamation work on your property, you are encouraged to contact our Reclamation Land Agents. Their responsibilities will include reviewing, assessing and documenting your post-construction concerns, as well as coordinating with various Trans Mountain teams to ensure the required reclamation actions are completed efficiently.

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Top left: Burnaby Terminal; Below: Reclamation team working with landowners



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## Do I need a permit?

Before starting work, consider the following questions:

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Will the ground surface be disturbed?

2

Will powered equipment or machinery be used?

3

Will the work take place on the right-of-way or within 30 m of the pipeline?

4

Will vehicles or equipment need access to the area?

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, you must submit a permit request. See page 4 for Myths and Facts about working near the pipeline right-of-way.



## Environmental Monitoring and Reclamation

Post-Construction Environmental Monitoring (PCEM) will continue in 2026 to assess the effectiveness of reclamation for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMEP) across the pipeline system in Alberta and British Columbia.

Trans Mountain is committed to ensuring PCEM performance targets for the Reclamation Program are met. The program's primary objective is to return lands temporarily disturbed by construction of TMEP to a condition compatible with surrounding vegetation and land use, and equivalent to pre-disturbance capability.

Reclamation activities are tailored to each site across agricultural lands, forests, wetlands and watercourses, and urban or residential areas. Activities may include soil and landscape reconstruction, surface stabilization, vegetation establishment and weed management. These practices are carried out under the guidance of qualified environmental professionals and are evaluated based on applicable environmental and regulatory criteria.

Reclamation reflects Trans Mountain's ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship and supports the long-term protection of the environment.

In the coming months, teams will continue work to complete post-construction environmental conditions set out in permits and fulfill agreements with landowners. Updates will be provided and landowners may occasionally be contacted to request access to the pipeline corridor.

**Above:** Right-of-way in the Alberta district within Yellowhead County, Alberta;  
**Right middle:** Right-of-way in the Alberta district within Parkland County, Alberta;  
**Bottom images:** 2025 - GRP Field Work Alberta District

## A Closer Look at Geographic Response Planning

Geographic Response Plans (GRPs) are an important component of Trans Mountain's Emergency Management Plan. GRPs focus on specific sites along the pipeline right-of-way, particularly in environmentally and culturally sensitive areas.

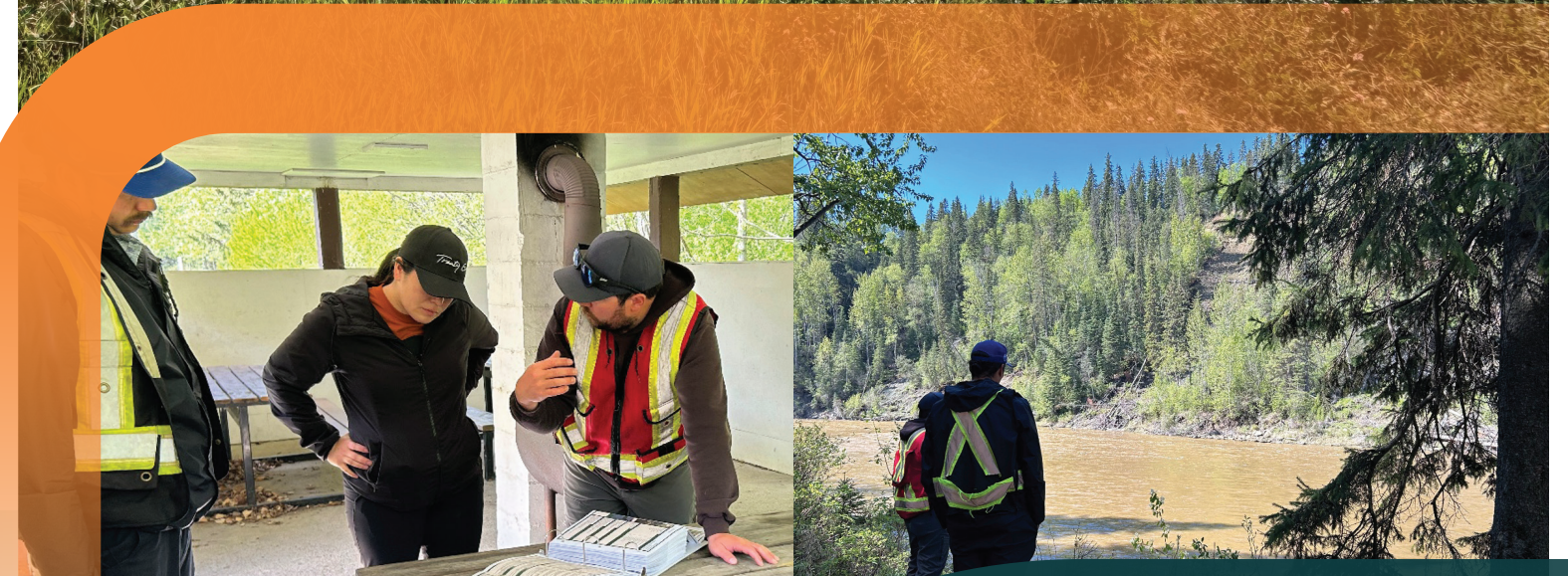
GRPs pre-identify key locations where spill countermeasures could be deployed to support response actions within the first 48 hours of an incident. These plans also identify ecologically and culturally sensitive areas that could be prioritized if needed.

Each GRP is developed for a specific geographic region aligning with Trans Mountain's five operational districts: Alberta, North Thompson, Kamloops, Sumas and Metro Vancouver. The plans outline response actions at specific sites along the pipeline right-of-way, such as municipal water intakes, sensitive environmental features, coastal areas or sites of cultural or environmental significance.

GRPs also identify and classify control points at pre-determined locations on

land or in watercourses where responders could intercept a release and deploy equipment. Proactively identifying these locations helps guide response planning and enables Trans Mountain to respond more effectively, limiting potential impacts to sensitive areas should an incident occur.

For more information and to view Geographic Response Plans: [transmountain.com/emergency-response-plans](https://transmountain.com/emergency-response-plans).



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