

FACT SHEET



THE LAST ROAD IN

WHAT'S AT STAKE IN THE INCOMAPPLEUX VALLEY?

A DECISION THAT COULD PERMANENTLY CUT OFF AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY



The Province of British Columbia is preparing to deactivate the Incomappleux Forest Service Road, beginning immediately.

If this proceeds, bridges will be removed and the road permanently decommissioned, eliminating all vehicle access into the valley.

This is far more than the closure of a forestry road. It is the loss of access to homes, private property, recreation opportunities, natural resource tenures, and emergency response.



WHY THIS MATTERS



1. PERMANENT LOSS OF ACCESS

- Road deactivation and bridge removal will permanently eliminate ground access into the Incomappleux Valley.
- No alternative access route has been identified.
- Access for residents, property owners, recreation users, conservation groups, businesses, emergency responders, and tenure holders would be lost.



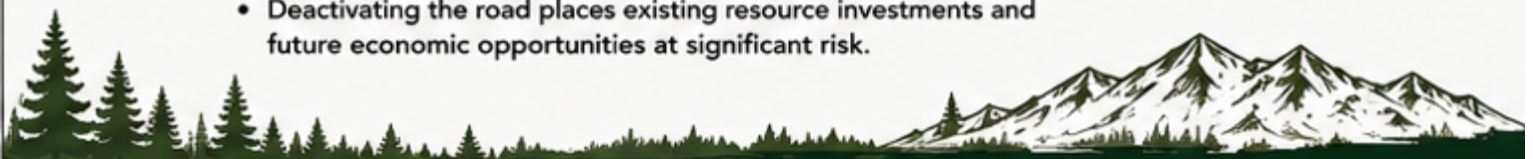
2. HOMES & PRIVATE PROPERTY

- More than 400 privately owned properties rely on this road for access.
- Many owners live in the valley full-time.
- Property owners have been advised they may lose access to their own land, and that the Province accepts no responsibility for maintaining access.



3. ECONOMIC & RESOURCE IMPACTS

- The valley contains more than 70 mineral tenures and Crown grants, all requiring annual work commitments and tax payments.
- Deactivating the road places existing resource investments and future economic opportunities at significant risk.



BECAUSE ONCE THE BRIDGES ARE REMOVED...
THERE IS NO ROAD BACK.

A HISTORIC PUBLIC ROAD

The Incomappleux Road was originally established as a public road/highway before later being designated as a Forest Service Road (FSR).

Today, the Ministry of Forests describes it as a "surplus" FSR no longer required for industrial forestry.

However:

- The road was not originally built solely for forestry.
- Government sold private property and resource tenures that depend on this road.
- A historic community was established and continues to exist because of this access.

THE ISSUE IS NOT SIMPLY ABOUT A FORESTRY ROAD—
IT IS ABOUT MAINTAINING PUBLIC ACCESS TO AN
ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY.



QUESTIONS THAT REMAIN UNANSWERED



WILDFIRE RESPONSE

The Ministry of Forests has not provided clear answers on how wildfire suppression, emergency response, or public safety will be maintained once road access is removed.



MINE SITE REMEDIATION

The Ministry of Mining has not explained how future remediation of historic mine sites could be carried out without vehicle access.



PUBLIC SAFETY

The Ministry has stated that road closure is necessary because of public safety concerns.

Yet those same safety concerns are being mitigated so crews can safely:

- Access the road
- Remove bridges
- Decommission the corridor

Many stakeholders are asking:

If the road can be made safe enough to remove, why can't it be made safe enough to remain open?

AN UNCLEAR PATH FORWARD

The Province has suggested that stakeholders could apply through a future land-use process to build a replacement road.

This would mean:

- 1 Decommissioning the existing road first.
- 2 Removing bridges.
- 3 Considering—at some later date—whether a new road should be approved and constructed.



Many community members question why existing public access would be removed before any replacement access is secured.

BRITISH COLUMBIANS HAVE SPOKEN

A public petition to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia calling for a halt to the deactivation and preservation of access received:



2,000+
SIGNATURES
IN LESS THAN 60 DAYS

Demonstrating significant public concern over the future of the Incomappleux Valley.

OUR REQUEST



PAUSE

all road
deactivation
activities
immediately.



MAINTAIN

existing public
access until a
long-term solution
is identified.



ENGAGE

meaningfully with
property owners,
Indigenous communities,
tenure holders, recreation
organizations, local
governments, and
stakeholders.



DEVELOP

a transparent, collaborative
plan that balances public
safety, environmental
stewardship, and
continued community access.

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