

AERIAL VIEW OF BC PERMIT APPLICATIONS

How much permitted work is out there that you never heard about?

What you can't see from here.

Every mineral and placer permit application in British Columbia, captured every morning before the province overwrites it. This pack shows what that record can tell a vendor working out of the North West, and what it cannot.

NORTH WEST REGION

Applications in the store

41,306

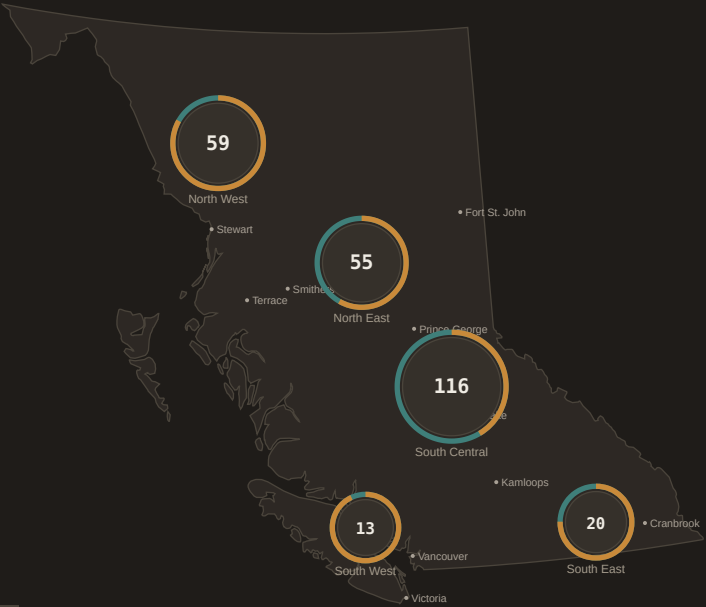
Live in the last 12 months

263

Movement in the last 30 days

+27 / -12

248 live on 16 Aug 2026, 263 on 15 Sep 2026. Of the 12 that left, 11 paused and 1 ended.



MINERAL AND PLACER APPLICATIONS BY DECADE

DECADE	MINERAL	PLACER	ALL	PER YEAR
1990s	7,710	6,388	14,098	1,410
2000s	5,127	3,441	8,568	857 ▼ 39%
2010s	3,577	2,998	6,575	658 ▼ 23%
2020s so far	1,623	1,121	2,744	409 ▼ 38%

Arrows mark a change in yearly pace of 15% or more against the decade before. Records before 1990 are sparse and not shown. Only filings after the start date have a history; everything before it is a single snapshot.

The government is solving the permit delays. BCMI is solving the blindness.

The feed overwrites itself. Yesterday exists only if someone kept it.

THIS PAGE **What BCMI keeps that the public feed throws away, and what it deliberately leaves out.**

WHY THE PUBLIC RECORD HAS NO MEMORY

BC's Notice of Work feed is public and free. It shows every mineral and placer permit application in the province, with its status today. What it does not show is what the status was last Tuesday. Each morning the feed replaces itself, and the previous state is gone.

WHAT DAILY CAPTURE GIVES YOU

BCMI captures the feed every day and keeps every version. The result is a record nobody else holds: when each application appeared, when it moved from received to referred to approved, when it stalled, and when it was withdrawn. Seen daily, the record becomes something you can plan against: when programs get their permit, when they mobilize, and how long the queue actually runs.



WHAT A FILING TELLS YOU

- That a program exists, and which region it is in
- What it proposes: drilling, a camp, access, and how many hectares
- What stage the application has reached
- Since capture began, the day it moved

What is deliberately not in it

- **Contractor identity.** Almost never in the public record.
- **Operator as a series.** The permittee field is populated on about six rows in ten and contradicts itself.
- **Commodity.** The field is blank far more often than not, and too coarse to rely on when present.
- **Helicopter, assay, environmental and fuel demand.** No field exists.
- **Ownership, finances, any rating or lead score.** Not in the record, and BCMI does not add them.

BCMI captures the government's application record, never the commercial activity between vendors and operators.

What is in the store

Coverage	Every Notice of Work in British Columbia, all five regions, all permit types: 41,306 applications, submission dates from the 1970s to today.
Capture	Daily, province-wide, since 11 August 2026: captured on 35 of 36 days. Golden Triangle cohort since 30 June 2026: captured on 77 of 78 days. Checked daily for gaps; the live site always shows its most recent capture date, and flags it plainly if that capture falls behind.
Change log	Every field change between captures, by day, from 12 August 2026: status moves, new filings, work-start and work-stop notices.
Counted by BCMI	Figures BCMI computes from the record rather than reads from it, marked counted by BCMI wherever they appear. Defined on page 7.
Source	BC's Notice of Work registry (mines.nrs.gov.bc.ca), via the Province's OpenMaps geospatial service. Contains information licensed under the Open Government Licence – British Columbia.

Regional blind spots mean missed opportunities.

SEE OUTSIDE
YOUR REGION

Your surrounding regions now reveal permit activity. Find yours in Table 3.1; the other four rows are the work you are not watching.

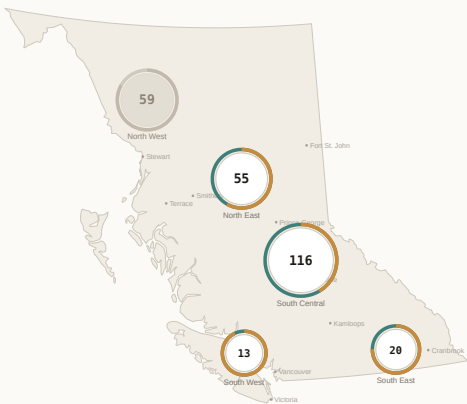
Live mineral and placer filings by mine region, twelve months to the capture date. Live means filed and either still in the queue or approved; withdrawn, rejected and on-hold files are excluded.

A Smithers operator focused on the North West is missing **204** live filings in the other four regions, **53** of them declaring drilling.

Mineral is hard-rock exploration and mining: drilling, trenching, camps, helicopters. Its volume sits in the northern and interior regions, and on mineral alone the North West, North East and South Central are level.

Drilling, camp and access are filings declaring a proposed area above zero for that activity: what the applicant proposed, not what was built. **Declared area** is the hectares those filings put on paper; most amendments to an existing footprint declare none. **Working** is mines whose work-start notice is dated within the last twelve months, on or before the capture date, with no stop date passed. A missing notice means nothing; 39% of live mines have one.

Placer is gold recovered from gravels with excavators and wash plants, mostly small and seasonal. It almost never declares drilling but camps and fuels at a similar rate. It is concentrated in the Cariboo: **68 of South Central's 116** live filings are placer.



● Mineral ● Placer
Ring shows the mineral and placer split; circles sized by live count. Your region is greyed; the others are what you are not watching.

TABLE 3.1 · Live mineral and placer filings by mine region, twelve months to the capture date

REGION	APPLICATIONS · 12 MONTHS							MINES	
	LIVE	QUEUE	APPROVED	DRILLING	CAMP	ACCESS	AREA HA	ALL	WORKING
North West Smithers, Terrace, Stewart	59	16	43	30	20	29	245	55	12
North East Prince George, Fort St. John	55	8	47	17	14	31	112	53	8
South Central Kamloops, Cariboo	116	53	63	23	9	29	285	103	9
South East Kootenays	20	11	9	6	7	7	26	20	4
South West Coast, Vancouver Island	13	3	10	7	4	5	64	12	1
Province	263	91	172	83	54	101	731	243	34

Reading one row, the North West. 59 filings are live: 43 already approved (quote now), 16 still queued (quote later). Of the 59, 30 propose drilling, 20 a camp and 29 access work; a filing can declare more than one. They sit across 55 mines, 12 of which have told the regulator a season is under way. The row is a funnel: how many exist, how many are cleared, what each will need, how many are already moving. Filings and mines are different counts, so the approved column will not match the mine counts on page 4, where your shaded row is lifted out.

What moved in the North West.

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Your region's row, what changed in fourteen days, and what to do about it.

YOUR ROW · Table 3.1

LIVE	59
QUEUE	16
APPROVED	43
DRILLING	30
CAMP	20
ACCESS	29
AREA HA	245
MINES	55
WORKING	12

What you can do about it

- Rule-generated from the change log for the fortnight to the capture date. The names are a sample of the named version; every subscriber gets this for their region.
- ☐ **CALL THIS WEEK** 2 filings approved in the last 14 days: **Dome North, Kitimat Project**. A program that just got its permit is buying now.
- ☐ **MOBILIZING** 3 work-start notices for the next fortnight or just past: **Arsenault Project (Sep 20), Silver Vista (Sep 19), Wishbone (Sep 10)**. Camp, fuel and crews move first.
- ☐ **PARKED** 1 moved to Client Delayed (**Labrecque Placer**): stop chasing, check back in a month. 2 came off hold (**Hatzl / Snow creek 2, Hatzl / Snowy**): back in play.
- ☐ **EARLY SIGNAL** 2 new filings first seen in the last 14 days declaring drilling or a camp: **Galore Creek, Thira**. Months out, but first look.
- ☐ **THE QUEUE** 16 filings waiting on a decision; **12** projects filed more than 90 days ago. Ask about those, not the fresh ones.
- ☐ **YOUR TURN** Share your region and what you quote on at inquiries@bcmineintel.com, and say what would make this read useful on a Monday.

TABLE 4.1 · Quote window, North West, capture date counted by BCMI

Table 3.1 shows what is permitted. This table shows what is actually moving, because a permit and a mobilized crew are two different things. It counts mines, not filings.

STATE	MINES	CAMP	DRILLING
Permitted, not started	28	9	17
Under way	11	4	6
Not yet permitted	16	6	7

28 mines are approved and not yet started, 17 of them declaring drilling and 9 a camp: allowed to work, nobody necessarily hired. Your best calls this week. 11 are already under way and likely staffed. 16 are still in the queue, too early to call. 1 mine works under an earlier permit while the latest filing waits: working in Table 3.1, not yet permitted here.

If you quote on any of these, this page is about you

- Camp declared**
Drilling declared
Access declared
Placer operation
- Camp services, catering, water and waste, fuel and power.
Drilling contractors, core handling, assay, helicopter support.
Road building, aggregate, culverts, freight.
Excavation, wash plant and water management, fuel and heavy equipment. Read from the permitted area alone; BC's filing does not break placer work into types.
- Work start**
- Everything that moves in the first week: freight, fuel, camp, crews. Median notice before the start date: about 11 days.
- Our reading, not the record. A declared area says what was proposed, not who was hired.

The five mines in the North West that moved most recently.

THIS PAGE A sample of the paid view: the mine, its latest filing, where it stands, and the last thing that happened to it.

TABLE 5.1 · Sample of the named version, North West, the live mines with the most recent movement to the capture date counted by BCMI

MINE	LATEST FILING	STATUS	QUOTE WINDOW	DECLARES	LAST MOVE
Red Chris Mine	Mar 3 · amendment	Approved	Quote now	none	Sep 15: Received to Referral Complete
Galore Creek	Sep 4 · amendment	Received	Not yet permitted	drilling, access	Sep 11: new amendment filing appeared
Silver Vista	Dec 3 · new permit	Approved	Quote now	drilling, camp, access	Sep 10: work start filed for Sep 19
Hatzl / Snow creek 2	Mar 30 · amendment	Referred	Not yet permitted	none	Sep 3: Pending Verification to Referred
Hatzl / Snowy	Feb 19 · amendment	Referred	Not yet permitted	access	Sep 3: Received to Referred

Orange rows are permitted and not yet started: quote now. This is what every row of the named version carries, for every live mine in your region, every Monday. Nothing on it is an opinion about a mine: no ownership, no finances, no rating. Those are not in the record and BCMI does not add them. Chosen by rule, not by hand: the live mines with the most recent event in the change log, at most five.

Three clocks to plan against

The record does not forecast. It does show, consistently, how much warning each kind of event gives. Plan around that.

Approval

Arrives with no warning in the public feed. The day a program is permitted is the day it can buy. In the last fortnight the region logged 2 approvals.

Work start

Notices have arrived a median of 11 days before the start (22 notices to the capture date, 17 of them filed in advance, adjusted for the day between BC's stamp and BCMI's morning capture). Too short for a drill contract; right for camp, fuel, freight and helicopter.

On hold

A file marked Client Delayed is paused at the applicant's request and the government's clock stops. Among new mineral filings since April, the median wait in that state is 147 days (10 files). Stop chasing; check back monthly.

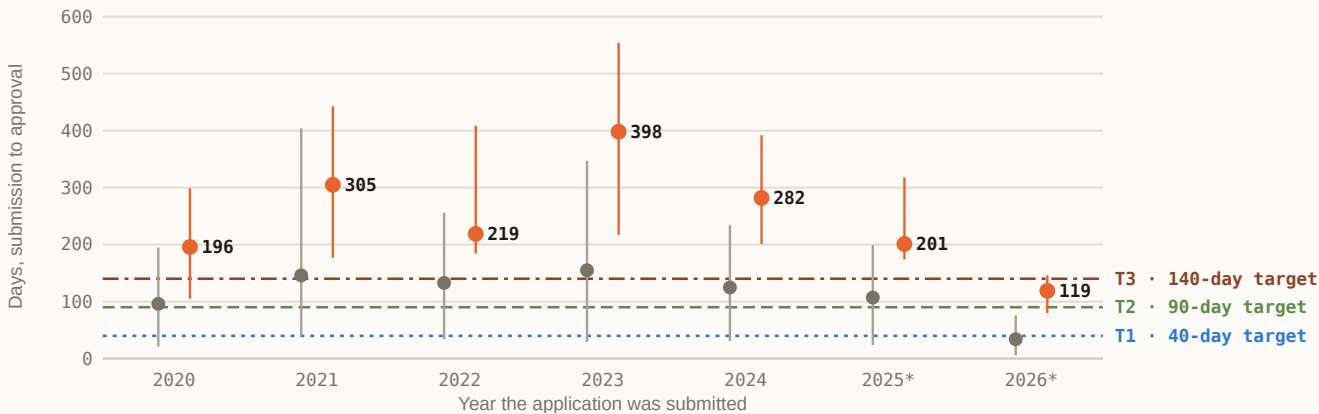
How long approvals take, against the 40 / 90 / 140 day targets.

SINCE 1 APRIL 2026

BC's tiered targets took effect 1 April 2026. This is where actual approval times sit against them, by year, and what has happened to filings made since.

FIGURE 6.1 · Days from submission to approval, mineral, by year submitted

counted by BCMI



Each point is the middle filing for that year: half faster, half slower; the bar covers the middle half. Orange is new permits, grey amendments. Years marked * are still open, so those medians read low. BCMI counts calendar days from submission; BC's clock starts at acceptance and pauses while the file sits with the applicant, so BCMI's number always reads higher. Neither is wrong.

In the fastest complete year since 2020, the middle new mineral permit still took **196 days** from submission; the slowest year was **398**. BC's longest target is 140. Yearly medians, 2020 to 2024: 196, 305, 219, 398 and 282. Amendments filed since April approve in a median of **13 days**; this season's programs are amendments to permits that already exist.

THE SAME FIVE MONTHS, COUNTED TWO WAYS

TABLE 6.2 · BCMI's count: filed since the targets took effect

counted by BCMI

Mineral, new permits, submitted 1 April to the capture date, by status. Waiting is calendar days from submission.

STATUS	N	DAYS
No Permit Required	12	n/a
Client Delayed	10	147 waiting
Referred	6	106 waiting
Approved	5	69 to approve
Received	1	82 waiting

34 filings. The most common state is Client Delayed, the state the government's clock does not count. Both tables are true; a vendor plans in calendar days, so plan from this one.

TABLE 6.3 · The government's count: its own scorecard

Ministry page, 1 April to 31 August 2026, as published on 15 September 2026. Their clock starts at acceptance and pauses while a file is with the proponent, so it always reads lower than calendar days.

	T1 · 40	T2 · 90	T3 · 140
In review	0	9	23
Approved	0	3	2
Avg days	n/a	53	71

5 approvals in five months, all inside target. Zero applications in Tier 1, the tier a small drilling program would live in.

A change log for the people who quote the work.

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Who this is for, the definitions behind every number, and how to reach BCMI.

Camp, fuel, freight, helicopter and expediting

A Monday read for your region: which programs were approved, which filed a work start, which went on hold, which appeared. Then the full list of live mines in your region with a quote-window state on every row. Thirty seconds on a Monday.

The analyst

The province's permitting record as a time series: when filings arrive and when decisions land, how long approvals take by year against the targets, how deep the queue is in each region and how often files stall. Numbers nobody publishes. Anyone republishing a figure gets the query behind it.

Definitions used in this pack

Live filing	Status Received, Referred, Referral Complete or Approved; submitted within twelve months of the capture date. Client Delayed is excluded from live and shown separately as on hold.
Queue	Live and not yet Approved.
Working now	Mine's work-start notice within the last twelve months, on or before the capture date, no stop date passed. Older notices are treated as stale.
Approval days	Approval date minus submission date, calendar days, using the amendment issue date only where it is on or after submission. The government's clock is different and shorter by construction.
Capture date	The morning the record was last captured, printed on the cover as the end date and in every footer. Every window in this pack ends there, never at today's date, so a stalled capture cannot quietly shrink a window.
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Pick your region and see what you are not watching. BCMI is early and the record grows every morning. Share what would make this fit into the way you work at inquiries@bcminingintel.com.

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