

GALLAGHER LAKE ROCK SLIDE

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Oliver, BC – On January 25, 2016 a significant rock slide occurred at Gallagher Lake which impacted a siphon on the canal irrigation system which provides irrigation water to the Town of Oliver, Electoral Area C (rural Oliver), and Osoyoos Indian Band. The break is near station 2+055 on the flume section at Gallagher Lake.

The Town of Oliver has consulted with engineers and geotechnical engineers who have assessed the damage to the siphon and the stability of the rock where the slide occurred. It has been determined that there are several larger pieces of rock on the upper bench of the Mountain that are unsafe and unstable. A higher level of scaling is now required which will involve drilling, pinning, and setting charges for blasting.

The rock scaling work necessary to ensure a safe work site could extend beyond the normal irrigation water turn on date; typically scheduled for early April. The Town of Oliver is working with engineers and Provincial ministries to determine the best solution for Oliver Water System users.

“This rock slide affects all Oliver Water Service users,” said Mayor Ron Hovanes. “On behalf of the Town of Oliver, I want to state that every effort will be made to ensure the impact is minimized to the best of our ability. Your MLA Linda Larson is working very hard on our behalf to access much needed financial assistance from the Province.”

All communications and updates will be through the Town of Oliver website www.oliver.ca, click on [Gallagher Lake Rock Slide – Quick Link](#) on the Home Page.

At this time the Town requests the public to stay away from the rockfall area and construction site, please obey all signage and barricades. Ensuring the safety is the primary concern with the instability of the rock face.

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