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 BC's public feed, **32,599** of them, captured every morning before the province overwrites it. This pack shows what that record, kept by BCMI (BC Mining Intelligence), can tell a vendor working out of the South West, and what it cannot.

SOUTH WEST REGION

Live in the South West, last 12 months

12

273 live across all five regions.

Movement, all five regions, last 30 days

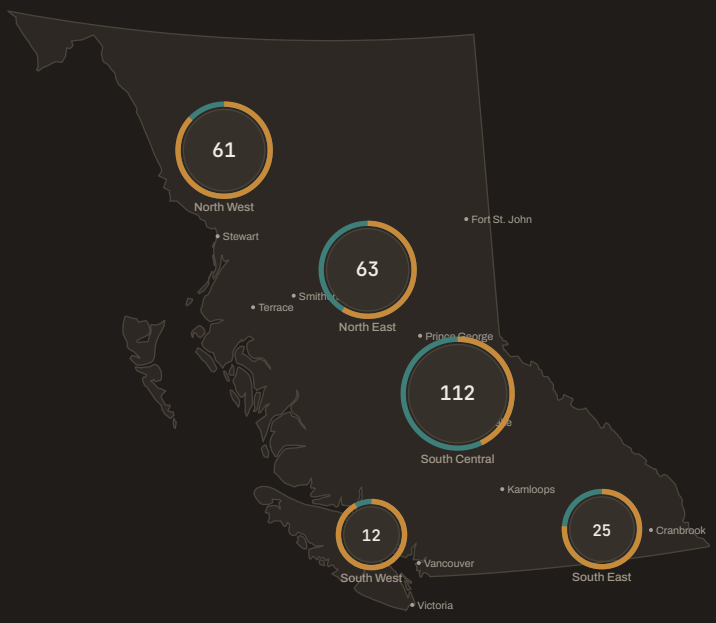
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255 live on 28 Sep 2026, **273** on 28 Oct 2026. Of the 10 that left, 7 moved to Client Delayed or another non-live status and 3 ended.

MINERAL AND PLACER APPLICATIONS BY DECADE FILED

DECADE	FILINGS PER YEAR
1990s	1,410
2000s	857
2010s	658
2020s so far	407

Mineral and placer filings have fallen 71% since the 1990s. From 1,410 a year in the 1990s to 407 a year so far in the 2020s.



Daily history starts 11 August 2026. Earlier filings are a single snapshot, not a record of how they moved. Records before 1990 are sparse and not shown.

The public feed shows today. BCMI keeps the days before it.

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

WHAT BCMI IS — **A market-monitoring service for suppliers to BC mining. It keeps what the public feed overwrites and shows what is new, what has moved, and when.**

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appeared, when it moved from received to referred to approved, when it was marked Client Delayed, and when it was withdrawn. Seen daily, the record becomes something you can check against: when programs get their permit, when they file to start work, and how long the queue actually runs.

Received → Referred → Referral Complete → Approved

or off the main path: Client Delayed · Withdrawn · Rejected

WHAT A FILING TELLS YOU

- That a program exists, and which region it is in
- What it proposes: drilling, a camp, access, and the hectares for each. All three together is a **full field program**
- What stage the application has reached
- Since capture began, the day it moved

What is in the store

Coverage	Every Notice of Work in BC's public feed: **32,599** mineral and placer applications, **41,368** including sand and gravel, quarry and coal. Records before 1990 are limited.
Capture	Daily since 11 August 2026 (77 of 79 days), every version kept.
Change log	Every status move, new filing, and work-start or work-stop notice, by day, from 12 August 2026.
Counted by BCMI	Figures BCMI calculates from the record are marked `counted by BCMI` and defined on page 7.
Source	BC Data Catalogue: Notice of Work (NoW) Spatial Locations – Public, served by DataBC (openmaps.gov.bc.ca). Contains information licensed under the Open Government Licence – British Columbia.

What BCMI does not cover

BCMI is built on public government application and permitting records. Information those records do not consistently disclose sits outside the platform.

- **Contractor relationships.** Not part of the filing.
- **Operator track records.** BCMI reports what was filed, not who files.
- **Target commodity.** Not consistently disclosed.
- **Project stage.** Not a field in BC's feed.
- **Service demand (helicopter, assay, environmental, fuel).** Filings describe the work proposed, not the services it needs.
- **Ownership, financing, ratings and lead scores.** Not in the government record, and BCMI does not add them.

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

What the other four regions filed.

ALL FIVE REGIONS — **Every region's live filings, side by side. Yours is the first row of Table 3.1.**

Live mineral and placer filings by mine region, twelve months to the capture date. Live means filed and either still in the queue (not yet decided) or approved; withdrawn, rejected and Client Delayed files are excluded.

> Outside the South West, the other four regions hold **261** live filings, **83** of them declaring drilling.

Mineral is hard-rock exploration and mining: drilling, trenching, camps, helicopters. On mineral filings alone, the largest regions are the North West (53), the South Central (48) and the North East (37).

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. Only 42% of live mines have a work-start notice on file, so a mine without one may still be working.

Placer is gold recovered from gravels with excavators and wash plants, mostly small and seasonal. It almost never proposes drilling (2 of 105 live filings), but about one in six proposes a camp. It is concentrated in the Cariboo: **64 of South Central's 112** live filings are placer.

Mineral Placer

Ring shows the mineral and placer split; circles sized by live count. Your region is greyed.

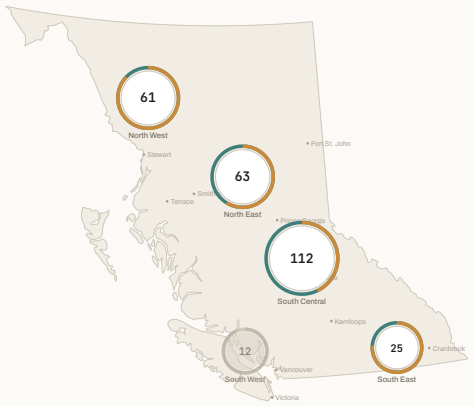


TABLE 3.1 · Live mineral and placer filings by mine region, twelve months to the capture date. All five regions; your region first.

	FILINGS · 12 MONTHS			WHAT THEY PROPOSE				AREA AND MINES		
REGION	LIVE	QUEUE	APPROVED	DRILLING	CAMP	ACCESS	ALL 3	AREA HA	MINES	WORKING
South West Coast, Vancouver Island	12	3	9	7	4	5	3	64	12	1
North West Smithers, Terrace, Stewart	61	18	43	31	21	31	15	235	55	3
North East Prince George, Fort St. John	63	13	50	18	15	33	6	105	60	7
South Central Kamloops, Cariboo	112	40	72	25	6	27	4	246	101	8
South East Kootenays	25	13	12	9	5	9	3	42	24	8
All five regions	273	87	186	90	51	105	31	692	252	27

Reading one row, the South West. **12** filings are live: **3** still queued and **9** already approved. Of the 12, **7** propose drilling, **4** a camp and **5** access work; a filing can declare more than one. **3** propose all three, a full field program (drilling, camp, access): 1 approved, 2 still queued. The **12** live filings sit across **12** mines, **1** of which has a current work-start notice, dated within the last twelve months. Filings and mines are different counts, so this row will not match the mine counts on page 4.

What moved in the South West.

LAST 14 DAYS **No new approvals in the last 14 days. The last approval BCMI recorded here was Bonanza River, on 30 September.**

What changed in the record

Rule-generated from the change log for the 14 days to the capture date, so it includes mines filed more than 12 months ago that the live counts leave out. Names are a sample; every pilot reader gets this for their region.

WORK STARTS	No new work-start notices for the next 14 days.
CLIENT DELAYED	1 became Client Delayed (**Sloquet-Golden Ridge**): BC's status for a file waiting on the applicant. 1 came off it (**Beyond Owl Creek**): back in the process.
EARLY SIGNAL	No new filing declaring drilling or a camp appeared in the last 14 days.
THE QUEUE	3 filings waiting on a decision; **2** projects filed more than 90 days ago.
YOUR TURN	Share your region and what you quote on at inquiries@bcminingintel.com, and say what would make this read useful on a Monday.

The five mines in the South West that moved most recently

TABLE 4.1 · Live mines with the most recent movement to the capture date counted by BCMI

	MINE	LATEST FILING	FILING STATUS	PERMIT STATUS	PROPOSED WORK	LAST MOVE
1	**Beyond Owl Creek**	Aug 14 · new permit	Referral Complete	Latest filing pending	drilling	**Oct 22** · Client Delayed → Referral Complete
2	**Shovel Creek**	Aug 18 · amendment	Approved	Permitted, no current start notice	none	**Sep 15** · Received → Approved
3	**North Island Project**	May 20 · amendment	Approved	Permitted, no current start notice	drilling, access	**Sep 2** · Referral Complete → Approved
4	**Quatum**	Feb 14 · new permit	Approved	Current start notice	drilling, camp	**Aug 25** · work start filed for Sep 4

Numbered by most recent move, not by opportunity. Orange rows are permitted with no current work-start notice. In the pilot, readers get a row like this for every live mine in their region, every Monday. Every cell is read from the public record. Chosen by rule, not by hand: the live mines with the most recent change, at most five.

counted by BCMI Of the **12** live mines, **8** are permitted with no current work-start notice (3 declaring drilling, 1 a camp), **1** has a current work-start notice, and **3** are waiting on a decision (1 is an amendment to a permit that already exists, so waiting is not the same as having no permit).

While you watched the South West, these moved elsewhere.

BLIND SPOT, NAMED

You are reading the South West edition. Here is the latest approval or work-start notice in each of the other four regions, and one more. Every regional edition is free at bcminingintel.com/blindspot.

TABLE 5.1 · Sample outside the South West: one live mine per region, plus one, most recent first

counted by BCMI

REGION	MINE	LATEST FILING	FILING STATUS	PERMIT STATUS	PROPOSED WORK	LAST MOVE
North West	**Big Hammer**	Dec 27 · amendment	Approved	Permitted, no current start notice	drilling, access	**Oct 27** · Client Delayed → Approved
South Central	**Bud Bulk Sample**	Dec 10 · amendment	Approved	Permitted, no current start notice	drilling, access	**Oct 23** · Referral Complete → Approved
South Central	**Lost Group**	May 21 · amendment	Approved	Current start notice	drilling, access	**Oct 22** · work start filed for Jun 15
South East	**Zinger**	Jun 10 · amendment	Approved	Current start notice	drilling, camp, access	**Oct 8** · work start filed for Oct 12
North East	**Dark Horse**	Jul 23 · amendment	Approved	Permitted, no current start notice	drilling, camp, access	**Sep 26** · Referral Complete → Approved

Chosen by rule, not by hand: in each of the other four regions, the live mine with the most recent approval or work-start notice, preferring one that declares drilling, camp or access over one that declares none; then one more by the same rule from any of the four. Not ranked by opportunity. Every cell is read from the public record, with no ownership, finances or rating added.

Three signals in the record

The record does not forecast. It does show how much warning approvals and work starts give, and how long Client Delayed files have waited.

Approval

Arrives with no warning in the public feed. In the last 14 days the region logged **0 approvals**.

Work start · province-wide

- **10 days**: median warning, among notices filed ahead of the start
- **43** notices since 12 August
- **32** filed before the start; **11** after work had begun

Adjusted one day for the gap between BC's timestamp and BCMI's morning capture.

Client Delayed

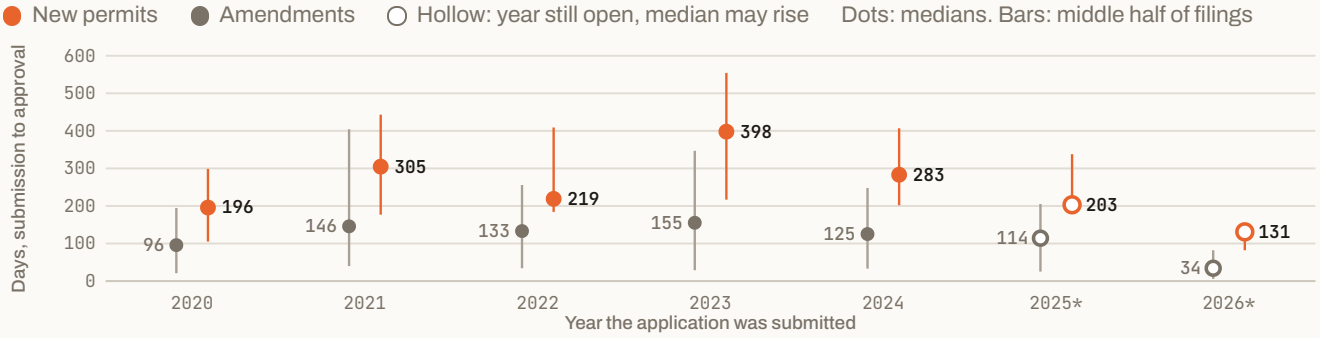
BC marks a file Client Delayed when the applicant needs to provide more information or reclamation security. The status says whose move it is, not who caused the wait. Province-wide, the **5** new mineral filings since April that are Client Delayed were filed a median **190 days** ago.

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

SINCE 1 APRIL 2026

BC's tiered targets took effect 1 April 2026. Approval times by year, then what has happened since, counted two ways.

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



- **Open years.** 2025 and 2026 are still open, so their medians will rise. 2026 includes January to March filings; the 110 days below is for permits filed since 1 April. In the fastest complete year since 2020, the middle new permit took **196 days**; the slowest, **398**. Amendments filed since 1 April have approved in a median of **23 days** (43 approved); most of this season's approvals are amendments to permits that already exist.
- **Targets.** BC's 40, 90 and 140 day targets run from 1 April 2026 on BC's clock, which starts at acceptance and pauses while a file is with the applicant, so they are not drawn here. BCMI counts from submission and always reads higher.

THE MINISTRY'S CLOCK

All within target

The ministry's own report on every application under the new framework, to 31 August.

BCMI'S CALENDAR CLOCK

110 days

Median, submission to approval, for the 7 new mineral permits filed since 1 April and approved.

WAITING ON THE APPLICANT

5 of 24

New mineral permits filed since 1 April that need one and are Client Delayed, BC's status for a file waiting on the applicant. Median 190 days since filing.

SINCE 1 APRIL, 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
Approved	7	110 to approve
Referred	6	128 waiting
Client Delayed	5	190 waiting
Received	3	9 waiting
Referral Complete	2	115 waiting
Rejected	1	n/a

36 filings, 12 needed no permit. Among the 24 that did, the most common state is Approved (7 of 24). Both counts are true; this table counts calendar days from submission.

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

Ministry page, 1 April to 31 August 2026, last updated 1 September 2026, read 25 October 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, 1 April to 31 August; the ministry reports every application within its target. No applications in Tier 1, the streamlined tier.

Source: BC Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals, approval dates checked against each permit's submission date · record to 2026-10-28

A change log for the people who quote the work.

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

Whether you sell camp, fuel, freight, helicopter time, access work or expediting, or read the permitting record as an analyst, the Monday read gives you one thing: what moved in your region. Every week:

- **New approvals**, by name: programs that just got their permit.
- **Work-start notices**: a season starting, a median 10 days ahead.
- **Full field programs**: drilling, a camp and access in one filing. The South West has 3 today.
- **Client Delayed files**: when a file starts waiting on the applicant, and when it returns to the process.
- **New filings** declaring drilling or a camp, as first seen in the record.
- **Approval times** against the 40 / 90 / 140 targets, on both clocks.

Definitions used in this pack

`Live filing`	Status Received, Referred, Referral Complete or Approved, submitted within twelve months of the capture date. **Queue**: live and not yet approved.
`Client Delayed`	BC's status when the applicant must provide more information or reclamation security. Not live. It says whose move it is, not who caused the wait. BC's clock pauses while a file is with the applicant; BCMI's does not.
`Referred`	BC's status for consultation and referral (agencies, stakeholders, First Nations). **Referral Complete**: that is finished and government acts next.
`Full field program`	A live filing proposing drilling, a camp and access, each with a declared area above zero.
`Permit status`	A mine's state on its latest filing: Latest filing pending; Permitted, no current start notice; Current start notice (dated within twelve months). Pending does not mean no permit: an amendment changes an existing one.
`Working now`	A work-start notice within the last twelve months, on or before the capture date, with no stop date passed. A mine with no notice may still be working.
`Approval days`	Approval date minus submission date in calendar days, using the amendment issue date only where it falls on or after submission.
`Capture date`	The morning the record was last captured: the cover's end date and every footer. Every window ends there.
`Counted by BCMI`	Computed from the record rather than read from a field: approval durations, declared activity, full field programs, permit status. Marked `counted by BCMI`. Each figure is checked against its source when the pack is built; a failed check stops the build. Anyone republishing a figure gets the query behind it.

> **What this pack does not assume.** BCMI reports what the public record says and what can be counted from it, and nothing more. It does not assume that an approved filing was built, that a mine with no current start notice is idle, that a Client Delayed file has stopped, or that a declared area was disturbed. Where the record is silent, the pack says so. Nothing here is investment, legal or permitting advice.

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