



## Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government Highway 4 Road Closures

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ʔuḥʔaλḥasuu Citizens and Residents of hitaču,

Highway 4 remains **closed** in both directions between Cathedral Grove/MacMillan Provincial Park and Koen Rd for 7.0 km (Cathedral Grove) due to a wildfire at Cameron Lake Bluff. The closure may be in effect for a few more days or until the Ministry of Transportation can ensure safe conditions for travel. It is a reminder to all this is a tentative time to consider, the closure may extend or be lifted outside of this estimation.

In communication with the District of Ucluelet, it has been shared that goods are making their way to the West Coast. Food and fuel **will be available** while the detour remains in place; local food stores may limit purchasing to offset running low on supplies. Please consider only purchasing what you and your family require.

It is advised citizens required to travel for essential services, re-consider your upcoming appointments. If travel is essential, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has released the following information for detour options:

“The detour will route traffic from Port Alberni through to Lake Cowichan via Bamfield using forest-service and privately owned industrial roads. The gravel detour route has narrow sections, sharp curves, single-lane bridges and challenging terrain. There is no cell service, gas stations or washroom facilities on the detour route. Regular passenger vehicles, such as cars, vans and commercial vehicles weighing less than 14,500 kilograms, can travel through the detour corridor. No over-height or over-weight vehicles will be permitted.

The detour route extends travel by four hours and includes difficult driving conditions. It is strongly encouraged to wait to travel if possible.

A map of the detour route will be available through an Emergency Travel Information button on the DriveBC website.” *View the full release online: [news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023MOTI0077-000890](https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023MOTI0077-000890)*

If you are a citizen who has been impacted by the wildfire, contact Patient Travel; [Carrie.George@ufn.ca](mailto:Carrie.George@ufn.ca) or (250) 266-1225.

We extend safety and patience to all in this time.

Sincerely,

**President Charles McCarthy**  
**Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government – Ucluelet First Nation**