



Overview

Higher temperatures in the central interior are resulting in rapid snowmelt and rising river levels in the upper Fraser River. The latest weather forecasts call for high temperatures in the upper Fraser basin today continuing into Monday.

Significant rain is forecasted to start Tuesday and continue into Wednesday, with 48-hour rainfall amounts of 25-50 mm forecast for the upper Fraser, Thompson and Quesnel basins.

It is extremely important for individuals to be prepared for emergencies. Assemble and keep an emergency kit ready that contains enough supplies to support you and your family for at least 72 hours.

Northeast Region

A Flood Warning was issued on June 2 at 3:30 p.m. for the upper Fraser River (McBride, Prince George, Quesnel and other locations along the Fraser River).

The Fraser River at Prince George should reach first flood alert levels by early Monday morning and is now expected to reach well above flood stage by late next week.

The south Peace and Liard rivers are rising rapidly due to significant snowmelt. The Nechako is also experiencing high flow.

Northwest Region

The High Streamflow Advisory issued for the Bulkley May 26th was updated June 2. The Bulkley River downstream of Houston is forecast to continue rising over the next few days, peaking possibly Wed-Fri (June 6-8), following the short period of hot weather and expected rainfall. Localized flooding may occur along the river corridor, including Smithers. River levels in the Skeena basin are rising steadily.

Central Region

A High Streamflow Advisory has been issued for the North Thompson River, upstream of Kamloops. The North Thompson River has been rising slowly for the past 3 days, due to the hot weather and accelerated snowmelt in the basin.

Well above normal temperatures are forecast to persist through Monday, to be followed by potentially heavy rain beginning late Monday and extending into Tuesday and Wednesday.

Following this weather forecast, the North Thompson River will continue rising until mid to late next week. It is forecast to peak Thursday-Friday (June 7-8)

Flooding may occur, beginning as early as today, along low-lying sections of the river upstream of Kamloops in areas without protection of standard dikes. No flooding is forecast for the City of Kamloops.

This situation is strongly contingent upon the rainfall forecast for the next few days. Actual flows will vary depending upon the amount of rainfall received in the watershed.

Lower Fraser River

A High Streamflow Advisory for the lower Fraser River (Lower Mainland), encompassing the areas between Hope and the ocean was issued on June 2.

Following an extended period of hot weather throughout the central interior, accelerated snowmelt in the mountains of the Fraser River watershed has caused the Fraser River to begin rising. The most current weather forecast from Environment Canada calls for a continuation of high temperatures Sunday and Monday.

The lower Fraser River will continue to rise over the weekend and next week, as the snowmelt from the upper Fraser and Thompson River reaches the lower mainland. Flood potential still depends on snowmelt scenarios and rainfall.

River Level Situation and Forecast:

Click [here](#) for latest detailed forecast and commentary.

Click [here](#) to view up-to-date information from the River Forecast Centre website.

Click [here](#) to view real-time B.C. river level monitoring station readings.

Weather Forecast:

Click [here](#) to view the Environment Canada Weather Office forecasts.

Public Health Advisories:

Click [here](#) to view public health information provided by the B.C. Ministry of Health.

Highway Conditions:

Highway 16 is closed in both directions 37 kilometers east of Terrace because of a debris slide. Clearing is continuing. Temporary openings scheduled for 7 am to 9 am, 2 pm to 3 pm, and 8 pm to 10 pm daily until further notice. For the most up-to-date information on this situation and others, visit www.drivebc.ca or call toll-free, 1-800-550-4997.

Provincial Response Activity:

A toll-free provincial flood information line is available daily from 12 noon to 8 p.m. The number is: 1-888-350-6070.

Provincial government staff are monitoring river levels, and together with local government officials and First Nations bands are reviewing potential threats to the public, infrastructure and the environment.

The Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre in Victoria is activated.

Provincial regional emergency operation centres in Terrace, Prince George, Kamloops, Nelson and Surrey are activated. Staffing is being increased in the Provincial centres at Prince George and Surrey in anticipation of high water flows.

In total, at all the provincial centres, approximately 80 provincial staff – people with emergency management experience and training are currently involved.

The province's logistical preparations includes sandbags, sandbag filling machines, and other flood fighting materials. 3.5 million sandbags have been distributed to local authorities. Ministry of Forests firefighting crews will be used for sandbagging operations in support of local governments.

\$1.1 million has been spent on 9.5 kilometers of innovative flood protection technology – called gabion diking. This has been deployed to Mission, Kamloops, Prince George and Quesnel.

An Agriculture Notice -- Livestock Relocation Phase 2 and 3 was issued June 2 by the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Ministry of Agriculture and Lands.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Lands has an emergency operations centre in Abbotsford. It is providing flood awareness information and guidance on managing livestock in preparation for flooding.

For more information on the relocation of cattle and emergency preparedness planning, dairy farmers are asked to call the BC Milk Producers Flood Line at 1-877-859-6140 or click [here](#). For more general information on agricultural emergency preparedness, farmers are asked to contact the MEOC in Abbotsford toll free at 1-888-221-7141

Local Authority Response Activity

Click [here](#) for municipality contact information.

Local Authority	EOC Status	Local State of Emergency	# on Evacuation Alert	# on Evacuation Order	Web Site URL
Fraser-Fort George Regional District	Activated	N			www.rdffg.bc.ca
Prince George	Activated	N			www.city.pg.bc.ca
Village of McBride	Activated	N			http://mcbride.ca/
Bulkley- Nechako Regional District	Activated	N			www.rdbn.bc.ca
Houston	Activated	N			www.houston.ca
Cariboo Regional District	Activated	N			http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/
Quesnel	Activated	N			www.city.guesnel.bc.ca
Fraser Valley Regional District	Activated	N			www.fvrd.bc.ca
Peace River Regional District	Activated	N			http://www.peacriverrd.bc.ca/home.php
Central Coast Regional District	Activated	N			http://centralcoastbc.com/
Thompson- Nicola Regional District	Activated	N			http://www.tnrd.bc.ca/
First Nations community updates, go to: www.fness.bc.ca					

Public Information - Flood Preparedness and Response

The Provincial Flood Information Line

- 1-888-350-6070

On the web, visit: www.pep.bc.ca

Other Telephone Numbers

In an emergency,

- dial 9-1-1

For local non-emergency information,

- contact your local government authority. Find contact numbers in the blue pages of the telephone book

For public health information, contact your regional health authority,

- Northern Health Authority, 1-888-766-6358
- Fraser Health Authority, 1-877-935-5669

For agriculture sector information, contact the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands:

- 1-888-221-7141