



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

Overview

The current weather forecast indicates a low pressure system will keep temperatures cool, bringing some precipitation to a wide-area of British Columbia.

The unsettled weather is forecast to continue for the rest of the week, with near or slightly below normal day-time temperatures, and periods of rain.

High flows and flooding are anticipated to continue for the next 2-3 weeks, until sufficient runoff of the spring snowmelt has occurred to allow rivers to drop.

A **High Streamflow Advisory** means that river levels are rising or expected to rise rapidly, but that no major flooding is expected. Minor flooding in low-lying areas is possible.

A **Flood Watch** means that river levels are rising and will approach or may exceed bankfull. Flooding of areas adjacent to affected rivers may occur.

A **Flood Warning** means that river levels have exceeded bankfull or will exceed bankfull imminently, and that flooding of areas adjacent to the rivers affected will result.

Northeast Region

A **Flood Warning** is in effect for the Upper Fraser River (McBride, Prince George, Quesnel and other locations along the Fraser River). The Upper Fraser is expect to stay above flood stage through the weekend and into next week.

The Upper Fraser River at Prince George is above flood stage and is anticipated to peak on Thursday. Flooding is occurring in Prince George, Quesnel and other locations along the Upper Fraser.

Unsettled weather is predicted to continue for the rest of the week, with near or slightly below normal day-time temperatures, and periods of rain.

A **High Streamflow Advisory** is in effect for the southern Peace River. River levels are expected to continue to rise over the next several days.

Liard River is rising due to significant snowmelt and precipitation. The Nechako is also experiencing high flow.

Northwest Region

A **Flood Warning** is in effect for the Skeena River. The rate of rise has slowed but the river may continue to rise very slowly for the next day or two, as snowmelt continues adding water. Flooding is occurring along unprotected sections of the Skeena valley, near Terrace and in other communities along the Skeena.

A **Flood Warning** is in effect for the Bulkley River. Large snowpacks remain in the Morice and Telkwa drainages, and those rivers will continue to generate snowmelt water for the next couple of weeks. Heavy rainfall is forecast for the Bulkley River Basin this evening.

Flooding will continue along the Bulkley Valley, and through Smithers and other affected communities, through the weekend and into next week.

A **Flood Warning** is in effect for the Nass River. Flooding is anticipated in unprotected sections of the Nass Valley. The Nass River peaked at noon on Tuesday and is now receding. This is the largest spring season flow ever measured on the Nass and about the third largest flow measured on the Nass in the past 72 years.

The potential for higher water flows remains on the Skeena, Bulkley and Nass Rivers, depending on the weather and the volume of snowmelt.

Central Region

A **High Steamflow Advisory** is now in effect for the North Thompson River upstream of Kamloops. (Birch Island, Clearwater, McLure).

The cooler weather has reduced snowmelt rates and water input to rivers. This weather is expected to remain for the remainder of the week.

Flooding may occur 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.

Southeast Region

A **High Streamflow Advisory** is in effect for the Slocan River.

Southwest Region

A **High Streamflow Advisory** is in effect for the Lower Fraser River, encompassing the area between Hope and the ocean. The water level on the Fraser River throughout the Lower Mainland will be high for the week or longer. As a result of cool weather and dropped snowmelt rates, the flows forecast for the lower Fraser through the Lower Mainland are now being reduced. Flooding is anticipated to occur in areas unprotected by dikes.

The flood risk season for the Lower Fraser will not be over before the end of June.

A **High Streamflow Advisory** is in effect for the Lillooet River (Pemberton/Mt Currie).

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 at Port Edward turnoff in Terrace and 48 kilometres east of Terrace due to flooding and rock slide.

Nisga'a Highway is closed in both directions from Gitwinksihlkw (Canyon City) to Greenville due to flooding.

Travel Advisory is in effect due to flooding between Howser and Gerrard Bridge. Highway 31 is closed between Poplar Creek (30 km north of Meadow Creek) and Gerrard (40 km north of Meadow Creek) until late Friday.

Usk ferry service has been suspended.

Ferry service in Little Fort and McLure has been canceled.

CN Rail line is closed from Smithers to Prince Rupert (along Highway 16 corridor).

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 operating from 12 noon to 8 p.m. daily. 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, Terrace and Surrey in anticipation of high water flows.

The province's logistical preparations include sandbags, sandbag filling machines, and other flood fighting materials. More than 3.5 million sandbags have been distributed to local

authorities. An additional 117,000 sandbags were shipped in the last 24 hours to meet local government requests throughout the province. Ministry of Forests firefighting crews will be used for sandbagging operations in support of local governments.

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

An **Evacuation Alert** means residents may be asked to leave their homes on very short notice. Residents should prepare by organizing an emergency supply kit with necessary medications, personal toiletries, change of clothing and personal and family documents.

An **Evacuation Order** means there is an imminent risk and residents must leave the area immediately. Local police or RCMP enforce the order.

Local Authority	EOC Status	Local State of Emergency	# on Evacuation Alert	# on Evacuation Order	Web Site URL
NORTHEAST					
Prince George	Activated	Y	approx. 70 homes	approx. 10 homes	www.city.pg.bc.ca
Fraser-Fort George Regional District	Activated	N			www.rdfg.bc.ca
Peace River Regional District	Activated	N			www.peacriverrd.bc.ca/home.php
Quesnel	Activated	N			www.city.quesnel.bc.ca
Cariboo Regional District	Activated	N			http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/
Central Coast Regional District	Activated	N			http://centralcoastbc.com/
Village of McBride	Activated	N			http://mcbride.ca/
NORTHWEST					
Town of Smithers	Activated	Y		approx. 6 homes	www.town.smithers.bc.ca/
Bulkley- Nechako Regional District	Activated	Y		approx. 25 homes	www.rdbn.bc.ca
Houston	Activated	N			www.houston.ca
Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine	Activated	Y	approx. 260 homes	approx. 50 homes	http://www.rdks.bc.ca/
Terrace	Activated	Y	approx. 10		http://www.city.terrace.bc.ca/

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Nisga'a Lisims	Activated	N			http://www.nisgaalisims.ca/
SOUTHWEST					
Fraser Valley Regional District	Activated	N			www.fvrd.bc.ca
Maple Ridge	Activated	N	approx. 30 homes		www.mapleridge.ca/
Mission	Activated	N			www.city.mission.bc.ca
Abbotsford	Activated	N			www.abbotsford.ca
Squamish - Lillooet Regional District	Activated	Y		approx. 1 home	http://www.slrd.bc.ca
Langley	Activated	N	approx. 305 homes		www.township.langley.bc.ca
Kent-Harrison	Activated	N			
City of Chilliwack	Activated	N	approx. 40 homes		www.gov.chilliwack.bc.ca
City of Coquitlam	Activated	N			http://www.coquitlam.ca
District of Hope	Activated	N			http://www.hope.ca/
CENTRAL					
Thompson- Nicola Regional District	Activated	N			http://www.tnrd.bc.ca/
Kamloops	Activated	N			http://www.kamloops.ca
SOUTHEAST					
Columbia Shuswap Regional District	Activated	N			http://www.csrld.bc.ca/
First Nations community updates, please visit: www.fness.bc.ca					

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

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