



Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre Spring Freshet – Information Report June 9, 2007 1400 hours

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

Changes to Flood Advisories and Warnings

- Southern Peace River is now under a **Flood Warning**.
- Slokan River (Passmore) ADVISORY **ended** June 8 at 0715 hrs
- Illecillewaet River (Greeley) ADVISORY **ended** June 8 at 0715 hrs
- Lillooet River (Pemberton/Mt Currie) ADVISORY **ended** June 8 at 1430 hrs

B.C. Overview (please note: these are estimates)

- 1,200 homes under evacuation ALERT
- 80 homes under evacuation ORDER

Changes to alerts/orders

- Kitimat-Stikine Regional District has **rescinded** evacuation order on Braun's Island.
- Fraser-Fort George Regional District has **rescinded** evacuation alert for Foreman Flats and Shelley townsite.
- Whispering Pines/Clinton Indian Band **rescinded** evacuation order.
- Lheidli Teneh First Nation (Fort George IR, North and South Shelley) **rescinded** evacuation alert for 43 homes.

Changes to Emergency Operations Centres (EOC)

- Village of Telkwa has activated an EOC
- Village of Hazelton has activated an EOC
- City of New Westminster has activated an EOC
- Greater Vancouver Regional District has activated an EOC
- Municipality of Delta has activated an EOC
- City of Burnaby has activated an EOC
- City of Pitt Meadows has activated an EOC

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	Y			www.rdffg.bc.ca
Peace River RD	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 RD	Activated	N			http://centralcoastbc.com/
Village of McBride	Activated	N			http://mcbride.ca/
First Nations in Northeast region					
Lheidli Tenneh/North South Shelley (Fort George IR 2)			Y		
Kwadacha			Y		
NORTHWEST					
Town of Smithers	Activated	Y		approx. 8 homes	www.town.smithers.bc.ca/
Telkwa	Activated				
Hazelton	Activated				
Bulkley- Nechako Regional District	Activated	Y	approx. 42 homes	approx. 26 homes	www.rdbn.bc.ca
Houston	Activated	N			www.houston.ca
Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine	Activated	Y	approx. 210 homes		http://www.rdks.bc.ca/
Terrace	Activated	Y	approx 176 homes		http://www.city.terrace.bc.ca/
First Nations in Northwest region					
Nisga'a Lisims	Activated	N			http://www.nisgaalisims.ca/
Kispiox			approx 4 homes		
Lakalzap			Y		
Glen Vowell, Kitsumkalum, Lower Post			Y		
SOUTHWEST					
Fraser Valley Regional District	Activated	N	approx 52 homes		www.fvrd.bc.ca
Maple Ridge	Activated	N	approx. 160 homes		www.mapleridge.ca/
Mission	Activated	N			www.city.mission.bc.ca
Abbotsford	Activated	N	approx 5 homes		www.abbotsford.ca
Squamish - Lillooet Regional District	Activated	N			http://www.slrd.bc.ca
Langley	Activated	N	approx. 305 homes		www.township.langley.bc.ca
Kent-Harrison	Activated	N	approx. 96 homes		
City of Chilliwack	Activated	N	approx. 42 homes		www.gov.chilliwack.bc.ca

Local Authority	EOC Status	Local State of Emergency	# on Evacuation Alert	# on Evacuation Order	Web Site URL
City of Coquitlam	Activated	N			http://www.coquitlam.ca
District of Hope	Activated	N	approx. 66 homes		http://www.hope.ca/
New Westminster	Activated				
Greater Vancouver	Activated				
Delta	Activated				
Burnaby	Activated				
Pitt Meadows	Activated		approx 1 home		
First Nations in Southwest region					
Shxw'ow'hamel			Y	approx. 4 homes	
Skwah, Skhxway, Kwantlen, Katzie			Y		
Mount Currie (Lil'wat)		Y	approx 6 homes	approx.16 homes	
Scowlitz			Y		
Leqa:mel			Y		
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	Y		approx. 16 homes	http://www.csr.bc.ca/
Town of Golden	Activated	Y		(Anderson Rd).	

For more information on First Nations community updates, please visit: www.fness.bc.ca

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

Conditions Overview

Weather over the past 24 hours has been generally favourable. No precipitation was recorded in the majority of flooded areas last night. No significant warming trends are predicted in the short term.

The Slocan, Lillooet and Illecillewaet rivers have dropped below warning levels. The Nass and Bulkley rivers have peaked and are beginning to fall. Each river is expected to slowly recede, but will stay well above flood stage into next week. The Skeena River at Usk has dropped nearly two metres from peak levels recorded Thursday.

The Upper Fraser and Thompson rivers have also reached their peaks. While water levels are declining, they're expected to stay above flood stage for several days.

The Lower Fraser River is predicted to peak over the weekend and is currently experiencing high water volumes.

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, South Fort George). River levels in the Upper Fraser River have begun to recede but remain above flood stage. The Upper Fraser is expect to stay above flood stage through the weekend and into next week.

A **High Streamflow Advisory** remains in place for the Nechako River at Vanderhoof and the Nechako River at Isle Pierre. The Nechako River at Vanderhoof has risen sharply over the past 36 hours and is currently at its highest water level this spring.

A **Flood Warning** is in effect for the Liard River. The river is peaking now and is expected to stay well above flood stage into next week.

A **Flood Warning** is in effect for the southern Peace River. River levels have risen significantly due to high rates of snowmelt and heavy rain.

Northwest Region

A **Flood Warning** remains in effect for the Skeena River. Water levels at Usk (near Terrace) have peaked and are dropping at a rate of five centimetres per hour. However, the river could rise again, depending on warmer temperatures and the melting snowpack. Flooding continues to occur 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 in the Smithers and Houston areas.

A **Flood Warning** is in effect for the Telkwa River.

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, but remains well above flood stage.

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

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 Streamflow Advisory** is now in effect for the North Thompson River upstream of Kamloops. (Birch Island, Clearwater, McLure). It is expected that the North Thompson River will remain close to current levels through the weekend and into next week.

Southeast Region

A **Flood Warning** is in effect for the Columbia River (Golden). The Columbia River has reached its peak; however, a change in the river level is not expected until the end of next week.

A **High Streamflow Advisory** is in effect for the Kicking Horse River (Golden).

Southwest Region

A **High Streamflow Advisory** is in effect for the Lower Fraser River, encompassing the area between Hope and the ocean. The Lower Fraser is expected to peak over the weekend at close to six metres at the Mission gauge. Very high flow volume is expected. Flooding is anticipated to occur in areas unprotected by dikes.

The greatest risk factor for greater volume in the next two weeks is a widespread rain storm event of 30 to 60 mm, which is not forecast.

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 from the Port Edward turnoff to Terrace, and from 37 kilometres east of Terrace to 48 kilometres east Terrace. An alternate route between Terrace and Kitwanga via the Cranberry Forest Service Road is available with scheduled 30 minute openings in alternating directions every 2 hours.

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

Highway 51 has re-opened 20 kilometres east of Telegraph Creek.

Ferry service at Usk, Little Fort, McLure, Big Bar and Lytton has been suspended.

CN Rail line is closed from Smithers to Prince Rupert (along Highway 16 corridor). Shames Flat portion of the railroad track has washed away due to water erosion.

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 8 a.m. 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.

The province's logistical preparations include sandbags, sandbag filling machines, and other flood fighting materials. Nearly four million sandbags have been distributed to local authorities. Approximately 618,000 sandbags have been shipped since June 6th to meet local government requests throughout the province.

Ministry of Forests firefighting crews are being used for sandbagging operations and related duties 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.

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