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Northwest Provincial Regional Emergency
Coordination Centre

FLOOD WARNINGS FOR NORTHWEST RIVERS

TERRACE - The River Forecast Centre has issued flood warnings for the Bulkley River at Smithers and the Skeena River at Terrace and Hazelton and the Nass River above Shumal Creek.

Flooding is occurring along unprotected sections of the Skeena and Nass valleys, and localized flooding has occurred in Terrace and Smithers. The water will continue to rise today and tomorrow. More rain is expected until Wednesday.

Residents are advised to maintain contact with their local governments. Residents are asked to call their local government authorities if flooding occurs.

Highway 16, 37 kilometres east of Terrace, remains closed with scheduled single-lane openings from 7 to 9 am, 2 to 3 pm, and 8 to 10 pm. Travellers are advised that this is subject to change. Information about Highway 16 is available www.drivebc.ca/listEvents.jsp

There are a number of precautions that residents can take to prepare their homes and properties in the event of flooding:

- Move any indoor and outdoor items to higher ground;
- Relocate hazardous materials, such as cleaners and pesticides, to higher ground to prevent water contamination;
- Unplug and disconnect any electrical items that may be at risk;
- Gather important papers in water-tight containers and keeping a record of valuables in a safe place;
- Make arrangements for pets and livestock to be moved to safe locations;
- Move all farm equipment and implements to higher ground; and,
- Construct sandbag dikes or berms to protect homes and businesses.

The Provincial Emergency Program's website also has information for residents, www.pep.bc.ca. A province-wide toll-free information line has been activated to provide residents with information about water levels and other information. The phone lines are staffed from 12 pm to 8 pm for now and will be open 24 hours a day if necessary. The number is 1 888 350-6070.

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