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Northwest Provincial Regional Emergency
Operations Centre

HIGH RIVER LEVELS CLOSE ROADS IN NORTHWEST

TERRACE - Recent high water levels have forced closure of several roads in the Bulkley-Nechako Regional District.

These areas include:

- 22nd Avenue- Ebenezer Flats
- Cedarvale-Kitwanga backroad at km. 0.5
- Hazelton-Kitwanga backroad at km 15.

Highway 16, 37 kilometres east of Terrace, remains closed with scheduled single-lane openings. Updated highway information is available at www.drivebc.ca/listEvents.jsp

Earlier today, the River Forecast Centre 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. Water levels are expected to rise with rain in the forecast through to Wednesday.

Residents are advised to maintain contact with their local governments. Local emergency authorities will keep residents informed of developments in areas that are most likely to be impacted by flooding.

In the meantime, residents are urged 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 keep 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. 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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