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Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre

PUBLIC SAFETY URGED AS RIVER LEVELS RISE

VICTORIA- People are urged to take precautionary measures as river levels increase due to spring snowmelt and rain.

The River Forecast Centre has issued flood warnings for the upper Fraser River (McBride, Prince George, Quesnel), the Skeena River and Nass River. Flood Watch is in effect for the Bulkely River (Houston and Smithers). High Stream Advisories are in effect for: Slokan River (Passmore area) lower Fraser River (Hope to the ocean), North Thompson River (Birch Island, Clearwater, McLure) and Lillooet River.

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.

Residents in flood prone or flood watch areas should consider the following preparedness actions:

- Be aware of streams, drainage channels and areas known to flood suddenly.
- Avoid small creeks and rivers as their channels tend to be narrow and can fill up quickly.
- Keep children and pets away from stream banks. Banks can erode quickly.
- Do not walk or drive through floodwaters.
- Check on current highway conditions and any road closures. Visit the Drive BC website at www.drivebc.ca.
- Organize your individual and family emergency kit. It should contain important documents, prescription medication, a flashlight and first aid kit.
- Listen to radio and television stations for local information and weather reports.

Residents are advised to maintain contact with their local governments and are asked to call their local government authorities if flooding occurs. Listings can be found in the blue pages of the phone book.

The Provincial Emergency Program's website has information for residents, www.pep.bc.ca. A provincewide 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 noon to 8 pm. The number is 1 888 350-6070.

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