



Overview

The current weather forecast indicates rainfall will continue for a wide area of central British Columbia today and into tomorrow.

Temperatures are forecast to be below seasonal for the next several days throughout the province.

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.

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

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 River at Prince George is above flood stage and it's anticipated to peak on Thursday.

A **High Stream 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 Nass River. Flooding is anticipated in unprotected sections of the Nass Valley. The Nass River has plateaued, and is expected to flow at / or near current level through the weekend.

A **Flood Warning** is in effect for the Skeena River. The Skeena River has plateaued, and is expected to flow at / or near current level through the weekend. 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. The Bulkley River from Houston downstream to Hazelton continues to rise and is approaching record flow levels. Flooding is anticipated to occur in areas unprotected by dikes.

Central Region

A ***Flood Watch*** is in effect for the North Thompson River upstream of Kamloops. (Birch Island, Clearwater, McLure).

The North Thompson River continues to rise and forecast to peak Thursday-Friday (June 7-8).

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. This situation is strongly contingent upon the rainfall forecast for the next few days. Actual flows will vary depending upon the amount of rainfall received in the watershed.

Southeast Region

A ***High Streamflow Advisory*** is in effect for the Slocan River. The Slocan has been rising slowly as a result of recent hot weather and snowmelt in the basin.

Southwest Region

A ***High Streamflow Advisory*** is in effect for the Lower Fraser River, encompassing the area between Hope and the ocean. Water levels continue to rise. Flooding is anticipated to occur in areas unprotected by dikes.

A ***High Streamflow Advisory*** is in effect for the Lillooet River. The Lillooet River is beginning to plateau and is expected to remain near its current level over the next 1-3 days.

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 kilometers east of Terrace due to flooding.

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

Highway 99, six kilometers north of Pemberton is reduced to single lane, alternating traffic due to flooding.

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.

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 242,000 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
Fraser-Fort George Regional District	Activated	N			www.rdffg.bc.ca
Prince George	Activated	Y		approx. 10 homes	www.city.pg.bc.ca
Village of McBride	Activated	N			http://mcbride.ca/
Bulkley- Nechako Regional District	Activated	Y		approx. 33 homes	www.rdbn.bc.ca
Town of Smithers	Activated	Y		approx. 1 home	www.town.smithers.bc.ca/
Houston	Activated	N			www.houston.ca
Telwka	Activated	N			www.telkwa.com
Cariboo Regional District	Activated	N			http://www.cariboord.bc.ca/
Quesnel	Activated	N			www.city.quesnel.bc.ca
Fraser Valley Regional District	Activated	N			www.fvrd.bc.ca
Abbotsford	Activated	N			www.abbotsford.ca
Mission	Activated	N			www.city.mission.bc.ca
Kent-Harrison	Activated	N			
Peace River Regional District	Activated	N			www.peacriverrd.bc.ca/home.php
(Greater Vancouver area)					
Langley	Activated	N	Y approx. 305 homes		www.township.langley.bc.ca

Maple Ridge	Activated	N	Y approx. 40 homes		www.mapleridge.ca/
City of Chilliwack	Activated	N	Y approx. 40 homes		www.gov.chilliwack.bc.ca
City of Coquitlam	Activated	N			http://www.coquitlam.ca
Central Coast Regional District	Activated	N			http://centralcoastbc.com/
Thompson- Nicola Regional District	Activated	N			http://www.tnrd.bc.ca/
Kamloops	Activated	N			http://www.kamloops.ca
Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine	Activated	Y	Y approx. 260 homes		http://www.rdks.bc.ca/
Terrace	Activated	Y	Y		http://www.city.terrace.bc.ca/
Squamish - Lillooet Regional District	Activated	Y		Y approx. 1 home	http://www.slrd.bc.ca
Columbia Shuswap Regional District	Activated	N			http://www.csrld.bc.ca/
First Nations community updates, go to: 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