



Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre Spring Freshet – Information Report June 11, 2007 2000 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.

Conditions Overview

High river levels continue in the Bulkley, Skeena, Nass and Nechako Rivers.

The current weather forecast shows cool weather and light showers in most areas through to the end of the week. By Friday warmer weather is expected to return to the central and northern areas. This change in weather may impact snowmelt runoff on the Skeena, Nass, Bulkley and Nechako Rivers.

Rivers levels along the upper Fraser River, and middle Fraser River are dropping. Water levels along the lower Fraser River are holding near the 6.0 metre mark at the Mission gauge. The lower Fraser River is expected to drop by the middle of this week.

Boil Water Advisories

- Northern Health has issued a precautionary boil water advisory for **Northwest** residents living in areas impacted by flooding. Residents living in and west of Houston through to Prince Rupert and the Queen Charlottes are advised to take safety measures if they have their own water supply.
- Boil Water Advisory issued for **Valemont** and Village of **McBride**.
- Boil Water Advisory issued affecting approximately 100 homes in the areas of **Braun's Island, Old Remo** and **New Remo** near Terrace.

Changes to alerts/orders

- Bulkley-Nechako Regional District issued an **evacuation alert** for approx. 500 homes in Francois Lake area at 1845 on June 11.
- Bulkley-Nechako Regional District **rescinded** its evacuation order for 26 homes on June 11 at 1645 hrs.
- Fraser Fort-George Regional District **rescinded** its declaration of a state of emergency on June 11 at 1300 hrs.
- First Nations community of Lil'wat (Mt. Currie) **rescinded** an evacuation order for 16 homes.
- City of Prince George **rescinded** its Evacuation Order for 10 households and its Local Declaration of a state of emergency on June 11 at 1700 hrs.

B.C. Overview (estimates only)

- approx. 1507 homes on alert
- approx. 14 homes on order

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	N			www.city.pg.bc.ca
Fraser-Fort George Regional District	Activated	N			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			www.cariboord.bc.ca
Central Coast RD	Activated	N			www.centralcoastbc.com
Village of McBride	Closed	N			www.mcbride.ca
First Nations in Northwest region					
Kwadacha		Y			www.kwadacha.com
NORTHWEST					
Town of Smithers	Activated	Y		approx. 8 homes	www.town.smithers.bc.ca
Telkwa	Activated				www.telkwa.com
Hazelton	Activated				www.village.hazelton.bc.ca
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	Activated	Y	approx. 68 homes (Ebenezer Flats) approx. 500 homes (Francois Lake)		www.rdbn.bc.ca
Houston	Activated	N			www.houston.ca
Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine	Activated	Y	approx. 260 homes		www.rdks.bc.ca
Terrace	Activated	Y	approx. 176 homes		www.city.terrace.bc.ca
First Nations in Northwest region					
Nisga'a Lisims	Activated	N			www.nisgaalisims.ca
Nisga'a – 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
Mission	Activated	N			www.city.mission.bc.ca
Abbotsford	Activated	N	approx. 34 homes		www.abbotsford.ca
Langley	Activated	N	approx. 305 homes		www.township.langley.bc.ca
Kent-Harrison	Activated	N			www.district.kent.bc.ca
City of Chilliwack	Activated	N	approx. 42 homes		www.gov.chilliwack.bc.ca
City of Coquitlam	Activated	N			www.coquitlam.ca
District of Hope	Activated	N	approx. 66		www.hope.ca

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			homes		
Greater Vancouver Regional District	Closed				www.gvrd.bc.ca
Maple Ridge	Activated	N	approx. 162 homes		www.mapleridge.ca
New Westminster	Activated				www.newwestcity.ca
Delta	Activated				www.corp.delta.bc.ca
Burnaby	Activated				www.city.burnaby.bc.ca/Home.html
Pitt Meadows	Activated				www.pittmeadows.bc.ca
Squamish - Lillooet Regional District	Activated	N			www.slrd.bc.ca
First Nations in Southwest region					
Kwantlen			Y		www.stolonation.bc.ca
Katzie			Y		www.katzie.ca
Scowlitz			Y		www.stolonation.bc.ca
Leqa:mel			Y		www.lakahahmen.com
Skway and Skwah			Y		
Chawathil			Y		www.stolonation.bc.ca
Shxw'ow'hamel			Y	approx. 4 homes	www.stolonation.bc.ca
Mount Currie (Lil'wat)			Y		www.lilwatnation.com
In-SHUCK-ch/ Lower Stl'at'imx			Y		
SOUTHEAST					
Columbia Shuswap Regional District	Closed	Y		2 homes	http://www.csrdb.bc.ca/

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

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

Flood Advisories, Watches and Warnings

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 **High Streamflow Advisory** is in effect for the Upper Fraser River (McBride, South Fort George). The Fraser River at Prince George has peaked and is continuing to decline. It is expected to drop below flood stage sometime today.

A **Flood Warning** remains in effect for the Liard River at Lower Crossing.

A **Flood Watch** is in place for the Nechako River. The Nechako River is rising slightly as water is discharged from the Skins Spillway by Kenney Dam operator ALCAN.

A **Flood Watch** remains in effect for the Moberly River which is starting to decline.

A **Flood Watch** is in effect for the southern Peace River.

A **Flood Watch** remains in effect for the Finlay River which is receding slowly.

A **High Streamflow Advisory** is in effect for the Fraser River at South Fort George.

NORTHWEST REGION

A **Flood Watch** is in effect for the Skeena River at Usk (near Terrace). After receding more than three metres in water level from its Thursday peak, the Skeena River began to rise again.

A **Flood Warning** remains in effect for the Bulkley River at Quick. The Bulkley continued to recede slowly overnight. The Bulkley River remains above flood stage.

A **Flood Watch** is in effect on the Nass River above Shumal Creek (Greenville area).

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

SOUTHEAST REGION

A **Flood Warning** remains in effect for the Columbia River at Donald (Golden area).

SOUTHWEST REGION

A **High Streamflow Advisory** is in effect for the Fraser River at Hope and Mission. The water level continues to hover around 6.0 metre mark at the Mission gauge, but is expected to fall slightly through the middle of the week.

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.

Transportation Conditions:

For the most up-to-date information on this situation and others, visit www.drivebc.ca or call toll-free: 1-800-550-4997.

Highway 16, east of Terrace, has re-opened in both directions. Highway 16 west of Terrace to Prince Rupert has reopened with alternating traffic. Cranberry Forest Service Road is an alternate route.

CN Rail service between Terrace to Prince Rupert has resumed.

The Nisga'a Highway is open to two-lane traffic.

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

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 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 and Surrey are activated.

The province's logistical preparations include sandbags, sandbag filling machines, and other flood fighting materials. More than four million sandbags have been distributed to local authorities.

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