



Overview

Heavy snowfall followed by a warming trend and rainfall has triggered a Flood Watch for Howe Sound, Greater Vancouver, Lower Fraser Valley, and south and central Vancouver Island from the Ministry of Environment. Environment Canada issued high rainfall warnings for these same areas.

Impacts

Vancouver Island Region

- Capital Regional District activated EOCs on Saltspring Island and Mayne Island, these are closing as situation has stabilized. Some land slippage on Saltspring is being assessed for potential risk to residence.
- 17 First Nations families are evacuated in the Cowichan area due to flood threat.
- Some local flooding in the Nanaimo area, Regional District assisting First Nations in Nanoose area, FNESS and INAC aware.
- Some homes along Englishman River are evacuated.
- City of North Cowichan has issued a boil water advisory.
- Island Highway closed north of Duncan, Cowichan Bay road is closed due to flooding.
- PREOC activated, contact being maintained with local governments to assess possible requests for support.

South West Region

- District of Maple Ridge EOC activated. One home damaged, 2 others at risk from sewer backup. Log jam on Alouette River being removed.
- Fraser Valley Regional District EOC activated, monitoring potential flooding.
- Evacuation alerts being issued in GVRD/Lions Bay for residences near Charles Creek due to debris flow.
- Heavy snowfall in Boston Bar area causing problems with emergency vehicle access.
- TCH #1 through Fraser Canyon and Duffy Lake Road are closed.
- Southwest PREOC Activated, conference calls held with local governments for updates.

Central Region

- Regional office in contact with local government regarding High Stream flow Advisory for Merritt and Princeton areas.

PECC

- PECC is activated, coordinating requests for subject matter experts. CCG meeting held at 1300hrs.

Outlook

MOE indicates Flood Watch will continue through Tuesday and Wednesday. Environment Canada forecast is for periods of heavy rain over much of the south coast through today with further rainfall amounts of 60 to 100 mm expected tonight for north shore mountains of Greater Vancouver, Fraser Valley and west and inland Vancouver Island. The main 'pineapple express' has passed through the south interior, this will see freezing levels dropping again over the next 24 hours.