

**PROVINCIAL EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTRE  
FLOODING SITUATION OVERVIEW  
March 14, 2007 15:30 Hrs**

**OVERVIEW**

A subtropical rain storm struck the South Coast, Vancouver Island and the Interior bringing high temperatures and heavy precipitation. The storm system has moved out of BC and been replaced by much cooler and more seasonal weather.

A number of Lower Mainland areas experienced flooding problems and there were numerous landslides and debris flows in the Interior and Kootenays.

**RESPONSE STATUS**

Disaster Financial Assistance has been approved for the District of Maple Ridge and Laidlaw.

The Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC) (in Victoria) and three Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centres (PREOCs) -- in Southwest (Surrey), Central (Kamloops), and Southeast (Nelson) -- remain activated to support local governments and assess damage.

The District of Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows is hosting community forms to inform residents of Disaster Financial Assistance application procedures.

**IMPACTS**

The TransCanada Highway (Highway 1) continues to be closed at several locations. Ministry of Transportation expects that mudslides near Rosedale will take several days to clean-up. A number of areas in the Interior are also experiencing road closures due to slides and flooding.

***Southwest:***

Estimates indicate approximately 300 homes, including some farm properties, have been impacted by flooding and/or local drainage problems.

The major impacts in the southwest have been the closure of Highway 1 near Rosedale and near Boston Bar. Damage repair and debris removal will take several days.

***Central***

BC Hydro is currently working to restore power to communities in the Lytton area impacted by a landslide and power is expected to resume later today. The Ministry of Transportation continues to restore roads, restrict and detour highway traffic in the Lytton-Hope area.

The drinking water system for the Gladwin trailer park is now operational.

Canadian Pacific is working to restore rail service east of Revelstoke due to an avalanche-triggered train derailment.

### ***Southeast***

Ainsworth – the drinking system has been restored.

Nelson – Little Slocan Road, west of Nelson, is reopened following a temporary closure due to a debris torrent. A reconnaissance by Ministry of Environment indicates one home may still be at risk and the homeowner has been advised to obtain geotechnical services to assess the site.

Kootenay Lake – power has been restored to the west side of the lake.

Hamilton Creek – Highway 3A near Balfour has reopened.

### ***Northeast***

Quesnel – A large ice pack on the Cottonwood River near Quesnel near the bridge on Highway 97 remains a concern and cooler weather has slowed its movement.

Monitoring is continuing, but there are no immediate concerns for public safety.

## **OUTLOOK**

Water levels have dropped in streams and rivers although rain is expected in some areas overnight.

The Coldwater River near Merritt remains under a High Water Advisory.

## **CURRENT INFORMATION**

Monitoring and damage assessment continue.

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## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Flood Warnings and Watch

Ministry of Environment – River Forecast Centre

[http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/rfc/river\\_forecast/advisories\\_current.htm](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/rfc/river_forecast/advisories_current.htm)

Road Closures

Ministry of Transportation – Drive BC

<http://www.drivebc.ca>

Weather Forecast

Environment Canada

[http://www.weatheroffice.ec.gc/canada\\_e.html](http://www.weatheroffice.ec.gc/canada_e.html)