

## **Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC)**

**Spring Flooding Situation Overview – May 18, 2006 2100 hrs**

### **General Overview**

The province is experiencing above average temperatures. Rivers and creeks in the southern interior have been rising rapidly, and risk of flooding is expected to increase should forecasted precipitation occur in the next few days. Some minor flooding has already occurred. Local governments are monitoring the situation closely.

A flood watch was issued earlier today by the Ministry of Environment for the following areas:

West and East Kootenay	Okanagan
Boundary	South Thompson
Columbia	Kettle River and Granby River at Grand Forks

The Central Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centre (PREOC) in Kamloops , the Southeast PREOC in Nelson and the Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC) in Victoria are activated and staffed to provide technical, logistical and operational support to local governments and First Nations. Forecast hydrologists from the Ministry of Environment are monitoring water levels and are working with the PREOCs to provide timely advice to local governments for use in flood planning. The province has made sandbags available to communities that request them from the provincial stockpile.

### **Weather Forecast for Kootenay Districts and southern BC interior**

The four-day weather forecast for this area of the province is for hot weather, above seasonal averages. Thunder storms are predicted, with showers likely in most areas Friday night, Saturday and Sunday and rain, heavy in some areas, by Monday.

### **Central Region**

Central Region PREOC is activated at a level 2. Minor flooding has occurred at Silver Creek. The Sicamous Area and Bastion Creek areas are being closely monitored.

### **Southeast Region**

Southeast Regional PREOC is activated at a level 2. A minimum of six homes are being threatened by rising water levels in the Midway area. A minimum of 20 homes including an RV park just outside Grand Forks are threatened. Procter Creek and Sandy Creek near Nelson are overflowing but no homes currently impacted. Sandbagging is being done in these areas, as well as near Ymir between Salmo and Nelson, and the Hwy 21 Bridge south of Creston. Brown Creek Rd off the North Fork side of Granby River is closed between km 9 and km 11 due to flooding.