

PROVINCIAL COORDINATION CENTRE

PECC FLOODING UPDATE - MAY 24, 2006 – 1600 hrs

Key Updates

- The Evacuation Alert for the Johnson Flats area of Grand Forks has been lifted.
- 166 homes remain on Evacuation Alert in the Regional District of Central Kootenay.
- The Flood Watch remains in place for the Slocan River and neighbouring small drainages.
- The Flood Watch for all other areas has been downgraded to a High Streamflow Advisory until further notice.
- River levels in the southeast region have been receding since Sunday afternoon in most areas.
- As expected, the Sugar Lake Dam release has caused minor flooding. BC Hydro is monitoring.
- A High Streamflow Advisory has been issued for northwestern B.C. this afternoon. Local governments and First Nations have been notified.

WEATHER FORECAST

KOOTENAY DISTRICTS AND SOUTHERN B.C. INTERIOR:

Unsettled weather will continue for the next few days with cooler temperatures and showers through the weekend. Precipitation should remain light, with rain concentrated mainly in the east Kootenays and showers elsewhere.

NORTHWESTERN B.C.:

Unsettled weather with showers for the next few days. A warming and clearing trend is developing with the long range forecast indicating sun and cloud. Temperatures are expected to be around 20 degrees by Saturday.

SOUTHEAST REGION PREOC

The Southeast PREOC remains activated at a level 2.

REGIONAL DISTRICT KOOTENAY BOUNDARY - Joint Emergency Operations Centre, Grand Forks.

A Declaration of State of Local Emergency is in effect for Area D of the Regional District.

- An evacuation alert for 40 homes in the Johnson Flats area has been lifted.

THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS - Joint Emergency Operations Centre, Grand Forks

A Declaration of State of Local Emergency is in effect for the City of Grand Forks.

- No homes in Grand Forks are under Evacuation Order or Alert.
- A townhall meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 26th, at 7:00 pm in Grand Forks.

REGIONAL DISTRICT CENTRAL KOOTENAY - Emergency Operations Centre, Nelson.

Declaration of a Local State of Emergency is in effect for electoral areas D, E, F, G, and H.

- 166 homes adjacent to the Slocan River remain under an evacuation alert. A townhall meeting is being planned for Passmore – a date is yet to be set.

- Kootenay Lake levels may rise another foot according to Fortis BC. Some homes (approx. six) have experienced minor flooding and more homes (10 - 20) may see minor flooding before the lake levels begin to drop.
- Highway 31 remains closed in both directions between Gerrard and Poplar Creek due to flooding.

REGIONAL DISTRICT EAST KOOTENAY

Rivers and creeks have receded and there are no significant issues in the Regional District at this time.

NORTHWEST REGION

River levels throughout northwestern B.C. have risen significantly over the past 24 hours. It is anticipated that river levels will continue to rise in the next 24 to possibly 72 hours.

Rivers included in this advisory are:

- Bulkley near Quick
- Kispiox near Hazelton
- Skeena at Usk
- Nass above Shumal Creek

PECC remains activated at Level 2