

PROVINCIAL COORDINATION CENTRE

PECC FLOODING UPDATE - MAY 25, 2006 – 1500 hrs

Key Updates

- 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; this is the only Watch outstanding.
- A non-specific region wide High Streamflow Advisory remains in effect over the Kootenay Region.
- A High Streamflow Advisory has been *lifted* for northwestern B.C. this morning.
- River levels in the southeast region have been receding since Sunday afternoon in most areas.

WEATHER FORECAST

KOOTENAY DISTRICTS AND SOUTHERN BC 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. Heading into the weekend, cool, drier weather will prevail.

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A Declaration of State of Local Emergency has been rescinded for Areas C D of the Regional District.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A Declaration of a State of Local Emergency has been rescinded for the City of Grand Forks.

- A townhall meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 26th, at 7:30 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 on Monday evening.
- 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

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 with temperatures around 20 degrees by Saturday. River levels throughout the Skeena region have begun to recede as of Wednesday (May 24). The High Streamflow Advisory has been *lifted* for:

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

There are no outstanding advisories in effect.

PECC is activated at Level 1