

PECC SITUATION REPORT MAY 26, 2006 - 1600 Hrs

Key Updates

- 166 homes remain on Evacuation Alert in the Regional District of Central Kootenay.
- All Declarations of State of Local Emergency have been rescinded in the province.
- The Slocan River remains at a very high level and will be watched carefully throughout the weekend.
- River levels in the southeast region generally have been receding over the past few days.
- The current forecast indicates the possibility of some significant rain in parts of the East and West Kootenays and the Central Interior over the next 2 days. There has been heavy rain in some areas of the East Kootenays already today.
- River levels may begin to rise again in areas that experience significant accumulations of precipitation. This could be problematic for areas that are already experiencing high water levels.

WEATHER FORECAST-

KOOTENAY DISTRICTS AND SOUTHERN BC INTERIOR:

Unsettled weather will continue for the next few days and some rainfall is expected as a result. Parts of the Central Interior, East Kootenays and south Slocan could see from 25 to 30 mm of rain over the next 2 days. General instability is expected to continue as a large low pressure system moves through the northern states. Showers are expected throughout the interior through to Tuesday of next week with clearing expected to begin around Wednesday. Showers and isolated thundershowers are likely in most areas of the southern interior.

SOUTHEAST REGION PREOC

The Southeast PREOC remains activated at a level 2 with hours of operation from 07:00 to 19:00 today and 07:00 to 19:00 for Saturday and Sunday. PREOC conference calls will continue for communities and agencies throughout the weekend, at 09:00 and 16:00 each day.

REGIONAL DISTRICT KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

Joint Emergency Operations Centre, Grand Forks. The joint EOC will not be staffed after 16:30 today, however staff are on call if required throughout the weekend.

- Damage assessment is underway, no estimates are yet available.
- A townhall meeting will take place tonight in Grand Forks at 19:30.

THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

Joint Emergency Operations Centre, Grand Forks The joint EOC will not be staffed after 16:30 today, however staff are on call if required throughout the weekend.

- There are approximately 50 homes within the Grand Forks municipal boundaries that are being assessed for flood damage.
- A townhall meeting will take place tonight in Grand Forks at 19:30.

REGIONAL DISTRICT CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Emergency Operations Centre, Nelson The Declaration of State of Local Emergency has been rescinded for RDCK. The EOC will remain activated at Level 1 throughout the weekend with staff available on call.

- 166 homes adjacent to the Slokan River remain under an evacuation alert
- A townhall meeting is being planned for Passmore on Monday May 29th in the evening.
- Kootenay Lake levels are expected to continue to rise through to Monday. The lake is currently expected to reach levels similar to 1996 but not as high as 1997. There was minor waterfront flooding along Kootenay Lake in 1996.
- Highway 31 remains closed in both directions between Gerrard and Poplar Creek due to flooding.

REGIONAL DISTRICT EAST KOOTENAY

- Rivers and streams continue to recede and are below 'High Steamflow' thresholds
- The EOC will remain active at Level 1 throughout the weekend due to concerns over heavy rainfall forecasts

INTERIOR HEALTH AUTHORITY

- A small care facility in the New Denver area is experiencing seepage in the basement due to high water levels. There are key electrical services in the basement that may be vulnerable if the seepage continues. If necessary the facility will be closed and the residents moved. A plan is in place for that eventuality.

CENTRAL REGION PREOC

The Central PREOC will remain activated at Level 1 over the weekend. High water levels continue on a number of rivers and lakes in the region and the current forecast indicates a possibility of significant accumulations of precipitation in some areas.

PECC is activated at Level 1. Daily PECC Situation Reports will continue to be issued throughout the weekend. The River Forecast Centre will continue to

monitor flood risk and stream levels throughout the weekend and will issue advisories as required.