

PECC SITUATION REPORT MAY 27, 2006 - 1300 Hrs

Key Updates

- Lake and river levels are no longer increasing and most are declining at this time.
- 166 homes in the Passmore area have been removed from Evacuation Alert status as of 10:30 today. There are no longer any areas of the Province under an Evacuation Alert at this time.
- There are no Declarations of State of Local Emergency in place at this time.
- There are no Flood Watch Advisories in place at this time.
- The Slocan River has been reduced to a "High Stream Flow" Advisory effective 10:00 this morning.

WEATHER FORECAST- KOOTENAY DISTRICTS AND SOUTHERN BC INTERIOR:

Unsettled weather will continue for the next few days with much cooler temperatures today. The freezing level has dropped and snowmelt runoff has declined as a result. A large cold low continues to move across the northwest US bringing occasional showers to the east Kootenays. Heavy rain which was a possibility in yesterday's forecast did not materialize overnight. There is a possibility for the east Kootenays to see some heavy precipitation today but due to cooler temperatures it will likely fall as snow at higher elevations. The long term outlook is for drier weather to move into the province early next week.

SOUTHEAST REGION PREOC

The Southeast PREOC remains activated at level 2 with hours of operation from 07:00 to 16:00 today and 07:00 to 16:00 for Sunday.

REGIONAL DISTRICT KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

Joint Emergency Operations Centre, Grand Forks. EOC staff on call throughout the weekend.

- Kettle River has dropped 1.2 metres from its peak last Sunday; the Granby River has dropped 1.0 metres from its peak. Both rivers continue to drop steadily.
- A townhall meeting held last night was attended by residents, municipal and Regional District staff, Disaster Financial Assistance and ESS staff.

There are 16 residential DFA claims processed thus far in the Grand Forks area.

THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

Joint Emergency Operations Centre, Grand Forks

- See notes above for Kootenay Boundary.

REGIONAL DISTRICT CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Emergency Operations Centre, Nelson

- A townhall meeting is being planned for Passmore on Monday May 29.
- Kootenay Lake levels appear to have stabilized.
- Slocan Lake levels have begun to drop this morning.
- Highway 31 remains closed in both directions between Gerrard and Poplar Creek due to flooding..

REGIONAL DISTRICT EAST KOOTENAY

- Rivers and steams continue to recede.
- The EOC is no long staffed.

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 inflow to Nicola Lake and the fact that Nicola Lake had reached full pool necessitated an increase in the discharge from Nicola Dam yesterday. Higher releases raise the water levels through the town of Merritt but they are still below bank full. An advisory was issued yesterday afternoon through local radio.

PECC is activated at Level 1. The River Forecaast Centre will continue to monitor flood risk and stream levels throughout the weekend and will issue advisories as required.