



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE

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REGIONAL DISTRICT MOVES TO RECOVERY PHASE

Nelson – The Emergency Operations Centre established by the Regional District of Central Kootenay is moving towards the recovery phase of its response to the flooding.

Weather forecasts predict minimal precipitation to light showers for the region over the next three days.

“The immediate threat from flooding in the area has passed,” said Emergency Operations Director Joe Chirico. “However, we’re being cautious and will keep the Emergency Operations Centre open and staffed to safe guard residents and property while we assist residents with assessing the damage.”

The evacuation order was lifted for Passmore residents yesterday afternoon and the Incident Command Post is now moving forward with damage assessment. To help disaster victims cope with the cost of repairs and recovery from flooding, disaster financial assistance is available for essential and uninsurable losses.

Residents who have suffered flood damage should do the following:

- First check with their private insurer to see if there is coverage in place;
- Start to survey any damages and start making a record;
- Residents can start the authorization process by making a claim that begins with a form available online at www.pep.bc.ca/dfa_claims/dfa.html.
- For more information on eligibility or claims for disaster financial assistance, call 1-888-257-4777.

Flooding emergencies require prompt coordination of action to safe guard residents and property. As such the Regional District is adding the following electoral

areas to its Emergency Declaration Act to ensure a timely response in the event of an emergency:

Electoral Area D – Kootenay Lake North

Electoral Area E and F – West Arm of Kootenay Lake and Kootenay River

Electoral Area G – Salmo River and Erie River

Electoral Area H – Slocan Lake and River

Local declarations provide local government with powers through the Emergency Program Act and are relatively commonplace in BC – they provide local governments with necessary tools to respond to emergency situations.

Regional District crews will continue to patrol flooded areas.

Further information on safety precautions is available at www.pep.bc.ca

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