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Joint Emergency Operations Centre
Regional District of Kootenay Boundary/City of Grand Forks

GRAND FORKS OPERATIONS UPDATE – 008

GRAND FORKS - An evacuation alert remains in effect for 40 households in the Johnson Flats area in the City of Grand Forks and the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary. An alert is a precautionary warning to residents that they may be told to leave their homes on short notice due to increased flooding risks.

City and Regional District crews have patrolled at risk areas, including the alert area, all night.

Conditions are stable and river levels have dropped slightly overnight. Community volunteers, City and Regional District Public Works crews continue to sandbag structures in low-lying areas.

Residents needing sandbags or and/or further information across the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and the City of Grand Forks should contact the Joint Emergency Operations Centre at 442-8266 or toll free at 1-866-482-1385. Volunteers willing to help sandbag should also contact the Joint Emergency Operations Centre.

Grand Forks and surrounding area:

More than 15,000 sandbags have been deployed along the Kettle and Granby Rivers. 27 residences have been sandbagged. City and District staff are keeping a close eye on a further 15 residences. North Fork Road is open to local traffic only. All other roads have reopened.

The City requests residents on the sanitary sewer system please limit their use of the system. The sewer system is running at capacity due to high ground water.

Greenwood:

More than 1,500 sandbags were deployed Saturday night to protect the community well pumps.

Conditions are stable

Christina Lake:

Sandbagging supplies were sent to the community earlier in the week. Supplies are located at the Christina Lake Fire Hall. Volunteers have sandbagged at the Christina Sands Resort.

Fruitvale:

The community is using its backup water system. A sprinkler ban remains in effect.

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