

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Cooler weather has moved across the province as expected. As the cooler weather moved into the province a broad precipitation band also moved into several regions. Overnight the Skeena, Bulkley, Nechako and Upper Fraser River watershed received a substantial amount of rain. Further rain is in the forecast for many regions today. Rivers in these regions are beginning to rise again and a Flood Warning has now been issued for the Fraser River at Prince George and for areas upstream. In the southern and central Interior, and the Kootenays the cooler weather was not accompanied by rain. Rivers and streams in these regions are peaking or beginning to drop slowly due to the reduced snowmelt.

No significant new issues were reported yesterday however a new landslide incident was reported as saturated soils are creating slope instability.

Provincial Emergency Operations Centres (PREOC) in the Northeast, Southwest and Central are currently being staffed at level 1 as is the Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC), during normal work hours. PREOC's are making community contact calls and are following up on active incidents with the Emergency Program Coordinators and provincial agencies to get further details.

SUMMARY OF NEW INCIDENTS

- Hawks Creek landslide, Cariboo RD and MOE investigating, no immediate risks
- flooding reported along Horsefly River, MOT responding

OUTLOOK

Heavy rain overnight in the Upper Fraser River watershed is now expected to send the Fraser River at South Fort George to its first "flood alert level" sometime tomorrow. As well, low level flooding is expected upstream of Prince George along the Fraser River. The City of Prince George and Fraser Fort George Regional District have been notified and are issuing information to residents in the areas of concern.

For the remainder of the interior and Kootenay regions, water levels on small streams and rivers are generally declining slowly at this time and on the larger rivers the water levels are near their peak flows for this event. Provided there is no rain in these regions, water levels should continue to drop over the next few days.

The broad rain front that has moved across the province is still a concern. Rainfall totals will be monitored closely. Any amount of rainfall that occurs over a wide area of a watershed could send streams and rivers to higher levels. The River Forecast Centre will continue to revise forecasts as new information is received.