

## **SITUATION OVERVIEW**

Cooler weather continues across the province today. Some areas of the province received some fairly heavy rain yesterday and last night, particularly in the Central and Southern Interior. Streams and rivers in these areas are on the rise again today. Only minor impacts are anticipated. In the Upper Fraser River basin, high flows continue on many rivers. There is currently a Flood Warning posted for the Fraser River at Prince George and 11 homes are on Evacuation Alert.

A number of new minor flooding issues were reported today across the province, many in areas that had reported high water or flooding over the weekend. Most of the problems are associated with flooding of yards, driveways and in some case outbuildings and basements.

Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centres (PREOC) in the Northeast 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. Four local governments have activated Emergency Operations Centres (EOC) at this time to support sandbag distribution and other response activities.

## **SUMMARY OF NEW INCIDENTS**

- Eagle River, some new flooding reported, two properties still experiencing flooding
- Cottonwood River, overbank flows reported east of Quesnel, one home at risk
- Salmon River near Falkland, some power poles flooded, power and phone service has been disrupted in the area
- Willow River near Prince George, high water levels continue, 5 homes at risk

High Stream Flow and Flood Watch advisories remain in effect across a wide area of the southern half of the province. These notices can be viewed on the River Forecast Centre (RFC) website.

## **OUTLOOK**

Rain overnight in the Central and Southern Interior sent a number of streams and rivers to bankfull conditions today. The rainfall has now ended and no significant rainfall is in the forecast for the next few days. Streams and rivers appear to be peaking at this time and should begin to recede again shortly, provided there is no further rainfall. Flooding issues are fairly minor at this time in these regions. A landslide on Highway 40 near Goldbridge should be partially cleared by tomorrow morning. Ministry of Transportation (MOT) is planning for short openings of the road tomorrow to allow for re-supply of the community.

The Fraser River should peak shortly at South Fort George, but is expected to remain near its currently level for a few days. Smaller streams and rivers in the Northern Interior should be at or near their peak water levels, provided there is no further rain. It is expected that water levels will begin to drop across the region this evening.

In the Southwest Region of the province, streams and rivers continue to recede slowly following peak flows over the long weekend. Some problems persist on a few smaller creeks and rivers in the Pemberton area. The Fraser River at Mission is expected to see its first significant peak of the freshet season this coming weekend. RFC will be providing some updated information on that situation later this week.

In the Southeast region of the province, rain in the Moyie River basin has that river at flood stage and nearing a 1 in 25 year return period flow. Again the river should peak sometime today and begin to recede by tomorrow.

The current weather forecast is showing that cooler weather will continue for the next 2 days across most of the province. There are rain showers in the forecast for some regions but no significant rain other than in the Liard River Basin in the far north. Provided there is no significant rainfall over the next few days the water levels in small streams and rivers in the southern half of the province, should begin to drop off this evening due to reduced snow melt. The larger rivers such as the North Thompson at Kamloops, the South Thompson at Chase and the Fraser River at Hope will continue to rise for a few more days as the snowmelt and rain water works through the system.