

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Cool weather continues to dominate the provincial weather patterns. There was light precipitation in some areas of the province yesterday and overnight, however there was no significant amount of precipitation recorded in any region of the province. A high pressure front bringing with it warmer weather is forecast to move into the province today, however, temperatures are not forecast to match the record high temperatures which were experienced last weekend. This is expected to allow river levels to continue to decline for the weekend.

The Northeast Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centre (PREOC) and the Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC) remain activated at level 2 (0800hrs to 1630hrs) in response to the present flood risk in Prince George. The City of Prince George has activated its Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) and the Regional District of Fraser Fort George is closely monitoring flooding issues in the region. The remaining PREOC's in the province are staffed during regular work hours and continue to monitor situations in their respective regions.

SUMMARY OF NEW INCIDENTS

- stabilized flood threat in the City of Prince George, one Evacuation Order (15 homes), one Flood Warning Advisory (15 homes) and Declaration of State of Local Emergency are in place
- new flooding along North Fraser Road in Quesnel, one Evacuation Alert in place
- the Regional Districts of Fraser Fort George and Cariboo have activated their emergency operation centres to level 1 for support of localized flooding incidents

The River Forecast Centre is maintaining a number of High Stream Flow and Flood Watch advisories across a wide area of the province. The current notices can be viewed on the River Forecast Centre (RFC) website.

OUTLOOK

Cessation of heavy rain in parts of the middle and upper Fraser River watersheds has allowed the streams and rivers in the region to start to decline in levels today. The RFC is now indicating the Fraser River at South Fort George will decrease to 9.3 metres over the next 2 days which is slightly lower than the first alert level. The outlook for the City of Prince George, the City of Quesnel and

areas upstream along the Fraser River is for decreasing water levels for the remainder of today and throughout the weekend. The City of Prince George is maintaining an evacuation order of the 15 homes on Ferrel Street in South Fort George for the foreseeable future.

Across the rest of the province, cool weather has greatly reduced the snowmelt. As well there has been no significant amount of rain over the past 24 hours and water levels are beginning to decline. Again, any amount of rain in any of the watersheds could result in higher flows, however no significant rain is in the forecast at this time. The outlook for areas of the province is for water levels to continue to decline. The exceptions to this are the major rivers such as the North Thompson, the South Thompson and Fraser River in the lower mainland which will continue to rise for a few more days.