



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

# Media Release

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## Evacuation Alert removed for Crawford Creek, Duhamel Creek, Salmo and Slocan Rivers and Broadwater Rd.

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Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) has removed the Evacuation Alerts for:

- Crawford Creek (Crawford Bay) in electoral Area A
- Duhamel Creek (Nelson) in electoral Area F
- Salmo/Ymir in electoral Area G
- Slocan River drainage region in electoral Areas H and I
- Broadwater Rd. (Robson) in electoral Area J

The [BC River Forecast Centre](#) lifted its High Streamflow Advisory for the Salmo River, Slocan River and all tributaries. River levels have been improving over the past week due to cooler weather and diminished rainfall. The long range forecast from [Environment Canada](#) indicates unsettled weather; however, no heavy rainfall is expected. River levels are expected to remain below levels of concern. Given the potential of the incoming weather systems to generate thunderstorms, more isolated flooding events on smaller streams are possible in the short term, but will be highly dependant on precipitation.

“While there is still risk of flooding this season, at this time the risk is less imminent so we will be removing all Evacuation Alerts in the region,” said Chris Johnson, RDCK Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Director. “With the remaining high-elevation snowpack still being fairly significant, we will be monitoring the weather closely. If there is indication of another hot spell followed by a precipitation event, or a weather system with significant rainfall associated, the RDCK will reassess the need to put Evacuation Alerts on. Please do stay alert, we are not through freshet yet.”

With the current snowpack still healthy, above 1800 to 2000m throughout much of the RDCK, freshet season is expected to last another 3-4 weeks. Residents are advised to keep sandbags on hand. Sandbags and sand remain available to all residents at any of the locations listed on the RDCK website: [www.rdck.ca/befloodprepared](http://www.rdck.ca/befloodprepared).

The recent flooding event resulted in washed out roads, culvert blockage, erosion, logjams, and property damage due to flooding, erosion or wind. The RDCK has been working with local and provincial authorities to assess all the damage throughout the region.

A reminder to RDCK residents; if you have any issues with public roads, power lines, or gas lines, please contact [Yellowhead Road and Bridge](#) 1-888-630-1420, [BC Hydro](#) 1-800-224-9376 or [Fortis BC](#) 1-800-663-9911 directly.

Please do not hesitate to call our RDCK Public Inquiry Line if you have any questions at 250-352-1572 or if you have experienced impacts from this event send an email to [eocdamage@rdck.bc.ca](mailto:eocdamage@rdck.bc.ca). In the email please give your name, a description of the situation, time, date, location, and a photo(s).

For more information about evacuations and emergency preparedness, along with other resources, please visit the [RDCK website](#) or the [PreparedBC](#) website. We will provide updates on a regular basis through media releases and by updating our website.

*Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit [www.rdck.ca](http://www.rdck.ca).*

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