



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

MEDIA RELEASE

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For immediate release

Thunderstorms expected across the RDCK

Freshet season continues through June

Nelson, BC: Freshet season is still in full swing and the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) encourages all residents to be proactive in their preparation for any potential flooding.

Possible heavy precipitation associated with a cold front passage is possible throughout the next few days for the RDCK. [Environment Canada](#) issued a thunderstorm warning for the Arrow Lakes and Slocan Lake areas on June 12.

This type of weather has the potential to cause flash floods, landslides or debris flow hazards. It is imperative for residents to understand these potential hazards and key indicators that could be cause for concern, especially in the steep mountain creeks common in the Kootenay region. Check out the RDCK website for more information www.rdck.ca/befloodprepared

Indicators of a potential upstream hazard include

- Abnormally dirty water
- Accumulation of large logs or debris in the creek
- Sudden changes in flow
- Pulses in flow (ie. rapid changes in flow) or pulses of sediment
- Rapid accumulation of sediment or bedload along a flat section of a creek channel

To report a potential emergency please call BC's Emergency Coordination Centre at the 24-hour toll-free number: 1-800-663-3456

Emergency Resources

- RDCK Emergency Information – www.rdck.ca/eocinfo
- To register for the RDCK Emergency Alert System - <https://rdckemergency.connectrocket.com/>
- Sandbags and sand remain available to all RDCK residents - www.rdck.ca/befloodprepared

- BC Flood Preparedness Guide - www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-recovery/embc/preparedbc/preparedbc-guides/preparedbc_flood_preparedness_guide_fillable.pdf
- PreparedBC - www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-recovery/preparedbc
- EmergencyInfoBC - www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca
- Make an Emergency Plan - www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-recovery/preparedbc/make-your-plan
- Build a Household Emergency Kit and Grab-and-Go Bag - www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-recovery/preparedbc/build-an-emergency-kit-and-grab-and-go-bag#grabandgo
- Road or Highway Issues – Contact Yellowhead Road & Bridge 1-888-630-1420 www.yrb.ca
- Power – Contact BC Hydro - 1-800-224-9376 www.bchydro.com
- Gas – Contact Fortis BC – 1-800-663-9911 www.fortisbc.com
- BC River Forecast Centre - www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/drought-flooding-dikes-dams/river-forecast-centre
- Environment Canada - https://weather.gc.ca/forecast/canada/index_e.html?id=BC

The RDCK will continue to monitor the rivers and streams throughout the region, providing any emergency information on its website at www.rdck.ca/eocinfo

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.

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