



Media Release

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RDCK monitoring water levels throughout region

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is currently experiencing higher than normal water levels in many creeks, streams and rivers for this time of year. The RDCK Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) is monitoring the situation and while there are currently no flood advisories or warnings in the RDCK, residents should still be aware and exercise extreme caution around creeks, streams and rivers. The current rain forecast could further increase water levels and has the potential to cause floods or landslides.

Environment Canada has issued public alerts for heavy rain in the area of Arrow Lakes, Slocan Lake and Kootenay Lake. Rainfall of 10-25mm is expected throughout the next 24 hours. This weather is a direct result of the atmospheric river that continues to wreak havoc across the Province, producing extended periods of heavy rain. Residents are asked to report floods, debris flows, or landslides they observe by contacting the Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre at 1-800-663-3456.

“While our rivers have enough capacity this time of year to handle this amount of rainfall, our smaller systems (creeks and streams) will be more responsive, so we’re monitoring those closely,” said Chris Johnson, RDCK EOC Director. “With the forecast calling for continued rain over the next 12-24 hours, we’ll be in regular contact with our partners at Environment & Climate Change Canada and the BC River Forecast Centre and will communicate any increased risk through our normal channels.”

The RDCK encourages residents to remain prepared for unexpected events or emergencies by making a plan and having a household emergency kit and a grab and go bag. Information about Evacuation Orders and Alerts in the RDCK can be found on the [RDCK website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). For details about evacuations and emergency preparedness, along with other resources, please visit <http://www.rdck.ca/eocinfo>.

Emergency Preparedness Resources

[River Forecast Centre](#)

[Current Flood Warnings and Advisories](#)

[Current Streamflow Conditions and Flood Forecast Modeling](#)

[Sign up for RDCK Emergency Notification System to receive notifications](#)

[RDCK Emergency Management](#)

[Emergency Management - Prepared BC](#)

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[Landslide and Flooding Risk Due to Wildfires – MFLNRORD](#)
[Public weather alerts for BC from Environment Canada](#)
[Drive BC](#)

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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