



# Media Release

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## Flood Watch Advisory for the West Kootenay Region

Kaslo River, Slocan River and tributaries around Creston and Nelson

Nelson, BC: [The BC River Forecast Centre](#) has upgraded the West Kootenay area from a High Streamflow Advisory to a [Flood Watch](#). This means, river and stream levels are rising and will approach or may exceed bankfull. This advisory affects the entire Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK), but specifically highlights the Kaslo River below Kemp Creek, the Slocan River near Crescent Valley and tributaries around Creston and Nelson. Due to rising snowmelt rates and 30 to 50mm of expected rainfall in the forecast the potential for flooding continues to increase. Residents are advised to stay clear of the fast flowing rivers and potentially unstable riverbanks during the high streamflow period.

The RDCK Emergency Operations Centre reminds residents that along with the risk of flooding, there is an increased risk of landslides, debris floods or flows, and rock fall during intense rainfall or rapid snowmelt. Residents should report landslides and floods to the Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre by calling 1-800-663-3456.

The RDCK encourages residents to remain prepared for unexpected events or emergencies by making a plan, having a household emergency kit, and a grab and go bag. It is also important to review your insurance policy. Standard home, tenant and condo insurance policies provide coverage for some expenses when you leave your home due to mandatory evacuation orders.

Updates or changes to Evacuation Orders and Alerts in the RDCK will be provided via the [RDCK website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) as more information becomes available. For details about the RDCK Emergency Notification System (Voyent Alert!) and emergency preparedness, please visit <http://www.rdck.ca/eocinfo>. The RDCK public inquiry line is 250.352-7701.

Sandbags and sand are made available to residents. To find your nearest sandbag locations, please visit [rdck.ca/BeFloodPrepared](http://rdck.ca/BeFloodPrepared)

### Emergency Preparedness Resources

[River Forecast Centre](#)

[Current Flood Warning 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](#)  
[Prepared BC emergency guides and resources](#)  
[Landslide and Flooding Risk Due to Wildfires – Ministry of Forests](#)  
[Public Weather Alerts](#)  
[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](http://www.rdck.ca).*

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