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Warm weather signals continued preparation for potential flooding

Williams Lake, B.C. – With continued warm weather expected this weekend, there are several areas in the Cariboo that could continue to see high stream flows or flooding. In particular, residents in low-lying areas along the Horsefly, Fraser, Quesnel and Cottonwood Rivers should prepare for potential flooding and protect private property.

Taking preparatory steps in advance is the best way to prevent damage. It is the homeowner's responsibility to undertake temporary and permanent flood protection works to protect their home and property. Have an emergency plan, prepare emergency supplies, assess your property and buildings for potential drainage issues and take proactive steps to prevent flooding.

- Prepare personal emergency supply kits for your home, car and work (plan for at least a three-day supply of food and water for each family member)
- Have a grab-and-go kit ready if you have to leave your home quickly
- Keep important papers in watertight containers and have a record of your valuables in a safe place
- If flooding is likely in your area, pay attention to the local media for information
- Watch for warning signs: increase in height and intensity of water flows, mudslides, debris in creeks, colour changes in water or leaning trees
- Know that banks of rivers and streams may be unstable and dangerous
- Keep a safe distance away from fast flowing water, especially children
- Teach your children about flood safety
- Consider arrangements for your pets and any livestock

Learn more about proper sandbagging techniques: www.bit.ly/2FIdNd1

The CRD's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) will remain activated at Level One through the long weekend in order to enable a quick response to any flooding and to support residents who may be impacted by flooding. In the event of an emergency, please call the Provincial Emergency Reporting Line at 1-800-663-3456.

Register for the Cariboo Chilcotin Emergency Notification System to receive a text, call or email regarding Evacuation Alerts and Orders or other emergency updates:

www.member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612292#/signup

More Information:

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