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EOC Update: Weekend outlook and disaster financial assistance

Weekend Outlook

With moderate weather expected this weekend, it is a good time for residents to take steps to prepare for potential flooding. There are several areas in the Cariboo that could see high stream flows or flooding in the next few days or weeks, including along the Horsefly River, Baker Creek, the Quesnel River, the Cottonwood River and the Chilcotin River.

Residents who live along these waterways and their tributaries should take steps now to prepare in case of flooding. Have an emergency plan, prepare emergency supplies, assess your property and buildings for potential drainage issues and take proactive steps to prevent flooding. Contact the CRD's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) if you have concerns about flooding in your area.

EOC Weekend Hours

The Cariboo Regional District EOC will be open over the weekend (May 5-6, 2018) to support residents impacted by flooding in the region. The Public Phone Line will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. After hours, please call the Provincial Emergency Reporting Line at 1-800-663-3456.

Disaster Financial Assistance

Today, the Province announced Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) is available for Cariboo Regional District residents impacted by the recent flooding. Home owners, residential tenants, small business owners, farmers, charitable organizations and local government bodies who were unable to obtain insurance to cover disaster-related losses are eligible. Applications for DFA must be submitted by Aug. 1, 2018.

- Factsheet about the DFA program: <https://bit.ly/2KDGzJW>
- DFA Website: www.gov.bc.ca/disasterfinancialassistance
- DFA Forms: <https://bit.ly/2JSAeZP>
- DFA Contact Number: 1-888-257-4777

Nazko Evacuation

The evacuation order for the Nazko Valley remains in place. The BC River Forecast Centre indicates that the water will likely rise again in the area, potentially as high as the peak levels observed last weekend.

The CRD's two evacuation orders for the Nazko area impact about 120 properties:

- [Evacuation Order – Nazko Area – April 29 @ 12 p.m.](#)
- [Evacuation Order – Upper Nazko Area – April 29 @ 7 p.m.](#)

The Quesnel Emergency Support Services (ESS) reception centre, located in the Quesnel Recreation Centre at 500 North Star Road, is open through the weekend from 10am-4pm.

Road Access

For information about rural roads impacted by flooding, find the latest updates at the following websites:

- Side roads: <https://www.tranbc.ca/current-travel-advisories/>
- Resource roads: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-resource-use/resource-roads/local-road-safety-information

Flooding Resources

The CRD's EOC is providing sandbags to residents as needed. It is the homeowner's responsibility to undertake temporary and permanent flood protection works to protect their home and property. If you need sandbags, contact the EOC. Learn more about proper sandbagging techniques: bit.ly/2FIdNd1

Residents are strongly encouraged to register for the Cariboo Chilcotin Emergency Notification System to receive a text, call or email regarding Evacuation Alerts and Orders or other emergency updates: member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612292#/signup

For more information:

- **CRD Website – Emergency Operations Centre**
cariboord.ca/services/emergency-and-protective-services/emergency-operations-centre-eoc
- **CRD Website – Emergency Preparedness**
cariboord.ca/services/emergency-and-protective-services/emergency-prep
- **CRD Emergency Operations Facebook Page**
facebook.com/CRDEmergencyOperations
- **Drive BC – Road Closures and Updates**
drivebc.ca

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