



**May 16, 2011
1200 hrs**

Seasonal flooding expected to continue in the region

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is advising that high water levels continue to be reported through the region.

Over the weekend, levels remained fairly steady, and in some cases have receded. Regional District staff are conducting site visits in areas reporting localized flooding concerns, including Upper and Lower Mud River and the Salmon River.

In Salmon River, bank stabilization work was completed over the weekend. On Friday, the Provincial Emergency Program and the Emergency Management Branch authorized the installation of approximately 40m of riprap works keyed into the bank to specifically protect a residence threatened by bank erosion.

High water levels are expected to increase in some areas this week as a result of the warmer weather and rain that is forecasted for Monday and Tuesday.

The public is reminded that rivers and creeks may become dangerous as water levels rise. In addition to the dangers of increased water flow along rivers, high water-flows can cause bank erosion and instability. Please avoid all streams and water bodies with rising levels. Ditches and culverts can also prove dangerous with fast moving water and debris, so caution needs to be exercised when approaching ditches and culverts.

For more information on emergency preparedness, including how to prepare a 72 hour emergency kit, visit the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George website at www.rdffg.bc.ca or call 1-800-667-1959

-30-

For further information please contact:
Reneé McCloskey
Manager of External Relations
Phone 250 960- 4453 Cell 250 961- 4421