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Water levels fluctuating in the region

Water levels in areas around the region are fluctuating following rain showers Monday evening.

Regional District staff are responding to reports of localized flooding concerns in areas including Willow River and Upper and Lower Mud River (Chilako River). Concerns about bank erosion have also been reported at one property along Naver Creek in Hixon.

Rain is expected to continue through today. Yesterday, the River Forecast Centre advised that a flood warning remains in effect for the Willow River, and high stream flow advisory remains in effect for tributary rivers in the Prince George area, including the Salmon River (near Prince George) and Chilako River.

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

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