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## **Bank stabilization set to commence at Salmon River**

The Provincial Emergency Program and the Emergency Management Branch have provided authorization for bank stabilization work to commence immediately at Salmon River.

Earlier this week, a resident along the Salmon River reported that rising waters in the Salmon River were eroding the bank at the property, threatening the home. Since May 10, the bank has eroded an estimated 32 feet. The site was visited by Regional District and Ministry of Environment officials to determine what options could be explored to protect the home.

This morning, approval was received to commence mitigation work along the bank in order to help protect the home. Specifically, the approved work will consist of approximately 40m of riprap works keyed into the bank to specifically protect the residence. The value of the work is not to exceed \$30,000. Work will commence immediately.

Monitoring of other localized flooding around the region continues. Sand and sandbags have been distributed to some properties. Areas being monitored include the Chilako (Upper and Lower Mud River), Willowcalle Forest Service Road, Pinko Road, Willow River and Tabor Lake.

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](http://www.rdffg.bc.ca) or call 1-800-667-1959

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