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Regional District urges caution near rivers and streams

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George continues to urge residents in low lying areas to be prepared for potential flooding along the Fraser River and its tributaries. Though river levels along the Upper Fraser in the Prince George area have receded, more rain is expected over the next few days which could increase the risk of flooding.

The Regional District is maintaining its Emergency Operations Centre at Level One, and continues to watch river levels and weather forecasts, and monitor areas prone to flooding.

As evidenced last week, high river flows and heavy rain storms can turn small creeks into raging rivers quickly, so the public is reminded to exercise extreme caution near rivers and streams. High water-flows can cause bank erosion and instability, and currents in the river can be volatile and unpredictable. Please avoid all rivers and water bodies with rising levels.

Travelers are also encouraged to plan ahead for delays and detours. Check the Drive BC website (www.drivebc.ca) and carry a 72 hour emergency kit in their vehicles that contains essentials such as food, water and medical supplies. 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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