



REGIONAL DISTRICT
of Fraser-Fort George

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ICE JAM UPDATE

On Friday, January 25, the Nechako Ice Jam extended west of the City municipal boundary. Since that time, Regional District staff have been monitoring the situation regularly and have been in contact with residents in the area along the Old Takla Forest Road.

The Regional District has activated its emergency operations centre to level one.

River levels remain close to the road at select points along the Old Takla Forest Road and at some of the driveways of the residences in the area. Residents along the Old Takla Forest Road were advised earlier in the week about the possibility of limited or no road access as a result of ice jam activity, and encouraged to prepare themselves accordingly. As of 3pm today, the road and driveways along the Old Takla Forest Road were still operable. There does not appear to be any immediate risk to the homes in the area.

Staff surveyed the Miworth area and did not find any immediate risk to homes in the Miworth area.

The ice head was observed to be about a half a kilometre further upstream than yesterday and an estimated 27.2 kilometres upstream on the Nechako from the confluence of the Fraser.

Staff will continue to monitor the ice jam regularly and remind the public that rivers are unpredictable and in the interest of safety they should not approach the river.

The public is asked to visit the RDIFFG website www.rdffg.bc.ca for updated flood information or to call our Emergency Operations Centre directly at 1-250-960-4475 or Toll Free 1-800-667-1959.

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