

Grand Forks, BC

May 15, 2018

7:30 a.m. PT

No access permitted to Ruckle

Water levels are rising in the Ruckle area. No one is allowed to be in the Ruckle area. Police will be manning road blocks and restricting access without exception. This area has been under evacuation order from May 10th. This is in the interest of public safety.

Local authorities are expecting a flood event similar to what was experienced late last week for the Grand Forks area.

The Emergency Operations Center continues to work at full capacity. Planning and preparation carry on for the anticipated flood event. Crews continue to work on priority areas.

Many Grand Forks residents have registered with the Red Cross upon evacuation. Loved ones wanting to connect with them can call 250 442-1658 or 250 442-1556.

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It is extremely important to be safe when near floodwater. River levels can rise quickly and currents can be unpredictable. The ground can be soft and unstable causing extremely poor footing. Exercise extreme caution.

The contact for the Emergency Operations Centre is 1-888-747-9119.

If you are from the media and require more information:

Kevin McKinnon, Information Office for the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
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