EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE (EOC)

JOINT INFORMATION RELEASE

EOC Update: Regional partners coordinating response efforts Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025, 5:00 pm

Regional partners, including Lower Similkameen Indian Band (LSIB), Upper Similkameen Indian Band (USIB), Town of Princeton, Village of Keremeos, and Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) continue to monitor weather conditions across the region.

Emergency Operations Centre staff are coordinating response efforts and maintaining the status of Evacuation Alerts and Orders in advance of further precipitation and snowmelt. These steps are being taken out of an abundance of caution as the situation continues to evolve.

Emergency Support Services (ESS) volunteers are standing by to assist if needed. ESS is a provincial program, and local governments are required to have teams in place to support residents if they are required to leave their property due to an Evacuation Order.

Residents and visitors are reminded to monitor official sources for the latest updates, including the location of Reception Centres if sites are activated. In the meantime, residents on Evacuation Alert or Order are encouraged to self-register at ess.gov.bc.ca.

Landslides and rockslides are impacting several roads and highways across the province, and residents and visitors are reminded to use caution around fast-flowing bodies of water and when travelling on roads and highways. Watch for crews and first responders.

Check DriveBC for the latest updates.

Sand and sandbag locations

- USIB site off Daly Ave in Hedley
- Tulameeen and District Fire Hall
- Eastgate Fire Hall
- San Ang (east of Princeton near Taylor Mills Road)
- Princeton Fire Hall and Corina Avenue

The RDOS maintains sand and sandbags and can provide supplies to communities as requested.



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On Thursday, December 11, 2025, the River Forecast Centre upgraded to a **Flood Warning**:

- Similkameen River tributaries, including headwater tributaries and upstream of Princeton
- Tulameen River

Weather Synopsis:

Rainfall has eased through the region; however, rivers are still responding to runoff from rain and snowmelt. Flows continue to rise to very high levels along tributaries of the Similkameen River at and upstream of Princeton, including the Pasayten River, Upper Similkameen, and Tulameen Rivers.

- Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

On Thursday, December 11, 2025, the River Forecast Centre maintained a **High Streamflow Advisory** for:

• Ashnola River (**DOWNGRADED**)

Visit the River Forecast Centre website to view current warnings and advisories: bcrfc.env.gove.bc.ca/warnings

Monitor official sources for the latest updates, including Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Emergency notifications

Please visit your local government website for local information about notifications. Click here to register for routine and emergency notifications from the RDOS via email, text, or telephone. You can find a link to Voyent Alert! on the RDOS website at rdos.bc.ca.

For further information, please call the RDOS EOC at **250-490-4225**. In the case of an emergency, call 9-1-1.

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Background:

BC River Forecast Centre Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

A **High Streamflow Advisory** means that river levels are rising or expected to rise rapidly, but that no major flooding is expected. Fast-flowing bodies of water increase risk to life safety. Minor flooding in low-lying areas is possible.

A **Flood Watch** means that river levels are rising and will approach or may exceed bankfull. Flooding of areas adjacent to affected rivers may occur.

A **Flood Warning** means that river levels have exceeded bankfull or will exceed bankfull imminently, and that flooding of areas adjacent to the rivers affected will result.

