



**May 1, 2020**

## **Regional District rescinds evacuation alerts and order for Upper Mud River Road and Chilako River areas**

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George has rescinded all evacuation alerts and order for the Upper Mud River Road and Chilako River areas.

The areas had been placed on order and alert as a result of rising waters in the area. Water levels have subsided so the Regional District is removing those measures.

As of 3:30 pm May 1, the Regional District has no evacuation orders or alerts in effect.

Though the risk of flooding has reduced in those areas, the Regional District reminds residents throughout the region that rivers and streams can be unpredictable this time of year. It's important to understand the risks and be prepared for any emergency. People living near a river or stream can take some precautions to reduce the risk associated with a flood.

- Prepare personal emergency supply kits for your home, car and work (plan for at least a three-day supply of food and water for each family member)
- Have a grab-and-go kit ready if you have to leave your home quickly
- Keep important papers in watertight containers and have a record of your valuables in a safe place
- If flooding is likely in your area, pay attention to the local media for information
- Watch for warning signs: increase in height and intensity of water flows, mudslides, debris in creeks, colour changes in water or leaning trees
- Banks of rivers and streams may be unstable and dangerous
- Keep a safe distance away from fast flowing water, especially children
- Teach your children about flood safety
- Consider arrangements for your pets and livestock
- Ensure your civic address is clearly posted
- Make plans for emergency travel with a friend or neighbor if you don't have a vehicle or access to one
- Sign up for the Regional District's Public Alerting System at <https://bit.ly/34WrgX7>

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