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## Kalum, Zymacord, and Skeena Rivers Continue to Recede

## **Flood Update**

Currently the Kalum, Zymacord, and Skeena Rivers are stable and continuing to recede. The RDKS will continue to monitor the rivers and river forecast centre. If risk further reduces, we will evaluate the State of Local Emergency Order for Area 'C' and evacuation orders for Usk and parts of Old Remo. We will provide a public release when these have been rescinded.

The RDKS is maintaining a **Declaration of Local State of Emergency Order for Area 'C'**; an Evacuation Order for Usk until water levels are safe for the Usk Ferry and Cable/Arial car to resume operations; and an Evacuation Order remains for parts of Old Remo where the water remains high.

The Evacuation Alert from June 2<sup>nd</sup> remains for Dutch Valley. New Remo and parts of Old Remo are now on Evacuation Alert only.

See RDKS State of Local Emergency, Orders and Alerts at: <a href="https://www.rdks.bc.ca/government/news/flooding">https://www.rdks.bc.ca/government/news/flooding</a> events 2022.

## **Emergency Support Services:**

Currently the Emergency Support Services (ESS) Reception Centre that was located at the Thornhill Community Center, is **closed.** You can call the ESS contact number 24 hours/7 days a week and leave a message at 250-641-2443.

## If your area's Evacuation Order is rescinded:

Please return home as soon as possible to secure your property.

At this time residents and businesses in areas which have experienced flooding should consult <u>Recovering after a flood - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca)</u>. Remember that a well may become contaminated during a flood. Contact your local health authority for information about testing your drinking water if you are on a well or a private surface water system. Do not drink the water until it has been tested and is safe. Please contact a Health Protection Officer at 250-565-7322. As well please see this provincial government document regarding sewage systems and flooding: <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/keeping-bc-healthy-safe/health-emergency-response/sewage\_systems\_and\_flooding.pdf">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/keeping-bc-healthy-safe/health-emergency-response/sewage\_systems\_and\_flooding.pdf</a>

The Regional District will provide updates, information, and resources on local radio stations, our website <a href="https://www.rdks.bc.ca/government/news/flooding\_events\_2022">https://www.rdks.bc.ca/government/news/flooding\_events\_2022</a> and social media pages. Our next planned update will be June 10, 2022.

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During Office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 250-615-6100 or toll free 1-800-663-3208

After hours Provincial Emergency Coordination call number: 1-800-663-3456

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