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River Forecast Centre issues High Streamflow Advisory

STIKINE and SKEENA (above Usk)

Steady warming this week has led to increased snowmelt and runoff in rivers in the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (RDKS). A low pressure system is expected to impact BC on Friday and into the weekend, bringing moderate to heavy rainfall throughout the region. Current weather forecasting is indicating the potential for heavier rain (20-50mm) for the Coast Mountains and headwaters of the Bulkley River.

River levels are expected to experience rapid rises on Friday and into Saturday in response to the anticipated rainfall. Residents along the Stikine and Skeena above Usk are advised to stay clear of the fast-flowing rivers and potentially unstable riverbanks during the high-streamflow period.

The Province of BC has resources available on their website so you can prepare yourself and family. Here is a link to their website:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/preparedbc/know-your-hazards/floods

The River Forecast Centre will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as conditions warrant. https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/drought-flooding-dikes-dams/river-forecast-centre

The Regional District will provide updates, information, and resources on local radio stations, our website https://www.rdks.bc.ca/government/news/flooding_events_2022 and social media pages.

For residents of the RDKS in the greater Terrace area please look for information specific to your region.

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