



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

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Peace Region Flood Watch

The BC River Forecast Centre has issued a Flood Watch for the Peace Region including:

- Moberly River
- Pine River near East Pine
- Tributaries to the Peace River/Williston around Hudson's Hope, Taylor and west of Fort St John

Environment Canada is forecasting rainfall in the amounts of 30-50 mm through Monday for the Peace-Williston area. River levels are expected to rise through the late weekend and into the week, with rapid rises occurring Monday and into Tuesday. The rate at which rivers will rise will depend on rainfall during this weather system.

The Peace River Regional District recommends that residents living in potentially affected areas should relocate or secure boats, equipment, fuel tanks, pesticides, garbage and other belongings from low lying areas if they have not already done so. Sand and empty sand bags are available at the Moberly Lake Fire Department for lakeshore residents of Moberly Lake to pick up as needed.

Residents living along East Pine and near tributaries to the Peace River that are in need of sandbagging resources should call Trish Morgan at 250 219-3000.

Information on how to prepare sand bag dikes, potential flood hazards and safety precautions is available on the Peace River Regional District's website at www.prrd.bc.ca.

To report flooding or for more information please call the Peace River Regional District at 250 784- 3200. Current information is also available from the BC Government online news centre at www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/emergencyinfo/.

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