

May 26, 2020

SALMON VALLEY RESIDENTS SHOULD PREPARE FOR FLOODING

The Shuswap Emergency Program is advising all residents in low-lying areas of the Salmon River to take measures to protect their property from rising water.

On Tuesday, May 26, the BC River Forecast Centre upgraded the high streamflow advisory for the Salmon River to a flood watch. Due to rain and high temperatures in the forecast for later in the week, the levels of the Salmon River have the potential to rise significantly. The situation may occur rapidly, depending on the amount of precipitation the area receives later this week and into the weekend.

Sand and sandbags are being made available in the Shuswap area, including at the Silver Creek Fire Hall, located at 1577 Salmon River Road, and the Falkland Fire Hall, located at 2915 Gyp Road.

Residents are asked to respect social distancing procedures while filling and loading sandbags. Sand is being delivered into multiple piles in order to assist with distancing provisions. Please follow directions on the posted COVID-19 signage at these sites.

Depending on conditions, high water on the Salmon River may reach a 1-in-50-year high flood level, or possibly even higher, by early next week. Residents whose properties are prone to flooding and have already sandbagged, may wish to consider adding additional sandbags or taking other precautionary measures to protect their property.

If you have questions regarding flooding or access to sand and bags, please contact the Shuswap Emergency Program at 250.833.3351.

With water levels rising, it is important to stay safe near fast-running water or flooded areas. Please remember to stay well back from creek banks and use common sense around high water. Children and pets need to be closely monitored around these areas, so keep them within arm's reach at all times.

Current information will be posted on the Shuswap Emergency Program's Facebook page, however, Facebook messages will not be monitored after regular business hours. The best place to receive assistance is by phone at the number above.

For further information please contact Tracy Hughes, CSRD Communications Coordinator at 250.833.5963 or toll free at 1.888.248.2773 or email Thughes@csrd.bc.ca.