

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO INFORMATION NOTICE

Drought July 7, 2023

An Information Notice is being provided by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN) due to the drought situation within the region. The Province of BC uses a six-level drought classification to explain the severity and appropriate level of response to drought conditions. The entirety of the RDBN is currently classified as Level 4, meaning adverse impacts to socio-economic or ecosystem values are likely.

Current drought conditions are likely to impact some residents water supplies, agricultural production, and have increased the fire risk. Residents are advised to monitor water use and follow any bylaws restricting water usage within their area, if applicable. The public is advised to exercise extreme caution while recreating within the region to prevent increased risk of fire. Please monitor drought and soil moisture conditions in your area by following the links below.

Drought Information Portal:

<https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=838d533d8062411c820eef50b08f7ebc>

Soil Moisture Map:

<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-production/weather/satellite-soil-moisture>

Agriculture Sector:

Agricultural producers are encouraged to seek support from appropriate ministries and to self-report climate impacts through the Agroclimate Impact Reporter:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/agricultural-land-and-environment/water/drought-in-agriculture?keyword=drought>

Agroclimate Impact Reporter:

<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-production/weather/agroclimate-impact-reporter#s2>

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO TO PREPARE FOR DROUGHT

Take precautions to help limit the impacts of drought in your area, and to ensure personal safety by:

- Taking steps to conserve water.



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- Monitoring home water supply.
- Be aware of fire risks within your area.
- Educating yourself on drought impacts and health risks.
- Agricultural Producers:
 - Self-report agricultural conditions.
 - Seek support from appropriate organizations and ministries.
 - Keep record of impacts of drought on normal farm operation and production.

Additional Resources:

Facing Drought as Producers:

<https://www.beefresearch.ca/blog/six-things-beef-producers-can-do-in-drought/>

Water Use During Scarcity:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/water-licensing-rights/water-licences-approvals/water-use-during-scarcity>

Water Conservation Tip Brochure:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/air-land-water/water/water-planning/water_conservation_tips_brochure.pdf

Drought Affects Your Well Factsheet:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/air-land-water/water/drought-info/news-drought-affects-your-well.pdf>

BC Wildfire Services Dashboard:

<https://wildfiresituation.nrs.gov.bc.ca/map>

Please contact the RDBN for more information or if you require support:
Phone 250-692-3195 or 1-800-320-3339 or email info@rdbn.bc.ca

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