

# **TOWN OF SMITHERS and the REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO HAZARD NOTICE**

## **Ice Jam and Flooding – Bulkley River HAZARD NOTICE December 29, 2025, at 1400 hours**

A Hazard Notice has been issued by the Town of Smithers and the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN) effective December 29, 2025 at 1400 hours due to ice jams and flooding on parts of the Bulkley River. This Hazard Notice has been issued for all low-lying areas adjacent to the Bulkley River between the Smithers Airport and the Highway 16 bridge crossing the river south of Smithers.

Residents are advised that due to the dynamic nature of ice jams there is the potential for water levels to change quickly. It is recommended that residents and the public exercise extreme caution or limit recreation near and around the river at this time.

Please check the BC River Forecast Centre website (<http://bcrfc.env.gov.bc.ca>) for up-to-date information.

**If you require sandbags, please contact as per below:**

### **Contact during regular business hours:**

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako: 250-251-5688 or [protective.services@rdbn.bc.ca](mailto:protective.services@rdbn.bc.ca)

Town of Smithers: 250-847-1600

### **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO TO PREPARE FOR PROPERTY FLOODING**

Take precautions to help prevent damage to your home, and to ensure personal safety by:

- Moving equipment and other belongings susceptible to water damage to higher ground.
- Moving pets and livestock to a safe area.
- Gathering essential items such as food, water, medications, and immediate care needs to sustain you and your dependants for up to seven days.

**Sign up for Bulkley-Nechako Voyent Alert! to receive up to date information at:**

<https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/departments/protective-services/Public-Alerting-System>

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