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Currently the Kalum and Skeena Rivers continue to drop. Water levels are rescinding in all areas. Monitoring will continue over the next 48 hours. The State of Local Emergency still exists in Area C. The Communities of New Remo, Old Remo and Dutch Valley will remain under an Evacuation Order. If risk further reduces, we will evaluate the evacuation orders.

Media release # 11 will be the last one for today. The Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine EOC will reactivate on Monday, June 7, 201 at 08:30 hrs.

Our priority in evacuation areas is to maintain public safety and preserve private property. We wish to respect the privacy of the homeowners that suffered property damage, therefore strict access control will be enforced.

Should any residents require sandbags, these are available at the Thornhill Volunteer Fire Department 3128 Hwy 16 East.

Over the coming days the RDKS will be addressing the issue of post flood recovery. Follow our website and social media as we will provide links to pertinent information in advance of rescinding the Evacuation Orders.

Specific instructions as follows:

Weekend operating hours for the Emergency Support Services Reception Center will be Saturday and Sunday from 13:00hrs to 17:00hrs

Those individuals who may be evacuated or have been forced out due to flooding need to report to the Emergency Support Services Reception Center located at Thornhill Community Centre, 3091 Century Street in Thornhill for registration and assistance. They can also be reached at 250-641-2443

The Regional District will provide updates on local radio stations, website at www.rdks.bc.ca and social media pages as we receive them as well updates can be found on the Emergency Management BC website: https://www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca/flood-warning-issued-for-stikine-river-and-tuya-river-june-2-2021/

At this time residents and businesses in low-lying areas and areas which have experienced flooding in the past should take steps to flood proof their structures, including moving valuable items to higher ground, finding alternate locations for livestock, and finding alternate accommodations should the need for evacuation occur. Information regarding flood preparedness, including the proper methods of sandbagging can be found by visiting https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/know-your-hazards/floods

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