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MEDIA RELEASE #1

Boundary Flooding

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There is localized flooding from the Kettle River, the Granby River and Boundary Creek in the Boundary Region in southern British Columbia.

The flooding was observed during the evening of May 5 and the morning of May 6, The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary activated an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to coordinate emergency response activities. The EOC is staffed by personnel from the RDKB and the City of Grand Forks.

The areas of flooding are the Granby River north of the City of Grand Forks, sections of the City of Grand Forks and sections of Greenwood. Some buildings, trailers and recreational vehicles are at risk. Livestock in low fields are at risk.

Residents in low lying areas are advised to immediately begin preparations for possible flooding by doing the following:

- Move livestock to higher ground
- Turn off gas, electrical and water supply mains
- Plug toilets in basements and low floors
- If your dwelling is at risk sand bags are available at no cost

There are sand bags available for pick up and sand delivery has commenced. Residents who will be impacted by floodwater are advised to **call 1(888)747-9119** to get the locations where sand bags can be picked up and to arrange delivery of sand to their properties.

The rivers are predicted by river monitoring authorities to continue to rise and crest later this afternoon, however heavy rains and/or high temperatures could cause the rivers to rise. Exercise extreme caution when moving near flooding rivers. The Province of BC River Forecast Centre publishes current Flood Warnings and Advisories. The Boundary flooding information is found at:

<http://bcrfc.env.gov.bc.ca/warnings/advisories/flood49.htm>

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

It is extremely important to be safe when near floodwater. River levels can rise quickly and currents can be unpredictable. The ground can be soft and unstable causing extremely poor footing. Exercise extreme caution.