



Remembering where we came from...

Lower Similkameen Indian Band

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LSIB ACTIVATES EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE

December 10th, 2025 - xéǰkʷs (Cawston), sməłqmíx-syilx Territory

Please be advised that the Lower Similkameen Indian Band has activated a virtual Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) for the purposes of monitoring the current documented flood risk associated to the Ashnola River, the Similkameen River, and the Tulameen River, from the current Atmospheric River affecting the southern interior of British Columbia, and the Cascade Mountain Range on both sides of the international boundary.

Due to the significant prolonged precipitation from the weather event, the risk of debris flow and slope movement is also very significant and will be part of the monitoring conducted by LSIB resources.

At this time, the EOC will be virtual only, and will be in constant contact with other local governments, public safety agencies, and provincial ministry officials as needed.

Priorities for LSIB will be the observation of water bodies to ensure that they stay within their normal pathways, and observations of the traditional areas associated to burn scars to detect slope movement, or the risk thereof.

For the safety of all PLEASE avoid banks and any burns areas due to the high risk of erosion, rock fall, or stability issues. Should anyone notice flooding, or slope movement, please move to a safe place and call 911 immediately.

Should any further information need to be shared, we will do so after confirmation of facts and make sure our family, neighbours, and partners are aware of what we know.

We hope to have an update available for 9am on Thursday morning, or as the situation evolves.

With Deep Humility and Respect,

The Lower Similkameen Indian Band.