

WITSET FIRST NATION, TOWN OF SMITHERS, VILLAGE OF TELKWA, DISTRICT OF HOUSTON, & REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO HAZARD NOTICE

Flood Watch – Bulkley River and Tributaries May 6, 2026 at 1400 hours

A Hazard Notice has been issued by Witset First Nation, Town of Smithers, Village of Telkwa, District of Houston, and the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN) effective May 6, 2026 at 1400 hours due to the Flood Watch on the Bulkley River and surrounding tributaries.

Residents are advised that due to the potential for flooding in low lying areas adjacent to the Bulkley River it is recommended that residents exercise extreme caution or limit recreation near and around the river at this time. Fast-moving water and unstable riverbanks increase the risk to public safety.

In the community of Witset it is strongly encouraged that people avoid the banks of the river and canyon. Please contact the RDBN for more information or if you require support:

Contact during regular business hours:

- Witset First Nation: 250-847-2133
- Town of Smithers: 250-547-1600
- Village of Telkwa: 778-210-0264
- District of Houston: 250-845-2238
- Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako: 250-692-1553

Residents are encouraged to:

- Monitor local government websites and social media
- Check for updates at the BC River Forecast Centre: <https://bcrcfc.env.gov.bc.ca/warnings/index.htm>

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