

YUKON Southern Lakes Flood public update July 13, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

General update

- The Government of Yukon has declared a local State of Emergency under the Civil Emergency Measures Act in response to flooding in Southern Lakes and Lake Laberge.
- Red Cross teams are on the ground in Whitehorse, supporting residents who were asked to leave their home under an evacuation order.
- An evacuation order was issued for a property on Shallow Bay Road at Lake Laberge this afternoon.
- An evacuation alert remains in effect for areas of Lake Laberge, including:
 - Jackfish Bay Road; and
 - o Duncan Lane
- An evacuation alert remains in effect for areas of Tagish, including:
 - o Swan Lane, Rose Road, Currie Road and Ranch Road; and
 - o properties north of the Tagish Bridge.
- An evacuation alert remains in effect for areas of Marsh Lake, including:
 - Lewes River Road;
 - Army Beach Drive;
 - South M'Clintock Road; and
 - Pearson Lane.
- The Southern Lakes flood information map can be found on Yukon.ca/emergencies.

Water levels as of 11:00 a.m. on July 13

Water body	Current level (m)	Difference from 2007 (cm)	Rate of increase in last 24 hours (cm)
Bennett Lake	3.628	14.4	-0.8
Tagish Lake	8.496	10	-0.4
Marsh Lake	4.181	19.8	-0.5
Lake Laberge	9.716	41.6	2.1

What is an evacuation alert?

This means you need to be ready to leave on short notice.

What is an evacuation order?

This means you are at risk and must leave the area immediately and register with the Canadian Red Cross by phone or at the reception centre. Yukon Emergency Social Services and the Red Cross are on standby to provide supports to evacuees in the event of an order.





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Operations

- Over 500,000 sandbags have been deployed in the Southern Lakes and Lake Laberge areas. There will 144,000 sandbags delivered this evening. We are expecting another 325,000 sandbags and 2000 superbags tomorrow.
- Crews are putting protections (berms, barriers, sump holes and pumps) in high priority areas in Tagish, Army Beach, South M'Clintock Road, Bayview Road, Carcross and Lake Laberge.
- Superbags have been used to reinforce an existing sandbag berm at Army Beach. Mitigation work continues at Sawmill Road, Constabulary, Judas Creek and Grayling Place.
- In Carcross, mitigation efforts are being led by Carcross/Tagish First Nation, with the incident team providing sandbags, sand and assessments as requested. The superbag berm has been completed.
- Pre-planning for erosion mitigation for Carcross and Tagish has started.
- An engineer is doing a bridge assessment in Carcross.
- In Tagish, sandbagging is ongoing at priority properties.
- In Lake Laberge, work ongoing on the superbag berm along Jackfish Bay Road. Sump pumps have been deployed at specific properties in the area. All residents have been advised of property risk based on expert assessments.

- **Advisories for Southern Lakes:**
 - A flood warning for Southern Lakes
 - A flood warning for Lake Laberge.
 - A flood watch for Kusawa Lake and Takhini River.
 - A boil water advisory for residents of Army Beach and South McClintock with private wells.
 - A boil water advisory for residents of Southern Lakes, Lake Laberge, Kusawa Lake and Takhini River areas.

Due to high water levels and flood mitigation operations, we are asking the public to avoid the following areas:

- Marsh Lake Recreation Site (Army Beach) including the parking lot, pedestrian bridge and tenting sites;
- South M'Clintock Drive:
- Conrad Historic Site:
- Parts of the Marsh Lake campground, including sites 10 to 15; and
- Jackfish Bay Road.

