

LONG RANGE PROVINCIAL FORECAST

The Environment Canada forecasts for August, September and October are:

Precipitation:

The prediction maps have not been updated since last month so no new information to provide.

Temperature:

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EMERGENCIES NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

Recent global emergencies and their aftermath's affecting large numbers of people and property include but certainly not limited to:

- Floods
 - July – Pakistan – severe rains during this season has resulted in significant flooding affecting thousands of people. There have been reports of at least 240 deaths and many others still missing.
 - Jul 19 – Guatemala – the rain season has been so high that flooding and landslides have resulted. Leaving 7 dead and thousands displaced from their homes. The Guatemala City infrastructure has also been significantly impacted by the rain, flooding and landslides.
- Earthquake
 - July 26 – Montana – a quake with an initial magnitude of 5.6 on the Richter scale was experienced in this state. Fortunately very little damage and no injuries were reported in this event.
- Interface Forest Fires
 - July 22 – Arizona – there are 14 significant fires with the 'Edge fire' being the largest. So far more than 40,000 hectares has been burned and prompted evacuations of residents in 2 communities.

- July – Quebec – two communities in the central region of the province have experienced some evacuations. There were over 500 active fires reported in the province so far and the province has had to draw on firefighting crews from other provinces to supplement their resources.
- Severe Weather
 - July – Haiti – Hurricanes Dennis & Emily – the destructive path of these storms through this Caribbean region has left 30 people dead, 23 still missing and some 1,500 homes destroyed or damaged.
- Dam Failure
 - July 3 – New York State – the failure of the Hadlock Pond Dam had forced the evacuation of 200 homes in the Fort Ann community. No injuries reported and damage to residential homes was light. Investigation into reason for failure is ongoing.

ESS Office IMPORTANT UPDATE ANNOUNCEMENT

The ESS Office is scheduled to physically move to our new location on August 12. As a result of the move schedule, regular office services will be **unavailable** from **August 12 at 1000hrs to August 16 at 0830hrs**. During this time the ESS Office staff will still be available via the PEP Emergency Coordination Centre at **1-800-663-3456** in order to continue our support to the ESS community volunteers.

We intend to continue to post the most current information available regarding the transfer of ESS to PEP on the web site (www.ess.bc.ca), so please check it periodically for updates.

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ESS ACTIVITY

Date	# of Persons Assisted	Event
July 2005	54 unknown unknown	20 separate house fires 1 flood 1 gas leak
	54	
June 2005	123	28 separate house fires 1 bus crash 1 police evacuation 1 dangerous goods
	12 unknown	
	50 185	
May 2005 (revised)	70	20 separate house fires 1 flooded home (broken pipes)
	8	
	78	
April 2005	79	19 separate house fires 2 police evacuation 1 house destroyed by vehicle
	53	
	5	
	137	

Date	# of Persons Assisted	Event
March 2005	65	19 separate house fires 3 apartment fires 1 flood
	33	
February 2005	1	17 separate house fires 1 apartment fire 3 floods 1 collapsed roof
	99	
	90	
	50	
January 2005	7	31 separate house fires 3 landslides 7 flood
	2	
	149	
	247	
Total – 2005	405	188 separate incidents
	282	
	934	
1,636		

DETAILED ESS INCIDENTS FROM THE PAST MONTH

The following information is intended as a “snapshot” of recent ESS activity:

2005	Incident	# of people assisted	Community
July 1	House Fire	3	Courtenay
July 1	House Fire	4	Coquitlam
July 2	House Fire	1	Campbell River
July 4	House Fire	2	Chilliwack
July 4	House Fire	2	Lake Cowichan
July 6	House Fire	1	Hope
July 6	Flooding	Unknown	Fauquier
July 8	House Fire	1	Saanich
July 9	House Fire	2	Vancouver
July 9	House Fire	5	Langley
July 13	House Fire	1	Courtenay
July 13	House Fire	4	Peachland
July 13	House Fire	2	Esquimalt
July 13	Gas Leak	Unknown	Richmond
July 14	House Fire	5	Kelowna
July 18	House Fire	1	Parker Cove
July 19	House Fire	2	Chetwynd

2005	Incident	# of people assisted	Community
July 21	House Fire	4	Surrey
July 22	House Fire	2	Malakwa
July 24	House Fire	1	Delta
July 24	House Fire	5	Abbotsford
July 31	House Fire	6	Prince George
	TOTAL	54	

This publication is also available on the ESS website at <http://www.mhr.gov.bc.ca/ess/watch.htm>

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