

Yukon Southern Lakes Flood public update July 12, 2021 at 5:00 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. The State of Emergency expands the toolbox the government can draw from to mitigate the impacts of the flood.
- An evacuation alert was distributed vesterday

for areas of Lake Laberge, including:

- o 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
 - o Pearson Lane.
- The Southern Lakes flood information map can be found on <u>Yukon.ca/emergencies</u>.
- The Government of Yukon is recommending local traffic only in flood impacted areas. Please do not cross barriers or access active work sites.

Water levels as of 11:00 a.m. on July 12

Water body	Current level (m)	Difference from 2007 (cm)	Rate of increase in last 24 hours (cm)
Bennett Lake	3.636	15.2	-0.4
Tagish Lake	8.500	10.4	-0.4
Marsh Lake	4.186	20.3	-1.1
Lake Laberge	9.696	39.5	2.5

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

- More than 500,000 sandbags and 7,500 super bags have been deployed so far.
- Another 125,000 sandbags and 2,500 super bags were delivered today. On July 13, 500,000 sandbags and 2,000 super bags will be delivered.
- 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 will be doing a bridge assessment in Carcross.
- In Tagish, sandbagging is ongoing at priority properties.
- In Lake Laberge, work has commenced 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.
- Tagish Campground

