

Southern Lakes Flood public update July 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

General update

- The Government of Yukon has declared a local <u>State of Emergency</u> under the Civil Emergency Measures Act in response to flooding in Southern Lakes and Lake Laberge.
- An evacuation order was issued for a property on <u>Shallow Bay Road at Lake</u> Laberge.
- An evacuation alert remains in effect for specific areas of <u>Lake Laberge, Tagish</u>, and <u>Marsh Lake</u>. Visit Yukon.ca/emergencies for more details.
 - Flood information sheets are now posted on bulletin boards at all sandbag stations, including a sign-up sheet for residents who require volunteer assistance.
 - Both the Hootalinqua sandbag station and Carcross sandbag station have more than enough filled sandbags. So, we are moving filled sandbags from these station to more critical areas in need. There will be plenty of sandbags leftover for property owners to use.

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.

• The Southern Lakes flood information map can be found on Yukon.ca/emergencies.

Water levels as of 11:00 a.m. on July 20

Water body	Current level (m)	Difference from 2007 (cm)	Rate of increase in last 24 hours (cm)
Bennett Lake	3.573	8.9	-1.6
Tagish Lake	8.442	4.6	-0.3
Marsh Lake	4.116	13.3	-1.8
Lake Laberge	9.690	39	-1.6





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Operations

- Approximately 250 super bags and 13,300 sandbags are being filled per day by our crews.
- Currently we have over 200 personnel, 12 pieces of heavy duty equipment, 6 sandbagging machines, and over 280,000 sandbags deployed in Southern Lakes and Lake Laberge; with additional sandbags being filled by volunteers.
- Crews are putting protections (berms, barriers, sump holes and pumps) throughout Southern Lakes and Lake Laberge.
- 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 along the highway is complete.

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

- Carcross pedestrian bridge;
- Marsh Lake Recreation Site (Army Beach) including the parking lot, pedestrian bridge and tenting sites;
- Conrad Historic Site;
- Parts of the Marsh Lake campground, including sites 10 to 15;
- Tagish Campground; and
- Jackfish Bay Road is open to local traffic only.
- An engineer has done an assessment on the bridge in Carcross.
- A superberm is being constructed along the highway in Tagish and will be complete soon.
- In Lake Laberge, work is ongoing on the superbag berm along Jackfish Bay Road. Sump pumps have been deployed to the area to pump water off of the road. Sump pumps have also been deployed to specific properties in the area.
- Atco has done safety assessments in the Shallow Bay area.
- In Army Beach, we continue to raise berms. There was a lot of wind in the area last night so crews will be working to reinforce and strengthen those existing berms.
- Ground water assessments continue and additional sump pumps are being deployed in Army Beach.





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 In South M'Clintock we are deploying superbags to high priority properties. Already existing superbag berms at specific lots are being reinforced.

Extended hours at Waste Management Facilities:

Waste Management Facilities are now open 7 days per week in the Southern Lakes and Lake Laberge. The operating hours for specific facilities are:

- Marsh Lake: 7 days per week from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Carcross: 7 days per week from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Tagish: 7 days per week from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **Deep Creek:** 7 days per week from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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.

