

## News Release

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### **UPDATE re: State of Local Emergency – Transportation corridors remain affected, water levels in some areas have stabilized**

**Duncan, BC** – The state of local emergency in the Cowichan Valley continues this morning, but water flows in several of the key watersheds in the region appear to have stabilized.

The Trans-Canada Highway remains closed north of Duncan for traffic in both directions. Other current roads closures include Westholme Road, Chemainus Road, Canada Avenue, Mary Street, Tzouhalem Road. Staff from North Cowichan continue to monitor the need for installation of a flood wall at the bottom of the Lakes Road hill. Residents should check the Drive BC website for up-to-date road closure information.

Water levels in the Koksilah, Chemainus and Cowichan Rivers appear to be dropping from peak levels of last night and early this morning. Residents can monitor real-time river level and flow data by visiting [www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca](http://www.wateroffice.ec.gc.ca).

An emergency reception centre remains open at the Cowichan Community Centre for any affected residents. Residents in affected areas who require emergency evacuation assistance are encouraged to call 911.

The next situational update will occur at approximately 11:30 a.m.

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