

## News Release

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### **Conditions across Cowichan region improve overnight, state of local emergency and evacuation order remain in effect**

**Duncan, BC** – While the weather has improved and water levels continue to recede, the Cowichan Valley region remains in a state of local emergency and an evacuation order remains in effect.

The evacuation order covers a number of homes in the Municipality of North Cowichan, specifically on Westholme Road, Tussie Road, Chemainus Road and Crofton Road. While those roads are now open and accessible, they should only be accessed if necessary.

Many roads that were closed yesterday have been reopened, with the exception of Canada Avenue and Cowichan Bay Road. Residents should exercise caution as there may still be water pooled on roads throughout the region.

Power has been restored to nearly all neighbourhoods that were affected Friday and Saturday. Only five homes in south Shawnigan Lake remain without power.

Art Mann Park in North Cowichan remains closed. CVRD Parks & Trails maintenance staff have identified the following parks as being unsafe for public use:

- Cowichan Valley Trail sections in Skutz Falls and Sherman Road area due to flooding
- Bright Angel Park - bridge access is restricted, but the park remains open
- Stocking Creek - bridge access is restricted, but the park remains open
- Sandy Pool Park – entirety of park is closed

Parks & Trails staff will continue to identify and evaluate park conditions across the region today and Monday.

Highway Rentals is opening at 12:00 p.m. and will have a fresh load of sand and bags for residents to protect their property, available free of charge.

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