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Yukon government focuses efforts on helping Yukoners affected by flooding

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is deploying all necessary resources to assist Yukoners affected by road closures, washouts and flooding in several areas of Yukon, as well as offering assistance to those affected by flooding in Lower Post, B.C.

"Yukoners are experiencing unique and historical challenges as a result of what has been called a 'perfect storm' of weather conditions, leading to significant flooding and damage to roads and homes," Yukon Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "Responding to this unprecedented situation is our highest priority and we will continue to focus efforts on helping those in need and restoring transportation and other infrastructure as quickly as possible."

Throughout the weekend, the premier, members of Cabinet and MLAs for affected areas were briefed by senior government officials. Premier Pasloski and Highways and Public Works Minister Wade Istchenko drove a portion of the North Alaska Highway this morning and will visit sites in southeast Yukon later today to get a first-hand understanding of the developing situation. Community Services Minister Elaine Taylor also joined an operational flight over the South Alaska Highway to the Watson Lake and Upper Liard areas on Sunday, to survey the damage and deliver supplies, equipment and personnel.

"I am very proud of how Yukon government workers have come together across departments and geography to work around the clock and throughout the weekend in a concerted and coordinated effort to ensure the health and safety of Yukoners," Pasloski added. "This speaks to the professionalism and expertise of our public service. I want to express my appreciation to all Yukon government employees involved in this undertaking, as well as the RCMP, and representatives of municipal, federal, province of British Columbia and First Nation governments and organizations who have worked together with us. I want Yukoners and travellers affected by these events to know that we understand and appreciate their challenges as well as their patience and resilience in these difficult circumstances."

For more information:

Go to www.gov.yk.ca and for highway conditions www.yukon511.ca

Yukon Emergency Measures Organization: 1-866-985-6636 or 867-667-5220

Emergency Social Services Reception Centre in Watson Lake: 867-536-2121

Public information officers in Watson Lake: 867-334-2637 or 867-536-7031 or 867-536-7041

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