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State of Local Emergency extended for Cowichan region, flood support efforts continue

DUNCAN, BC – A [State of Local Emergency](#) has been extended for the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) and some of its member communities, as flood support efforts continue in heavily impacted areas.

The [State of Local Emergency](#) has been extended to November 29, and applies to areas of the CVRD, the Municipality of North Cowichan, City of Duncan, Cowichan Tribes, Halalt First Nation and Penelakut Tribe. Damage assessments have been conducted for 157 properties in the impacted areas in the region by staff from multiple jurisdictions. As of Sunday night, only two properties assessed were deemed unsafe for re-entry and habitation, and 24 properties have restricted use designations. Flood support centres run by Cowichan Tribes, Halalt First Nation, Penelakut Tribe and CVRD staff saw approximately 200 people attend over four days.

Environment Canada is forecasting significant rainfall for coastal British Columbia later this week, and residents of low-lying areas in the Cowichan region should be prepared for additional flooding events. Visit the [Emergency Preparedness](#) page of the CVRD website for more information and resources, and join the [Alertable network](#) to receive instant notifications of evacuation alerts and orders, road closures and other relevant information on your smart device. Residents should also check the [CVRD website](#) and social media channels for up-to-date information.

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