

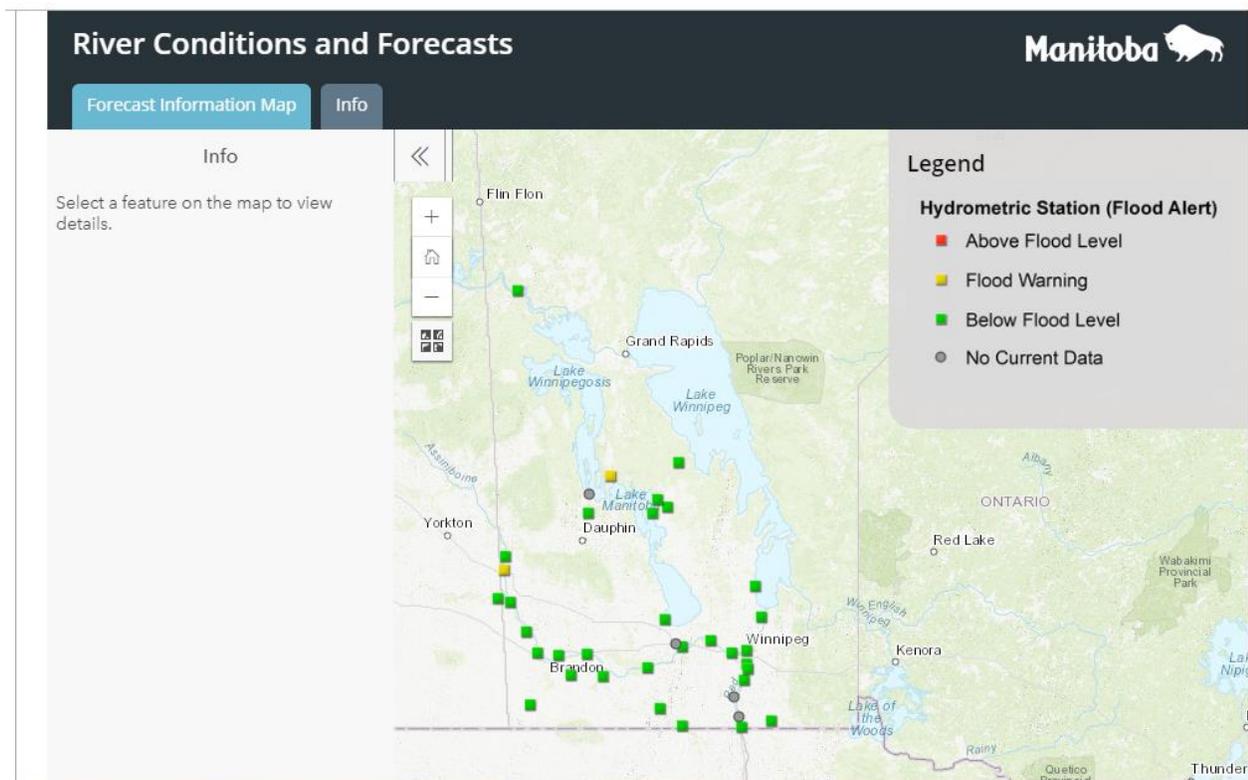
Conservator Hack for March 20, 2019

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UPDATE TO THE PREVIOUS “FLOODCAST”

The province issued an updated flood forecast on March 18th. Due to the heavy snow south of us, there is an increased possibility of flooding along the Red River this spring as the snow melts, drains into the Red River and flows north. The extent of flooding is dependent on the weather. If the weather cooperates, flooding could be similar to the 2011 flood, nicknamed the *Flood of Inconvenience*. If the weather is unfavourable, flooding this spring could exceed the 2009 flood, which was a lot more serious. Updated flood forecasts will be available at [Flood Forecast](#).

The Province of Manitoba’s hydrologic webpage has a forecast map that at the moment doesn’t look too worrisome (see below). That reassuring green will change as the snow and ice melts.

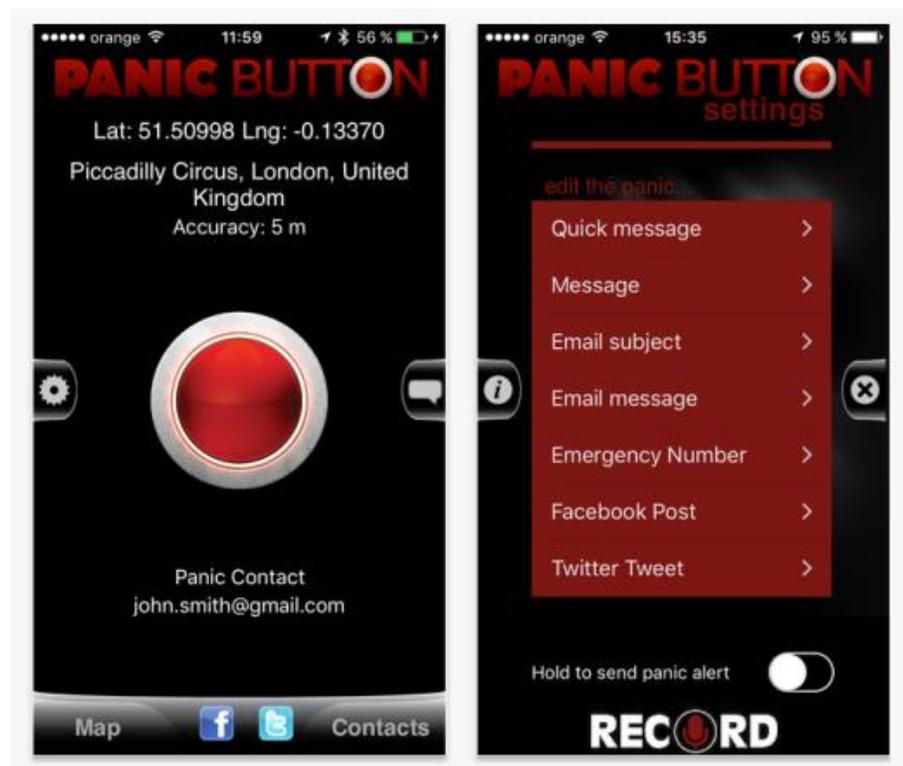


With that in mind, I thought I’d describe a few **FREE** phone apps that could help in this situation, and anywhere else you may be travelling. These all work on Apple and Android phones.

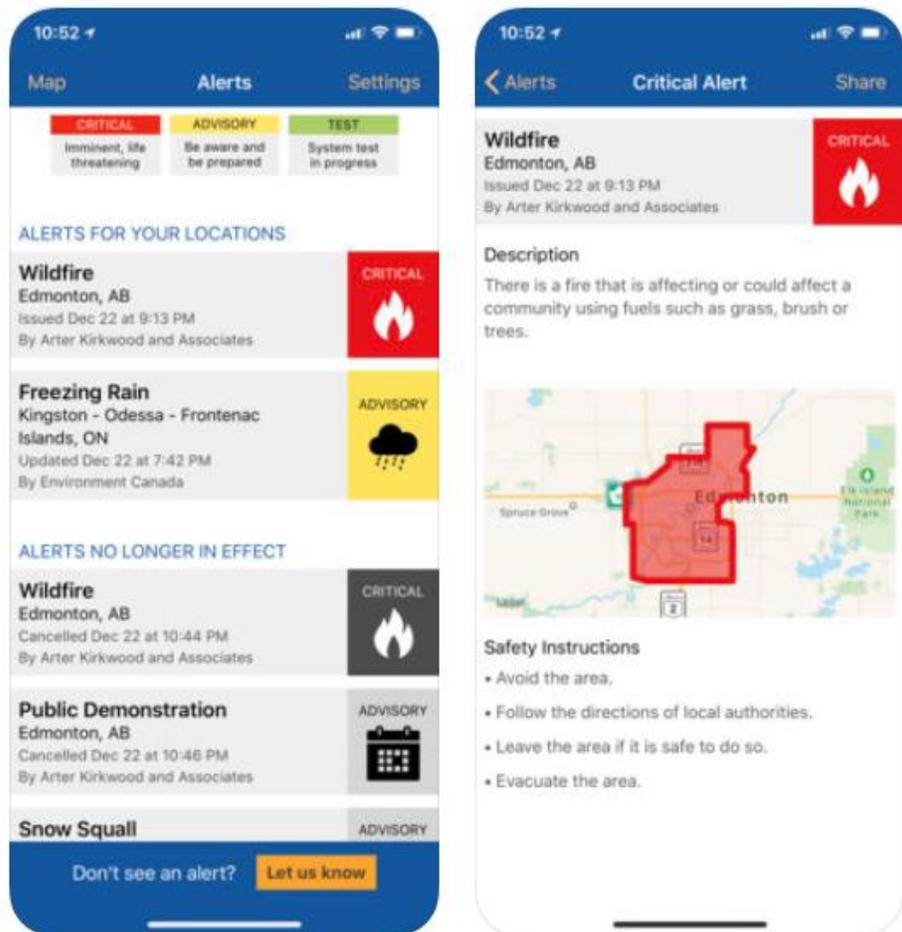
Disaster Alert provides real-time current global disaster info on an interactive map. It will send you alerts for the types of emergencies that you choose. You can specify up to 5 locations to be monitored and if disasters occur there, it will alert you.



Red Panic Button allows you to send a distress call from your phone's GPS coordinates and a link to Google Maps using SMS or email to a previously specified contact list. It has a family-sharing option that connects up to six people.



Alertable Emergency Alerts will alert you to disasters and hazards such as severe weather, floods, tornados, wildfires, earthquakes and bio-hazards in locations in which you choose to be alerted. It is linked to the Canadian Alert Ready System and provides alerts, background information and suggestions for response. I received a fog advisory a few days ago!



Be Ready by the Canadian Red Cross lists the common hazards - house fires, floods, power outages, and even earthquakes – and provides information on the risks and help in making a plan. The app is tied to the Weather Network and can monitor and track weather developments, allowing users to prepare their homes and families for disasters. It provides information on preparing for different emergency situations and how to take action when a disaster strikes.

