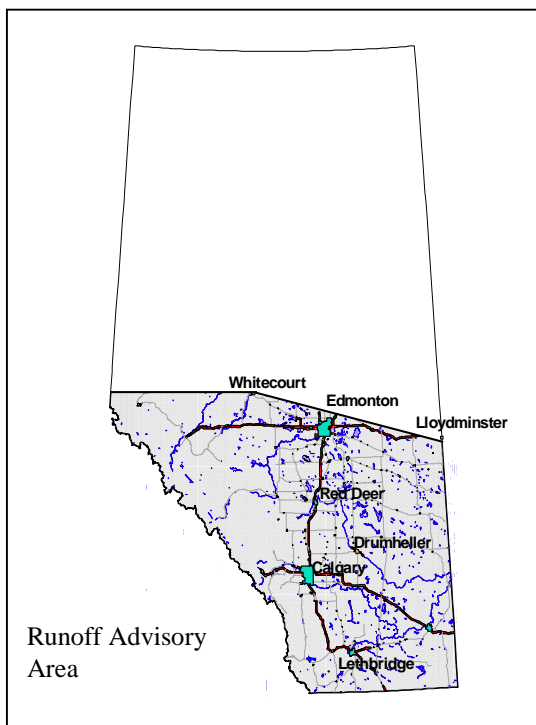


Spring Runoff Advisory for Southern and Central Alberta

A Spring Runoff Advisory has been issued for all small streams, creeks and rivers originating in the plains areas of Southern and Central Alberta (includes the plains areas south of Grande Cache, Whitecourt and Lloydminster as illustrated in the map below).



Up to 60 mm of precipitation was recorded in Southern Alberta in the past 72 hours. Most of the precipitation occurred as snowfall.

During the third week of April, some of these same areas received significant precipitation. This earlier precipitation wetted the soils contributing to an increase in potential runoff production during snowmelt.

With warmer temperatures forecast for the rest of this week, runoff from the snowmelt will cause increases in streamflows and some small streams in these areas may experience high water levels. No major flooding is expected.

Localized flooding in some low-lying areas may occur as meltwater makes its way into the drainage systems.

A *Spring Runoff Advisory* means that stream levels are rising or expected to rise due to snowmelt and no major flooding is expected. Minor flooding in low-lying areas is possible. Anyone situated close to the streams affected (property owners and the general public) is advised to be cautious of the rising levels.

Alberta Environment is monitoring river levels closely for streams throughout Alberta. This advisory will be updated if the situation changes.