



High Streamflow Advisory

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High Streamflow Advisory for North Central Alberta

Alberta Environment has issued a **High Streamflow Advisory** for the following streams and their tributaries in the Athabasca River basin:

- **Sawridge Creek** (through Slave Lake)
- **Swan River** (near Kinuso)
- **Driftpile River**
- **East Prairie River** (near Enilda)
- **West Prairie River** (near High Prairie)
- **Freeman River** (near Fort Assiniboine)

Streams in the Swan Hills, Slave Lake and High Prairie regions are beginning to rise steadily in response to the 30 to 40 mm of rain that has been recorded in the last 18 hours. Environment Canada Weather Services has issued a Heavy Rainfall Warning for the Whitecourt, Edson, Westlock, Slave Lake, Hinton, Grande Cache and the Edmonton regions. Additional precipitation amounts of 30 to 60 mm of rain are forecast for these regions in the next 24 hours.

For more information, check the the Forecaster's Comments on the department website at:

<http://www3.gov.ab.ca/env/water/ws/ForecastersComments/index.html>.

Alberta Environment is monitoring river levels closely and is in close contact with Environment Canada Weather Services. This advisory will be updated if the situation changes.

A High Streamflow Advisory means that stream levels are rising or expected to rise rapidly and **no major flooding is expected**. Minor flooding in low-lying areas is possible. Anyone situated close to the streams affected (campers, fishermen, boaters and the general public) is advised to be cautious of the rising levels.

A Flood Watch means that stream levels are rising and will approach or may exceed bank full. Flooding of areas adjacent to these streams may occur. Anyone situated close to the streams is advised to take appropriate precautionary measures.

A Flood Warning means that rising river levels will result in flooding of areas adjacent to the streams affected. Anyone situated close to the river should take appropriate measures to avoid flood damage

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