



High Streamflow Advisory

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High Streamflow Advisory for North Central Alberta

Alberta Environment has issued a High Streamflow Advisory for the Lesser Slave River, Freeman River and the Paddle River Basins including the following streams and their tributaries:

- **Sawridge Creek** (near Slave Lake)
- **East Prairie River** (near Enilda)
- **West Prairie River** (near High Prairie)
- **Swan River** (near Kinuso)
- **Driftpile River**
- **South Heart River** (near Peavine)
- **Freeman River** (near Fort Assiniboine)
- **Paddle River** upstream Paddle Dam
- **Little Paddle River** (near Mayerthorpe)

These streams are rising in response to 30 to 40 mm of rain that fell in the past 12 hours. Additional precipitation amounts of 20 to 40 mm rainfall are forecast for the north central Alberta today.

Alberta Environment is monitoring river levels closely and is in close contact with Environment Canada Weather Services. Additional information is available from the Forecasters Comments on our website at: <http://www3.gov.ab.ca/env/water/ws/ForecastersComments/index.html>.

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
