

High Streamflow Advisory

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High Streamflow Advisory for South Central Alberta

Alberta Environment has issued a High Streamflow Advisory for the following streams and their tributaries in the Red Deer River Basin:

• Red Deer River downstream of the Dickson Dam (including the Cities of Red Deer and Drumheller)

A major low pressure system brought 30 to 60 mm of rain to the Rocky Mountain House, Nordegg, Sundre, Red Deer and Calgary regions in the last 24 hours. Heavy Rainfall Warnings issued by Environment Canada remain in effect for these regions. Additional amounts of 30 to 80 mm of rain are forecast for these regions in the next 24 hours. Inflows into the reservoir have been increasing from the precipitation and as a result releases from the Dickson Dam have been increased to 322 m³/s (as of 1 PM). Rivers and streams are rising in response to the precipitation but no major flooding is anticipated at this time.

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High Streamflow Advisories remain in effect for the following streams and their tributaries:

In the North Saskatchewan River Basin:

- Clearwater River (including Dovercourt)
- Ram River
- Nordegg River
- Brown Creek
- Baptiste River
- Brazeau River upstream of Brazeau Dam

In the Red Deer River Basin:

- Red Deer River upstream of Dickson Dam (including Sundre)
- James River
- Raven River
- Bearberry Creek
- Little Red Deer River
- Medicine River

In the Bow River Basin:

- Waiparous Creek
- Kananaskis River
- Jumpingpound River
- Ghost River
- Fish Creek (including Priddis and Calgary)
- Elbow River upstream of Glenmore Dam (including Bragg Creek)
- Sheep River (including Turner Valley, Black Diamond and Okotoks)
- Threepoint Creek
- **Highwood River** (including the Town of High River)

This advisory will be updated if the situation changes.

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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.

A *High Streamflow Advisory* means that stream levels are rising or expected to rise rapidly and <u>no major flooding</u> 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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