

High Streamflow Advisory

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High Streamflow Advisory for Southern Alberta

Alberta Environment has issued a High Streamflow Advisory for the following streams and their tributaries in the Oldman River Basin.

- **Pincher Creek** (including the Town of Pincher Creek)
- Willow Creek
- Castle River
- Crowsnest River
- Belly River
- Oldman River upstream of the Oldman Dam
- Waterton River upstream of the Waterton Dam
- St. Mary River upstream of the St. Mary Dam
- Lee Creek
- Drywood Creek

A major low pressure system has brought 50 to 100 mm of rain to South Central and Southern Alberta in the past two days. A few locations such as Pincher Creek and Claresholm received upwards of 100 to 120 mm of rain. Heavy Rainfall Warnings issued by Environment Canada remain in effect for most of Southern Alberta and additional amounts of 20 to 40 mm of rain are forecast in the next 12 hours. Rain is expected to change to wet snow in the mountains and foothills for elevations above 1300 meters. Rivers and streams are rising in response to the precipitation but no major flooding is anticipated at this time.

High Streamflow Advisory Update for South Central Alberta

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

In the Bow River Basin:

- Waiparous Creek
- Kananaskis River

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- 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)
- Bow River downstream of Calgary (including the City of Calgary and Hidden Valley Siksika Reserve)

This advisory will be updated if the situation changes.

Alberta Environment is monitoring river levels closely and is in close contact with Alberta Forestry and 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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