

# Flood Watch Update

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#### Flood Watch for Southern Alberta

An intense low pressure system brought 50 to 120 mm of rain to central and southern Alberta on June 14 and 15. The heaviest precipitation fell along the mountains and foothills in southwestern Alberta and in the Bow Island, Medicine Hat and Rocky Mountain House regions. Most of the rivers and streams in central and southern Alberta have peaked and they are currently falling.

A Flood Watch remains in effect for the following stream in the Bow River basin:

Bow River downstream of Calgary (including Hidden Valley)

The Bow River at Hidden Valley has peaked and is currently falling slowly. However, the Bow River near the confluence to the Oldman River is close to peaking.

### High Streamflow Advisory for Central and Southern Alberta

A <u>High Streamflow Advisory</u> remains in effect for the following rivers and streams in the North Saskatchewan River basin:

- Clearwater River
- North Saskatchewan River downstream of Rocky Mountain House (including Drayton Valley and Edmonton)

A High Streamflow Advisory remains in effect for the following stream in the Red Deer River basin:

Little Red Deer River

A High Streamflow Advisory remains in effect for the following rivers and streams in the Oldman River basin:

- Little Bow River including Mosquito Creek
- St. Mary River (upstream and downstream of the St. Mary Dam)
- Oldman River (downstream of the Oldman Dam, including Lethbridge)

A High Streamflow Advisory remains in effect for the following stream in the South Saskatchewan River basin:

South Saskatchewan River (including Medicine Hat)

### High Streamflow Advisory Ended for Central and Southern Alberta

The High Steamflow Advisory has ended for the following rivers and streams in the North Saskatchewan River basin:

- Ram River
- Brown Creek
- Brazeau River (upstream of the Brazeau Dam)

The High Steamflow Advisory has ended for the following rivers and streams in the Red Deer River basin:

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

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- Elbow River (upstream of the Glenmore Dam including Bragg Creek)
- Fish Creek (including Priddis and Calgary)
- Kananaskis River
- Jumpingpound Creek
- Sheep River (including Black Diamond, Turner Valley and Okotoks) including Three Point Creek
- Highwood River (including High River) including Stimson and Pekisko Creeks

The High Steamflow Advisory has ended for the following stream in the Oldman River basin:

• Willow Creek (near Claresholm)

The High Steamflow Advisory has ended for the following streams in the South Saskatchewan basin:

• Small streams in the Bow Island and Medicine Hat regions (including Seven Persons Creek)

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 as 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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