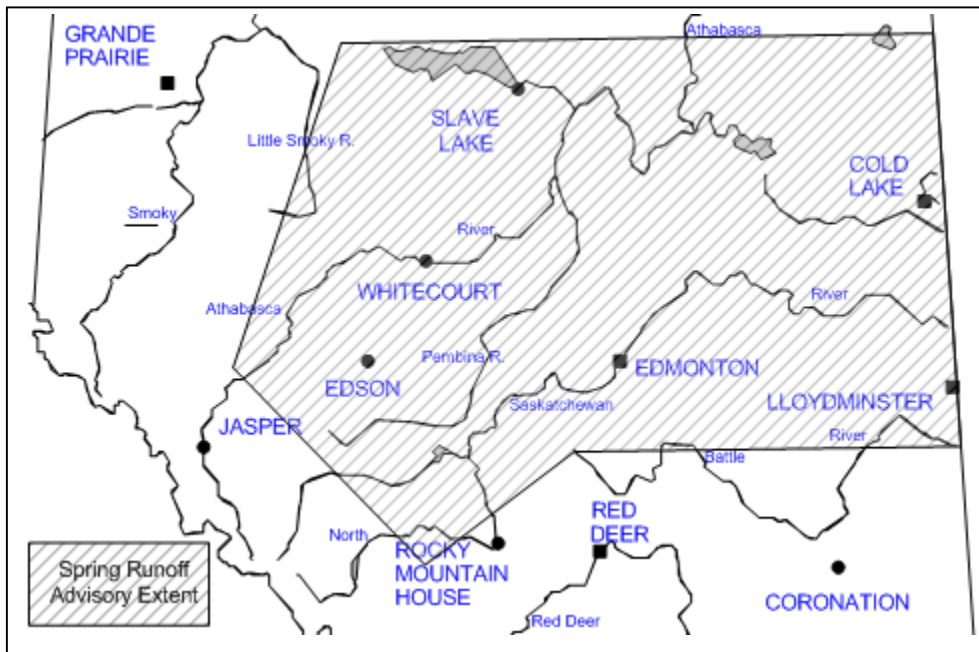


## Spring Runoff Advisory for Central and North Central Alberta

A Spring Runoff Advisory has been issued for all small streams, creeks and rivers in the plains area of the North Saskatchewan, Athabasca and Beaver River basins as shown below. The major rivers in these river basins (North Saskatchewan, Athabasca and Beaver Rivers) are not included in this advisory because the river systems are too large to be strongly affected by plains area runoff.



River and streams in Central and North Central Alberta are expected to rise in response to snowmelt runoff caused by the warm and sunny conditions forecast for the next few days. Based on the current temperature forecasts, plains area snowmelt will be moderate and may result in localized overland flooding. As the runoff makes its way to smaller streams and rivers, water levels are expected to rise significantly over the next few days.

**A *Spring Runoff Advisory* means that significant runoff is expected due to snowmelt. This may cause localized overland flooding as the water makes its way into streams. Stream levels will rise due to the runoff and may also cause flooding. Anyone who is situated close to the streams affected, or in areas that have experienced overland spring flooding in the past, is advised to be cautious of rising water levels.**

Alberta Environment is monitoring river levels closely throughout Alberta. This advisory will be updated as the situation changes.