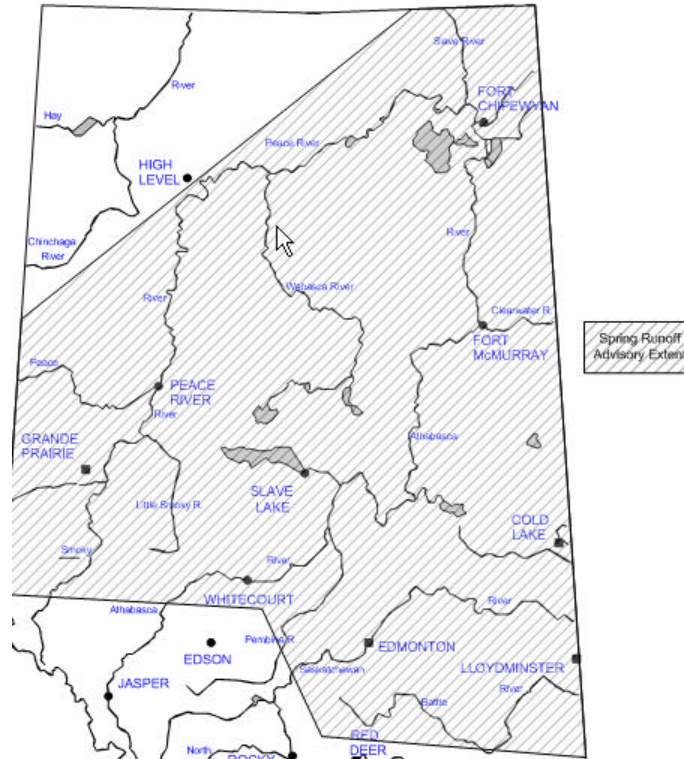


Spring Runoff Advisory Update for Central and Northern Alberta

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



Rivers and streams in Central Alberta are currently responding to runoff caused by up to 45 mm of precipitation over the past three days.

Rivers and streams in Northern Alberta are expected to rise in response to snowmelt runoff caused by the warmer and sunnier conditions forecast for the next few days. Based on the current 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.