

High Streamflow Advisory for North Central Alberta

Alberta Environment has issued a High Streamflow Advisory for North Central Alberta streams originating in the Swan Hills and Lesser Slave Lake drainage basins, including the following streams and their tributaries:

- **Swan River**
- **Driftpile River**
- **East Prairie River**
- **Freeman River**
- **West Prairie River**
- **Sawridge Creek**
- **South Heart and Heart Rivers**

Between 30 and 60 millimetres of precipitation has been recorded since yesterday in the Swan Hills. A further 20 to 40 millimetres is forecast by Thursday morning. These streams are currently at average to above average levels due to the snowmelt that occurred over the last few weeks. Stream levels are beginning to rise in response to the precipitation, and are expected to continue to rise over the next day or two. River levels will remain high into this weekend.

Alberta Environment is monitoring river levels closely and is in close contact with Alberta Forestry Weather and Environment Canada Weather Services. Additional information is available from the Forecasters Comments on our website at: <http://environment.alberta.ca/forecasting/ForecastersComments/index.html>.

Alberta Environment is monitoring precipitation and river conditions closely. This advisory will be updated if there is any change in conditions.

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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