

High Streamflow Advisory Issued for Southwestern Alberta

Alberta Environment has issued a High Streamflow Advisory for Southern Alberta streams originating in the upper Oldman and Bow River drainage basins, including the following streams and their tributaries:

- **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)**
- **Bow River (upstream of Calgary)**
- **Elbow River (upstream of the Glenmore Dam)**
- **Fish Creek**
- **Highwood River**

Up to 20 millimetres of precipitation has fallen in these areas. A further 40 to 100 millimetres is forecast by mid-day Sunday, with the highest amounts expected in the southern half of the Oldman River basin. Streams are currently at average to above average levels due to the snowmelt that occurred over the last few weeks. River levels will rise further in response to the precipitation.

High Streamflow Advisory Update for North Central Alberta

A High Streamflow Advisory remains in effect 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 50 and 80 millimetres of precipitation has been recorded since Tuesday in the Swan Hills. A further 10 to 20 millimetres is forecast by Friday morning. Stream levels have peaked in the Swan River, are peaking in Sawridge Creek, and will continue to rise until late Friday night in the East and West Prairie Rivers. Precipitation in the Heart and South Heart River basins was less than expected, and rises occurring in these streams are not expected to be large.

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>.

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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