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## **River Basins Currently with Advisories**

Information in addition to this advisory may be found at:



#### http://www.environment.alberta.ca/forecasting/forecasterscomments

#### http://www.environment.alberta.ca/apps/basins

High Streamflow Advisory - 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 is advised to be cautious of the rising levels.

Flood Watch - 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 river is advised to take appropriate precautionary measures.

Flood Warning - Rising stream 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.

Ice Advisory - Stream levels are expected to change rapidly as the river ice cover is freezing up or breaking up. No major flooding is expected as river levels are expected to remain within bank full. This is a natural process, however ice movement and shoving may cause minor flooding in low-lying areas. Anyone situated close to the streams affected is advised to be cautious of rapidly changing water and ice levels.

Ice Jam Watch - Conditions are favourable for the formation of ice jams, or an ice jam has been reported causing stream levels to rise and approach or exceed bank full. Flooding of areas adjacent to the stream affected or groundwater seepage flooding may occur. Ice jams can obstruct the flow of a river channel. The location and occurrence of ice jams and possible associated flooding are very unpredictable. Anyone situated close to the streams affected is advised to be cautious of rapidly changing water and ice levels and to take appropriate precautionary measures.

Ice Jam Warning - A reported ice jam is causing flooding in areas adjacent to the stream affected and is impacting a community and/or infrastructure. Ice jams can obstruct the flow of a river channel. The location and occurrence of ice jams and possible associated flooding are very unpredictable. Anyone situated close to the streams affected is advised to be cautious of rapidly changing water and ice levels and to take appropriate measures to avoid flood damage.

# **River Advisory Overview for Alberta**

Advisories apply to streams and their tributaries unless otherwise noted.

- There have been reports of severe flooding along Whitemud River near Dixonville, just north of the Town of Peace River. Gauge reading indicate that there might be a constriction or obstruction that is causing increased water levels upstream. Roads and farmland are currently being affected. Water levels have risen 1.5 m since Saturday, May 13, 2017. Gauge readings and field reports indicate that the water levels have peaked, and are very slowly receeding. The situation is being monitored by the local municipality.
- The Peace River is currently in the process of peaking at Peace Point.
- No significant precipitation is expected in the province over the May Long weekend.

### **Peace River Basin**

### Streamflow Advisories

Stream	High Streamflow Advisory	Flood Watch	Flood Warning	Water Level Status	Advisory Status
Notikewin River	~			falling	Unchanged
Peace River near and downstream of Peace Point	~			peaking	Unchanged
Peace River near and downstream of Sunny Valley	~			falling	Unchanged
Whitemud River near Dixonville			<b>'</b>	fluctuating	Unchanged

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