

# Ministry of Forests

## Upgraded: Flood Watch – Chilcotin

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The River Forecast Centre is **upgrading the** High Streamflow Advisory to a **Flood Watch** for:

- **Chilcotin Region including the Chilcotin River, Chilko River and tributaries**

Hot temperatures in early this week have triggered significant snowpack and glacier melt at the high elevations of the Chilcotin Basin. The Water Survey of Canada (WSC) real-time hydrometric station CHILCOTIN RIVER NEAR HANCEVILLE (08MB012) is currently running at about 400 m<sup>3</sup>/s, a flow slightly over the 10-year return period level and expected to rise further today into the weekend. The other WSC stations in the Chilcotin River and tributaries upstream of Hanceville are also running high at flows from 2- to 10-year return periods and expected to continue to rise today into the weekend. Details of the CLEVER Model forecast can be found at: [http://bcrcfc.env.gov.bc.ca/freshet/map\\_clever.html](http://bcrcfc.env.gov.bc.ca/freshet/map_clever.html)

The public is advised to stay clear of the fast-flowing rivers and potentially unstable riverbanks during the high-streamflow period. [Be prepared and know your hazards.](#)

The [River Forecast Centre](#) continues to monitor the conditions and will provide updates as conditions warrant.

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A **High Streamflow Advisory** means that river levels are rising or expected to rise rapidly, but that no major flooding is expected. Minor flooding in low-lying areas is possible.

A **Flood Watch** means that river levels are rising and will approach or may exceed bankfull. Flooding of areas adjacent to affected rivers may occur.

A **Flood Warning** means that river levels have exceeded bankfull or will exceed bankfull imminently, and that flooding of areas adjacent to the rivers affected will result.