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**Flood Warning – Quesnel River (MAINTAINED)**

**Flood Watch – Thompson River, South Thompson (MAINTAINED), Shuswap (ENDED)**

**High Streamflow Advisory – North Thompson (DOWNGRADED), Nicola**

**ISSUED: 11:30AM June 26, 2022**

The River Forecast Centre is **maintaining** a **Flood Warning** for:

- **Quesnel River**

The River Forecast Centre is **maintaining** a **Flood Watch** for:

- **Thompson River from Kamloops to Spences Bridge**
- **Shuswap Region including South Thompson River tributaries (Seymour River, Eagle River, Adams River, Shuswap River and surrounding tributaries and lakes)**
- **South Thompson River (including Shuswap Lake)**

The River Forecast Centre is **ending** a **Flood Watch** for:

- **Other tributaries in the Cariboo Mountains west of Quesnel, excluding the Quesnel River (Flood Warning above)**
- **Shuswap Region including South Thompson River tributaries (Seymour River, Eagle River, Adams River, Shuswap River and surrounding tributaries and lakes)**

The River Forecast Centre is **downgrading** to, or **maintaining**, a **High Streamflow Advisory** for:

- **North Thompson River including tributaries around Barriere, Clearwater and Blue River**
- **Nicola River**

Rivers have peaked from rainfall earlier in the week. For most rivers in the region, peak river levels that have been observed this year have occurred over the past day or two. Snowmelt flood risks may be subsiding as snow coverage across watersheds has become diminished.

While rivers remain full and at capacity, they will continue to remain vulnerable to additional runoff, particularly from rainfall. Over the coming week, a transition from the hot weekend weather towards an unsettled pattern on Tuesday may lead to rainfall in the headwaters and a period of rising river levels in the middle of the week.

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Current conditions and outlook as of 10:30AM Sunday include:

- North Thompson River at McLure (Water Survey of Canada gauge 08LB064) has dropped from a peak of 2310 m<sup>3</sup>/s (between 5-year and 10-year flow) to a current flow of 1800 m<sup>3</sup>/s (below a 2-year flow). There is the potential for rising flows in the middle of this coming week from rainfall
- South Thompson River at Chase (08LE031) is flowing at approximately 1300 m<sup>3</sup>/s (10-year flow) and has levelled off. While snowmelt runoff is expected to have reached a maximum for the year, the river is expected to remain elevated this week, and will remain vulnerable to additional inputs from rainfall that could lead to additional river rises
- Thompson River at Kamloops (08LF023) reached a peak level yesterday of 7.78 m and has since dropped to 15-20 cm. While snowmelt runoff is expected to have reached a maximum for the year, the river is expected to remain elevated this week, and will remain vulnerable to additional inputs from rainfall that could lead to additional river rises if flows come back up in the North and South Thompson tributaries
- Quesnel River at Likely (08KH001) is flowing at 580 m<sup>3</sup>/s (20-year flow) and has experienced a slight easing in levels over the past day. While snowmelt runoff is expected to have reached a maximum for the year, the river is expected to remain elevated this week, and will remain vulnerable to additional inputs from rainfall that could lead to additional river rises

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.