

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Downgraded/Maintained: Flood Watch – Skeena River excluding Bulkley River Issued: 13:30PM June 4, 2021

The River Forecast Centre is **downgrading** the **Flood Warning** to a **Flood Watch** for:

- **Skeena River above Babine River**

The River Forecast Centre is **updating** the **Flood Watch** for:

- **The rest of Skeena River excluding Bulkley River**

Responding to the hot spell in this region early this week, the SKEENA RIVER AT GLEN VOWELL (08EB003) has peaked at a flow about the 50-year return period last night and is dropping now. The SKEENA RIVER ABOVE BABINE RIVER (08EB005) has peaked at a flow between the 20- and 50-year return periods last night and is dropping now. And the SKEENA RIVER AT USK (08EF001) has peaked at a flow about the 10-year return period early this morning and is dropping now. Based on the current hydrological modeling, the rivers are expected to drop further today into the weekend, even though minor rises could be possible. Please refer to the CLEVER forecast page (http://bcRFC.env.gov.bc.ca/freshet/map_clever.html) for details.

The public is advised to stay clear of the fast-flowing rivers and potentially unstable riverbanks during the high-streamflow period.

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.