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UPDATE: Flood Watch – Spius (NEW), Coldwater, Nicola, Tulameen, Similkameen

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

- **Spius Creek (NEW)**
- **Coldwater River**
- **Lower Nicola River**
- **Tulameen River**
- **Similkameen River**

River levels have experienced improvements over the last day following high flows from this past weekend's atmospheric river storm. A third storm in the series of atmospheric rivers arrives has arrived to British Columbia and is expected to bring rain to the South Coast and South Interior on Tuesday and Wednesday. Environment and Climate Change Canada have issued a weather warnings and special weather statements for the Fraser Canyon and Coquihalla – Merritt areas with rainfall amounts in the 30-40 mm and 40-50 mm range expected for each region respectively.

Additional river rises are expected on Tuesday and Wednesday from this rainfall. This is similar rainfall amounts observed over this past weekend, and additional impacts to rivers can be expected in these regions over the next two days. Flood Warnings will be reissued if required.

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

Details of the COFFEE and CLEVER Model forecasts can be found at:

http://bcrfc.env.gov.bc.ca/fallfloods/map_coffee.html, and

http://bcrfc.env.gov.bc.ca/freshet/map_clever.html

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.