

# Ministry of Forests

## Flood Watch – Pouce Coup River

### High Streamflow Advisory – Peace Region and North-East BC

ISSUED: 3:30 PM May 6, 2022

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

- **Pouce Coupe River**

The River Forecast Centre is **issuing a High Streamflow Advisory** for:

- **Peace Region including tributaries around Dawson Creek, Taylor, Fort St. John and surrounding areas**
- **Northeast BC including tributaries near the Alberta Border between Fort Nelson and Fort St. John**

Precipitation and snowmelt through the northeast of British Columbia has been leading to rapid streamflow rises in areas. Rainfall amounts between 20-30mm have been observed over the past 24 hours around Fort St. John and Dawson Creek. A trough of low pressure is spiralling in moisture from Alberta in British Columbia and is expected to continue to impact the region into the weekend. Temperatures remain cool, and a mix of rain and snow is expected, with additional precipitation amounts of 15-30 mm, and locally higher amounts, forecasted through Sunday.

Rivers in the region have been rising, with continued rises expected into the weekend.

Current conditions include:

- Pouce Coupe River below Henderson Creek (Water Survey of Canada Gauge 07FD007) is flowing at 350 m<sup>3</sup>/s (between a 5-year and 10-year flow) and may exceed 400 m<sup>3</sup>/s by Saturday
- Kiskatinaw River near Farmington (07FD001) is currently flowing at approximately 58 m<sup>3</sup>/s (below a 2-year flow)

Extended wet weather is possible earlier next week, and may contribute to on-going high streamflow through the region.

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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.