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High Streamflow Advisory – Fontas River (MAINTAINED)

ENDED - Flood Watch – Pouce Coup River

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

ISSUED: 2:45 PM May 9, 2022

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

- **Fontas River**

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

- **Pouce Coupe River**

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

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

Temperatures through the region have led to reduced snowmelt rates, and precipitation as snow. River levels reached peak levels over the weekend and have been receding. One exception is the Fontas River, which is still rising. Flows at the Fontas River near the mouth (Water Survey of Canada gauge 10CA001) is flowing at 470 m³/s (approximately a 5-year return period flow) and rising at an easing rate. Flows are forecasted to peak later Monday or Tuesday at around 500 m³/s. Other rivers in the region are expected to see continued declines over the next few days.

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.