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Flood Watch– Fontas River (UPGRADED)

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The River Forecast Centre is **upgrading** to a **Flood Watch** for:

- **Fontas River**

Snowmelt and wetter weather has been contributing to high flows on the Fontas River.

Following a period of lower flows over the past few days, river levels have started rising again.

Flows at the Fontas River near the mouth (Water Survey of Canada gauge 10CA001) is flowing at 500 m³/s (between a 5-year and 10-year return period flow) and rising. There is uncertainty in the modelled forecast for the Fontas River, however conditions suggest that flows could exceed the 10-year return period (550-600 m³/s) over the weekend or early next week.

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.