

# Ministry of Forests

## Flood Watch – Fontas River (MAINTAINED)

ISSUED: 3:00 PM May 19, 2022

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

- **Fontas River**

Snowmelt and wetter weather have been contributing to high flows on the Fontas River. Flows at the Fontas River near the mouth (Water Survey of Canada gauge 10CA001) is flowing at 540 m<sup>3</sup>/s (10-year return period flow), following a peak of 560 m<sup>3</sup>/s yesterday. Flows are expected to continue to slowly recede into the weekend. No significant additional rises are expected at this time, and the Flood Watch is expected to remain in effect until flows drop below the 5-year return period threshold. Current modelling is indicating that this will occur some time 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.