## **Ministry of Forests**

Flood Watch – Upper Fraser (UPGRADED)
High Streamflow Advisory – West Road and Nazko (MAINTAINED)
ISSUED: 3:00PM June 29, 2022

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

- Upper Fraser River including areas from Prince George and upstream tributaries through the Robson Valley and the McGregor River
- Fraser River from Prince George to Quesnel

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

West Road River including tributary rivers and streams around Nazko

Rapid snowmelt earlier in the week has contributed to increased runoff and rising flows through the region. Rainfall yesterday covered much of the Upper Fraser watershed, with rainfall amounts in the 20-40 mm range observed in most areas.

Areas of forecast high flows include the Bowron River, McGregor River and Fraser River around McBride, Hansard, Shelley and through Prince George to South Fort George and further downstream to Quesnel. The West Road River and upstream tributaries are also expected to rise. Flows in the 5-year to 10-year range is possible in these areas. Flows on the McGregor River at Lower Canyon (Water Survey of Canada Gauge 08KB003) have reached the 10-year flow level (1160 m³/s) and continues to rise.

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 <u>River Forecast Centre</u> 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.

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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.