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Flood Watch – Quesnel River (DOWNGRADED)

High Streamflow Advisory – South Thompson (DOWNGRADED), North Thompson, Thompson River, Nicola (ENDED)

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

- **Quesnel River**

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

- **South Thompson River (including Shuswap Lake)**

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

- **North Thompson River including tributaries around Barriere, Clearwater and Blue River**
- **Thompson River from Kamloops to Spences Bridge**

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

- **Nicola River**

Rivers in the Central Interior remain relatively high for this time of year due to delayed seasonal snowmelt and additional contribution from ongoing precipitation events. In general, river systems in the Central Interior are beginning to slowly recede or have been steadily receding over the past week. Current weather models predict drier conditions for the upcoming week and water levels are expected to continue the downward trend. Since water levels are relatively high for this time of year, the river and lake systems are still vulnerable to any potential widespread heavy rainfall event in the upcoming weeks. Smaller creek systems are highly vulnerable to short-duration and high intensity rain from convective thunderstorm activity.

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.