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Flood Watch - North Coast (UPGRADED) High Streamflow Advisory – Central Coast Issued: 3:15PM August 29, 2022

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

- **North Coast**

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

- **Central Coast**

A moderate to strong intensity atmospheric river is impacting the Central and North Coast of British Columbia. Rainfall amounts up to 80 mm around Prince Rupert, 40 mm around Kitimat, 110 mm around Bella Bella, and 15-55 mm around the Bella Coola valley, have been observed over the past 24 hours. Additional heavy rainfall is expected tonight, with on-going heavy precipitation around the outer North Coast and areas around Prince Rupert expected.

Limited real-time hydrometric monitoring is available in the heaviest impacted areas. Rainfall rates are approaching and likely to exceed 2-year daily rainfall amounts in Prince Rupert. Rivers are expected to experience rapid rising later on Monday and overnight into Tuesday.

The public is advised to stay clear of the fast-flowing rivers and potentially unstable riverbanks during the high-streamflow period.

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.