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UPDATE: Flood Watch –Middle Fraser - Cariboo Mountains

ENDED – Flood Watch – Upper Fraser tributaries

ENDED - High Streamflow Advisory – Fraser River mainstem

ISSUED: 11:00 AM May 24, 2023

The River Forecast Centre is maintaining a Flood Watches for:

- Middle Fraser including the Cariboo mountains and tributaries east of ?Esdilagh and Quesnel (including Quesnel River, Little Swift River) Secwepemc Territory and surrounding areas (MAINTAINED)

The River Forecast Centre is ending the Flood Watches and High Streamflow Advisories for:

- Upper Fraser River tributaries upstream of Prince George, including the McGregor River, Willow River, Bowron River, Dakehl Territory and surrounding tributaries (ENDED)
- Fraser River mainstem including areas around Lheidli T'enneh, Prince George to Quesnel (ENDED)

Weather Synopsis:

Weather has transitioned from the hot weather last week rainfall over the past 2 days to more stable conditions. Weather this week is expected to be generally dry and warm.

River Conditions:

Runoff from snowmelt and rainfall over the past week has worked it's way through most rivers in the region.

In the Cariboo Mountains, lake-fed rivers including the Quesnel River and Horsesfly River, rivers are still rising in due to the delayed runoff response in these watersheds. Small additional rises are possible over the next few days in these rivers.

The public is advised:

River levels are rising or expected to rise rapidly. Being near these riverbanks, creeks and fast-flowing bodies of water is dangerous:

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- Stay clear of fast-flowing rivers and potentially unstable riverbanks
- Avoid recreational activities such as fishing, swimming, boating or hiking near high streamflow rivers or streams
- Remember, high streamflow can easily trap strong swimmers, increasing risk of drowning

Understand the risks and get prepared by visiting [www.PreparedBC.ca/floods](http://www.PreparedBC.ca/floods)

For emergency information and related resources, go to: [www.EmergencyInfoBC.ca](http://www.EmergencyInfoBC.ca)

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. Fast-flowing bodies of water increase risk to life safety. 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.