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Flood Watch – Chilcotin (UPGRADED)

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

- **Chilcotin Region including the Chilcotin River, Chilko River and tributaries**

Rivers within the Chilcotin watershed are currently rising in response to widespread rainfall currently falling throughout the region. Between 10-20 mm of rain has already been recorded through the region over the past 24 hours (specifically, ~20 mm of rain recorded at the North Tyaughton Automated Snow Weather Station). For example, the Chilcotin River at Hanceville (WSC Gage: 08MB012) is currently running at 369 m³/s, between a 5-10 year return period flow. Flow forecasts for the next 5 days indicate the potential for further rises, the magnitude of which will depend on how much rain falls; however, current flow forecasts do indicate the potential for flows to rise into this week, potentially above 10-year return period flows.

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.