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UPDATE: High Streamflow Advisory – Prince George and Mackenzie Tributaries (MAINTAINED)

ENDED – High Streamflow Advisory - Cariboo

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

- **Tributaries around Prince George and Mackenzie, including areas around Bear Lake, Aleza Lake, Giscome, the Cottonwood River, Chilako River, Salmon River, Willow River, Pack River and surrounding areas**

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

- **Cariboo region including tributaries around Quesnel and Williams Lake, including the San Jose River**

Flows have remained high throughout the region due to on-going snowmelt and unsettled weather. Many rivers have seen some stabilization or declines in flows over the weekend; however, conditions remain high (2-year flows or higher).

In the Cariboo, flows have continued slow declines from peak levels experienced in late-April and early May. Flows are expected to remain high in the Cariboo, however significant rises above current levels (e.g. return to previous peak levels this season) are unlikely.

Rivers around Prince George remain high. The Water Survey of Canada gauge (07EE010) Pack River at outlet of Macleod Lake reached a peak of approximately 420 m³/s over the weekend (between a 20-year and 50-year flow). Flows in the region remain elevated, however are expected to see improving conditions through the week. With elevated flows and limited channel capacity, rivers around Prince George and Mackenzie remain sensitive to additional rainfall. Additional rises in river levels are possible this week due to forecasted warming and the potential for increased snowmelt rates.

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.