Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

**High Streamflow Advisory – South Peace Region** 

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The River Forecast Centre is **issuing** a **High Streamflow Advisory** for the South Peace region, including:

Sukunka River

Murray River

Parsnip River

Recent warm weather is forecast to result in a pulse of snowmelt from higher elevation watersheds that still have significant remaining snowpack, predominantly in the southern part of the Peace region. Flow are expected to rise beginning Wednesday, June 2 and remain high into the weekend.

Sukunka River near the Mouth (07FB003): Currently flowing at 459.5 m3/s (1-2 year return period), and forecast to rise to between a 2-5 year return period from Wednesday June 2 – June 7.

 Murray River above Wolverine River (07FB006): Currently flowing at 341 m3/s (near a 2 year return period) and forecast to rise above a 2 year return period Wednesday into the weekend (June 2- June 5)

Currently, flows are not expected to reach extremely high levels, but flows as high as 2-year to 5-year return periods makes the region especially vulnerable to heavy rainfall. Rain is forecast early next week for much of the region as a coastal storm system travels east across the province.

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

The <u>River Forecast Centre</u> 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.