

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

High Streamflow Advisory – Similkameen River

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

- **Similkameen River, Tulameen River and including tributaries**

Flows within the Similkameen River, Tulameen River and associated tributaries increased this week due to hot temperatures and rapid snowmelt. Higher elevation hydrometric stations like the Tulameen River below Vuich Creek and Payton River above Calcite Creek reached 2-year flows. Further downstream, the Similkameen River near Hedley reached 338 m³/s yesterday – the highest flows of the season. Temperatures are forecast to drop over the weekend and flows are expected to lower considerably into next week. The risk of snowmelt related flooding for the Similkameen has ended for the season. The region is still susceptible to flooding related to extreme rainfall events.

Please refer to the CLEVER forecast page (http://bcRFC.env.gov.bc.ca/freshet/map_clever.html) for details.

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.