

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

## High Streamflow Advisory – Upper Columbia (DOWNGRADED)

ISSUED: 1:00PM July 4, 2021

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

- **Upper Columbia, including the Columbia River mainstem and tributaries around Donald, Golden, Radium, Invermere and surrounding areas**

With easing temperatures and decreased snowmelt rates, rivers have reached their peak levels and are now receding. Flow remain high (5-year to 10-year return period flows) along the mainstem of the upper Columbia River. Most tributary rivers have now receded below 2-year return period flows. Continued recession of river flow is expected throughout the region today and into next week.

Details of the CLEVER Model forecasts for this region can be found at:

[http://bcRFC.env.gov.bc.ca/freshet/map\\_clever.html](http://bcRFC.env.gov.bc.ca/freshet/map_clever.html)

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.