Ministry of Forests

High Streamflow Advisory – Upper Columbia ISSUED: 7:45 AM June 29, 2022

The River Forecast Centre is issuing a High Streamflow Advisory for:

• Upper Columbia including the Columbia River at Donald and upstream

On-going snowmelt runoff from warm temperatures over the past few days is leading to high flows. Additional rainfall yesterday, with daily rainfall totals of 5-15 mm in most areas, is also contributing to runoff. River levels are expected to continue rising through Wednesday and into Thursday, with flows up to a 5-year return period possible for rivers, including the mainstem of the Columbia River at Donald (Water Survey of Canada gauge 08NB005).

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 <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.