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MAINTAINED: High Streamflow Advisory – Upper Columbia
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The River Forecast Centre is **maintaining** a **High Streamflow Advisory** for:

- **Upper Columbia including the Columbia River at Donald and upstream**

The melt of a large late season snowpack has led to continued high flows within the Columbia River, which has stayed above 2-year return period flows since early June. The Columbia River has fallen since peaking in the first week of July, however flows remain near a 2-year return period. Environment and Climate Change Canada is currently forecasting higher than seasonal temperatures early next week; although the snowpack has been steadily melting over the past weeks, there is the potential for streamflows to increase in watersheds that continue to have high elevation snow and/or permanent ice and snow within the Upper Columbia region, although current hydrologic forecasts indicate responses that are relatively muted relative to peaks already experienced this year.

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 [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.