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High Streamflow Advisory – Chilcotin (DOWNGRADED)

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

- **Chilcotin Region including the Chilcotin River, Chilko River and tributaries**

The combination of very warm temperatures in late June and moderate rainfall in early July resulted in high flows for the Chilcotin Region. River levels peaked between July 4th to July 8th and have been slowly receding. The Chilko River near Redstone (08MA001) and Taseko River at Outlet of Taseko Lakes (08MA003) reached just below 10-year return period flows. An additional rainfall event created a secondary minor peak over the July 14th to July 15th period.

Flows are gradually receding in the region but remain relatively high for this time of year due to cooler spring temperatures and delayed snowmelt. The upcoming heat wave affecting the entire province may lead to additional contribution from glacial melt. The region remains vulnerable if a widespread heavy rainfall event were to occur in the upcoming weeks.

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.