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High Streamflow Advisory – East Peace ISSUED: 11:30 AM September 15, 2022

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

- **East Peace Region including the Pouce Coupe River, Kiskatinaw River and areas around Dawson Creek, Chetwynd and Hudson's Hope**

A low-pressure trough is expected to bring unsettled weather to the Peace Region over the weekend. Weather modelling is indicating the potential for moderate to heavy rainfall (20-50+mm) over Saturday and Sunday, with the heavier amounts currently forecasted in areas south of Dawson Creek. While rainfall is expected to be more moderate in western areas within the region, including Hudson's Hope, current wildfire activity, including the Battleship Mountain and Bearhole Lake fires, may exacerbate localized runoff.

Rivers are expected to respond to rainfall, with rising flows expected on Saturday and reaching peak levels on Sunday. Current modelling is indicating the potential for localized flows in the 2-year to 5-year return period range.

Details of forecast from the CLEVER Model can be found at:

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.