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High Streamflow Advisory – Coquihalla River

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

- Coquihalla River

Weather Synopsis:

The long period of hot weather is expected to end on Friday. A trough of low pressure is expected to move into B.C. on Friday and Saturday, bringing the potential for moderate precipitation (15-25 mm) in the Coquihalla River watershed.

River Conditions:

Flows in the Coquihalla River have been rising due to snowmelt. Current flows at Coquihalla River below Needle Creek (Water Survey of Canada gauge 08MF062) is flowing at approximately 23 m<sup>3</sup>/s (approaching a 2-year flow). Flows in the 2-year to 5-year range are currently forecasted over this weekend.

The public is advised:

River levels are rising or expected to rise rapidly. Being near these riverbanks, creeks and fast-flowing bodies of water is dangerous:

- Stay clear of fast-flowing rivers and potentially unstable riverbanks
- Avoid recreational activities such as fishing, swimming, boating or hiking near high streamflow rivers or streams
- Remember, high streamflow can easily trap strong swimmers, increasing risk of drowning

During a High Streamflow Advisory, conditions can change quickly. Understand the risks and get prepared by visiting [www.PreparedBC/floods](http://www.PreparedBC/floods)

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. Fast-flowing bodies of water increase risk to life safety. 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.