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UPDATE: High Streamflow Advisory – Liard

ENDED - High Streamflow Advisory – Nass, Stikine

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

- Liard River

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

- Nass River
- Stikine River and tributaries around Telegraph Creek, Dease Lake and Tahltan Territory
- Northwest B.C. including tributaries in the northern Cassiar Mountains

Weather Synopsis:

Follow a week of seasonally hot weather, temperatures have now eased through the region to seasonal to below seasonal conditions. A low-pressure system is forecast to bring rainfall into north-east British Columbia, and may contribute additional runoff into the Liard River basin.

River Conditions:

Cooling temperatures have led to reduced rates of snowmelt runoff. River levels have eased, and no additional significant rises in rivers (except the Liard River) are expected at this time.

On the Liard River, rivers continue to rise gradually due to accelerated snowmelt runoff over the past week. Potential rainfall in the watershed today and tomorrow may lead to additional rises in river levels into the middle of this week.

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

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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.