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UPDATE: Flood Watch – Headwaters of the North Thompson River

High Streamflow Advisory - Canoe River, Blue River, headwaters of the Clearwater River,

North Thompson below Blue River, Upper Columbia, Upper Fraser

ENDED: High Streamflow Advisory – South Thompson, Cariboo

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The River Forecast Centre is maintaining a Flood Watch for:

• Headwaters of the North Thompson River above Blue River

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

- Canoe River and tributary rivers around the northern end of Kinbasket Lake (DOWNGRADED)
- Blue River and tributary rivers (DOWNGRADED)
- Headwaters of the Clearwater River (DOWNGRADED)
- North Thompson region including tributary rivers below Blue River
- Upper Columbia region including tributary rivers around Lake Revelstoke and surrounding areas
- Upper Fraser region including McGregor River, Robson Valley and surrounding areas

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

- South Thompson region including tributary rivers around Adams and Seymour Rivers and surrounding areas
- Cariboo region including headwaters of the Quesnel River and surrounding areas

Weather Synopsis:

Rainfall has eased through the region, with drier weather expected into the weekend.

River Conditions:

Most of the gauged rivers have now peaked and are decreasing. Flows are rapidly decreasing in the Canoe River after peaking near a 50-year return period level - possibly the highest flow on record for the gauging station - on Wednesday (September 25) afternoon, and are now below the 1-year return period level. However, flows may remain high in the headwaters of the North Thompson River, as weather stations in and near this area recorded some of the highest rainfall totals in the region.

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Fast-flowing rivers pose increased risk to life safety. The <u>River Forecast Centre</u> continues to monitor the conditions and will provide updates as conditions warrant.

For information on how to prepare for flood hazards, visit PreparedBC.

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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.