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High Streamflow Advisory - Lower Fraser

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

- Pemberton Valley

Weather Synopsis:

Following a series of atmospheric rivers last week, another round of storm systems is expected to impact the BC coast starting on Tuesday. The heaviest rain is forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday, with lingering rainfall continuing through the rest of the week. Current weather modelling is indicating moderate rainfall, with 50-80 mm of precipitation through the Pemberton Valley through Tuesday and Wednesday. Some weather models have higher scenarios with rainfall amounts reaching or exceeding 100 mm over this period. Temperatures are expected to be warm through Wednesday, with the potential for additional snowmelt from shallow snowpacks in higher terrain of the region.

River Conditions:
Higher flows are expected along tributaries along the southern side and mainstem of the Lillooet River, with flows in the 2-year to 5-year range being forecasted. Localized higher flows are possible. Peak flows are anticipated on Wednesday, with continued high flows through Thursday.

Actions:
Heavy rain and high streamflow bring increased risk for unstable banks, river erosion, submerged roads, swift water hazards, flooding and landslides. Stay clear of the banks of swift running rivers and never drive across flooded roads, bridges or river crossings. At this time of year leaves can clog storm drains and impact urban drainage. Keep storm drains clear.

The River Forecast Centre 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.

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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.