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UPDATE – High Streamflow Advisory – Vancouver Island (North, West, Central) (DOWNGRADED)
ENDED - Flood Watch – Vancouver Island - East
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The River Forecast Centre is downgrading to a High Streamflow Advisory for:

- Vancouver Island – North (DOWNGRADED)
- Vancouver Island – Central including the Sproat and Somass River (DOWNGRADED)
- Vancouver Island – West (DOWNGRADED)

The River Forecast Centre is ending Flood Watches for:

- Vancouver Island – East (ENDED)

Weather Synopsis:

Intense periods of heavy precipitation have eased. Continued light rainfall is forecasted into Saturday, with the potential for moderate rain later Saturday and into Sunday.

River Conditions:

Continued periods of higher flows are possible today and again over the weekend in response to rainfall. With precipitation rates forecasted to be lighter than during storms earlier in the week, river responses are generally forecasted to be lower than have been observed over the past week.

Cumulative rainfall and longer response times in the Sproat and Somass Rivers will keep those areas elevated through the weekend. High tides and storm surge may also add challenges at the mouth of the river near Port Alberni through the weekend.

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.

The River Forecast Centre continues to monitor the conditions and will provide updates as conditions warrant.

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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.