Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

High Streamflow Advisory – Eastern Vancouver Island

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

- Eastern Vancouver Island - Dove Creek and Tsolum River

Weather Synopsis:

Following a series of atmospheric rivers last week, another round of storm systems is impacting Vancouver Island. Rainfall totals of approx. 30-50+mm were recorded from November 14-15 at weather stations near Courtenay-Comox. Additional rainfall is possible in the area through the day on November 15, although totals are likely to be minor (10-20mm).

River Conditions:
Rivers are rising rapidly in response to continued precipitation. Flows in Dove Creek and the Tsolum River increased substantially overnight November 14-15. At present, flows in Dove Creek are at a 5-year to 10-year return period range, and flows in the Tsolum River are at a 2-year to 5-year range and continuing to rise. Additional increases are possible through the day on November 15.

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.
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.