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High Streamflow Advisory – South Coast, Lillooet River

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

- South Coast including Howe Sound, Sunshine Coast, Sea-to-Sky
- Lillooet River including tributaries and mainstem through the Pemberton Valley

Weather Synopsis:

A strong frontal system is impacting south-west British Columbia with strong winds and moderate to heavy rainfall through to later on Thursday. Weather modelling is indicating the potential for 120 to 200 mm of precipitation through Howe Sound, 75 to 150 mm through the Sea-to-Sky, and 40 to 80 mm around Pemberton today (Tuesday) through Thursday. Moderate freezing levels, around 1500 m, are expected early in the event, and are forecast to drop by Friday.

River Conditions:
Rivers are expected to rise rapidly in response to rainfall, with high flows possible today through early Friday. Peak levels are forecasted to potentially reach up to 2-year to 5-year return period flows, however some weather model scenarios indicate that higher flows could be possible. Seasonably warm temperatures accompanying the storm may generate rain-on-snow, amplifying runoff and flows. Significant storms earlier in the month have contributed to saturated soils and higher flows, increasing the potential for rapid runoff and flow response during this week's storms.

King tides and storm surge this week could exacerbate high water levels at the mouths of rivers.

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.