

Updated High Streamflow Advisory for Northwestern Alberta

Alberta Environment has issued a high streamflow advisory for the following river:

- **Peace River**

Alberta Environment's High Streamflow Advisory of 9:30 am July 18, 2001 remains in effect for these streams and their tributaries in the Grande Cache and Grande Prairie areas:

- **Smoky River** (near Watino)
- **Wapiti River** (near Grande Prairie)
- **Kakwa River** (near Grande Prairie)
- **Cutbank River** (near Grande Prairie)
- **Pinto Creek** (near Grande Prairie)

The Peace River is responding to rainfall the past few days in BC. At the border, the water level has risen 1.5m since yesterday afternoon, after a 3m rise on Thursday July 19, and is not expected to rise much further. At Dunvegan, water levels have risen 3.5m since Thursday, and are expected to rise another 1 to 1.7m before peaking. Water levels should remain elevated for a few more days.

Most Grande Prairie and Grande Cache area streams have peaked and are holding steady at reduced water levels. Some tributaries are still rising or just peaking, such as the Little Smoky, Redwillow, and Simonette Rivers. Water levels should hold steady for another day or two.

The Peace River at the Town of Peace River is holding steady after a 3.2m rise since Thursday. With sustained inflow from the Smoky River, plus flow coming from BC, it is expected the Peace River at the Town of Peace River may rise another 0.5 to 1.2m. Water levels should remain elevated for the next 3 to 4 days.

No flooding is forecast for any communities.

For more information, check the Forecaster's Comments on the department web site at:

<http://www.gov.ab.ca/env/water.html>

A High Streamflow Advisory means that stream levels are rising or expected to rise rapidly and no major flooding is expected. Minor flooding in low-lying areas is possible. Anyone situated close to the streams affected (campers, fishermen, boaters and the general public) is advised to be cautious of the rising levels.

Alberta Environment is monitoring river levels closely and is in close contact with Environment Canada Weather Services. This advisory will be updated if the situation changes.