

Flood Watch Update

Alberta Environment's **Flood Watch** remains in effect for the following streams and their tributaries in southeastern Alberta:

- **Ross Creek** (near Irvine and Medicine Hat)
- **Seven Persons Creek** (near Medicine Hat)

Streams in the Cypress Hills region are responding due to the heavy precipitation over the past few days.

Alberta Environment's **Flood Watch** remains in effect for the following streams in southwestern Alberta:

- **Waterton River**
- **Belly River**
- **Oldman River** (between Oldman Dam and Fort Macleod)
- **Milk River** (at Milk River)

Streamflows on the Belly and Oldman (between the dam and Fort Macleod) have dropped from their peak but remain very high. The Waterton River downstream of the Waterton Dam has stabilized as releases from the dam have been held constant. The peak passed through the town of Milk River yesterday and continues to move downstream.

High Streamflow Advisory Update for South Central and Southwestern Alberta

Alberta Environment has downgraded the **Flood Watch** to a **High Streamflow Advisory** for the following stream:

- **Willow Creek**

Willow Creek peaked late yesterday at Highway # 811 and is currently falling.

Alberta Environment's **High Streamflow Advisory** remains in effect for the following rivers and their tributaries:

- **South Saskatchewan River**
- **Oldman River**
- **Elbow River**
- **Highwood River**
- **Pincher Creek** (near the Town of Pincher Creek)
- **Lee Creek** (near the Town of Cardston)

The South Saskatchewan River at Medicine Hat continues to rise and is forecast to peak late tonight. The Oldman River at Lethbridge peaked late last evening and is currently falling. The other streams have peaked and are currently falling slowly.

Streams originating in the foothill areas, such as Lee, Willow and Pincher Creeks, have peaked but are expected to rise over the next few days in response to snowmelt from higher elevations. Peak streamflows on these rivers are expected to be less than those experienced earlier this week.

In the higher elevations, active snowmelt is expected over the next few days as temperatures begin to warm up. Current forecasts indicate that rivers and streams originating in the headwaters of the Oldman and Bow River basins, such as the Waterton, Belly, Castle, Crowsnest, St. Mary, Highwood, Elbow, Kananaskis and Sheep Rivers, are expected to approach or exceed peaks earlier this week. Alberta Environment is monitoring streamflow and snowpack conditions closely.

For more information, check the Forecaster's Comments on the department web site at:
<http://www3.gov.ab.ca/env/water/ws/ForecastersComments/>

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.

A Flood Watch means that stream levels are rising and will approach or may exceed bank full. Flooding of areas adjacent to these streams may occur. Anyone situated close to the streams is advised to take appropriate precautionary measures.

A Flood Warning means that rising river levels will result in flooding of areas adjacent to the streams affected. Anyone situated close to the river should take appropriate measures to avoid flood damage

Alberta Environment is monitoring river levels closely and is in close contact with Environment Canada Weather Services. This advisory will be updated as required.