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High Streamflow Advisory Update

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High Streamflow Advisory for North Central Alberta

A **High Streamflow Advisory** has been issued for the following river and its tributaries in the Athabasca Basin:

- **Berland River**

A **High Streamflow Advisory** has been issued for rivers and streams and their tributaries originating from the north slopes of the Swan Hills, including:

- **Sawridge Creek**
- **Driftpile River**
- **Swan River**
- **East Prairie River**
- **West Prairie River**

These streams are rising in response to as much as 60 mm of rain which has fallen since yesterday afternoon. Rain is continuing to fall in this region, with a further 20 to 40 millimetres of precipitation being forecast through tomorrow. Local accumulations in excess of 80 mm may result.

A **High Streamflow Advisory** remains in effect for rivers and streams and their tributaries originating from the south and southeast slopes of the Swan Hills, including:

- **Freeman River**

These streams are responding to the same event which is affecting the streams on the north slopes of the Swan Hills. Precipitation totals in excess of 80 mm have been measured in some locations.

Alberta Environment is monitoring river levels closely and is in close contact with Alberta Forestry's and Environment Canada's Weather Services. Additional information is available from the Forecasters Comments on our website at: http://www3.gov.ab.ca/env/water/ws/ForecastersComments/index.html.

This advisory will be updated if the situation changes.

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

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