

Ice Jam Advisory Update on the Little Red Deer River

Alberta Environment has issued an ice jam advisory update for the **Little Red Deer River**.

Three ice jams were reported on the Little Red Deer River last week. The ice jams are still in place at the following locations:

1. near the Cottonwood Bridge,
2. near Red Lodge Provincial Park, and
3. near Eagle Hill.

There may be other unreported ice jams along the Little Red Deer River. Some minor flooding has been reported in the vicinity of Red Lodge Provincial Park and Eagle Hill. Water levels have since dropped but may rise rapidly when the weather warms up and runoff from snowmelt resumes. There is also the potential for a sudden increase of water levels if an ice jam releases or if new jams form.

There are no communities at risk.

An Ice Jam Advisory means that an ice jam has been reported in a low risk area. The potential exists for sudden increases in river levels both upstream and downstream of the ice jam. Changes in water levels can occur upstream of the jam as water collects behind the jam. If the jam releases suddenly, a surge of water could be sent downstream. At this time, residents in the affected area should act with caution around the river body of concern.

An Ice Jam Warning means that an ice jam is reported in a location that may significantly impact one or more communities. The potential exists for sudden increases in river levels both upstream and downstream of the ice jam. Changes in water levels can occur upstream of the jam as water collects behind the jam. If the jam releases suddenly, a surge of water could be sent downstream. Residents in the affected area are advised to move valuable items, whether property, vehicles, furniture, or livestock to higher ground or upper levels of buildings, particularly in those areas that have experienced flooding in the past.

Alberta Environment is monitoring water levels and ice conditions along the Little Red Deer River. This advisory is in effect for the next 7 days and will be updated if there is any change in conditions.