

River Basins Currently with Advisories

Information in addition to this advisory may be found at:

<http://www.environment.alberta.ca/forecasting/forecasterscomments>

<http://www.environment.alberta.ca/apps/basins>

High Streamflow Advisory - 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 is advised to be cautious of the rising levels.

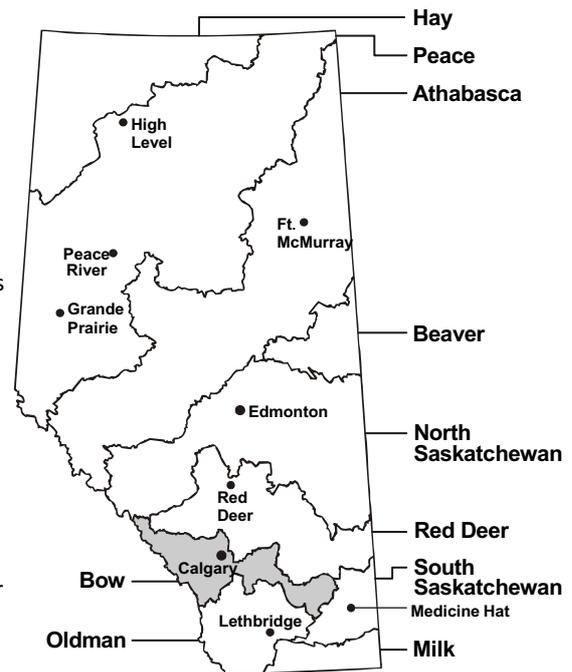
Flood Watch - Stream levels are rising and will approach or may exceed bank full. Flooding of areas adjacent to these streams may occur. Anyone situated close to the river is advised to take appropriate precautionary measures.

Flood Warning - Rising stream 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.

Ice Advisory - Stream levels are expected to change rapidly as the river ice cover is freezing up or breaking up. No major flooding is expected as river levels are expected to remain within bank full. This is a natural process, however ice movement and shoving may cause minor flooding in low-lying areas. Anyone situated close to the streams affected is advised to be cautious of rapidly changing water and ice levels.

Ice Jam Watch - Conditions are favourable for the formation of ice jams, or an ice jam has been reported causing stream levels to rise and approach or exceed bank full. Flooding of areas adjacent to the stream affected or groundwater seepage flooding may occur. Ice jams can obstruct the flow of a river channel. The location and occurrence of ice jams and possible associated flooding are very unpredictable. Anyone situated close to the streams affected is advised to be cautious of rapidly changing water and ice levels and to take appropriate precautionary measures.

Ice Jam Warning - A reported ice jam is causing flooding in areas adjacent to the stream affected and is impacting a community and/or infrastructure. Ice jams can obstruct the flow of a river channel. The location and occurrence of ice jams and possible associated flooding are very unpredictable. Anyone situated close to the streams affected is advised to be cautious of rapidly changing water and ice levels and to take appropriate measures to avoid flood damage.



River Advisory Overview for Alberta

Advisories apply to streams and their tributaries unless otherwise noted.

- Snowmelt has increased water levels in the Pipestone River near Lake Louise and Bow River upstream of Calgary, causing the flooding of low-lying areas.
- The Pipestone River has risen approximately 0.5 m since last week which has resulted in the closure of a trail and picnic area by Parks Canada.
- The Bow River at Banff has risen approximately 0.9 m since last week and as of this morning the Town of Banff reported it approaching the trails west of downtown.
- Cooler temperatures forecast for the next few days are expected to slow down the melt resulting in a gradual decrease in water levels.
- There is no significant precipitation in the forecast over the next 5 days.
- There are no flooding concerns for the City of Calgary - the City has issued a Safe Boating Advisory for the Bow, please see www.calgary.ca for more details.
- This advisory will remain in place until water levels drop below the Pipestone and Banff threshold levels.

Bow River Basin

Streamflow Advisories

Stream	High Streamflow Advisory	Flood Watch	Flood Warning	Water Level Status	Advisory Status
Bow River and its tributaries upstream of the Town of Cochrane	✓			steady	New

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