

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

BC River Forecast Centre

UPDATE – Flood Watch: Southeast Peace Region High Streamflow Advisory: Southwest Peace Region Issued: 11 July 2011 3:45 PM

The BC River Forecast Centre is **downgrading** the Flood Warning to a **Flood Watch** for:

- Southeast Peace Region

The BC River Forecast Centre is **downgrading** the Flood Warning to a **High Streamflow Advisory** for:

- Southwest Peace Region

Rainfall has eased in the Peace Region and river levels in most southwest areas (Chetwynd) have started to decline. The Pine River at East Pine (WSC 08FB001) has fallen from its peak of 6.25 m early Sunday morning down to 5.2 m at mid-day today, which is just above a 2-year return period water level. The Moberly River near Fort St. John (WSC 08FB008) has plateaued at a water level of 3.3 m since yesterday due to the storage of water in Moberly Lake, and will start to recede over the next few days. Due to the higher amounts of rainfall received in the eastern Peace Region (Dawson Creek) and the flatter topography of the area, river levels may remain elevated and will take longer to recede over the next few days.

The Environment Canada forecast is for unsettled conditions with 5-10 mm of light precipitation today, and there is the potential for additional precipitation in the southeast by late Wednesday. The River Forecast Centre will continue to monitor conditions and will provide an update as conditions warrant. Current streamflow information is available from the River Forecast Centre website:

<http://bcrfc.env.gov.bc.ca/>.

A **High Streamflow Advisory** means that river levels are rising or expected to rise rapidly, but that no major flooding is expected. Minor flooding in low-lying areas is possible.

A **Flood Watch** means that river levels are rising and will approach or may exceed bankfull. Flooding of areas adjacent to affected rivers may occur.

A **Flood Warning** means that river levels have exceeded bankfull or will exceed bankfull imminently, and that flooding of areas adjacent to the rivers affected will result.