

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

BC River Forecast Centre (<http://bcrfc.env.gov.bc.ca/>)

UPDATE: Flood Warning: Liard River

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The BC River Forecast Centre is **upgrading** the advisory to a **Flood Warning** for:

- **Liard River at Upper Crossing (near Lower Post)**
- **Liard River at Lower Crossing**

Heavy rain has impacted the area over the past several days. The Liard River has been rising sharply in response to this rainfall, and on-going snowmelt. As of 6AM on Friday, the Liard River at Upper Crossing (10AA001) was at 2500 m³/s, and gauge height of 6.387m, and rising 3 cm/hour (5 year flow). The river is expected to peak at up to 3000 m³/s, or gauge height of 6.8-7.0 m, on Saturday, June 9th. This would approach a flood of record for this station (51 year record).

The Liard River at Lower Crossing is currently at 6075 m³/s and rising at 70 m³/s. The river is expected to peak tomorrow at approximately 7000-7500 m³/s, or a 10-20 year flow level.

The River Forecast Centre will continue to monitor conditions and will provide updates as conditions warrant.

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.