

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 **maintaining** 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 12PM on Saturday, the Liard River at Upper Crossing (10AA001) was at approximately 3500 m³/s, and gauge height of 7.63m (>50 year flow). This is the flood of record for this station. The current rate of rise is 4cm/hour, and it appears as if the rate of rise in the river is now declining. Significant additional rises are expected today. There is still some uncertainty over when the river will peak, but given the current rates of rise on the river is expected to peak on Sunday or Monday. There is still the possibility of an additional 0.5-1.0m of rise before the river level crests.

The Liard River at Lower Crossing (10BE001) is holding steady at 7100 m³/s, and is expected to remain elevated.

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.