

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

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

ENDED: Flood Watch: Kootenay and Upper Columbia

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The BC River Forecast Centre is **ending** the **Flood Watch** for rivers in the **Kootenay and Columbia Regions** including:

- **West Kootenay**
- **East Kootenay**
- **Columbia - including Illecillewaet, Kicking Horse and surrounding rivers**

Rivers through the region have reached their peak levels from heavy rainfall earlier in the week. Other than the largest rivers in the region (Columbia River, Kootenay River) rivers are receding, and are below levels of concern for flooding.

Additional rainfall is possible for the region into the weekend, however there is some uncertainty at this time as to the location and amount of rain that is expected locally. If additional heavy rain is forecast to fall in the region, advisories may be re-issued.

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.