

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

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

UPDATE- Provincial Flood Forecast – Update on Warnings, Watches, Advisories Issued: 23July2012 1:30PM

The following are the current provincial flood watches, warnings and advisories:

- **Stuart River and Stuart Lake – High Streamflow Advisory (ENDED)**
- **Chilcotin River – High Streamflow Advisory**
- **Central Interior (including small creeks and rivers in the Chilcotin, Fraser Canyon, Cariboo, and Thompson Region, including Baker Creek) – High Streamflow Advisory (ADDED)**

A low pressure weather system is working its way across the province, with the potential for moderate to heavier rain, particularly in the Central Interior. Smaller rivers through the Central Interior may see rises through today in response to this rainfall.

A summary of current conditions:

- The Stuart River near Fort St. James (08JE001) is currently flowing at 436 m³/s (5-year flow). Flows have dropped below levels of concern, and are expected to continue to recede.
- The Chilcotin River below Big Creek (08MB005) is currently flowing at 368 m³/s (between a 2-year and 5-year flow). Additional rises are expected today and into tomorrow due to heavier rain forecast through the region.

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.