

BC Environment

River Forecast Centre

Flood Watch Downgraded

High Streamflow Advisory: Liard River (Lower Post)

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The BC River Forecast Centre issued a **Flood Watch** on May 30th for the Liard River in North-East British Columbia, including the community of Lower Post. This was in response to rapidly rising river levels from snowmelt, and a forecast of heavy rain in the basin. The heavy rainfall did not occur, and river levels have moderated. It is being downgraded to a **High Streamflow Advisory**.

The water level on the Liard River at Upper Crossing (in the Yukon, upstream of the community of Lower Post) peaked on Saturday May 30, and then receded about 10 cm to yesterday as temperatures in the basin cooled. The water level has begun to rise again slowly today, in response to warmer weather (25 degrees today). The current forecast is for warm weather (25 degrees) in the basin tomorrow, with cooling to seasonal temperatures (20 degrees) for Thursday-Sunday. The water level will rise slowly over the next few days and remain high, but is not anticipated to reach flood levels.

The River Forecast Centre will monitor and will provide an update should conditions change.

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.