

# BC Environment

## River Forecast Centre

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### High Streamflow Advisory: Bulkley River, Telkwa River, Kispiox River

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The BC River Forecast Centre issued Flood Watch advisories this morning for the Skeena, Nass and Kitsumkalum rivers in the BC North-West. We are adding **High Streamflow Advisories** for the Bulkley River, Telkwa River and Kispiox River. It is likely that other rivers in the Skeena valley are experiencing similar conditions.

Water levels on these rivers have been rising over the past three days as a result of accelerated snowmelt, and will continue to rise today and Saturday.

**Bulkley River** (at Quick): Currently at a discharge of 520 cubic metres per second (m<sup>3</sup>/s), below a 2-year return period level. The water level is increasing at about 15 cm/day, and is expected to continue at this rate of rise today and tomorrow. Localized flooding at locations in the Bulkley valley is possible.

**Kispiox River** (Hazelton). Currently at a discharge of 250 m<sup>3</sup>/s, below a 2-year return period level. The water level is increasing at about 25 cm/day, and is expected to continue at this rate of rise today and tomorrow. Localized flooding is possible.

**Telkwa River** (above Tsai Creek): Currently at a discharge of 70 m<sup>3</sup>/s, below a 2-year return period level. The water level is increasing at about 25 cm/day, and is expected to continue at this rate of rise today and tomorrow. Localized flooding is possible.

The River Forecast Centre will provide an update as conditions warrant.

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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.