

# BC Environment

## River Forecast Centre

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### Flood Watch Update: Liard River (Lower Post)

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The BC River Forecast Centre issued a **Flood Watch** 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.

Over the past 24 hours (to 9AM this morning) rainfall in the Liard has been light, ranging between 2 mm and 7 mm at MoFR fore weather sites. Temperatures have cooled, slowing the rate of snowmelt. The water level on the Liard River has continued to rise overnight, but the rate of rise has slowed.

The water level may stay near its current level over the next two days, depending on the specifics of the rainfall today and Sunday. However, notable warming is expected next week, which will accelerate snowmelt will accelerate again, causing the Liard River to rise significantly.

The River Forecast Centre will provide an update Sunday AM.

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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.