

High streamflow advisory

Liard River and tributaries – Upper Liard

June 20, 2022 12 pm

Current conditions

The Liard River at Upper Crossing has declined close to 90 centimetres since peaking June 13. The rate has slowed in response to recent increases in snowmelt runoff. The Hyland River is increasing in response to snowmelt but joins the Liard River below Upper Crossing.

Weather forecast

Daytime highs in the Liard Basin area are forecast to be in the high teens to low twenties until Friday. Over the next 7 days a mix of sun and cloud is forecast with a chance of showers Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. A ridge of high pressure is forecast to bring clear skies Friday and warmer temperatures next weekend.

Water level forecast

Water levels on the Upper Liard and its tributaries are expected to continue to decline. Small increases are possible on some tributaries from precipitation input but not expected to generate rises on the Liard at Upper Crossing. The Hyland River is expected to continue responding to snowmelt over the coming days with daily variations.

Flood and travel advice

The public is advised to stay clear of the fast-flowing rivers and potentially unstable riverbanks during the high-streamflow period. Flood prone property owners are advised to have a plan in place in the event of a flood. See [Yukon.ca/floods](https://www.yukon.ca/floods) for more information.

We will continue to monitor conditions and will provide updates as conditions change.

Advisory and warning levels

-  **High streamflow or water advisory:** Lake levels or river flows or levels are rising or expected to rise rapidly, but no major flooding is expected. Minor flooding in low-lying areas is possible.
-  **Flood watch:** River or lake levels are rising and will approach or may exceed banks. Areas beside affected rivers and lakes may flood.
-  **Flood warning:** River or lake levels have exceeded or will exceed banks or flood stage very soon. Areas beside affected rivers and lakes will flood.

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