



Update: Flood Watch – Kusawa Lake and Takhini River

July 15, 2021 at 10 a.m.

The flood watch has ended for:

- Kusawa Lake and Takhini River

Flows in the Takhini River peaked July 1 and have been decreasing steadily since July 5. Water levels have dropped approximately 75 centimetres in the Takhini River, with decreases also reported at Kusawa Lake. Water levels are expected to continue decreasing, but currently remain historically high for this time of year.

Above-normal temperatures in late June and early July accelerated melting of the high-elevation snowpack, and streamflow response indicates that the snowpack has become depleted. However, water levels in Kusawa Lake and the Takhini River remain sensitive to rainfall events. Current forecasts indicate close to seasonal temperatures into the weekend, with light precipitation for the area prior to the weekend. While it is possible for water levels to rise they are not expected to reach previous peak levels.

Following high water events riverbanks may have become destabilized and fast moving water is always a hazard. The public is advised to exercise caution in and around streams and rivers this time of year. Yukoners can find information on recovering from a flood on Yukon.ca.

We will continue to monitor conditions and will release advisories as necessary.

Advisory and warning levels

High streamflow or water advisory means that river or lake levels are rising or expected to rise rapidly, but that no major flooding is expected. Minor flooding in low-lying areas is possible.

Flood watch means that river or lake levels are rising and will approach or may exceed bankfull or flood stage. Flooding of areas adjacent to affected rivers and lakes may occur.

Flood warning means that river or lake levels have exceeded or will exceed bankfull or flood stage imminently, and that flooding of areas adjacent to the rivers and lakes affected will result.

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