

Update: High streamflow advisory – Liard River

June 18, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

The high streamflow advisory is being maintained for:

- Liard River and tributaries

The Liard River at Upper Crossing has continued rising over the past week following increased temperatures and continued precipitation inputs - over 30 mm of rain has been recorded in Watson Lake since June 12. Flows on the Liard River at Upper Crossing are currently stabilizing but are expected to continue increasing into next week, with peak flows potentially above the 5-year return period¹.

Rain showers are forecast for today in southeast Yukon including the Liard region, with drier and warmer conditions over the weekend followed by more unsettled weather next week. Warmer temperatures will promote continued snowmelt, keeping the Liard River and tributaries high and sensitive to precipitation inputs.

The public are 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 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 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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¹ Return period refers to the expected frequency at which a specific level or flow will be exceeded based on statistical analysis of historic records. For example, the 5-year return period is expected to be exceeded once every 5 years on average, but has a 20% chance of being equalled or exceeded in any year.