

## **SITUATION OVERVIEW**

Two consecutive days of record warm temperatures have the mountain snowpacks in full freshet melt. Smaller streams and rivers are rising quickly and some are now overflowing their banks. The province's larger rivers are on the rise as well as the freshet period is now well underway.

Today is expected to be another extremely hot day in the interior of the province. Small streams and rivers in the central interior are at or near bank full conditions. The larger rivers in the province are rising but have plenty of channel capacity to handle higher flows. River Forecast Centre (RFC) removed the High Streamflow Advisory for the Northwest of the province but added the Pine River in the South Peace to area under High Streamflow Advisory. Across the province today we are expecting to see water levels rising to higher levels. Minor flooding problems will likely become fairly widespread as a number of streams and rivers have reached their maximum channel capacity in the traditional problem areas. No significant flooding issues are anticipated over the next 24 hours.

## **SUMMARY OF NEW INCIDENTS**

- Silver Skagit Rd south of Hope, access to Ross Lake Provincial campgrounds. Road flooded but passable. Road maintenance and Ministry of Transportation handling.
- Kalum River north of Terrace in overflow situation. Farm lands and one outbuilding flooded. Long standing problem area. Local Government has sandbags on hand if needed.
- Nicola River southwest of Kamloops in overflow condition. Farmland flooded.
- Salmon River south of Salmon Arm is bankfull and will be monitored today.

## **OUTLOOK**

With another hot day, snowmelt is going to continue at an accelerated rate. Streams and rivers will reach higher peaks today and a number will go overbank as they reach their diurnal peaks this afternoon. The problem areas will continue to be the traditional flood prone areas that are familiar to the local governments. Areas of particular interest today from a public safety perspective will be the Salmon River south of Salmon Arm and the Coldwater and Nicola Rivers near Merritt. There are clusters of homes along these rivers that may be impacted if significant overbank flows occur.

The current weather forecast now shows that Sunday will be hot in the southern interior while cooler weather is expected for the Cariboo and upper Fraser. The warm weather is expected to end on Monday with showers now forecast over a wide area. This could add a measure of complexity to the 3 to 5 day outlook.