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Weather Conditions

The current above-seasonal temperatures are forecast to continue through the week for most regions. Daytime highs are forecast to be well above zero on Thursday and Friday in most locations. More seasonal temperatures are forecast to return on Sunday.

Alberta Environment is in close contact with weather forecasting agencies, including Alberta Forestry and Environment Canada. Weather forecasts and current weather information are available from Environment Canada's website at:

http://www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca/canada_e.html.

River Conditions

The milder temperatures currently being experienced will decrease the rate of formation of ice covers on Alberta's rivers and streams. During freeze-up water levels can change suddenly and the newly formed ice covers are not very strong or stable, therefore it is recommended that people do not travel on them.

The most recent observation for the Peace River, on December 6, located the ice front approximately 24 km downstream of the Hwy. 2 Bridge at the town of Peace River. The advance rate of the ice cover has decreased and will continue to decrease due to the forecast warmer weather. A River Freeze-up Advisory remains in effect for the Peace River at the Town of Peace River. An observation flight is planned for Thursday, Dec. 7 and Friday, Dec. 8, weather conditions permitting. For more information regarding Peace River freeze-up and an interactive observation map please go to <http://www3.gov.ab.ca/env/water/ws/RiverIce>.

Real-time precipitation and river data are available at:

<http://www3.gov.ab.ca/env/water/basins/basinform.cfm>

Water Supply Report

The November 2006 Water Supply Outlook is available at:

<http://www3.gov.ab.ca/env/water/ws/WaterSupply/Index.html>