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WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT WATER SAFETY

Date: Friday November 1, 2013
To: Minden Hills, City of Kawartha Lakes, Algonquin Highlands, Dysart, SWMC
From: Ministry of Natural Resources Bancroft District, Minden Area

The **MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES** Bancroft District is advising area residents of above average water levels in local rivers and lakes within the Gull and Burnt River Watersheds.

A strong storm system that passed through our region brought a significant amount of precipitation to the Gull River and Burnt River Watersheds. Approximately 50 millimetres of rain was received. Waterbodies throughout these watersheds remain above average for this time of year and are expected to rise over the next several days as a result of the rain. There is the potential for nuisance flooding in areas with poor drainage, including low lying areas, roads and ditches.

The current forecast calls for significantly cooler temperatures and 10 – 15 millimetres of precipitation over the weekend and in to Monday.

MNR advises area residents to exercise caution around lakes and fast-flowing rivers and consider taking precautionary action to protect property in low-lying or flood prone areas.

The MNR will closely monitor weather and watershed conditions. This will be the final statement unless conditions warrant an update.

For more information about weather and flooding risks, and advice on what to do in the event of a flood, go to: <http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/Water/index.html>

Terminology: Notification Levels

WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT - FLOOD OUTLOOK: gives early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high winds or other conditions

WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY: indicates that high flows, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for such users as boaters, anglers and swimmers but flooding is not expected.

FLOOD WATCH: potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities

FLOOD WARNING: flooding is imminent or occurring within specific watercourses and municipalities.

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