

## WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT WATER SAFETY

**Date:** Thursday October 31, 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 continues to work its way up from the US and is bringing a significant amount of precipitation to the Gull River and Burnt River Watersheds. Approximately 20 millimetres has been received and an additional 30 millimetres is expected by late tomorrow. Waterbodies throughout these watersheds are above average for this time of year and are expected to rise over the next several days as a result of the forecast rain. There is the potential for nuisance flooding in areas with poor drainage, including low lying areas, roads and ditches.

The current forecast suggests the five day precipitation total will be approximately 60 – 70 millimetres.

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 and update this Statement as conditions warrant.

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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