



MOOSE FACTORY ISLAND FIRE & RESCUE

RIVER SURVEILLANCE REPORT #8

DATE: April 27, 2015 **TIME:** 4:00 p.m.

A river surveillance flight was taken this afternoon and the following was noticed at the locations listed below:

South Bluff Creek – Broken up to mouth with moderate to high water

Bushy Island South End – Still intact with moderate to high water along shore

French River – Broken up to about 1.5 miles from mouth with moderate – high water

Kwatabohegan River – Broken up to mouth with moderate to high water behind it

Abitibi River – Still intact with moderate to high water

Cheepash River – Broken up to mouth with moderate to high water behind it

Moose River (main river) – Break up has reached Hancock Creek (8 miles from community), it has moved slightly causing major factures in the ice in front of the old reserve down river from French River with moderate to high water behind which is normal for this time of year, ice pack continues to grow due to ice floating down river from shore line, fingers of broken ice are trying to break through the solid ice – no change has over the past few days

Missinaibe – Broken up with ice chunks floating down river, water levels decreasing but still at a moderate to high level

Ice is continuing to rot and melt creating holes and water along both sides of the river and around islands in the Moose River

We are currently at Alert Level 3-Warning Alert due to break up being within 20 miles from the community

The flow rates and water levels that are monitored at Moose River is not rising but is still at a high level and that is expected this time of year. All other rivers/creeks have high water which is normal for this time of year.

Another Flight will take place to monitor the water levels and progress of break-up.

THE MOOSE FACTORY ISLAND COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT URGES ALL RESIDENTS TO REMAIN OFF THE RIVER. PLEASE KEEP CHILDREN AWAY FROM THE RIVER BANKS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

THERE WILL BE NO SURVEILLANCE FLIGHTS TAKEN UNTIL REPORTS THAT BREAK UP HAS MOVED CLOSER TO THE COMMUNITY

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