

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

Watershed Conditions Message:

Ottawa River Headed Toward Spring High Flow

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April 29, 2011 – This message is specific to the flood susceptible areas of the Ottawa River within the jurisdiction of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. These are the areas around Lac Deschenes and Britannia Bay and the community of Boise Woods east of Cumberland Village.

Ottawa River levels have been increasing over the last week due to elevated flows in the local tributary rivers in Quebec and Ontario. The Boise Woods community can expect to experience access difficulties for the next several days. Flood levels have not been reached in Lac Deschenes but, if the winds that have been blowing recently persist, there is the possibility of wind driven waves overtopping the banks, particularly when the winds are from the northwest.

With the increased flow and cold temperatures, rivers and streams are dangerous to be near. Everybody needs to be cautious and parents need to warn their children of the risks.

The RVCA will continue to monitor weather forecasts and river conditions in the daily planning cycle of its flood forecasting and warning program. Based on those observations, either Watershed Conditions, Flood Advisory or Flood Warning messages will be issued as warranted.

If watershed residents would like to receive RVCA flood messages directly through e-mail, contact Andrea Larsen at andrea.larsen@rvca.ca or check our messages on Twitter or our webpage at www.rvca.ca <<http://www.rvca.ca>> .

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