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Yakima River levels predicted to rise

Richland, Wash: The increase in temperatures over the next several days will cause water levels on the Yakima River to rise due to melting snowpacks in the mountains. Although the National Weather Service currently forecasts water levels to remain several feet below flood stage, area residents should be aware of the increased river levels and flow rates.

Boaters on both the Yakima and Columbia rivers should watch for debris which might be carried downstream by the increased flows.

County officials will continue to monitor river levels and will advise area residents if conditions change. Up-to-date information is also available on the Benton County Emergency Services website – www.bces.wa.gov.

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