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## WATERSHED CONDITIONS BULLETIN

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For Immediate Release

Sudbury... The Nickel District Conservation Authority (NDCA) is today issuing an update on the runoff conditions on the various rivers, creeks and lakes in the watershed area. As a result of the warm temperatures and virtually no precipitation over the past two weeks, a significant amount of the snowpack has melted and has entered the watercourses. As well ice cover on many rivers and creeks has broken up. Ice cover is however, still a definite concern in some locations especially on lakes and some watercourses. Extreme caution must be used around any remaining ice as it is quickly deteriorating.

Residents living near creeks and rivers will notice water levels rising especially areas near Junction Creek, Whitson Creek, etc. At this time no major problems are expected, however, water level conditions in all areas should be closely monitored. Environment Canada is forecasting two more days of unseasonably warm temperatures for our watersheds. More seasonal temperatures are forecast towards the end of this week with unsettled conditions. Information on conditions in the northern parts of the watersheds is being accumulated especially as it relates to the Wanapitei, Vermilion and Onaping Rivers.

Public safety is of paramount importance at this time. All citizens are strongly advised to stay away from the cold, fast-flowing water. Residents in the City of Greater Sudbury would call 311 if any assistance is required due to high water issues. The rapid deterioration of the snowpack, very unsafe ice conditions and increased water levels is very unusual for this time of year. The NDCA will continue to monitor conditions and provide further updates as required.

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