

# Safety Advisory Recreating Downstream of a Dam

### The Action You Take Could Save Your Life

Recreating downstream of a dam presents certain hazards. Although the dams are performing well, this year's snow pack is expected to bring increased high flows of cold water. Water levels can change without notice and create treacherous currents.

#### **BE PREPARED**

#### Be aware of rising, swift and cold water. Listen and watch for these signs:

- Intensified sound of rushing water
- Faster moving water
- Previously exposed rocks, sticks and brush that are suddenly covered with water
- More difficulty wading in the water
- Colder than expected water temperature, even on the warmest days



## **Share These Tips With Everyone in Your Party** IF FLOWS IN THE CREEK/RIVER ARE RAPIDLY RISING - THINGS YOU SHOULD DO:

- Obey all signage and siren warnings.
- Move quickly and safely to high ground and away from the water. Stay on high ground until flows have receded.
- **Do not walk through moving water**. Six inches of moving water can make you fall. If you have to walk in water, walk where the water is not moving.
- Do not attempt to drive through moving or rushing water.
- If cell phone service is available call 911 for help.