



State Emergency Operations Center  
2012 Riverwatch, AK DHSEM 13-2-003  
Date: May 14, 2013 Time: 1500 hrs  
SEOC Preparedness Level 2



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## Incident Overview

### State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Activated to Level 2

The SEOC is activated to level 2, heightened awareness, for 2013 Riverwatch operations.

The River Watch program is a joint, inter-agency effort, combining personnel from DHS&EM and the National Weather Service (NWS) Alaska Pacific River Forecast Center (APRFC) to monitor river conditions during Alaska's spring break up season through over flight river surveillance. The program includes local community visits to provide current conditions and emergency preparedness information.

Currently there is one team conducting river observations in the Upper Yukon River based out of Eagle, Alaska.

#### Yukon River

The Klondike River and the Fortymile River have started to break up both of which are tributaries to the Yukon. The ice is still solid from Eagle, AK to Circle AK.

#### Kuskokwim River:

The Kuskokwim River is reported to be solid with some water reported on the banks. Currently the Upper Kuskokwim interagency team is scheduled to deploy on Thursday (16 May, 2013).

#### Statewide:

The SEOC continues to monitor other flood prone river systems and potential at-risk communities as well as the State's elevated volcano status as well as wildland fire hazard.

#### Event Needs and Status:

\*\*This is a disaster total, not broken down.

		Confirmed	Estimated			Confirmed	Estimated
<b>Mass Casualty</b>					<b>Evacuation</b>		
Dead		0	0		Communities	0	0
Injured		0	0		# Evacuated	0	0
Missing		0	0		Still Required	0	0
<b>Mass Care</b>					<b>Search &amp; Rescue</b>		
Shelters Open		0	0		Areas	0	0
Pop. Capacity		0	0		Assets	0	0
Pop. Remaining		0	0		Results	0	0
Sheltered		0	0		Quantity	0	0
<b>Transportation</b>					<b>Wildland Activity</b>		
Bridge Closures		0	0		Active Fires	3	0
Airport Closures		0	0		Staffed Fires	2 (contained)	0
Port Closures		0	0		Total Acres Burned	31	
<b>Medical</b>							
Facility-Status		0	0				
Capacity		0	0				



**Public Information Talking Points:**

- The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) has been activated to monitor potential flooding during this spring river break-up season. The SEOC preparedness level is currently at level 2, this indicates a heightened sense of awareness.
- Each spring the River Watch program, a partnership between Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) and the National Weather Service Alaska-Pacific River Forecast Center (APRFC), conducts aerial observations of ice jam prone rivers, provides flood warnings and alerts, and assists communities with emergency management and/or evacuations. River Watch Teams employ one APRFC Hydrologist, one DHS&EM Emergency Manager, and one local pilot.
- A River Watch team is in Eagle to monitoring ice conditions on the Upper Yukon.
- The National Weather Service forecast cold temperatures which will continue to slow the break-up process.
- There are no flood warnings or watches in effect for any Alaskan communities as of 12:01pm.

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**The next SITREP for this incident will be Wednesday May 14, 2012**