



State Emergency Operations Center
2013 River Watch, AK DHSEM 13-Z-003
Date: June 1, 2013 Time: 1600 hrs
SEOC Preparedness Level 3



Galena

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Incident Overview

State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Activated to Level 3

The SEOC is activated to level 3, actual event, for 2013 River Watch operations. Currently there are no River Watch teams in the field. A River Watch Team will deploy on Sunday, June 2 to conduct observations of the Lower Yukon River.

On May 31st the Governor declared a disaster for the following Regional Education Attendance Areas (REAA): Alaska Gateway, Yukon Flats, Yukon-Koyukuk and Copper River.

Note: The SEOC is fully staffed through the weekend. A duty officer will also be available at 1-800-478-2337.

Yukon River

Flood Products

- Flood Warning: None
- Flood Watch: Tanana - Flood watch continues for the Upper Tanana Valley due to rapidly melting snow.

Eagle / Circle / Fort Yukon / Hughes:

- The SEOC Flood Recovery Branch is currently conducting recovery operations for these communities. Damage assessments will begin later next week.

Galena: A State Incident Management Team is in Galena coordinating with numerous other agencies to assist Galena with the recovery process. The priority is to restore essential services, supply basic essentials and repatriate residents to Galena as soon as possible. Power, water, and sewage have been restored to the old Air Force Station (housing shelter) and airport. The Galena airport is receiving logistical flights bringing in additional supplies such as food, water, hygiene items, and other needs. The City expects the Campion Road to remain out of service for the entire year. As a result, they are planning an alternate landfill site.

Koyukuk

- The nine evacuated residents will be flown back to Koyukuk today, June 1.

Hughes:

- Minor flood damage to the airfield. The runway is open to traffic and lighting is limited. Pilots are encouraged to check TFR's before flying to Hughes.

Stevens Village:

- High water on the Yukon River in the area of Stevens Village will continue throughout the weekend.

Kuskokwim River

Riverwatch Operations for the Kuskokwim River are complete. No further activity is scheduled.

Statewide

Northwest Arctic Borough

- Flood damage in the communities of Kobuk and Buckland will be addressed by the Borough.

Wildland Fires

- Red Flag conditions throughout the interior of Alaska and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.
- Bitter Creek Fire is burning uncontrolled 60 miles east of Tok. Multiple crews have responded.

The SEOC continues to monitor flood warnings, watches, and advisories, with due regard for at-risk communities; as well as the State's elevated volcano status and wildland fire hazard. A Red Flag warning has been issued for the entire interior including Yukon Flats. A Red Flag warning was also issued for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

Event Needs and Status:

	Confirmed	Estimated		Confirmed	Estimated
Mass Casualty			Evacuation		
Dead	0	0	Communities	3 partial	0
Injured	0	0	# Evacuated	294 +	
Missing	0	0	Still Required	0	0
Mass Care			Search & Rescue		
Shelters Open	3	0	Areas	1	0
Pop. Capacity	0	0	Assets	4 AKANG	0
Pop. Remaining	80	0	Results	38 saves	0
Sheltered	100	0	Extras	0	26 + pets
Transportation			Wildland Activity		
Bridge Closures	0	0	Active Fires	37	0
Airport Closures	0	0	Staffed Fires	8	0
Port Closures	0	0	Total Acres Burned	2,342.8 YTD	0
Medical					
Facility-Status	0	0			
Capacity	0	0			
Blood	0	0			

Infrastructure Status:

Community Name	EOC / IMT Activated	Local Declaration	Shelter Open	Structures Damaged	CIKR Status	Relocated Residents	Notes	Resource Requested
Eagle, AK	No	No	No	Yes 8		No		None
	<i>The structures were reported to be homes with variable damage</i>							
Circle, AK	No	Yes	No	Yes 17		YES 8		Filled
	<i>Preliminary reports: 8 homes destroyed, 9 with major damage, some infrastructure</i>							
Fort Yukon	No	Yes	No	Yes 6		Yes 7		Cancelled
	<i>The 6 structures are unknown level of damage or type</i>							
Hughes	No	Yes	No	UNK		No		None
Galena	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes UNK		Yes 247		Air Rescue
						38	saves	
						26	pets	
Totals	0	0		29		0	294	
	No Info	Good		Minor Damage		Moderate Damage		Major Damage

Weather Forecast

Lower Yukon Valley

Today: Partly sunny in the morning...then mostly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms and showers in the afternoon. Highs in the 70s. Light winds.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms and showers in the evening...isolated showers overnight. Lows in the 40s to lower 50s. Light winds.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers in the morning...then scattered showers in the afternoon. Highs in the 60s

to lower 70s. Light winds.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy. Scattered rain showers. Lows in the 40s. Light winds.

Monday: Mostly cloudy. Scattered rain showers. Highs in the 60s. Light winds.

Central Interior

Today: Sunny. Highs in the 70s. Light winds.

Tonight: Clear. Lows in the 40s. Light winds.

Sunday: Sunny. Highs in the 70s to lower 80s. Light winds.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy. Isolated rain showers ending overnight. Lows in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Light winds.

Monday: Mostly cloudy. Scattered rain showers. Highs in the mid 60s to mid 70s. Light winds.

Long Term Weather Trend

The extremely warm temperatures across the central interior of Alaska will continue through Sunday. Average daytime temperatures are running 10 to 18 degrees above normal. This is causing rapid snow melt in the higher elevations, leading to flooding in various rivers and streams in the central interior.

The freezing level in the central interior is near 10000 ft lowering to about 7000 ft in the Brooks Range. This is extreme for this time of year.

It does appear that cooler temperatures may be on the way beginning Monday. The cooler temperatures may bring the potential for moderate rainfall as well.

Flood Products

Flood Warning	None
Flood Watch	Tanana River and its tributaries including the Chena, Salcha, and Chatanika through June 2. Goodpaster, Gerstle, and Delta Rivers, and Shaw Creek through Sunday, June 2. Susitna River From Talkeetna To Canyon through Sunday, June 2.
Flood Advisory	Gulkana River from Paxon Lake to the Richardson Highway Bridge through the weekend. Porcupine river and its tributaries through 3:30 pm . Yukon River At Stevens Village through Tuesday, June 4.

Other Significant Status

Weather Public Statement	<u>Red Flag Warnings</u> Upper Kobuk and Noatak Valleys , Middle Yukon Valleys , Upper & Lower Koyukuk Valley , Central Interior , Yukon Flats and Surrounding Uplands, Upper Tanana Valley and the Fortymile Country , Deltana and Tanana Flats , Eastern Alaska Range , Denali, Upper Kuskokwim Valley , Matanuska - Susitna Valley Including, Talkeetna, Willow, and Cantwell.
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Public Information Talking Points:

The Governor has declared a state disaster for affected areas of the spring 2013 floods. This will make state funds for public and individual assistance.

River Watch continues to monitor river conditions.

The state has responded to all requests for assistance made by communities impacted by flooding. Overall, no fatalities or significant injuries have been reported.

The Tanana Chiefs Conference, American Red Cross of Alaska and other agencies have been supporting the needs of flood impacted Alaskans. The state greatly appreciates the efforts of these organizations.

Galena

Emergency response priorities in Galena are restoring essential services and access. Reestablishing regular freight service and establishing transitional shelter services.

- Essential services, access, freight services and transitional shelter conditions continue to improve.
- A five person Incident Management Team and three DHS&EM emergency Management Specialist is in Galena to support disaster response.

- A DOL Safety Officer and a DEC Spill Technician has been ordered for Galena.
- Approx. 294 people have been evacuated. Approx. 80 people remained in Galena.

Tanana Chiefs Conference

- The Tanana Chiefs Conference has coordinated a number of local resources for residences; more information available at: www.tananachiefs.org.
- TCC has established 2013 Spring Flooding Donation Account Wells Fargo account #3881160125
- TCC Evacuee support information is available at www.tananachiefs.org/information-for-displaced-community-members

Kobuk

- Flooding has been reported in Kobuk. The airport is operational. Some elders were moved from low lying areas. The community has not made any emergency request to the state today.

Eagle/Circle/Fort Yukon

- Damage assessments are planned to begin late next week.

Donations can be made to American Red Cross Disaster Relief at redcross.org/Alaska or by calling 907-646-5401. Current information and photos can be found at www.ready.alaska.gov/updates

The next SITREP for this incident will be Sunday, June 2, 2013