



State Emergency Operations Center
2013 River Watch, AK DHSEM 13-Z-003
Date: June 2, 2013 Time: 1600 hrs
SEOC Preparedness Level 3



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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. A River Watch Team has deployed to St. Mary's 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: Upper Tanana, and Forty-mile country
- Flood Advisory: Yukon Flats, and Copper River Basin.

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.

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 has been reported, and is continuing to rise.

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 has burned uncontrolled approximately 1200 acres 60 miles east of Tok. Multiple crews have responded. Department of Forestry reports no communities have been affected.

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.

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	3,542.8 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
Tok	No	No	No	Yes 7		No		Filed
<i>3 homes, residence staying with family and 4 business flooded. Sandbags requested.</i>								38 saves
								26 pets
Totals	0	0		38		0	294	
	No Info	Good		Minor Damage		Moderate Damage		Major Damage

Weather Forecast

Lower Yukon Valley

Today: Cloudy. Isolated showers. Highs in the 50s to lower 60s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers. Lows in the 40s. West winds to 10 mph.

Monday: Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers. Highs in the 50s to lower 60s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy. Chance of showers. Lows in the upper 30s to mid 40s. Northwest winds to 10 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy. Chance of showers. Highs in the 50s. West winds to 10 mph.

Central Interior

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

Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows in the 40s. Light winds.

Monday: Mostly cloudy. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms developing in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 60s to mid 70s. Light winds.

Monday Night: Cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms and showers in the evening...isolated showers overnight. Lows in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Light winds.

Tuesday: Cloudy. Chance of showers. Highs in the upper 50s to mid 60s. Light winds.

Long Term Weather Trend

The warm temperatures, with scattered showers across the western interior, central interior, and south central will continue through Wednesday. Average daytime temperatures will be an average of 60 degrees high, continuing snow melt in the higher elevations, leading to flooding in various rivers and streams in around the western and central interior, and south central.

Heading into the weekend, scattered clouds with mostly sunny skies. Highs in the 60's.

Flood Products

Flood Warning	Upper Tanana Valley and the Forty-mile Country
Flood Watch	None
Flood Advisory	Yukon Flats and Surrounding Uplands, Copper River Basin, and Susitna Valley

Other Significant Status

Weather Public Statement	<u>Red Flag Warnings</u> Upper Koyukuk, Middle Yukon Valleys, Central Interior, Yukon Flats and Surrounding Areas.
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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.

Flooding has been reported in Tok. 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. A DHSS Behavioral Health Specialist has been ordered. Four ML&P Linemen have been ordered to help restore power. 3 Red Cross will arrive tomorrow.

- 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

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. DHS&EM will begin to accept applications for Individual Disaster Assistance on June 3. Go to ww.ready.alaska.gov for an application. Send questions and documents to mva.disastergrants@alaska.gov

The next SITREP for this incident will be Monday, June 3, 2013