



State Emergency Operations Center
2013 River Watch, AK DHSEM 13-Z-003
Date: June 3, 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 (RW) Team deployed to St. Mary's, assessed and concluded that the Lower Yukon River is flowing normally. RW Team is returning to Anchorage, concluding the River Watch deployments.**

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 week. 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.
- A 10 foot wide, 25 foot deep sink hole has appeared in Circle. Several other sink holes are developing.

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 soon as it is deemed safe. 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 through the interior of Alaska.

- Bitter Creek Fire has burned uncontrolled approximately 5000 acres 30 miles east of Tok. Multiple crews have responded. Department of Forestry reports no communities have been affected, are establishing traffic control, as fire is moving towards Alaska Highway.

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	7,342.8 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
	<i>Reported: 180 homes damaged, Post Office, school flooded</i>							
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: Mostly cloudy. Scattered Showers. Highs in the 60s. Light winds.	
Tonight: Cloudy. Scattered showers. Lows in the 40s. Light winds	
Tuesday: Mostly cloudy. Scattered showers. Highs in the mid 50s to upper 50s. Light winds.	
Tuesday Night: Cloudy. Scattered showers. Lows in the 40s. Light winds.	
Wednesday: Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s. Light winds.	
Central Interior	
Today: Cloudy. Scattered showers. Highs in the upper 50s to upper 60s. Light winds.	
Tonight: Cloudy. Showers. Lows in the 40s. Light winds.	
Tuesday: Cloudy. Showers. Highs in the 50s. Southwest winds to 10 mph.	
Tuesday Night: Cloudy. Showers. Lows in the 40s. Southwest winds to 10 mph.	
Wednesday: Cloudy. Showers. Highs in the lower to mid 60s. Southwest winds to 10 mph.	
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 50 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 end of the week, Cloudy with mostly sunny skies. Highs in the 60's.	
Flood Products	
Flood Warning	Upper Tanana Valley and the Forty-mile Country
Flood Watch	Susitna Valley
Flood Advisory	Yukon Flats and Surrounding Uplands, Mat-Su Valley
Other Significant Status	
Weather Public Statement	<u>Red Flag Warnings</u> Yukon Flats and Surrounding Areas.

Talking Points 6.3.13

- The Governor has declared a state disaster for affected areas of the spring 2013 floods. This activates the
- State's public and individual assistance programs.
- The state continues to respond 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.
- Monetary donations to NGOs is best; donated items at local center also helps (but does not guarantee use in Galena); Donations can be made to American Red Cross Disaster Relief at redcross.org/Alaska or by calling 907-646-5401.

Galena

Emergency response priorities in Galena are restoring essential services and access. Essential services, access, freight services and transitional shelter conditions continue to improve.

- Response operations continue in Galena: Representatives from DEC, Forestry, DHS&EM, DOL Safety, DHSS, ML&P linepersons, and Red Cross assisting local and TCC efforts.
- DOT has re-established a one-lane road between the airport and the new town/crow creek area. They continue to clear debris to facilitate ground movement.
- Approx. 294 people have been evacuated. Approx. 80 people remained in Galena.
- Flights have resumed but local official urge residents to not return just yet because health and safety concerns continue.
- Public and Individual Assistance teams will enter Galena once deemed safe for inspections to occur. Online applications for assistance will start this week. Send questions and documents to mva.disastergrants@alaska.gov

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.

Kobuk/Deering/Talkeetna/Stevens Village

- Flooded reported- no requests to state at this time.

Current information and photos can be found at www.ready.alaska.gov/updates

The next SITREP for this incident will be Tuesday, June 4, 2013