



State Emergency Operations Center
2013 Spring Floods, AK DHSEM 13-F004
Date: June 4, 2013 Time: 1700 hrs
SEOC Preparedness Level 3

2013 Riverwatch had ended, SEOC has transitioned into 2013 Spring Flooding.



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Incident Overview

State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Activated to Level 3

- I. The SEOC is activated to level 3, actual event, for 2013 Spring Flooding Operations. **Riverwatch (RW) operations have been concluded.**
- II. The Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) will open the State Individual Disaster Assistance Hotline (1-855-445-7131) and Online Registration (<http://ready.alaska.gov/dac>) on June 10, 2013 to take applications for the State's Individual Assistance Program.
- III. 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 Advisory: Yukon Flats, and Colville River.
- Flood Warning: Emmonak, Alakanuk

Eagle / Circle / Fort Yukon / Beaver/Hughes:

- The SEOC Flood Recovery Branch is currently conducting recovery operations for these communities. Damage assessments are scheduled to begin June 7-10, 2013 for affected communities.
- A 10 foot wide, 25 foot deep sink hole has appeared in Circle. Several other sink holes are developing.
- Hughes - Community has cleared debris. Residences have returned to homes. 9 homes damaged, with minor school and airport damage.
- Beaver – reporting minor flooding. Community monitoring.

Galena: A State Incident Management Team is in Galena coordinating with numerous other agencies to assist Galena with the recovery process.

- The road has been opened past Crowed Creek and is expected to be opened to the dump in several days. Teams are looking into the feasibility of using a dozer to help transport the first loads of rotting meat to the dump on Tuesday.
- Monday morning back-up generator restored power to Old Town. Crews are working to clean the power plant and restore power to New Town.
- The Department of Environmental Conservation has identified environmental hazards and a plan is being developed to begin efforts to clean-up hazardous materials.
- Public Damage Inspectors will be arriving to assess damages of public infrastructure on Friday. Assessments of individual properties will begin on Sunday.
- The Red Cross is assisting the local responders with food needs at the Galina Interior Learning Center.

Stevens Village:

- High water on the Yukon River in the area of Stevens Village has been reported, and is being monitored.

Emmonak/Alakanuk:

- Experiencing flooding. Community is monitoring rising river levels. Evacuation shelters have opened at both locations in preparation.

Kuskokwim River: No known issues.

Northwest Arctic Borough: Flood damage in the communities of Kobuk and Buckland will be addressed by the Borough.

Wildland Fires

- No Red Flag Warnings.
- Bitter Creek Fire has burned uncontrolled, and as reported by Dept. of Forestry, approximately 2300 acres 30 miles east of Tok. Multiple crews have responded. 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 current volcano and wildland fire hazard status.

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	5,842.8 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	Yes 9		No		None
	<i>9 homes damaged</i>							
Galena	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 damaged.</i>							
Alakanuk	No	No	Yes	UNK		No		None
Emmonak	No	No	Yes	UNK		No		None
							38	saves
							26	pets
Totals	0	0		38		0	294	
	No Info	Good		Minor Damage		Moderate Damage		Major Damage

Weather Forecast

Yukon River Delta

Today: Patchy fog. Cloudy. Scattered rain showers. Highs in the mid 40s to mid 50s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Scattered showers inland this evening. Areas of fog near the coast spreading inland after midnight. Lows in the mid 30s to lower 40s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy. Areas of fog. Highs in the 50s. Southwest winds to 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Northwest winds to 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy. Chance of rain after noon. Highs in the lower 50s to lower 60s. Light winds.

Upper Tanana Valley and The Fortymile Country

Today: Rain showers. Highs in the 50s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.

Tonight: Periods of rain. Lows in the upper 30s to mid 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. 30 mph on summits.

Wednesday: Cloudy in the morning with periods of rain. Mostly cloudy after noon with numerous showers. Highs in the mid 50s to lower 60s. West winds around 10 to 20 mph. 30 mph on summits.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy. Scattered showers. Lows in the lower to mid 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph becoming 10 or less after midnight. On summits, southwest around 30 mph.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy. Showers likely. Highs in the lower to mid 60s. Southwest winds to 10 mph.

Long Term Weather Trend

The warmer temperatures, with chance of rain across the western interior, central interior and south central will continue through Friday. 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 weekend, Cloudy with chance of rain. Highs in the 60's.

Flood Products

Flood Warning	Emmonak, Alakanuk
Flood Watch	None
Flood Advisory	Yukon Flats and Surrounding Uplands, Colville River

Other Significant Status

Weather Public Statement	<u>Red Flag Warnings</u>
	None
	<u>Volcano Warnings</u>
	Pavlov – Orange (Watch) Cleveland – Yellow (Advisory)

Talking Points 6.4.13

- 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 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 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.
- Donations: monetary donations to NGOs are best; donated items to a 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:
 - Power, water, sewage running at old Air Force barracks
 - Power has been restored to old town, crews work to restore new town.
 - DOT has re-established a road between the airport past Crow Creek toward the landfill. They continue to clear debris to facilitate ground movement of materials.
 - DEC has been on the ground providing direction for hazardous material clean-up.
- Approx. 294 people have been evacuated. Approx. 130 people remained in Galena. An estimated 180 homes damaged.
- Flights have resumed but local officials urge residents to not return just yet because health and safety concerns continue.
- Public Damage Inspectors are planned to arrive later this week, allowing for safety clean-up.
 - DHS&EM will open the State Individual Disaster Assistance Hotline (1-855-445-7131) and Online Registration (<http://ready.alaska.gov/dac>) on June 10, 2013 to take applications for the State's Individual Assistance Program.
 - Applicants will be required to permit State Individual Assistance Damage Verifiers access to damage property and/or photos, documents, and other proof of damage. **The deadline to apply for individual assistance is July 30, 2013.**
 - Question and documents can be emailed 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 this week.

Kobuk/Deering/Talkeetna/Stevens Village/Beaver/Emmonuk/Alakanuk

- Flooded reported- no requests to state at this time.
- Looking into potential temporary sheltering in Circle.

Tok

- Flooding reported in 3 homes and 4 businesses, state has been working with local officials on damage assessment.

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

The next SITREP for this incident will be Wednesday, June 5, 2013