



State Emergency Operations Center
2013 Spring Floods, AK DHSEM 13-F004
Date: June 5, 2013 Time: 1630 hrs
SEOC Preparedness Level 3



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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.
- 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/recovery/IA>) on June 10, 2013 to take applications for the State's Individual Assistance Program. **The hotline and online registration will not be available until June 10th 2013.**
- 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.

Recovery Efforts:

- The SEOC Flood Recovery Branch is currently conducting recovery operations for various communities, who are on longer in the response phase.
- Joint FEMA/State damage assessments are scheduled to begin June 7, 2013 for affected communities.
- DHS&EM is coordinating with communities to establish Disaster Assistance Centers and will take applications for assistance from the affected individuals and families.
- DHS&EM will work with State, Local and Tribal governments to begin the recovery process.

Galena:

- A State Incident Management Team (IMT) is in Galena coordinating with numerous other agencies to assist Galena with the recovery process.
- Power has been restored to New Town area.
- DOT engineers assessed the damage to the road between Crow Creek and the city dump.
- The city fire department now has one 250 gal fire truck and one rescue truck available.
- The Red Cross borrough in 210 personal care kits and 190 home cleaning kits.
- A community meeting was held to discuss team operations and future events.
- Rotting meat will be shuffled to the city dump via boat and four wheelers.
- The IMT requests people returning should check in with the IMT at the school hangar.

Emmonak:

- Experiencing ice jam flooding. Water levels holding the same for past 24 hours. Kwikguk slough at Emmonak flowing with moderate ice run.
- The shelter and clinic are both open and available. No reports of anyone housed at the shelter as of yet.
- All utilities are on with no interruption of service. Frontage road to airport in impassable.
- Airport Road is passable with caution. Taxi way is washed out – runway is good. Main issue is taxi way at airport as all food supplies, mail service, passenger travel may be restricted. Unknown at this time the extent of damage to taxi way.
- Emmonak has 2 weeks of treated water stored.
- There has been a precautionary Boil Water Notice issued.

Alakanuk:

- Experiencing ice jam flooding.
- The water and sewer treatment plan have been compromised. The shelter and clinic are both open and available. There was a report that one person may move into the shelter as of last night.
- Preliminary reports are that 3 homes are affected.
- Boil Water Notice issued for Alakanuk.

Stevens Village

- Water is slowly rising
- 1 home affected
- 6 medically fragile people are voluntarily evacuating as a precaution

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: Reported by Dept. of Forestry, approximately 2300 acres 30 miles east of Tok. The fire is holding and the weather outlook is positive for firefighting. 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	5	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	44,804 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	Yes UNK		Yes 247		Filled
	<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	Yes 3		No		Yes
	<i>Possibly 3 homes affected</i>							
Emmonak	No	No	Yes	Yes 1		No		None
	<i>Crack up and down the runway, damage extent unknown, runway taxi is washed out</i>							
Stevens Village	No	No	No	UNK		Yes 6		None
	<i>Voluntary evacuation of 6 medically fragile elders</i>							
						38	saves	
						26	pets	
Totals	0	0			38	0	294	
	No Info	Good		Minor Damage		Moderate Damage		Major Damage

Weather Forecast

Yukon River Delta

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Areas of fog. Lows in the mid 30s to lower 40s. Southwest winds to 10 mph.

Thursday: Partly sunny. Areas of fog in the morning. Highs in the lower 50s to lower 60s. Southwest winds to 10 mph.

Lower Koyukuk and Middle Yukon Valley

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Isolated rain showers. Patchy fog. Lows in the 40s. Light winds.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy. Patchy morning fog. Isolated rain showers. Highs in the 60s. Light winds.

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 , Colville River Delta

Flood Watch None

Flood Advisory Yukon Flats and Surrounding Uplands, Colville River, Salcha River Forty Mile Country, Middle Tanana Valley, Deltana and Tanana Flats.

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

Talking Points 6.5.13

- 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.
 - 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/recovery/IA>) on June 10, 2013 to take applications for the State's Individual Assistance Program. **The hotline and online registration will not be available until June 10th, 2013.**
 - 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.
- 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.
 - 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
 - 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.

In Galena: Emergency response priorities in Galena are restoring essential services and access.

- Power, water, sewage running at old Air Force barracks; Power has been restored to old town and new town has power from via generator.
- Ground access to residential areas is established; DOT continues to repair road out to landfill- some materials have been moved out to the landfill with ATVs with trailers.
- DEC has been on the ground providing direction for hazardous material clean-up.
- Approx. 294 people have been evacuated total. 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.
 - Homeowners are expected to return early next week once safety concerns are addressed and disaster assistance teams are in place.
 - A PA and 2 behavioral health specialists will also be available to returning residents.

Eagle/Circle/Fort Yukon: Damage assessments are planned to begin this week.

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

Emmonak/ Alukanak: Flood Warnings- both areas flooded due to ice-jam with some damage reported (Emmonak runway damaged), shelters open but none in it last night, both stable with power, clinics open, city administrators working issues; boil water notice in effect for both communities.

Stevens Village: Report that 6 people (medically fragile/elderly) evacuated due to flooding- no requests from state at this time.

Areas with reported flooding but no requests to state at this time: Kobuk, Deering, Talkeetna, Beaver, Rampart, Tanana, Hughes, Ruby, Koyukuk, Buckland, Kaltag, Nulato, Chistochina, Cummings Road, Sourdough (Copper River REAA).

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

The next SITREP for this incident will be Thursday, June 6, 2013