



State Emergency Operations Center
2013 Spring Floods, AK DHSEM 13-F004
Date: June 8, 2013 Time: 1600 hrs
SEOC Preparedness Level 3



Galena, 2013

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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.
- IV. On Friday June 7, FEMA Region X joined with the State to begin Preliminary Damage Assessments of affected areas.

Recovery Efforts:

- Joint FEMA/State teams Individual Assistance (IA) Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA's) were completed in Eagle and Ft. Yukon, June 7; and started in Circle and Galena June 8.
- Joint FEMA/State Public Assistance (PA) PDA's were completed in Circle, June 7; started in Galena, June 7 and Ft. Yukon, June 8.
- IA PDA teams are scheduled to continue assessments of Circle and Galena on Sunday, June 9.
- PA PDA teams are scheduled to continue assessments of Galena and Ft. Yukon on Sunday, June 9.
- DHS&EM will establish Disaster Assistance Centers to accept applications for assistance from the affected individuals and families next week. Confirmed openings TBD.
- DHS&EM will continue coordination with Federal, State, Local and Tribal governments throughout the recovery process.

Current Events:

Galena

- DOT&PF has made reopening the road to Galena's landfill a top priority.
- Electricians arrived in Galena on Friday and began wiring inspections.
- The shelter received its first major shipment of fresh food Friday, June 7.
- Red Cross has begun distribution of home care and personal hygiene kits.
- City Hazardous Materials team has begun work with the DEC on-site monitor.
 - Hazardous conditions (chemical, biological and household refuse) still exist.
- Due to severe road damage, temporary air transportation is being utilized for the transport of garbage to the landfill.
- A Physician's Assistant (PA) and the necessary medical equipment have arrived in Galena and a temporary clinic is being established at the Incident Command Post (ICP).

Areas of Concern

Stevens Village

- The community is reporting 1 home damaged by floodwater and the road between the village and the landfill was damaged.

Emmonak

- Emmonak is repairing their airport access road.

Alakanuk

- One flood related casualty has been confirmed as of June 7.

Colville Village

- Residents reported the local airstrip is partially flooded.

Wildland Fires

- No Red Flag Warnings.
- Bitter Creek Fire: A mop up crew is securing the fire perimeter today.

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.

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

Preliminary Damage Assessments:

The SEOC continues to coordinate resource requests from local jurisdictions. The numbers and damages listed below are from initial assessments and are not confirmed.

State of Alaska Overall Damage	
Galena	
Individual Assistance	___ homes *Assessments being done today 6/8
Public Assistance	No \$ amount – wide spread damages
Eagle	
Individual Assistance	6 homes (4 are primary residences)
Public Assistance	\$6,500.00
Circle	
Individual Assistance	___ homes *Assessments being done today 6/8
Public Assistance	\$304,500.00
Ft. Yukon	
Individual Assistance	8 homes
Public Assistance	\$ *Assessments being done today 6/8
Totals-State Agencies	\$ none reported
Totals-IA	14 homes
Totals-PA	\$311,000.00
Grand Total	\$311,000.00

Event Needs and Status:

	Confirmed	Estimated		Confirmed	Estimated
Casualty(s)			Evacuation		
Dead	1	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	60	0		Results	38 saves	0
Sheltered	140	0		Extras	0	26 + pets
Transportation				Wildland Activity		
Bridge Closures	0	0		Active Fires	34	0
Airport Closures	0	0		Staffed Fires	3	0
Port Closures	0	0		Total Acres Burned	44,178 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		Yes
	<i>Reported: 180 homes damaged, Post Office, school flooded</i>							
Tok	No	No	No	Yes 7		No		Filled
	<i>3 homes, residence staying with family and 4 business damaged.</i>							
Alakanuk	No	No	Yes	Yes 6		No		On hold
	<i>6 homes affected (2 heavily damaged 4 with floor board and insulation damage)</i>							
Emmonak	No	No	Yes	Yes 1		No		None
	<i>Significant crack up and down the runway, runway taxi is washed out, eroded roadways are exposing electrical lines.</i>							
Stevens Village	No	No	No	UNK		Yes 1		None
	<i>Voluntary evacuation of 1 medically fragile elder who was scheduled to leave (change from yesterday)</i>							
Totals	0	0		54		0	263	
	No Info	Good		Minor Damage		Moderate Damage		Major Damage

Weather Forecast

Yukon River Delta

Sunday: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s to mid 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy. Lows around 40.

Monday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs around 50.

Lower Koyukuk and Middle Yukon Valley

Sunday: Cloudy. Scattered rain showers. Highs in the mid to upper 50s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy. Scattered rain showers in the evening. Lows in the mid 40s.

Monday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs around 60.

Yukon Flats and Surrounding Uplands

Sunday: Partly cloudy. Isolated rain showers in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy. Isolated rain showers in the evening. Lows around 50.

Monday: Mostly cloudy. Highs around 60.

Upper Tanana and the Fortymile Country

Sunday: Mostly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 70s. Northwest winds to 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the mid 40s.

Monday Through Tuesday: Mostly cloudy. Highs around 70. Lows in the mid 40s.

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	None
Flood Watch	None
Flood Advisory	Yukon Flats and Surrounding Uplands, Colville River from Umiat to Alpine, Salcha River Forty Mile Country, Middle Tanana Valley, Deltana and Tanana Flats.

Other Significant Status

Statewide	<u>Special Weather Statement</u> None
	<u>Red Flag Warnings</u> None
	<u>Volcano Warnings</u> Pavlof – Orange (Watch) Cleveland – Yellow (Advisory) Veniaminof – Yellow (Advisory) (NE of Pavlof, Aleutian Chain)
	<u>Road Closures</u> None

Talking Points 6.8.13

- The state continues to respond to all requests for assistance made by communities impacted by flooding.
- The State is currently activating its Disaster Assistance Programs as a result of the Governor’s Declaration of a Disaster for the 2013 Spring Floods
 - State, FEMA, and Red Cross damage assessment teams are conducting Preliminary Damage Assessments in Eagle, Circle, Fort Yukon, and Galena.
 - The FEMA PDA is an information-gathering process and does not guarantee federal assistance.
 - 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.
 - Public Assistance will be available for State, Tribal and local governments, and certain types of Private Nonprofit organizations that are eligible under the Public Assistance program. More information at <http://ready.alaska.gov/recovery/PublicAssistance>.

- Individual Assistance program will provide both Individual Family Grants (IFG) and Temporary Housing Assistance. More information at <http://ready.alaska.gov/recovery/IA>.
- Many organizations (i.e., Tanana Chiefs Conference, American Red Cross of Alaska and other NGO's) are supporting the needs of flood impacted Alaskans. Individuals wishing to support these efforts are reminded:
 - **“Cash is Best”**
 - Financial contributions to voluntary agencies can be used to purchase specific needed items on scene which helps the local economy and prevents voluntary partners from having to transport items at great expense.
 - **Collecting Goods Is Not Favored**
 - Clothing, household items, and food are best provided by well-funded voluntary agencies and not through the expensive process of collecting, sorting, packaging, transporting, receiving, sorting, and distributing of goods. Speak to voluntary agencies working the disaster to determine what the specific needs are before you collect. Voluntary partners and emergency management will review your offer and advise you if it is needed.
 - **Volunteering Your Time**
 - The best way to volunteer after disaster is through affiliating with a recognized disaster-related voluntary agency. Unconnected volunteers who show up at disaster sites are called “spontaneous unaffiliated volunteers” and often require the support of already busy agencies and officials. It's better to volunteer through an established organization, a church, or by connecting with the volunteer coordination offices in the state of your choice.
- **Galena:** Emergency response is ongoing; priorities are restoring essential services and access, workers on the ground are making good progress daily.
 - Power has been restored to most of the community
 - Fuel stations and services are operational
 - The Radio station is operation
 - DOT continues to repair the landfill access road, estimated 2 weeks to completion.
 - Waste is being moved by boat and helicopter
 - Work on sewage and water continues
 - A DEC responder is currently on-site and working with DHS&EM, the City of Galena and response contractors to develop a cleanup plan. At this time no recovery has taken place.
 - Approx. 294 people were evacuated. Approx. 130 people remained in Galena. An estimated 180 homes damaged.
 - The return plan for evacuees is a priority, but at this time local officials urge residents to not return, yet, due to health and safety concerns; repatriation may next week, but this is not a certainty.
 - The shelter located at the Air Force Station is functional and equipped to support 300-400; 60 people are currently at the shelter.
 - The Red Cross began distribution of home care and personal hygiene kits.
- **Tok:** The State is working with local officials on damage assessment from the flooding
- **Emmonak:** Flood waters are receding, DEC has issued a Boil Water Notice for the Area, roads are still usable but in poor condition.
 - Airport road was washed out, but repairs are in progress.
- **Alukanak:** The water remains high; debris continues to be the major issue for the community.
 - DEC has issued a Boil Water Notice for the Area
 - No viable access road to airport at this time due to washout
- **Stevens Village:** the water is rising slowly, but is expected to begin dropping later this afternoon (June 8).
- **All other flood issues** are being managed on the local/borough level.

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

The next SITREP for this incident will be Sunday, June 9, 2013