



State Emergency Operations Center
2013 Spring Floods, AK DHSEM 13-F004
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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 Individual Assistance (IA) Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA's) were completed in Circle, Eagle and Ft. Yukon, June 7-8, 2013.
- Joint FEMA/State Individual Assistance (IA) Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA's) are scheduled to continue in Galena today Sunday June 9, 2013.
- Joint FEMA/State Public Assistance (PA) PDA's were completed in Circle, Eagle, Ft. Yukon and Galena on June 7-8, 2013
- Joint FEMA/State Public Assistance (PA) PDA's teams are scheduled to start assessments in Gulkana and Emmonak on Monday June 10, 2013.
- Joint FEMA/State teams Public Assistance (PA) PDA's teams are scheduled to start assessments in Alakanuk on Tuesday June 11, 2013.
- DHS&EM will establish Disaster Assistance Centers (DAC's) 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 and continue with wiring inspections.
- Hazardous material was pumped out of the community swimming pool.
- Over 20, 000 pounds of spoiled meat was shuttled to the landfill in coordination with BLM.
- City Hazardous Materials team has begun work with the DEC on-site monitor.
 - Hazardous material was pumped out of the community swimming pool.
 - Hazardous conditions (chemical, biological and household refuse) still exist.
- 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 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.

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	Destroyed: 12 Major Damage: 41 Minor Damage: 10 Affected: 1
Public Assistance	Still to be assessed
Eagle	
Individual Assistance	Destroyed: 0 Major Damage: 2 Minor Damage: 1 Affected: 3
Public Assistance	\$65,500.00 (Emergency Response, Roads)
Circle	
Individual Assistance	Destroyed: 0 Major Damage: 7 Minor Damage: 8 Affected: 0
Public Assistance	\$304,500.00 (Emergency Response, Roads)
Ft. Yukon	
Individual Assistance	Destroyed: 0 Major Damage: 4 Minor Damage: 1 Affected: 3
Public Assistance	\$184,400.00 (Emergency Response, Roads, Buildings, other)
Totals-IA	Destroyed: 12 Major Damage; 54 Minor Damage: 20 Affected: 4
Totals-State Agency PA Estimates	Still to be assessed
Totals- Community PA Estimates	\$553,400.00
Grand Total	\$553,400.00

Weather Forecast
Sunrise/Sunset 04:24 AKDT/ 23:35 AKDT

Yukon River Delta

Monday: Mostly cloudy. Areas of fog. Highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s. West winds 5 to 15 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy. Areas of fog. Lows in the mid to upper 30s. Northwest winds to 10 mph.

Tuesday: Decreasing clouds. Areas of fog. Highs in the 50s. Northwest winds to 10 mph.

Lower Koyukuk and Middle Yukon Valley

Monday: Partly sunny. Highs in the lower to mid 60s. West winds to 10 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower to mid 40s. West winds to 10 mph.

Tuesday: Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s to lower 70s. Northwest winds to 10 mph.

Yukon Flats and Surrounding Uplands

Monday: Partly cloudy. Scattered rain showers over the southern uplands. Highs in the 60s. West winds 5 to 15 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower to mid 40s. Northwest winds to 10 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid 60s. Northeast winds to 10 mph.

Upper Tanana and the Fortymile Country

Monday: Cloudy with scattered rain showers. Highs in the mid 60s. Northwest winds to 10 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy. Scattered rain showers in the evening. Lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid 60s. North winds to 10 mph.

Long Term Weather Trend

Temperatures are expected to warm up across much of the State over the next few days. Cloudy conditions will decrease some of the snowmelt. Some rain shower activity is also expected but not enough to cause serious flooding

Flood Products

Flood Warning	None
Flood Watch	None
Flood Advisory	The flood advisory remains in effect until 1000 pm Sunday for the Yukon river from Beaver to Stevens village. The national weather service in Fairbanks has extended the flood advisory for the Yukon river from the mouth of the porcupine river to beaver until 1000 pm Sunday

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 6.9.13

- 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>.
- **Donations/Volunteering:** Many organizations (i.e., Tanana Chiefs Conference, American Red Cross of Alaska and other NGO's) are supporting the needs of the flood. 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
 - **Collecting Goods Is Not Favored** – Clothing, household items, and food are best provided by well-funded voluntary agencies, receiving and managing these items is very expensive.
 - **Volunteering:** The best way to volunteer after disaster is through affiliating with a recognized disaster-related voluntary agency.
- **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 are services are operational, and 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. A teleconference on Monday, June 10, will determine how to proceed.
 - 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:** 1 home and the road to the landfill were damaged.
- **All other flood issues** are being managed on the local/borough level.
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Current information and photos can be found at www.ready.alaska.gov/updates

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

The next SITREP for this incident will be Monday, June 10, 2013