



State Emergency Operations Center
2013 Spring Floods, AK DHSEM 13-F004
Date: June 10, 2013 Time: 1600 hrs
SEOC Preparedness Level 3



Galena, 6.8.2013

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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. Today, June 10, the Individual Assistance Hotline (1-855-445-7131) and Online Registration form (<http://ready.alaska.gov/recovery/IA>) opened for individuals who wish to begin their application for the Individual Family Grant and Temporary Housing Programs without attending a DAC.
- 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:

- The Individual Assistance Hotline and the webpage are active as of today, June 10, 2013.
- Joint FEMA/State Individual Assistance (IA) and Public Assistance (PA) Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA's) were completed in Galena June 9, 2013.
- DHS&EM will continue coordination with Federal, State, Local and Tribal governments throughout the recovery process.

Disaster Assistance Centers (DACs) future deployment schedule

- Ft. Yukon (6-13 and 6-14)
 - Tribal Council Building 9am to 6pm
- Circle (6-14 and 6-15)
 - Tribal Hall 9am to 6pm

Future DAC team deployments

- Eagle
- Hughes
- Tok
- Galena

Current Events

Galena

- Crews will continue to clean the Post Office
- HazMat Group will begin collecting hazardous material at the staging area as well as continue trash shuttle operation.
- Continue inspecting the wiring in public facilities and individual homes.
- Linemen will continue to replace power meters and realign power poles
- DEC will test individual wells for contamination. Finalize the repatriation plan.

Areas of Concern

Galena

- Unable to efficiently dispose of refuse due to road damage between town and the landfill

- The water plant in Uptown was damaged by the flood and is out of service, some of the residence are now using honey buckets
- The Sewage Lagoon is at full capacity and has been contaminated with hazardous debris yet to be identified.
- Hazardous conditions still exist in residential areas including chemical hazards, biological hazards, and unstable trees and structures
- Post office still closed.

Emmonak

- Emmonak is repairing their airport access road.
- Boil Water Notice still in effect.

Alakanuk

- Boil Water Notice still in effect.

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: 16 Major Damage: 93 Minor Damage: 69 Affected: 46
Public Assistance	5,425,000.00
Eagle	
Individual Assistance	Destroyed: 0 Major Damage: 2 Minor Damage: 1 Affected: 3
Public Assistance	\$76,500 (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: 16 Major Damage: 147

	Minor Damage: 89 Affected: 50
Totals-State Agency PA Estimates	Still to be assessed
Totals- Community PA Estimates	\$553,400.00
Grand Total	\$5,990,400.00

Weather Forecast	
<u>Sunrise/Sunset</u> 04:24 AKDT/ 23:35 AKDT	
<u>Yukon River Delta</u>	
Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Areas of fog. Lows in the mid 30s to lower 40s. West winds around 10 mph.	
Tuesday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s to lower 60s. Light winds.	
<u>Lower Koyukuk and Middle Yukon Valley</u>	
Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower to mid 40s. West winds to 10 mph.	
Tuesday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s to lower 70s. Northwest winds to 10 mph.	
<u>Yukon Flats and Surrounding Uplands</u>	
Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower to mid 40s. West winds around 10 mph.	
Tuesday: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 60s. North winds to 10 mph.	
<u>Upper Tanana and the Fortymile Country</u>	
Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph.	
Tuesday: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Northwest winds to 10 mph.	
Flood Products	
Flood Warning	None
Flood Watch	None
Flood Advisory	The flood advisory remains in effect until 22:00 Tuesday for the Yukon river from Beaver to Stevens's Village.
Other Significant Status	
Statewide	<u>Volcano Warnings</u> Pavlof – Orange (Watch) Cleveland – Yellow (Advisory) Veniaminof – Yellow (Advisory)

Talking Points 6.10.13

- 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 the communities affected by the 2013 Spring Flood
 - The FEMA PDA is an information-gathering process and does not guarantee federal assistance.
 - **Individual Assistance Disaster Assistance Centers (DAC's) will open this week.**
 - The State Individual Disaster Assistance Hotline (1-855-445-7131) and Online Registration (<http://ready.alaska.gov/recovery/IA>) is open for those who would like to begin their applications outside of the DAC.
 - 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>.

- **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 items needed 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, HazMat clean up, and debris removal.
 - Power has been restored to most of the community, fuel stations services are operational, and the radio station is operational. Work is underway to provide electrical service to surviving residential and commercial properties.
 - DOT continues to repair the landfill access road, estimated 2 weeks to completion.
 - Waste is being moved by boat and helicopter as needed
 - DEC responders are currently on-site and working with DHS&EM, the City of Galena and response contractors to begin a cleanup plan. They have pumped hazardous water out of the community swimming pool.
 - Sanitation continues to be a challenge, interim measures are being taken.
 - Approx. 294 people were evacuated. Approx. 130 people remained in Galena. An estimated 180 homes damaged. 90 of the homes have major damage, 15 are destroyed.
 - **With the State's funding support, Tanana Chiefs Conference will be coordinating the return of the Galena evacuees and their evacuated pets, more information at this number: 907-452-8251 ext. 3091/3174**
 - The first phase of the return will be approx. 50 workers; they are scheduled to return tomorrow.
 - The shelter located at the Air Force Station is functional and equipped to support 400; 60 people are currently at the shelter. Some residents have reoccupied their homes.
 - 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
- **Circle:** 8 homes have major damage, 7 are destroyed.
- **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.
- **Alakanuk:** Debris removal is 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. Flood Warning in effect until 10 PM.
- **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 Tuesday, June 11, 2013