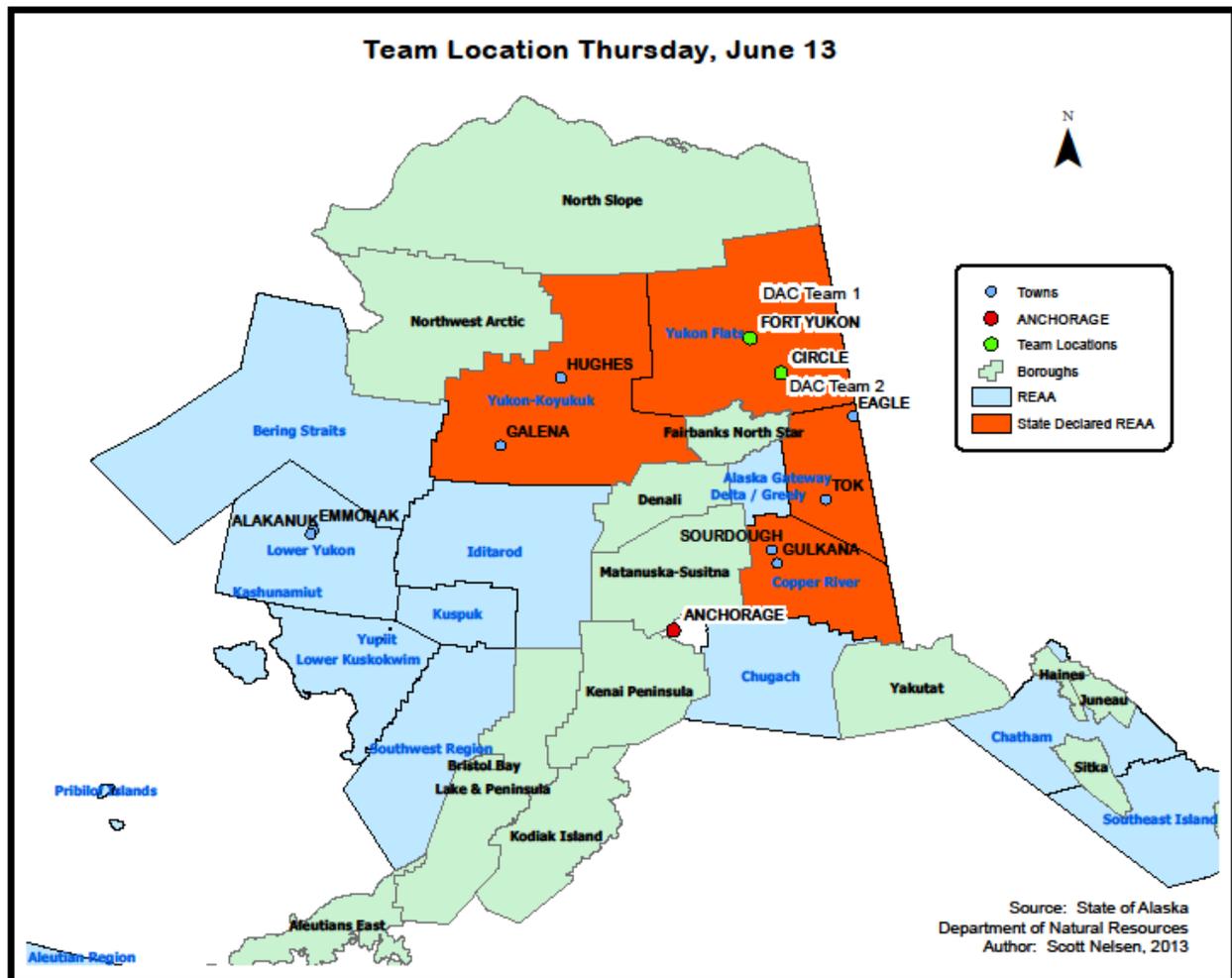




State Emergency Operations Center  
 2013 Spring Floods, AK DHSEM 13-F004  
 Date: June 13, 2013 Time: 1600 hrs  
 SEOC Preparedness Level 3



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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. On May 31<sup>st</sup> the Governor declared a disaster for the following Regional Education Attendance Areas (REAA): Alaska Gateway, Yukon Flats, Yukon-Koyukuk and Copper River. This declaration was amended adding the Lower Yukon REAA.
- III. DHS&EM is developing a request for Federal Assistance in all affected areas for Individual and Public Assistance.
- IV. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) have been completed.

#### Recovery Efforts:

##### Disaster Assistance Centers (DACs)

- Ft. Yukon June 13-14, 2013
  - Tribal Council Building 9am to 6pm
- Circle June 14-15, 2013
  - Tribal Hall 9am to 6pm
- Hughes June 20-21, 2013
  - Tribal Council Building 9am-6pm
- Tok June 22
  - Tribal Hall 9am-6pm
- Eagle June 24
  - Library 9am-6pm
- Galena June 26-July 2
  - Location TBA

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.

The State is assessing the need to open centers in Anchorage and Fairbanks for evacuees who know and can report damages who are unable to attend the DAC in Galena.

#### Current Events

##### **Galena**

- Crews will continue to establish a temporary post office at the composite building
- HazMat Group continues collecting hazardous material at the staging area
- Continue trash shuttle operations
- Linemen will continue to replace power poles and power lines across Alexander Lake

#### Areas of Concern

##### **Galena**

- Unable to efficiently dispose of refuse due to road damage between town and the landfill
- Large amounts of debris are being collected from rehab of structures
- Developing a solid waste plan to be implemented soon to dispose of debris
- The plan includes constructing a temporary landfill with an incinerator on site to avoid reducing the lifespan of the city landfill
- The water plant in Uptown was damaged by the flood and is out of service, some of the residences are now using honey buckets. No clear plan has been identified to safely and effectively dispose of the materials produced by using honey buckets. Assistance may be needed from DHSS.

- 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 closed due to flood damage

**Emmonak**

- Loss of AWAS power to the airstrip, limited flights are delivering goods during clear weather
- 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. The SEOC continues to coordinate resource requests from local jurisdictions.

**Preliminary Damage Assessments:**

The numbers and damages listed below are from initial assessments and are not confirmed

<b>State of Alaska Overall Damage</b>	
<b>Galena Area</b>	
Individual Assistance	Destroyed: 14 Major Damage: 90 Minor Damage: 55 Affected: 26
Public Assistance	\$5,986,000.00
<b>Emmonak Area</b>	
Individual Assistance	Destroyed: Major Damage: Minor Damage: 9 Affected:
Public Assistance	\$697,500.00
<b>Alakanuk</b>	
Individual Assistance	Destroyed: 0 Major Damage: 3 Minor Damage: 9 Affected:
Public Assistance	\$96,600.00
<b>Eagle Area</b>	
Individual Assistance	Destroyed: 0 Major Damage: 2 Minor Damage: 1 Affected: 1
Public Assistance	\$211,500.00 (Emergency Response, Roads)
<b>Circle Area</b>	
Individual Assistance	Destroyed: 0 Major Damage: 8 Minor Damage: 7

	Affected: 0
Public Assistance	\$954,000.00 (Emergency Response, Roads)
<b>Ft. Yukon Area</b>	
Individual Assistance	Destroyed: 0 Major Damage: 4 Minor Damage: 1 Affected: 0
Public Assistance	\$184,500.00 (Emergency Response, Roads, Buildings, other)
<b>Hughes</b>	
Individual Assistance	Destroyed: 0 Major Damage: 2 Minor Damage: 7 Affected: 0
Public Assistance	\$115,000.00
<b>Chistochina/Sourdough Area</b>	
Individual Assistance	Destroyed: 1 Major Damage: 1 Minor Damage: 1 Affected: 4
Public Assistance	\$1,960,000.00
<b>Totals-IA</b>	<b>Destroyed: 15</b> <b>Major Damage: 107</b> <b>Minor Damage: 72</b> <b>Affected: 31</b>
<b>Totals- Community PA Estimates</b>	<b>\$10,205,100.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$10,205,100.00</b>

<b>Weather Forecast</b>	
<b><u>Yukon River Delta</u></b>	
<b>Tonight:</b> Increasing clouds. Lows in the mid to upper 40s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.	
<b>Friday:</b> Mostly cloudy. A chance of rain in the afternoon. Highs in the lower to mid 60s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.	
<b><u>Copper River Basin</u></b>	
<b>Tonight:</b> Numerous showers and scattered thunderstorms in the evening with then isolated showers after midnight. Lows in the mid 30s to mid 40s. Light winds, except variable winds to 25 mph near thunderstorms.	
<b>Friday:</b> Partly sunny. Isolated showers in the morning with then scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 60s to lower 70s. Light winds.	
<b><u>Yukon Flats and Surrounding Uplands</u></b>	
<b>Tonight:</b> Clear. Lows in the 40s to lower 50s. Northeast winds to 10 mph.	
<b>Friday:</b> Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s to lower 80s. Light winds.	
<b><u>Upper Tanana and the Fortymile Country</u></b>	
<b>Tonight:</b> Isolated thunderstorms in the evening. Otherwise mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Lows in the lower to mid 40s. North winds 5 to 15 mph.	
<b>Friday:</b> Partly cloudy. Scattered showers. Isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid to upper 70s. North winds to 10 mph.	
<b>Flood Products</b>	
<b>Flood Warning</b>	None

<b>Flood Watch</b>	None
<b>Flood Advisory</b>	The flood advisory in effect until 6:00 p.m. Thursday evening along the Gulkana river near Paxson and along the Maclaren river in the vicinity of the Denali highway
<b>Other Significant Status</b>	
<b>Statewide</b>	<b><u>Volcano Warnings</u></b> Pavlof – Orange (Watch) Cleveland – Yellow (Advisory) Veniaminof – Orange (Watch)

### Talking Points 6.13.13

- 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, SBA, and Red Cross damage assessment teams have completed Preliminary Damage Assessments
  - The FEMA PDA is an information-gathering process and does not guarantee federal assistance.
  - **Individual Assistance Disaster Assistance Centers (DAC’s) are open this week.**
  - The State Individual Disaster Assistance Hotline (1-855-445-7131) and Online Registration (<http://ready.alaska.gov/recovery/IA>) are open and receiving IA applications.
  - Disaster Assistance Centers (DAC’s) will open today in Ft. Yukon and Friday in Circle to help individuals begin applying for assistance.
  - 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>.
  - Governor Parnell amended the disaster declaration today to add the Lower Yukon REAA to include Emmonak and Alakanuk to the disaster declaration.
  
- *The Red Cross is offering Financial Assistance for those affected by the floods, more information at: 907-646-5401*
  
- *TCC is giving disaster assistance from its emergency funds to native residents of Galena, and is raising donations to give disaster assistance to non-native residents of Galena.*
  
- **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 to donate cash and volunteer through these organizations. More information: <http://ready.alaska.gov/Updates/Donations>
  
- **Galena:** Emergency response is ongoing; priorities are still restoring essential services and clean up.
  - Power is functioning in community; fuel stations and the radio station are operational.
    - Linemen are finishing work around the community.
  - DOT continues to repair the landfill access road, estimated 2 weeks to completion.
  - DEC responders are currently on-site and working with DHS&EM, the City of Galena, and Hazmat contractors to implement a cleanup plan.
    - Waste is being shuttled from a designated staging area
  - Sanitation continues to be a challenge, interim measures are being taken
  - An estimated 185 homes damaged: 90 of the homes have major damage, 14 are destroyed, 55 with minor damage, and 26 affected

- **With the State's funding support, Tanana Chiefs Conference is coordinating the return of the Galena evacuees and their evacuated pets. More information at this number: 907-452-8251 ext. 3091/3174**
  - The return of residents has begun with workers/heads of household; the city has set up a bus transport for these workers.
  - The shelter located at the GILA school is functional and equipped to support 400, 150 people are currently at the shelter. Some residents have reoccupied their homes.
- Preliminary Damage Assessments are complete for Ft. Yukon, Circle, Eagle, Hughes, Tok/Sourdough, Emmonak, and Alakanuk.
- **Emmonak:** DEC Boil Water Notice still in effect, roads still in poor condition.
  - Road repairs are in progress.
  - IFR flight into the community is down, but as long as the weather remains clear VFR flight will continue.
- **Alakanuk:** Debris removal and road access are the major issues for the community.
  - DEC Boil Water Notice still in effect, for the Area
  - June 7 Flood Related casualty due to prior health condition exacerbated by flood response
- **Stevens Village:** 1 home and the road to the landfill were damaged.
- **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](http://www.ready.alaska.gov/updates)

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**The next SITREP for this incident will be Friday, June 14, 2013**