



State Emergency Operations Center

## 2023 Spring Floods

### Incident Situation Report

Date: May 17, 2023, Time: 1600 hrs.

SEOC Preparedness Level 3



Glennallen, Copper River, May 16, 2023

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## State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Activated to Level 3

### Incident Overview

#### Timeline of Significant Events:

13 May 2023, Governor Mike Dunleavy issued a disaster declaration for the Alaska Gateway, Yukon Flats, Kuspuk, and Copper River REAAs due to flooding.

### Significant Operations Updates

#### **YUKON DIVISION:**

##### **Fort Yukon:**

The National Weather Service issued a flood watch, lasting through Sunday at 1000hrs for the Porcupine River. The Native Village of Fort Yukon reported flooding in low lying areas with damage to the tribal hall, storage, transportation garages, and 4 tribal-owned conex containers with various supplies and equipment. At least one home was also reported damaged.

##### **Circle:**

The SEOC deployed a Division Supervisor and an SEOC responder to Circle today along with a responder support trailer that will provide additional lodging for personnel. The Red Cross is working to deploy a damage assessment team as soon as Friday, if conditions on the ground permit. The downtown area was completely inundated with water up to 10 feet. Alaska Energy Authority delivered two 80kwh generators with operators today via road. Tanana Chiefs Conference deployed a mechanic to evaluate the clinic generator and provide technical assistance on evaluation of powerplant generators. TCC also deployed personnel to complete repairs to the washeteria and water system including finishing testing and sanitization.

#### **KUSKOKWIM DIVISION:**

##### **Lower Kalskag:**

The Kuskokwim Division Supervisor landed in the community after receiving reports of flooding. The Division Supervisor noted that the village had inundation around several homes, and that the school was surrounded and possibly inundated as well.

##### **Crooked Creek:**

The US Coast Guard is preparing to send an assessment crew to review hazardous materials concerns, including the main fuel farm. A Department of Environmental Conservation representative has been included on the US Coast Guard team. Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) continues to have two health providers in the community, and YKHC was working to deliver additional medical supplies. YKHC also deployed two additional personnel to bring moisture meters, cleanout supplies, and well testing equipment to the community. The Red Cross is working to deploy a damage assessment team as soon as Friday, should conditions on the ground permit. The SEOC

Division Supervisor flew to the community to coordinate with the local incident command. Crooked Creek leaders participated in an interagency teleconference to coordinate mass care efforts.

**McGrath:**

The McGrath city manager contacted the State EOC to report that Cranberry Ridge Road has sustained significant damage due to flooding and was impassable. The community is concerned that the road is the only evacuation route out of the town and was planning to implement emergency measures as soon as possible to restore access. McGrath has requested to be included in the existing state disaster declaration.

**GLENNALLEN DIVISION:**

DOT&PF along with Granite Construction were able to install high volume pumps near Trooper Creek which has lowered water levels approximately 4 feet, and below the level of the Glenn Highway. Additional culverts are being worked at Moose Creek where water continues to flow over the Glenn Highway. The SEOC deployed the Glennallen Division Supervisor to the area again today to continue facilitating response coordination. The Salvation Army provided clean out equipment, as well as non-perishable food for approximately 20 people. The Red Cross continues to have personnel on site providing assistance to locals. The Division of Forestry & Fire Protection has provided a Public Information Officer to assist the Glennallen incident command with disaster-related public information.

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**SEOC Operations Brief**




Daily at 0800 via Zoom. Contact SEOC for Zoom link.





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## Lifeline Status

 <b>Alaska Overall</b>	      
<b>Impacted Areas</b>	      

 <b>Food, Water, and Shelter</b>		
	 <b>Shelter</b>	<p><b>Crooked Creek:</b> Red Cross working to get clean out kits into the community this week along with shelter supplies such as cots. YKHC has two personnel en route with moisture meters, clean out supplies, and well testing equipment. Red Cross damage assessment teams preparing to deploy no earlier than 48 hours, if conditions permit.</p> <p><b>Fort Yukon:</b> Damage reported to at least one home.</p> <p><b>Glennallen:</b> Red Cross has clean-out kits available, and Salvation Army has sent additional clean-up supplies.</p> <p><b>Circle:</b> Red Cross provided 25 clean-out kits and damage assessment teams are preparing to deploy no earlier than 48 hours, if conditions permit.</p>

		<p><b>Lower Kalskag:</b> Multiple homes inundated, at least one elder was relocated as a precaution. Community has reported all residents are accounted for and safe.</p>
	 <p><b>Water</b></p>	<p><b>Crooked Creek:</b> Boil water notice still in effect. YKHC delivered bottled water and cleaning supplies to the community.</p> <p><b>Glennallen:</b> Sewer system remains inoperative due to flood water, with repairs in progress. Additional bottled water was requested and SEOC Mass Care group is working to source and deliver.</p> <p><b>Circle:</b> Tanana Chiefs Conference technician arrived in the community today to complete well testing and sanitization. Power restoration will enable the system to be reactivated.</p>
	 <p><b>Food</b></p>	<p><b>Crooked Creek:</b> Community store was inundated and remains unavailable. Donlin Gold continues to provide additional food supplies as needed to support community members.</p> <p><b>Glennallen:</b> Water around the IGA store has receded, though store has not yet reopened, and damage assessment is pending. Salvation Army sent foodstuffs for approx. 20 people.</p>
	<p><b>Energy, Power, Fuel</b></p>	

	 <p><b>Power</b></p>	<p><b>Crooked Creek:</b> Grid power has been restored to the upper village. Lower village running on generators.</p> <p><b>Circle:</b> Powerplant remains offline. TCC mechanics are providing technical assistance with assessing plant generators. Alaska Energy Association provided two 80kw generators today to supplement community needs. Linemen are working to connect the received generators with power estimated to be restored by the weekend.</p>
	 <p><b>Fuel</b></p>	<p><b>Crooked Creek:</b> Fuel farm is inaccessible due to ice and debris on the roadway. It is unknown if the facility has been damaged. US Coast Guard and DEC are planning to fly to the community by Friday and conduct an assessment.</p>
	<p><b>Transportation</b></p>	
	 <p><b>Airfields/Airports</b></p>	<p><b>Crooked Creek:</b> Runway is open with NOTAM for soft gravel. Power has been restored and DOT&amp;PF crews are checking runway lights.</p> <p><b>Circle:</b> Airport remains open, DOT&amp;PF is planning to perform an assessment within several days.</p> <p><b>Red Devil:</b> 2500 feet of runway open, remainder closed. Numerous washouts and irregular surface areas, NOTAM in effect next 6 days.</p> <p><b>Fort Yukon:</b> Airport power remains off with a NOTAM issued.</p>



**Roadways**

**Glennallen:** DOT&PF completed work around Trooper Creek that is allowing drainage with water down 3-4' and below the highway. Moose Creek drainage is still in progress with water on the highway and pilot car operating.

**Circle:** Steese Highway is open with some soft spots, but water level is below the roadway. DOT&PF is continuing to monitor and will allow water to recede further before making repairs.

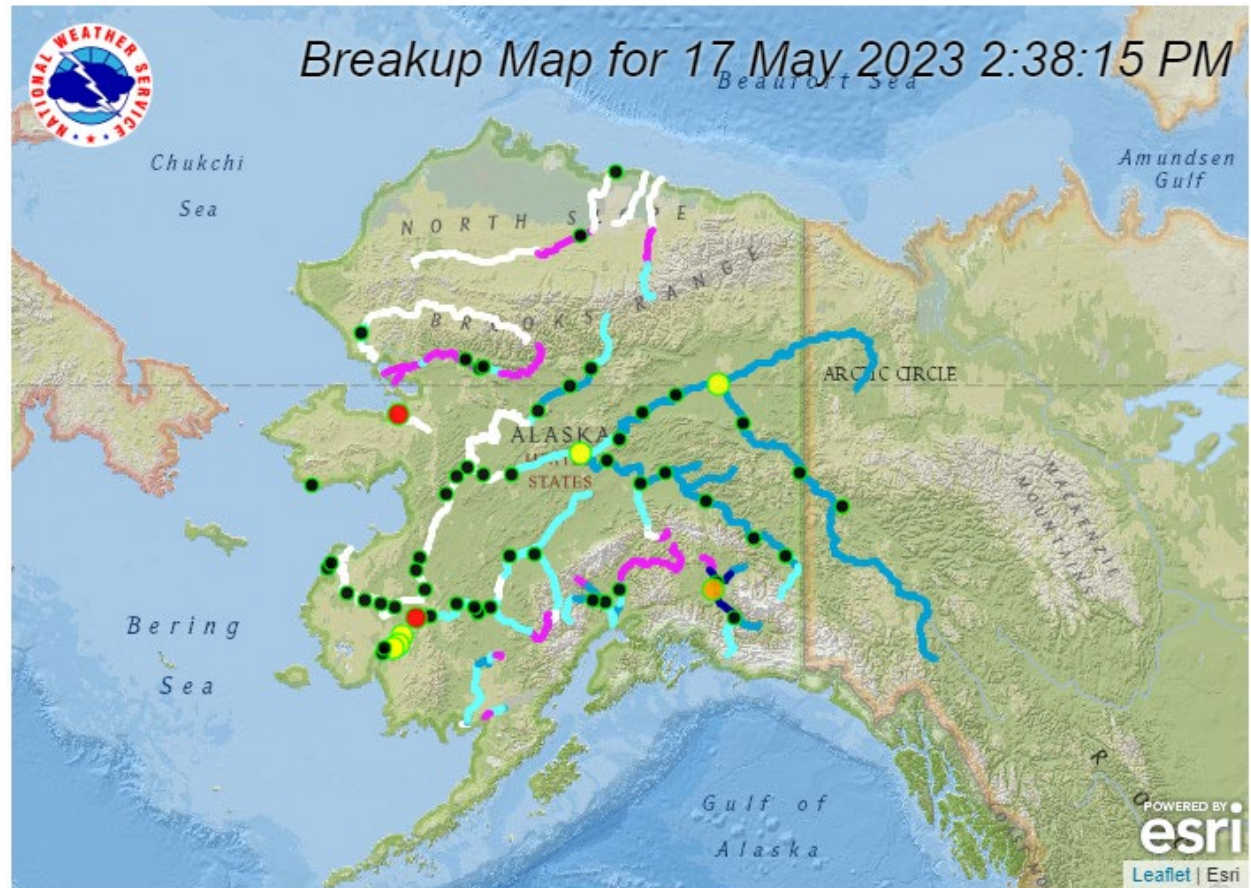
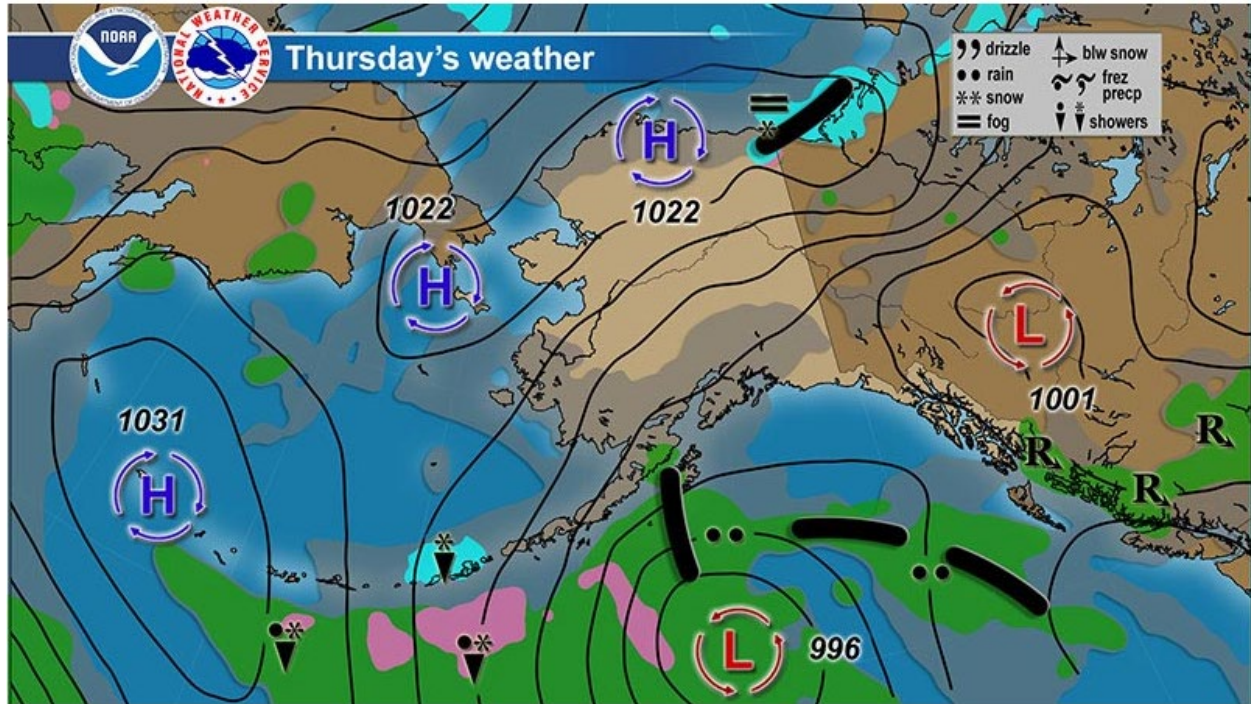
**Eagle:** Debris clearance on Mission Road still in progress, estimated completion now expected by end of day Thursday 5/18.

**McGrath:** Cranberry Road closed due to high water. No damage reported.

**Beaver:** Barge Road is impassable, and water is up to community garden.

**Kalskag:** Road between upper and lower village inaccessible due to high water, and inundation is present in lower village.

# Weather Forecast





## **Helpful Links**

Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM)

<http://ready.alaska.gov/>

National Weather Service: Alaska Forecast Center

<https://www.weather.gov/alaska/>

Alaska-Pacific River Forecast Center: River Breakup Map

<https://www.weather.gov/aprfc/>