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| <p><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u></p> <p>Level 2 – Wildland Fires</p> | <p>http://ready.alaska.gov</p> | <p><u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u></p> <p>Read the NTAS Bulletin here</p> |
| <p><u>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</u> Level:1- Minimum Appropriate Security Measures</p> | <p>WHO Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19):</p> <p>2019 Novel Coronavirus</p> | <p><u>Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level:</u> FPCON Bravo</p> |

(Significant changes from previous situation reports are red.)

Significant Issues:

Juneau Suicide Basin Flooding

The City and Borough of Juneau along with the SEOC is coordinating multi-agency response and recovery efforts in Juneau. Governor Dunleavy declared a State disaster for Individual (AI), Public (PA), and Temporary Housing assistance yesterday and the SEOC is deploying a Branch Director to assist with mass care, volunteer coordination, and operations support, as CBJ is transitioning their EOC operations from response to recovery. SEOC Mass Care is in coordination support with CBJ, Red Cross, Salvation Army, and other faith-based/volunteer agencies providing clean-up kits, emergency meals, emergency clothing vouchers, donation coordination, and availability of volunteer manpower to “muck-out” homes. Red Cross began extensive residential damage assessment today, and SEOC Recovery Branch IA Group is coordinating with Red Cross to receive their information and apply that to expedite State IA. SEOC Recovery Group is in the process of opening Disaster IA programs for this incident and connecting with CBJ to provide PA technical assistance.

Statewide Wildland Fire Situation and State SEOC Fire Support:

With a change in weather, wildland fire activity is beginning decreasing. Despite Red Flag Warnings in effect through this evening, multiple days of wetting rain adding up to more than one inch will be needed for lasting relief. Both Fairbanks area and Anderson area fires reduced their evacuation levels in some areas today from “GO” to a lower levels. SEOC continues to have the MEOC deployed with an SEOC Operations Specialist on the Anderson Complex Fire. Alaska National Guard Armory in Fairbanks continues to support fire crew mobilization. UH-60(s) continue to provide suppression support when able to fly due to weather and fire/smoke conditions. Firefighters from the 176th Air Guard continue to work on active suppression. SEOC is continuing to monitor fires and is prepared to assist with any needs.

State of Alaska Department of Health (DOH)

The DOH stands ready to assist with all aspects of public health and in the event of a public health emergency, supported by the SEOC and other state departments as required. For current information, see: <https://health.alaska.gov/dph/Pages/default.aspx> <https://health.alaska.gov/dph/Emergency/Pages/prepared/default.aspx>

NTAS Bulletin

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has issued an updated National Terrorism Advisory Bulletin. The updated bulletin can be viewed at the below link.
To read current or expired advisories, click the link below: <https://www.dhs.gov/national-terrorism-advisory-system>

Travel Alerts and Conditions

Alaska Department of Transportation - many cameras down due connectivity issues.
For current driving conditions dial 511 or link to <https://511.alaska.gov/>

Barry Arm Landslide / Tsunami Risk

For the latest information on the Barry Arm Landslide and Tsunami risk, click here:
<https://dggs.alaska.gov/hazards/barry-arm-landslide.html>

Recent Earthquakes

USGS Earthquake Information: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/>
National Tsunami Warning Center: <http://tsunami.gov/>

Alaska Volcanoes

Great Sitkin Alert Level: **Watch** and Aviation Color Code: **Orange**
Cleveland Alert Level: **Advisory** and Aviation Color Code: **Yellow**
Aniakchak Alert Level: **Advisory** and Aviation Color Code: **Yellow**
Shishaldin Alert Level: **Watch** and Aviation Color Code: **Orange**
Trident Alert Level: **Advisory** and Aviation Color Code: **Yellow**

For Alaska Volcano updates, go to: <https://www.avo.alaska.edu/>

Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories

Air Quality Advisory still in effect for Central and Eastern Alaska and for South Central Alaska; and Southeast Alaska until 2 PM AKDT on Wednesday August 9, 2023. Severe smoke impacts within the Tanana Flats/Valley. With wind air quality will vary between GOOD and HAZARDOUS.

Air Quality Advisory issued for the North Slope as smoke from Canadian fires have migrated into the eastern portion of the North Slope combined with Upper-level smoke settling to the surface from the Interior fires. Advisory is valid until Wednesday August 9, 2023, at 2:00PM.

For the most up to date Air Quality Index Advisories: <http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/Home/Index>

Spills of Oil and Hazardous Substances

The ADEC Spill Prevention and Response page is located at:
[http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/spill information/response/](http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/spill%20information/response/)

Alaska Cyber Security Information

State Employees may sign up for cyber security notifications and alerts at
<https://oit.alaska.gov/security>
CISA-Cybersecurity Services and Tools: www.cisa.gov/free-cybersecurity-services-and-tools

Alaska Wildland 2023 Fire Season:

The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center is at Preparedness Level 3

- Total Fires: **153**
- Total Acres: **253,482**

Fuel and Fire Behavior Advisory for Central Interior, Eastern Interior, and Copper River Basin is below and valid

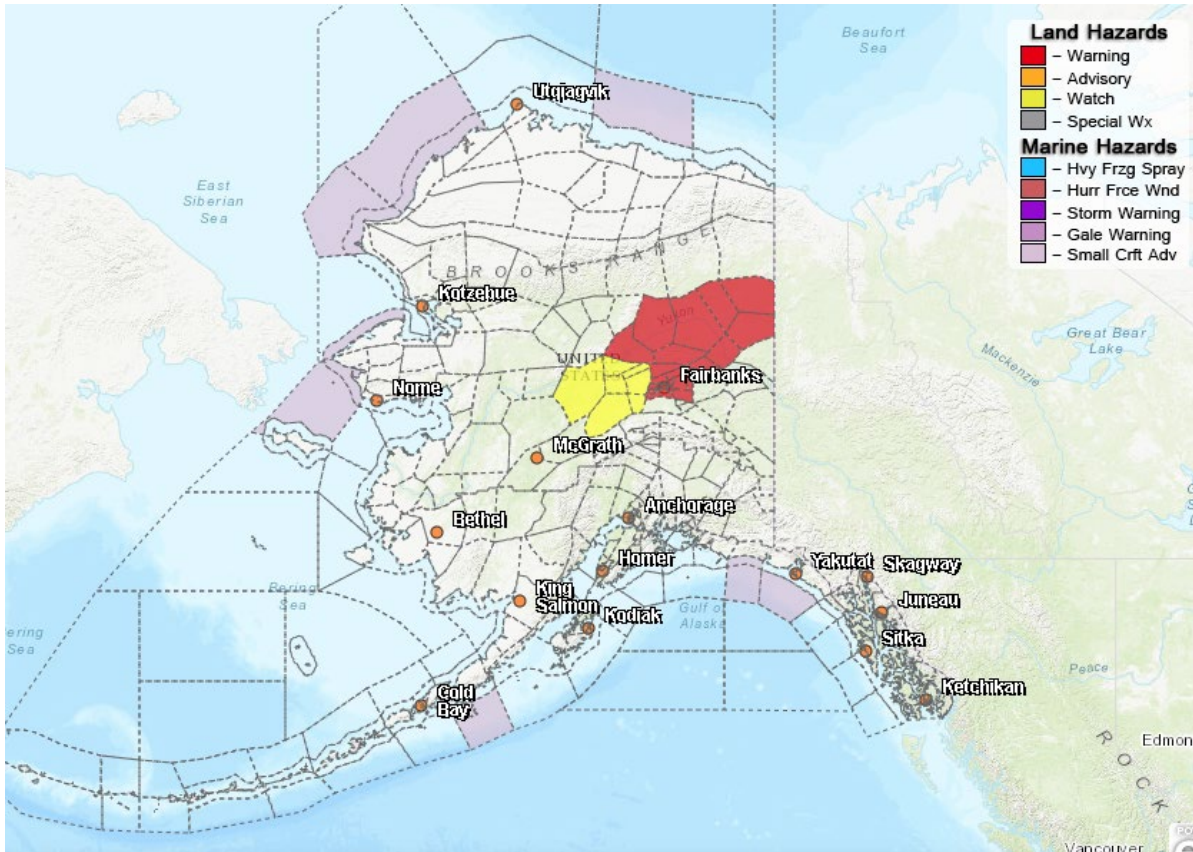
through August 18, 2023:

<https://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/weather/outlooks/FFBehavior.pdf>

There are currently **311** active fire(s) with 17 staffed fire(s)

Current fire information is at <https://fire.ak.blm.gov/> or <https://akfireinfo.com/>

Significant Weather:



The following Warnings, Watches, and/or Advisories have been issued:

Red Flag Warnings:

- Yukon Flats and Surrounding Uplands - Warning in effect through **10:00PMPM this evening** for frequent lightning could cause new fire starts. Thunderstorms will cause gusty and erratic winds in the late afternoon and evening.
- **Middle Tanana Valley** – Warning in effect from noon today through **10:00PM this evening** for lightning, winds, and warm temps.

Fire Weather Watch:

- **Central Interior** – Watch in effect from noon today through this evening for lightning and warm temps.

For more information and the most current weather, go to: <http://www.weather.gov/arh>.

The Next Situation Report will be **10 August 2023**. A significant change in the situation or the threat level will prompt an interim report. This report is posted on the internet at <https://ready.alaska.gov/sitrep>.

To register for email distribution, go to <http://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/dhsem.situation.report>.

Direct questions regarding this report to the SEOC at 907-428-7100 or seoc@alaska.gov