



# ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



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

(Significant changes from previous situation reports are red.)

### Significant Issues:

#### Juneau Suicide Basin Flooding:

The State Emergency Operations Center is actively engaged in responding to Juneau’s Mendenhall Glacial Outburst Flood under Governor Dunleavy’s declaration of State disaster emergency.

SEOC conducted multiple coordination calls with the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) over the last 72 hours and will deploy a Branch Director to Juneau today to coordinate State Disaster Response and Recovery operations with a focus on volunteer donation coordination, and Mass Care support.

SEOC Individual Assistance (IA) Group opened the State Disaster IA applications by phone and web site today and plans to open a Disaster Assistance Center in Juneau the week of August 21. Web Site for IA Registration for the Juneau disaster is: <https://ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IA>

The Red Cross is continuing residential damage assessments in the flood area and is opening an assistance center in Juneau for disaster survivors.

SEOC approved a CBJ resource request for the State Department of Transportation and Public facilities to provide aerial mapping and for the United States Army Corps of Engineers to provide technical assistance on structures and embankment stabilization.

SEOC and CBJ were briefed yesterday by the National Weather Service about a strong storm forecast for Alaska’s Panhandle this weekend. The winds and rain will slow disaster recovery operations, and while the forecast water levels on the Mendenhall River will be well below the flood stage, there is concern about already weakened embankment and trees near the river.

#### Statewide Wildland Fire Situation:

With a change in weather, wildland fire activity is decreasing, with most of the fire concern in areas of the state that have not yet received significant precipitation. However, there are still 16 staffed fires in the state with over 980 fire fighters actively engaged in suppression and over 250,000 acres burned this year.

SEOC has the Mobile Emergency Operations Center deployed to the Anderson Fire Complex with an SEOC Operations Specialist. Alaska National Guard UH-60 helicopter support for fires stood down yesterday due to reduced fire activity but are available in the Fairbanks area to reengage if needed. Alaska National Guard Armory in Fairbanks continues to support fire crew mobilization.

## **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 until **2 PM AKDT on Thursday August 10, 2023**. Elevated smoke impacts continue within the Tanana Flats/Valley.

**Air Quality Advisory** issued for the **North Slope and the Brooks Range** 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 **Thursday August 10, 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/>

## 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](http://www.cisa.gov/free-cybersecurity-services-and-tools)

## Alaska Wildland 2023 Fire Season:

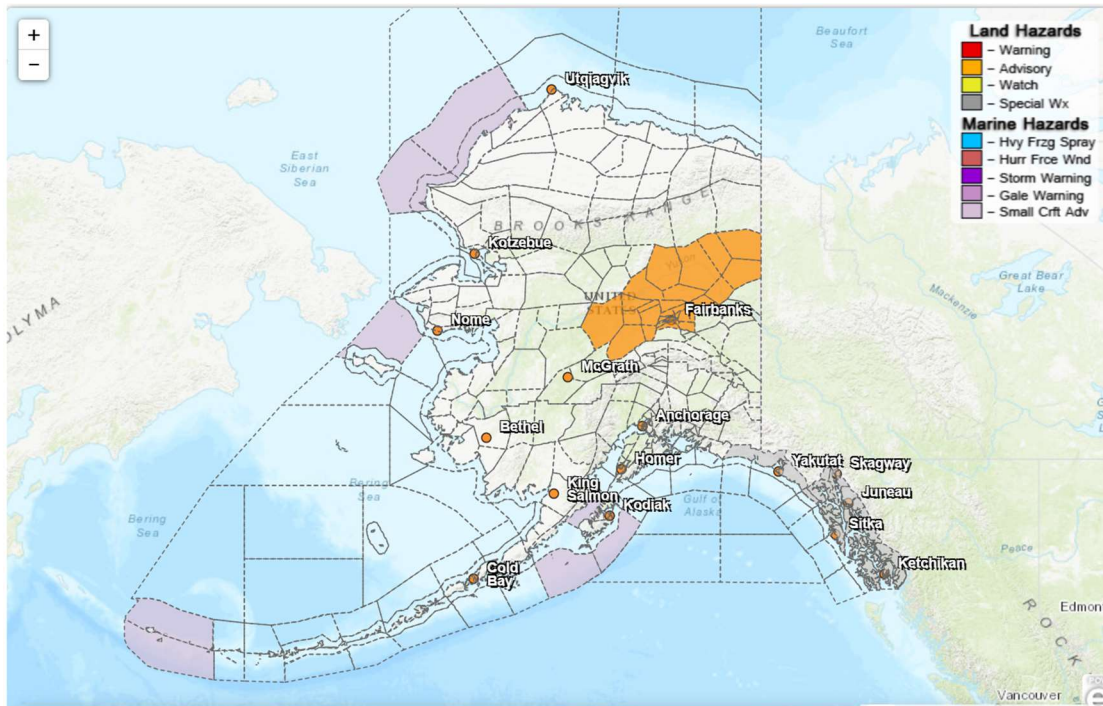
The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center is at Preparedness Level 3

Fuel and Fire Behavior Advisory for Central Interior, Eastern Interior, and Copper River Basin: Exceptional landscape flammability and widespread ongoing large fire growth. Advisory valid through August 18, 2023.

- Total Fires, YTD: 311
- Total Acres: **255,575**
- Active Fire(s): 153 with **16** staffed

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:

- **Dense Smoke Advisory** in effect for the Middle Tanana Valley, Central Interior, Yukon Flats and Surrounding Uplands until 3 PM AKDT this afternoon.
- **Special Weather Statement** issued for this weekend for the City and Borough of Yakutat; Municipality of Skagway; Haines Borough and Klukwan; Glacier Bay; Eastern Chichagof Island; Cape Fairweather to Lisianski Strait; City and Borough of Sitka; Admiralty Island; Petersburg Borough; Western Kupreanof and Kuiu Island; Prince of Wales Island; City and Borough of Wrangell; Ketchikan Gateway Borough; City of Hyder; Annette Island. A gale force low with a significant source of tropical moisture will enter the Gulf of Alaska Saturday. This system will bring moderate to heavy rain and windy conditions to the Panhandle Saturday and Sunday. Heaviest rainfall is expected through Saturday afternoon with the gulf coast and southern Panhandle seeing the greatest accumulations. As much as 2-3 inches of rain are expected.

- Special Weather Statement issued for the City and Borough of Juneau for this weekend. A gale force low with a significant source of subtropical moisture will enter the Gulf of Alaska Saturday. This system will bring moderate to heavy rain and windy conditions to the Panhandle Saturday and Sunday.  
For those along the Mendenhall River, the rainy and windy conditions could increase the risk of trees falling into and around the river from the already unstable riverbanks.

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

**The Next Situation Report** will be **11 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](mailto:seoc@alaska.gov)