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<p><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u> Level 2 – Heightened Awareness</p>	<p><u>http://ready.alaska.gov</u></p>	<p><u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u> View this site for the latest NTAS bulletin: <u>You can read the new NTAS Bulletin here.</u></p>
<p><u>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</u> Level:1-Minimum Appropriate Security Measures</p>	<p><u>WHO Post Pandemic:</u> Disease activity at seasonal levels.</p>	<p><u>Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level:</u> FPCON Bravo</p>

(Significant changes from previous situation reports are in red.)

THREAT LEVEL CHANGES: LEVEL 2 – HEIGHTENED AWARENESS

Whittier Fishing Vessel Fire:

SEOC was notified by the United States Coast Guard of a barge propane explosion in Whittier harbor. SEOC has been in contact with the City of Whittier and Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation who are managing the incident. At this time there are no requests for additional state assistance.

Statewide Fires: With the ongoing record warm weather, SEOC is monitoring fire activity statewide for support requests from Fire Incident Commands and local communities impacted by fire.

Shovel Creek Fire – Fairbanks Area

Firing operations continue at Shovel Creek with two neighborhoods evacuated to date and an additional ten neighborhoods at “Ready” or “Set” evacuation levels. Red Cross overnight shelter stays. Day/Cumulative: 6/32; Meals served: Day/Cumulative: 27/214; Snacks served: Day/Cumulative: 55/593. Alaska National Guard personnel continue to serve at evacuation checkpoints in shifts that provide 24 hours’ coverage. They are integrated with the Shovel Fire Incident Command for logistics support.

Boundary River Fire – Northway

The Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC) remains deployed to the Boundary Fire in Northway. The MEOC is serving as the incident command post for this fire and is supporting incident communications and aircraft operations. Evacuation plans for Northway are in place in the event they are needed.

Swan Lake Fire – Kenai Peninsula Borough

The Swan Lake Fire remains active and the SEOC continues to be in regular contact with the Kenai Peninsula Borough Emergency Management and Swan Lake Fire Incident Command.

Anchorage Fire:

The fire is likely to continue sending up smoke for several days. The Incident Commander on the fire is confident that the perimeter is secure. Fire personnel will remain on the scene for about another week checking for hot spots.

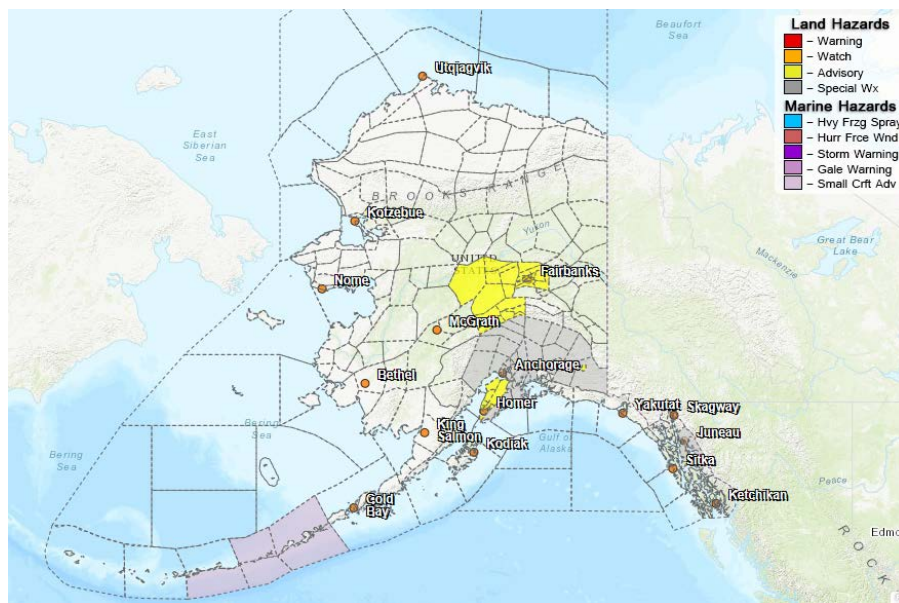
Malaspina Fire- Matanuska-Susitna Borough:

A new wildfire was reported yesterday about one mile north of the Montana Cree Fire. The fire has destroyed one structure and forced the evacuation of a subdivision in the community of Sunshine near Talkeenta. Multiple air tankers were launched to drop retardant around the fire while water-scooping aircraft and helicopters, including two Blackhawks from the Alaska Air National Guard, were brought in to drop water on the fire. The retardant drops were effective and helped slow the spread of the fire. Effective 11:59 pm July 7, the Upper Su Senior Center will be closed for the evening. Residents are returning home and/or have a safe place to stay. Red Cross teams will remain on standby throughout the evening and if needed, can quickly respond to support any affected families and residents by reopening the Upper Su Senior Center.

Hess Creek fire – Livengood and NinetyEight Creek Fire:

SEOC approved resource orders from State Forestry to deploy a satellite communications trailer from SEOC and State Department of Health and Social Services to support incident communications on these fires.

Significant Weather



Flood advisory is in effect for the Kennicott River and high river conditions will persist generally across Southcentral Alaska through the Wednesday evening.

Suicide Basin water levels have started over topping as a result Mendenhall Lake and River will likely reach or pass moderate flood stage in the next 1 to 5 days.

Dense smoke advisories have been issued for Central Interior, Middle Tanana Valley, Denali, and Western Kenai Peninsula until this evening.

For the most current weather Watches / Warnings / Advisories go to: <http://www.weather.gov/arh/>

2019 Fire Season

The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, (AICC) is at Preparedness Level 4.

Wildland fire totals for 2019:

- Total Fires = 385
- Total Acres = 892,543.1

There are currently 124 active fires with 19 fires currently staffed.

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

Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories

Active advisories/episodes are in effect for Southwest, Southcentral, Central and Eastern and Southeast Alaska.

For the most up to date Air Quality Index Advisories:

<http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/Home/Index>

State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS)

The Alaska DHSS website is located at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

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/>

Recent Earthquakes

USGS Earthquake Information: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/>

National Tsunami Warning Center: <http://ntwc.arh.noaa.gov/>

Travel Alerts and Conditions

For current driving conditions dial 511 or link to <http://511.alaska.gov/>

Alaska Volcanoes

Cleveland Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow

Great Sitkin Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow

Semisopchnoi Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow

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

Alaska Cyber Security Information

State Employees may sign up for cyber security notifications and alerts at

<https://oit.alaska.gov/Security>

The Next Situation Report: will be 9 July 2019 at 8:00 am. 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.