



State Emergency Operations Center
2022 Riverwatch
Incident Situation Report
Date: April 28, 2022 Time: 1600 hrs

SEOC Preparedness Level 1

In partnership with:



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State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Activated to Level 1

Incident Overview

Timeline of Significant Events:

27 APR 2022: The SEOC Kuskokwim Division Supervisor deployed to Bethel yesterday, April 27, to meet with local, regional, and tribal organizations in Bethel to discuss emergency flood plans. Additional personnel will travel to Bethel tomorrow and daily River Watch flights will begin to observe river ice conditions and potential ice jam flooding concerns.

Significant Operations:

SEOC and National Weather Service (NWS) initiated regular conference calls with community leaders, tribal organizations, and public safety agencies on the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers to brief on current river conditions and discuss flood response preparation including Small Community Emergency Response Plan review.

Kuskokwim Division conducted meetings to brief Riverwatch operations with the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP), Village Public Safety Officers, Bethel Harbormaster, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Bethel Search and Rescue, Bethel Police Chief, and Tribal Administrators for Kuskokwim and Lower Yukon River communities. Kuskokwim Division is also working through a cooperative review of the Bethel-based Regional Resource Coordination Committee.

In addition, Kuskokwim Division coordinated meetings with AVCP and the Alaska National Guard and Alaska State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities in Bethel.

SEOC Public Information Officer (PIO) gave interviews with NWS on Anchorage Alaska News Source television, KUAC radio in Fairbanks, and Bethel radio station KYUK's "coffee talk" program. PIO deployed to Bethel and spoke with KYUK reporters about Riverwatch and the current forecast. PIO is working to arrange media participation on Riverwatch flights on a space available basis.

Kuskokwim Division will begin Riverwatch aerial surveillance of the river tomorrow, April 29, and plans daily Kuskokwim community briefing calls at 1600 hrs.

Alaska National Guard has prepositioned a UH-60 Blackhawk hoist capable helicopter in both Bethel and Nome.

River Observations

River and lake ice observations can be provided to the Alaska-Pacific River Forecast Center (APRFC) via:

- radio from aircraft to AFSS with observations for inclusion in a PIREP
- phone at 1-800-847-1739
- email report and/or photos to nws.ar.aprfc@noaa.gov

Weekly Community Call-in Information:

SEOC Divisions and National Weather Service Riverwatch Reports

Yukon River Division

Monday May 2 @ 1000 hrs

1-866-203-1705 (toll free)

Participant Code: 1145901

Kuskokwim River Division

Daily @ 1600 hrs

1-866-203-1705 (toll free)

Participant Code: 1145901

Lifeline Status



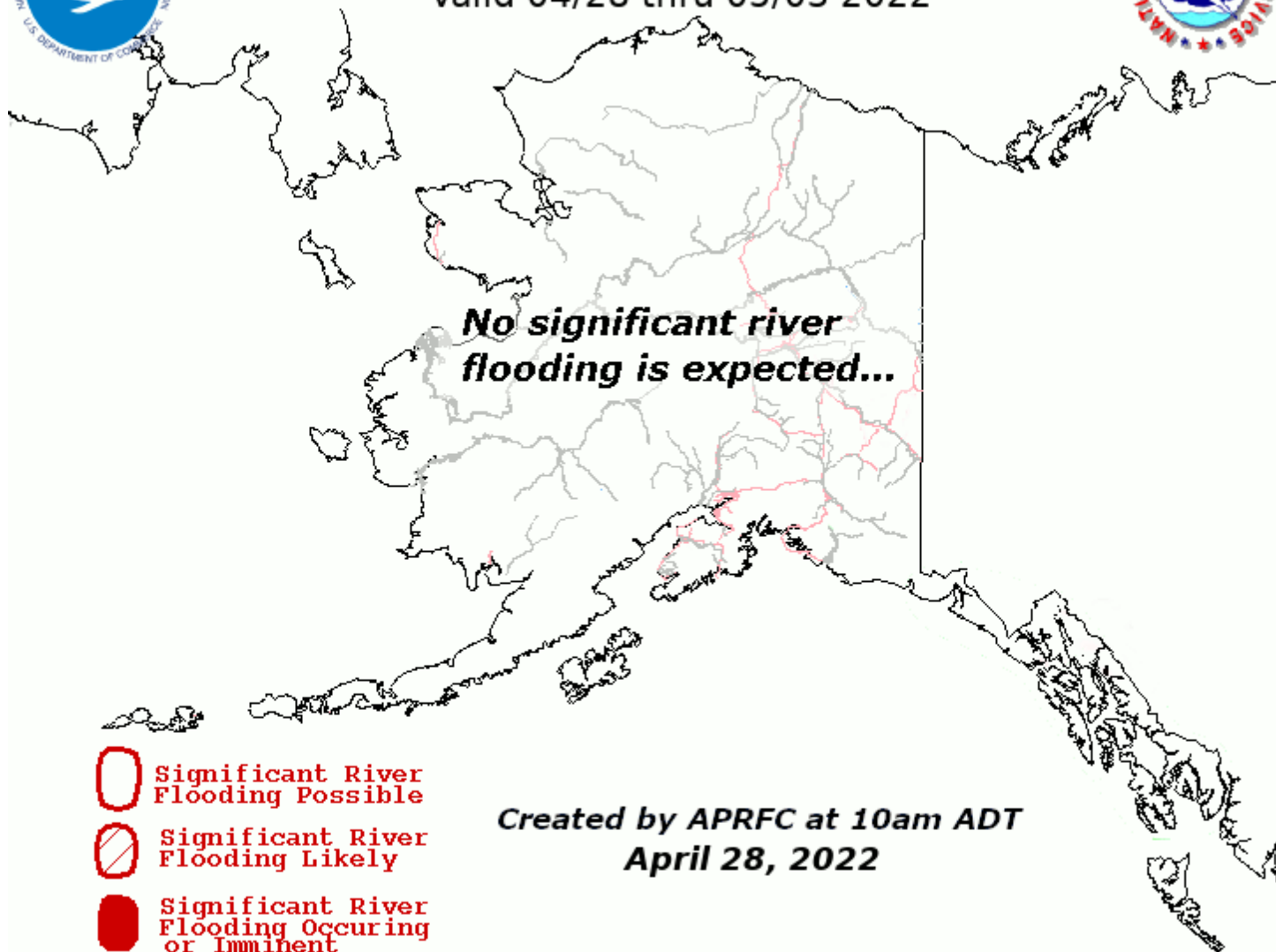
No significant reports across the Lifelines currently.

Weather Forecast (Statewide)



5 Day Flood Potential Outlook

Valid 04/28 thru 05/03 2022



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**Note: Flash Flooding or
Minor River Flooding will
not be included in this outlook**

NWS provided a briefing on potential high water due to snowmelt in the Tanana Valley basin and ice jams on the Tanana River and tributaries.

Helpful Links

Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM)
<http://ready.alaska.gov/>

National Weather Service: Alaska-Pacific River Forecast Center
<https://www.weather.gov/aprfc/>