



State Emergency Operations Center

2023 Spring Floods

Incident Situation Report

Date: May 16, 2023, Time: 1600 hrs.

SEOC Preparedness Level 3



Crooked Creek, Kuskokwim, May 15, 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 REAs due to flooding.

Significant Operations Updates

YUKON DIVISION:

Circle:

The Upper Yukon Division Supervisor reported multiple instances of damage in the community including the washeteria, sewage lagoon, and community well head. 15 homes were assessed as damaged due to flooding, including several off their foundations. Additionally, 3 homes were washed into the river and downstream. Community power remains offline, and multiple power lines were down. The Red Cross provided 25 clean out kits for homes to local officials to distribute. Tanana Chiefs Conference crews remain in the community working to open the community well head and complete water testing.

Stevens Village:

Upper Yukon Division Supervisor flew over the community today and reported that there was no flood damage following warnings sent yesterday.

Buckland:

The National Weather Service issued a flood warning for the Buckland River today. The Buckland mayor was contacted by the SEOC and confirmed that they were aware of the warning and that water levels had not yet caused damaged or closed roadways. A community briefing is scheduled for 1700hrs at the community library to provide additional information to the public.

Tanana:

Upper Yukon Division Supervisor stopped in Tanana after the National Weather Service issued a flood watch for the community as a 120-mile-long ice run approached. The Division Supervisor met with the village council and community members and will continue to monitor.

KUSKOKWIM DIVISION:

Crooked Creek:

The community has reported sheltering 10 displaced people at the school and 2 additional at the washeteria. An unknown number of additional community members are sheltering in place, and the total number of displaced people is unknown. At least 10 buildings are damaged, including four moved off their foundations. The community store remains unavailable. Red Cross is working with Civil Air Patrol and the US Coast Guard to get clean-out kits into the community this week, though no ETA is available.

Napaimute:

After sheltering some community members overnight, water levels have begun receding around the community with minimal flooding and no damage reported.

GLENNALLEN DIVISION:

Conditions in Glennallen continue with minimal changes. The Glenn Highway remains open with a DOT&PF pilot car operating 24 hours a day. The SEOC deployed a Division Supervisor to conduct additional assessments of needs and coordinate on-going response efforts in the community. The Red Cross has continued to maintain a presence daily, including performing preliminary damage assessments, and has made clean out kits available within the community. Sewer system is being repaired.

SEOC Operations Brief



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





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Lifeline Status

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|  <p>Alaska Overall</p> |        |
| <p>Impacted Areas</p> |        |

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|  | <p>Food, Water, and Shelter</p> | |
| |  <p>Shelter</p> | <p>Crooked Creek: 10 sheltered at the school and 2 at the washeteria. Donlin has offered their camp for additional if needed. 10 buildings damaged with two moved off foundations. Red Cross working to get clean out kits into the community this week.</p> <p>Glennallen: Red Cross confirmed 6 homes damaged, 4 remain unconfirmed with additional review planned. Red Cross has clean-out kits available.</p> <p>Circle: 15 homes flooded, with 3 homes swept into river and downstream. 25 Clean-out kits provided by Red Cross.</p> <p>Eagle: 2 homes near the boat landing flooded, both families evacuated.</p> |

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| |  <p>Water</p> | <p>Crooked Creek: Boil water notice still in effect. YKHC delivered bottled water and cleaning supplies to the community.</p> <p>Glennallen: 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>Circle: Tanana Chiefs Conference provided approx. 40 pallets of water and is working to clear well head and complete water testing but is pending power restoration.</p> |
| |  <p>Food</p> | <p>Crooked Creek: Community store was inundated and is unavailable. Donlin donated food for 10 displaced residents.</p> <p>Glennallen: IGA store inundated with water to the power panel. Power turned off as a precaution.</p> <p>Circle: Power off to food freezers, Tanana Chiefs has provided 3 small scale generators to restore freezer power.</p> |
|  | <p>Energy, Power, Fuel</p> | |
| |  <p>Power</p> | <p>Crooked Creek: Grid power has been restored to the upper village, with lower village running on generators.</p> <p>Circle: Powerplant is offline. Tanana Chiefs Conference has sent small generators to support food freezers. Alaska Energy Authority is sending additional support and generators.</p> |

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| |  <p style="text-align: center;">Fuel</p> | <p>Crooked Creek: Fuel farm is inaccessible due to ice and debris on the roadway. Unknown if damaged.</p> |
|  | <p>Communications</p> | |
| |  <p style="text-align: center;">Communications Infrastructure</p> | <p>Crooked Creek: Cell service has been mostly restored, though internet remains down except for StarLink systems. Repairs are in progress as possible.</p> <p>Circle: FirstNet support trailer has arrived in community and is providing supplemental connectivity.</p> |
|  | <p>Transportation</p> | |
| |  <p style="text-align: center;">Airfields/Airports</p> | <p>Crooked Creek: Runway is open with NOTAM for soft gravel. Power has been restored and DOT&PF crews are checking runway lights.</p> <p>Red Devil: 2500 feet of runway open, remainder closed. Numerous washouts and irregular surface areas, NOTAM in effect next 7 days.</p> <p>Fort Yukon: Airport power remains off with a NOTAM issued.</p> <p>Aniak: Water is receding, and airport is no longer in danger.</p> |



Roadways

Glennallen: Glenn Highway is overtopped approx. 1 foot in town. Road remains open with DOT&PF flagging and pilot car operating 24/7. Rip Rap being installed to prevent further erosion.

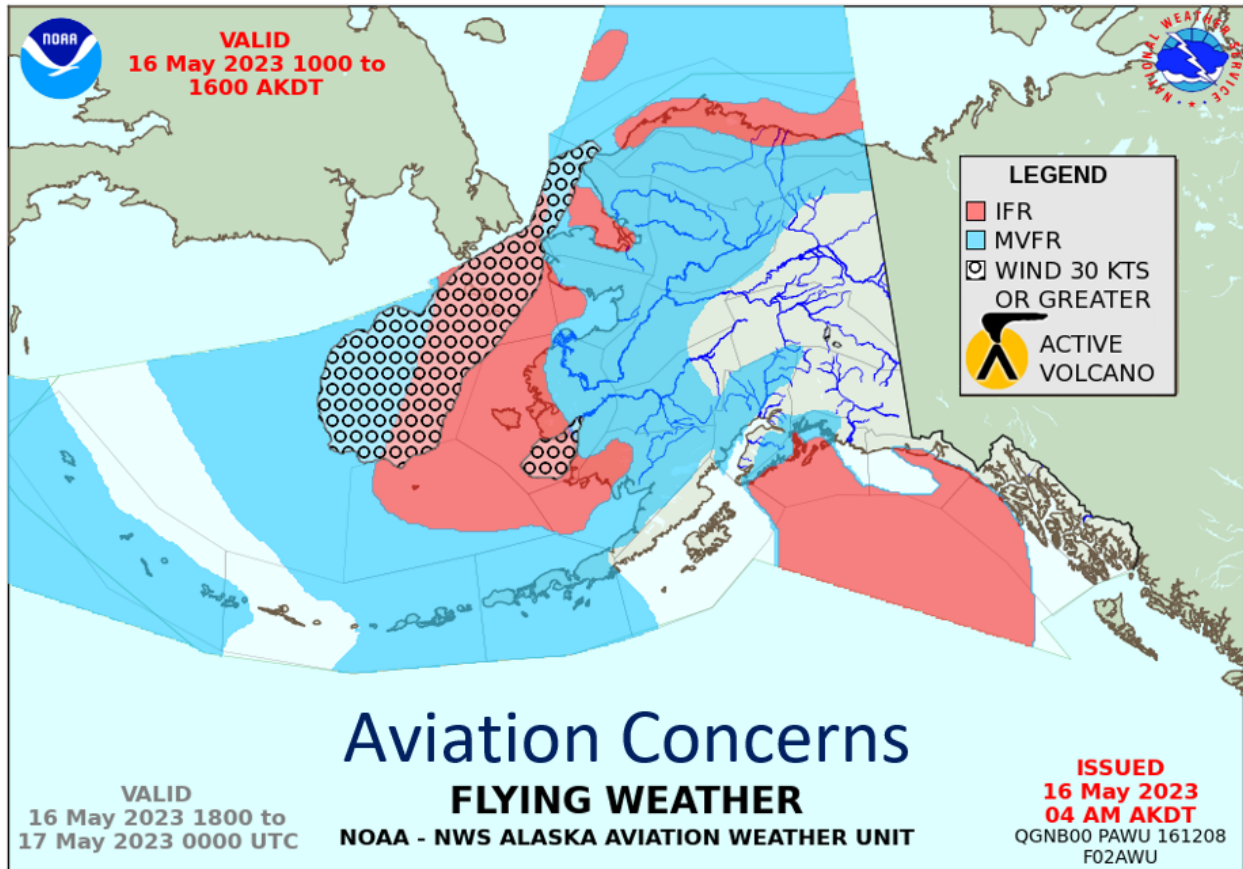
Circle: Steese Highway was overtopped near entrance to town. Photos show road is open with one dry lane.

Eagle: Debris clearance on Mission Road still in progress, estimated completion by Friday 5/19.

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

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

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/>