



State Emergency Operations Center

## **2023 Spring Floods**

### **Incident Situation Report**

**Note: The next Sitrep will be published Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>**

Date: June 2, 2023, Time: 1600 hrs.

SEOC Preparedness Level 3



Russian Mission Airport, June 1<sup>st</sup>

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## State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Activated to Level 3

### Incident Overview

On May 13, 2023, Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy declared a state disaster emergency for the Alaska Gateway, Yukon Flats, Kuspuk, and Copper River Regional Education Attendance Areas (REAA) due to flooding.

On May 22, Governor Dunleavy added the Northwest Arctic Borough, the City of Galena, the Iditarod REAA, Lower Kuskokwim REAA, and Lower Yukon REAA to the declared disaster areas.

On May 24, State opened registrations for Individual Assistance. Applicants can register at <https://ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IA>

### Significant Operations Updates

Currently there are no flood warnings, but with snowmelt runoff, high water is anticipated for several weeks in multiple communities. A Flood Advisory is in place for the Lower Yukon Valley, Glennallen, and Salcha with many communities still waiting for flood waters to fully recede. Active flood response is ongoing based upon community needs while transitioning to disaster recovery. Weather in incident support areas are impacting operations.

The following communities are being actively reported:

**Alakanuk:** Boil water notice in effect. Sewer is not working for 50 homes. Repairs to both water and sewer systems are in progress. Two homes were flooded, and Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation is providing basic cleaning kits. Red Cross planning an assistance mission.

**Central:** Crooked Creek flooded into the town and water came up to the doors of the museum and store. The waters have receded, and cleaning is underway. Steese Highway open.

**Circle:** Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) staff remained overnight due to Central area flooding. ADEC will finalize inventory of flood inundated containers and deploy a contract waste processing team today. US Post Office personnel deployed to the community to clean and repair post office. Team Rubicon volunteers assisted residents with home flood cleanup ("muck out"). Team Rubicon is coordinating 30-40 volunteers from Fairbanks to assist this weekend. Team Rubicon delivered a donated refrigerator/freezer and will demobilize tomorrow. SEOC Recovery Branch will deploy a Disaster Assistance Center on Tuesday June 6 for State Individual Assistance registration and Public Assistance information.

**Crooked Creek:** SEOC has a Volunteer Agency Liaison and Individual Assistance expert in the community to serve as Crooked Creek Taskforce Leader. He is meeting with the community council regularly and coordinating multiple issues with Association of Village Council Presidents flood damaged housing, State Individual Assistance, volunteer services, and working towards transition of the community from response to recovery. School will restart next week to make up days missed during flooding. SEOC tents for are being used for survivor and responder lodging, as well as incident command post. Shelter operations have returned to local responsibility. Community food

supply continues to be challenged until the normal community store can fully restore services. SEOC will deploy a Recovery Branch Task Force the week June 13.

**Emmonak:** Main airport road that washed out is being repaired.

**Galena:** High water table produced water on some roads and areas inside the berm. ADEC is providing consultation on historical contamination concerns.

**Fort Yukon:** Red Cross planning an assistance mission.

**Huslia:** SEOC received a report of coastal road damage, sewage tank loss, and legacy fuel line exposure due high-water erosion. SEOC contacted the community today and will follow up Monday to assess damage. SEOC also engaged ADEC for the fuel line and sewage tank concerns.

**Kwethluk:** ADEC will provide assistance on pipe with oil contamination concerns near school. Nine homes are reported damaged, with two homes having been moved from their foundations. Red Cross is planning an assistance mission.

**Stevens Village:** Water receding. Red Cross planning an assistance mission.

**Russian Mission:** The airport is open with some restrictions and a NOTAM is in place. Community reports 9 residences damaged, with the displaced staying with local families. Red Cross is planning an assistance mission.

**Saint Mary's:** Sewage pump out for repair but temporary operations in place.

**Glennallen:** DOT&PF reported today that Moose Creek rose yesterday and continued overnight. Water is over the Glenn Highway and DOT has flagging operation underway. Trooper Creek is over topping Terrace Drive. Several residences isolated by rising waters, but new culverts are handling high water and preventing flooding in downtown Glennallen. No residential inundation reported. SEOC in regular contact with local incident command.

With community cleanup complete, and flood warnings canceled, SEOC demobilized field personnel from the Alaska Organized Militia today and released the Bethel and Fairbanks Armories from shelter standby.

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## SEOC Operations Brief



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






**Please email the 2023 Spring Floods conference at**


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## Lifeline Status

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

	<p><b>Food, Water, and Shelter</b></p>	
	 <p><b>Shelter</b></p>	<p><b>Alakanuk:</b> Two homes flooded. YKHC sending basic flooding cleaning materials.</p> <p><b>Circle:</b> Team Rubicon, together with volunteers from Fairbanks, are still assisting with muck out operations. They will demobilize Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> but they coordinated with 20-30 volunteers from Fairbanks will continue assisting over the weekend.</p> <p><b>Crooked Creek:</b> SEOC deployed a Taskforce Leader into the community to coordinate Mass Care and Individual Assistance.</p> <p><b>Emmonak:</b> 20 Homes isolated but no homes have been damaged. The women’s shelter was damaged with about 6 people being moved to city apartments for shelter.</p>

		<p><b>Fort Yukon:</b> Some sheltering still in place. 10 homes with flood damage.</p> <p><b>Kwethluk:</b> 2 survivors sheltering with family in the community.</p>
	 <p><b>Water</b></p>	<p><b>Boil Water Notice</b> in effect in Buckland, Grayling, Nunam Iqua, Mountain Village, and Pilot Station.</p> <p><b>Alakanuk:</b> Sewer system was damaged, parts have been shipped, and repairs should be completed soon.</p> <p><b>Saint Mary's:</b> Sewage pump out for repairs, but temporary system is in place.</p> <p><b>Huslia:</b> Preliminary report of some sewage infrastructure damage.</p>
	<p><b>Energy (Power and Fuel)</b></p>	
	 <p><b>Fuel</b></p>	<p><b>Crooked Creek:</b> Fuel storage tank intact, community with limited fuel supply until barge arrives.</p> <p><b>Russian Mission:</b> Russian Mission Native Corp gas station tank farm impacted.</p>
	<p><b>Transportation</b></p>	
		<p><b>Fort Yukon:</b> Airport is open, but VOR remains off, NOTAM issued. Taxiway and ramp closed.</p> <p><b>Galena:</b> Groundwater intrusion on both sides of the airport with no impact to runway or airport flight operations.</p>

	<b>Airfields/Airports</b>	<b>Russian Mission:</b> Airport is open with restrictions. NOTAM issued.
	 <b>Roadways</b>	<p><b>Emmonak:</b> Airport access road undergoing repairs.</p> <p><b>Galena:</b> Closed the entrance to GILA campus due to high ground water.</p> <p><b>Glennallen:</b> Moose Creek is flooding the Glenn Highway and DOT has 24-hour flagging operations. Trooper Creek overtopped Terrace Drive.</p>

Data current as of 1400 AKDT 06/02/2023

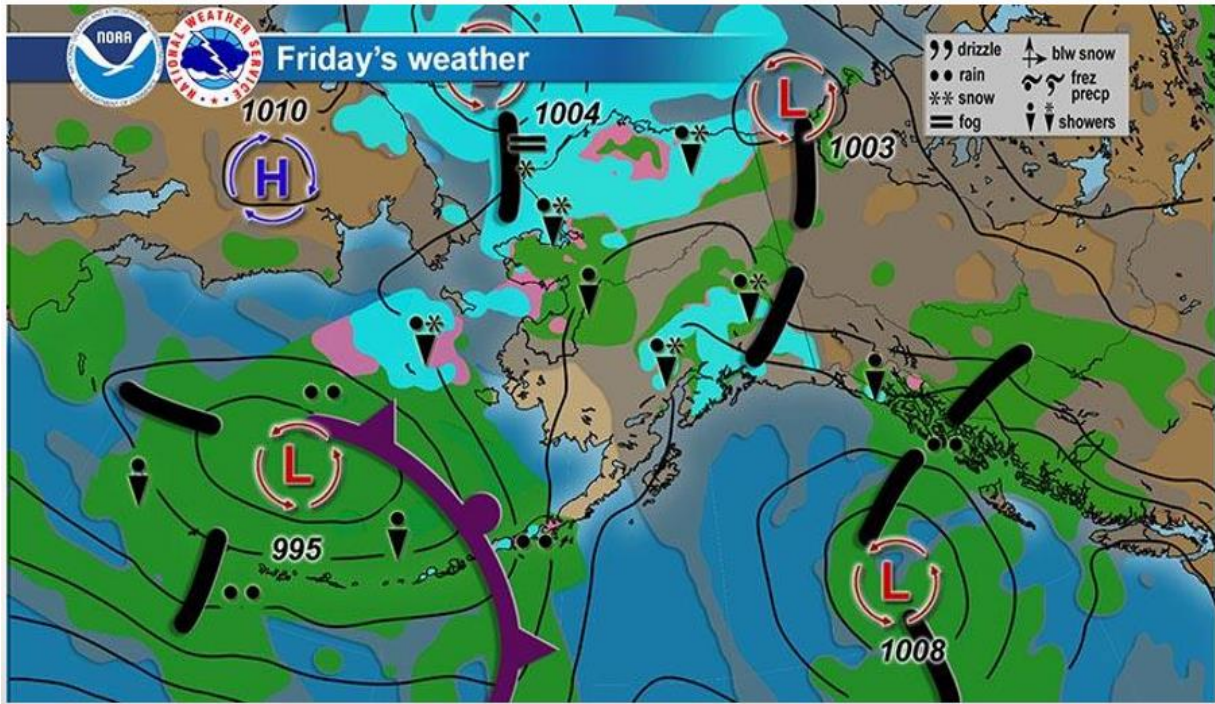
<b>State Individual Assistance (IA) Applications</b>	
Hotline Applications	36
Web Applications	59
In-Person Applications	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

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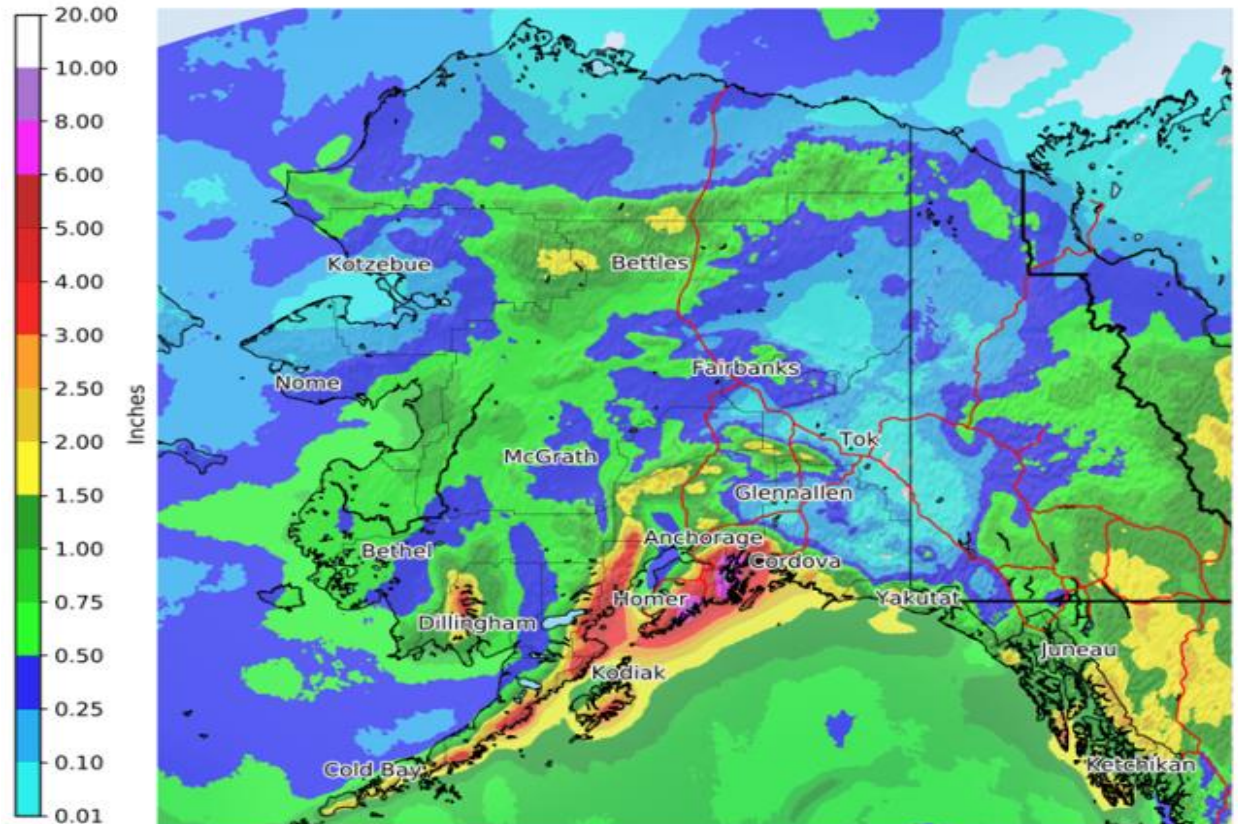
<b>Mass Care Housing Assessment</b>					
Aggregated from Red Cross, Community Report, AKOM Observations, and Non-Profit reports.					
	Destroyed	Major	Minor	Affected	Total Impacted
All Areas	11	18	10	4	43



# Weather Forecast



**7 Day Accumulated Precipitation Forecast**  
Valid: 06/01/2023 04:00 AM - 06/08/2023 04:00 AM AKDT



## **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/>

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