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<u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u> Level 1 – Routine Operations	http://ready.alaska.gov	<u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u> Read the NTAS Bulletin here
<u>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</u> Level:1-Minimum Appropriate Security Measures	WHO Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19): 2019 Novel Coronavirus	<u>Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level:</u> FPCON Bravo

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

Significant Issues:

Northwest Arctic Borough (NWAB) advised SEOC that the City of Kotzebue has declared a local disaster due to a winter storm(s) resulting in overwhelming snow. City is requesting \$150,000 in disaster funds to remove snow. NWAB is actively engaging with the city and reaching out to other communities in the Borough to see if there are additional impacts. The SEOC is evaluating the declaration to identify potential resource that may be able to assist.

State of Alaska Department of Health (DOH)

The DOH is leading the State of Alaska COVID-19 Recovery, supported by the SEOC and other state departments as required.

For current COVID-19 information, see:

<https://covid19.alaska.gov/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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

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:

[DGGs Barry Arm Landslide and Tsunami Hazard](#)

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**

Aniakchak Alert Level: **Advisory** and Aviation Color Code: **Yellow**

Semisopchnoi Alert Level: **Advisory** and Aviation Color Code: **Yellow**

Takawangah Alert Level: **Advisory** and Aviation Color Code: **Yellow**

Tanaga Alert Level: **Advisory** and Aviation Color Code: **Yellow**

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

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/>

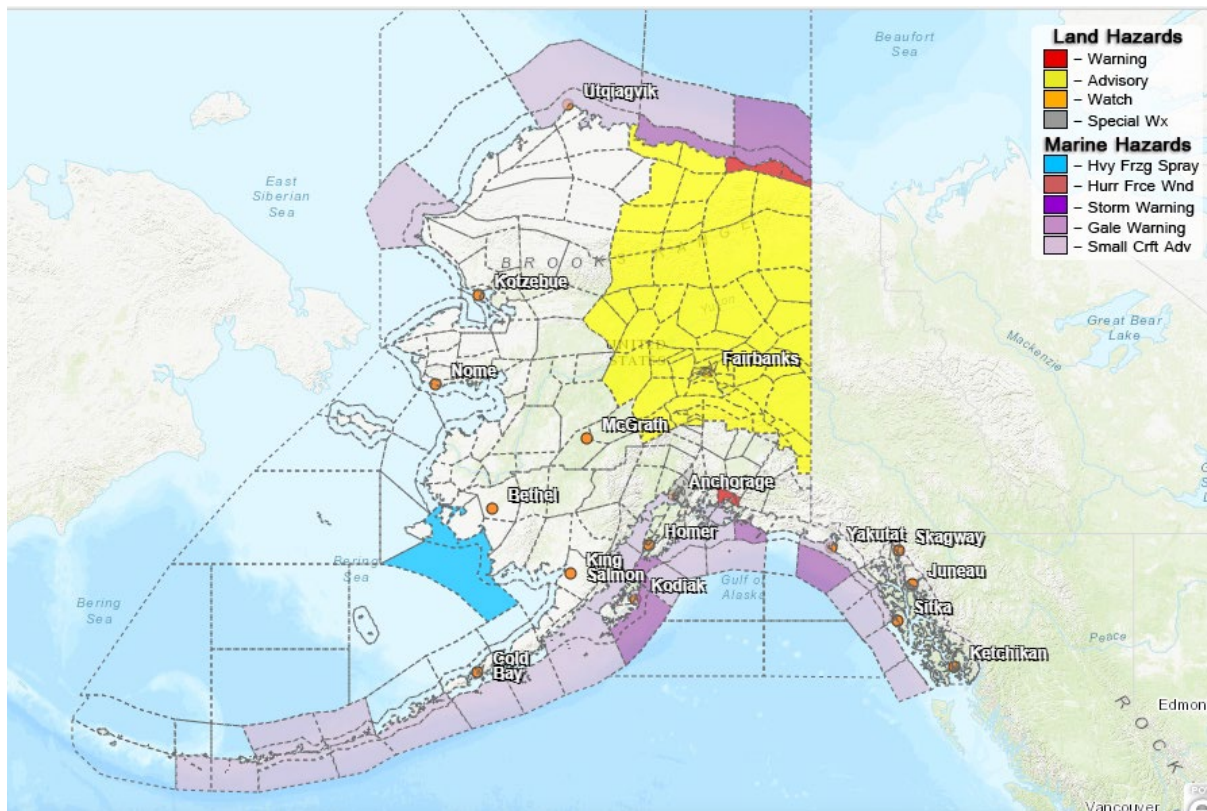
Alaska Cyber Security Information

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

Significant Weather:



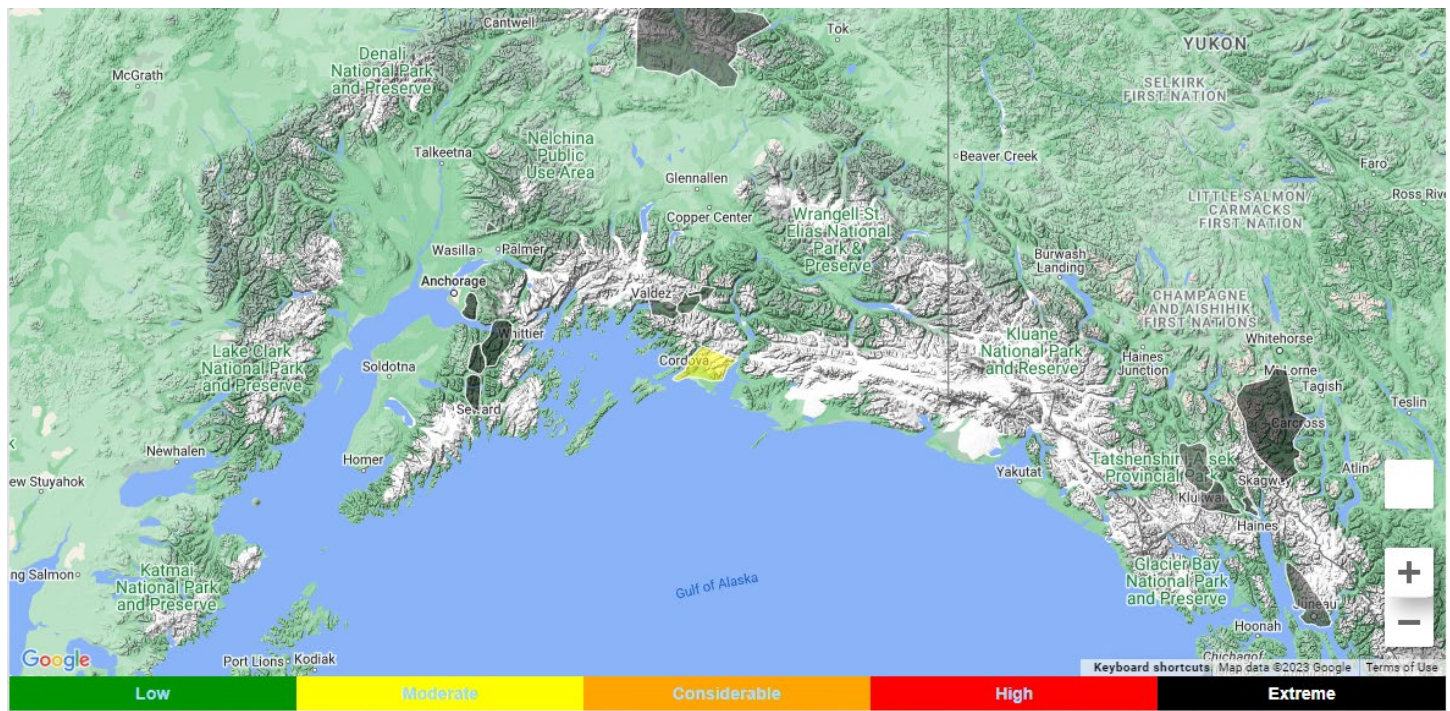
The following Winter Weather Advisories are in effect:

- Northeastern Brooks Range - Snow and blowing snow with periods of low visibility expected. Total snow accumulations of 4 to 7 inches. Winds gusting as high as 45 mph through 6:00PM Thursday.
- Central Beaufort Sea Coast - Snow and blowing snow with low visibility expected. Total snow accumulations of up to 4 inches. Winds gusting as high as 40 mph through 3:00PM Thursday.
- Upper Tanana Valley and the Fortymile Country - Snow and blowing snow with periods of low visibility expected. Total snow accumulations of 2 to 4 inches. Winds gusting as high as 35 mph from 12:00AM tonight through 6:00AM Friday.
- Southeastern Brooks Range - Snow and blowing snow occurring. Total snow accumulations 3 to 6 inches. Visibility one half mile or less at times. Winds gusting to 40 mph through 6:00AM Friday.
- Deltana and Tanana Flats - Snow and blowing snow with periods of low visibility expected. Brief freezing rain. Ice accumulation of a light glaze. Total snow accumulations of 4 to 6 inches through midnight tonight.
- Eastern Alaska Range - Snow and blowing snow with periods of low visibility expected. Total snow accumulations of 6 to 8 inches. Winds gusting as high as 40 mph through midnight tonight.
- Denali - Mixed freezing rain, sleet and snow. Blowing snow with low visibility. Ice accumulations of a light glaze, and snow accumulations of 6 inches are expected through 6:00PM this evening.
- Middle Tanana Valley - Snow occurring. Storm total snow accumulations of 3 to 4 inches are expected through 6:00PM tonight.
- Yukon Flats and Surrounding Uplands - Snow and blowing snow with low visibility. Snow accumulations of 4 to 6 inches are expected. Visibility one half mile or less at times. Northwest winds gusting to 30 mph through 6:00PM Thursday.

High wind warning in effect for Northeast Prince William Sound: Valdez through Thompson Pass from 1:00AM Friday through 9:00PM Friday for northeast winds 45 to 55 mph with gusts as high as 80 mph.

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

Avalanche Forecast:



- Haines – Considerable avalanche conditions above 1,500ft and moderate below 1,500 ft.
- Valdez – Moderate avalanche danger at all elevations.
- Cordova area: Moderate advisory level above 2,000ft and low advisory level below 2,000ft.
- Turnagain Pass – Moderate advisory level above 1,000ft, low advisory level below 1,000 ft.
- Hatcher Pass – Moderate advisory level at all elevations and on slopes 35° and steeper.

Check the Avalanche Forecast Center closest to your area for the most up to date information on avalanche potential. <https://alaskasnow.org> or <https://www.weather.gov/afc/avalancheweather>

The Next Situation Report: will be **10 March 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