



# ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



## SITUATION REPORT 23-220 • August 8, 2023

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<p><b><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u></b></p> <p>Level 2 – Wildland Fires</p>	<p><a href="http://ready.alaska.gov">http://ready.alaska.gov</a></p>	<p><b><u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u></b></p> <p><a href="#">Read the NTAS Bulletin here</a></p>
<p><b><u>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</u></b> Level:1- Minimum Appropriate Security Measures</p>	<p><b>WHO Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19):</b></p> <p><a href="#">2019 Novel Coronavirus</a></p>	<p><b><u>Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level:</u></b> FPCON Bravo</p>

(Significant changes from previous situation reports are red.)

### **Significant Issues:**

#### Juneau Suicide Basin Flooding

The SEOC met with the City and Borough of Juneau and is continuing to support them with response and mass care needs from this weekend's flooding. They have issued local disaster declaration asking for state assistance for flood impacts. The SEOC is reviewing their declaration and will support them through the assistance process.

#### Statewide Wildland Fire Situation and State SEOC Fire Support:

Delayed onset of season-ending rains has resulted in deeper drying of duff layers and greater fuel availability than typically seen this time of year. There are numerous fires near core population areas and new starts continue to be discovered in these areas and are resistant to containment. Multiple days of wetting rain adding up to more than one inch will be needed for lasting relief. Red Flag Warnings have been canceled, leaving a large portion of the interior under dense smoke advisories. AKNG, SEOC, and other partners are continuing to support, and SEOC will continue to monitor conditions. Red Cross, Salvation Army, and other VOAD partners are still on standby ready to support if necessary.

#### Fairbanks Area Fires:

Due to continued fire suppression success, the Fairbanks North Star Borough was able to make changes in their evacuation levels. The Upper Haystack Subdivision changed from level 3 (GO!) back to level 2 (SET), effective at 8:00 PM last night. The McCoy Creek Fire #201 is still ongoing. A Level 3 (GO!) evacuation status still remains in effect for residents in the Lower Salcha River, approximately from river mile 3 to 40. SEOC was in regular contact with Fairbanks North Star Borough and forestry throughout the weekend and will support with statewide resources as required.

#### Anderson Complex:

SEOC has a Division Supervisor in Anderson / Healy to support the Borough Emergency Management and the Mobile Emergency Operations Center is still being utilized as an Incident Management Command Post. Rain and cooler temperatures have helped fire crews combat fires in the area. Evacuation levels remain in place.

## Delta Junction Area

Fire suppression efforts continue in the Delta area on multiple fires. Tanana Chiefs crew worked with forestry to protect structures, while aircraft and jumpers continued working on other fires. Fire Management Officer Michael Goyette cautioned residents and visitors to take precautions regarding health, visibility and driving impacts due to heavy smoke conditions.

## State of Alaska Department of Health (DOH)

The DOH stands ready to assist with all aspects of public health and in the event of a public health emergency, supported by the SEOC and other state departments as required. For current information, see:  
<https://health.alaska.gov/dph/Pages/default.aspx> <https://health.alaska.gov/dph/Emergency/Pages/prepared/default.aspx>

## 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

Alaska Department of Transportation - many cameras down due connectivity issues.  
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:  
<https://dgs.alaska.gov/hazards/barry-arm-landslide.html>

## 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**  
**Cleveland** Alert Level: **Advisory** and Aviation Color Code: **Yellow**  
**Aniakchak** Alert Level: **Advisory** and Aviation Color Code: **Yellow**  
**Shishaldin** Alert Level: **Watch** and Aviation Color Code: **Orange**  
**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

**Air Quality Advisory** still in effect for Central and Eastern Alaska and for South Central Alaska; and Southeast Alaska until 2 PM AKDT on Tuesday August 8, 2023. Severe smoke impacts within the Tanana Flats/Valley. With wind air quality will vary between GOOD and HAZARDOUS.

**Air Quality Advisory** issued for the North Slope as smoke from Canadian fires have migrated into the eastern portion of the North Slope combined with Upper-level smoke settling to the surface from the Interior fires. Advisory is valid until Tuesday August 8, 2023, at 2:00PM.

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/](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](http://www.cisa.gov/free-cybersecurity-services-and-tools)

## Alaska Wildland 2023 Fire Season:

The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center is at Preparedness Level 3

- Total Fires: **152**
- Total Acres: **243,925**    **\*\*2 new fires in the 24 hours\*\***

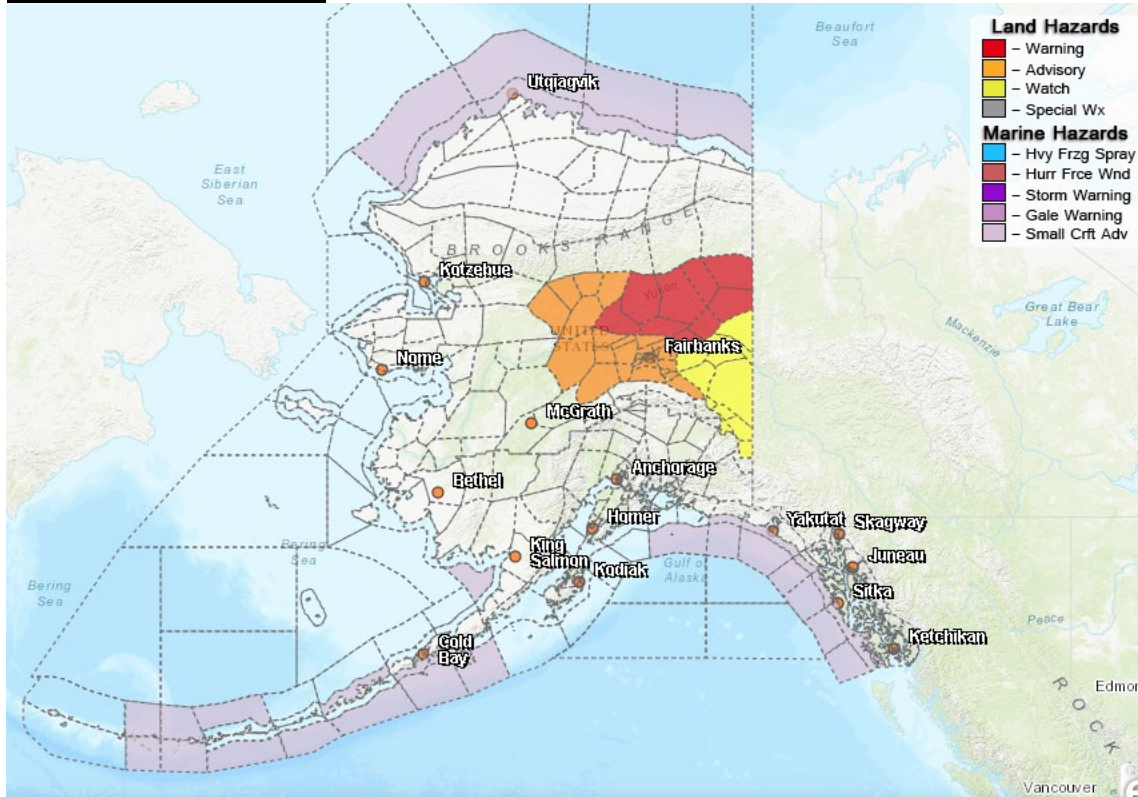
Fuel and Fire Behavior Advisory for Central Interior, Eastern Interior, and Copper River Basin is below and valid through August 18, 2023:

<https://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/weather/outlooks/FFBehavior.pdf>

There are currently **309** active fire(s) with **17** staffed fire(s)

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

## Significant Weather:



The following Warnings, Watches, and/or Advisories have been issued:

### **Red Flag Warnings:**

- Yukon Flats and Surrounding Uplands - Warning in effect from 4:00PM this afternoon through midnight tonight Frequent lightning could cause new fire starts. Thunderstorms will cause gusty and erratic winds in the late afternoon and evening.

### **Dense Smoke Advisory**

- Central Interior, Deltana and Tanana Flats, Middle Tanana Valley, Upper Koyukuk Valley and Upper Tanana Valley and Fortymile Country – In effect until noon today causing hazardous driving conditions due to low visibility. Dense smoke is hazardous to health.

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

**The Next Situation Report** will be **9 August 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>.

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