



**ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY &  
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<p><b><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u></b> Level 2 – Heightened Awareness</p>	<p><a href="http://ready.alaska.gov">http://ready.alaska.gov</a></p>	<p><b><u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u></b> View this site for the latest NTAS bulletin: <a href="#">You can read the new NTAS Bulletin here.</a></p>
<p><b><u>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</u></b> Level:1-Minimum Appropriate Security Measures</p>	<p><b><u>WHO Post Pandemic:</u></b> Disease activity at seasonal levels.</p>	<p><b><u>Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level:</u></b> FPCON Bravo</p>

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

**THREAT LEVEL CHANGES:** SEOC LEVEL 2 – HEIGHTENED AWARENESS

**Significant Issues:**

**Wildland Fires**

SEOC has been in regular contact with jurisdictions and agencies engaged in wildland fire operations in the state.

On Friday August 23, Governor Dunleavy issued a State Disaster Declaration for the Matanuska Susitna Borough and Kenai Peninsula Borough for impacts from the McKinley, Deshka Landing, and Swan Lake wildfires. The Declaration activated the State’s Public Assistance, Individual Assistance, and Temporary Housing programs. SEOC is engaged in operations to implement these programs in the declared areas.

To date SEOC has received local declarations for fire response and recovery from:

- Mat-Su Borough
- Lake and Peninsula Borough
- Kenai Peninsula Borough

The Alaska National Guard conducted the following missions over the weekend in response to SEOC resource orders:

- Traffic management, in coordination with the Alaska State Troopers, for the Swan Lake and Caribou Lake fires in the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the McKinley and Deshka Fires in the Mat-Su Borough. **The Mat-Su Traffic Management Mission is demobilized as of Monday August 26.**
- Alcantra Armory in support of wildland firefighter lodging and logistics.
- Helicopters on standby to support fire suppression. **The National Guard helicopter support mission is demobilized as of August 26.**

The Sterling Highway in the Kenai Peninsula Borough continues to see delays, lane restrictions, and closures due to smoke and fire impacts.

## **2019 Fire Season**

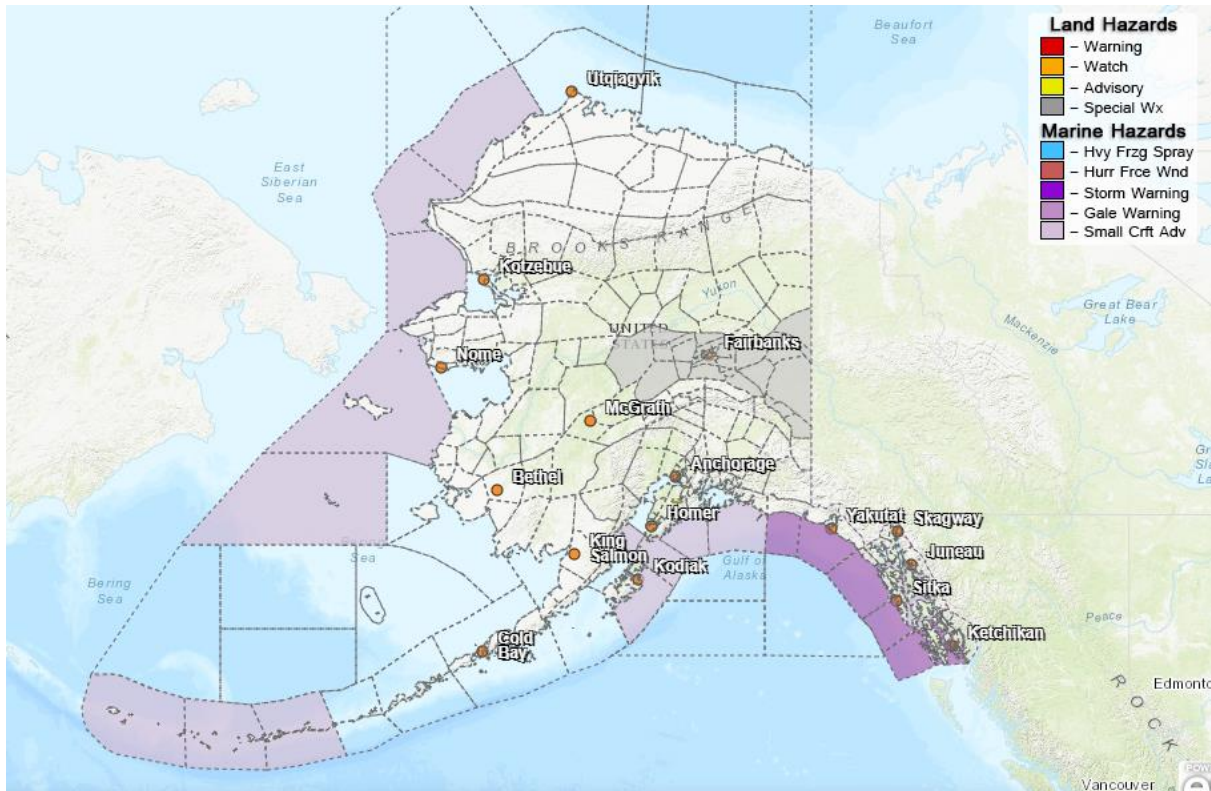
The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, (AICC) is at Preparedness Level 3.

Wildland fire totals for 2019:

- Total Fires = **682**
- Total Acres = **2,550,022.4**. There are currently **218** active fires with **8** fires currently staffed.

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

## **Significant Weather:**



A flood advisory remains in effect for the western Kenai Peninsula until 10:15 am today.

For the most current weather Watches / Warnings / Advisories go to: <http://www.weather.gov/arh/>

## **Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories**

An Air Quality Advisory remains in effect for Southcentral and Southwest Alaska due to wildfire smoke until 4 pm today.

For the most up to date Air Quality Index Advisories:

<http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/Home/Index>

## **State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS)**

The Alaska DHSS website is located at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

## **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/>

## **Recent Earthquakes**

USGS Earthquake Information: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/>

National Tsunami Warning Center: <http://ntwc.arh.noaa.gov/>

## **Travel Alerts and Conditions**

As of noon Sunday, August 25th, all lanes of traffic on the Parks Highway are open in the McKinley Fire area. There are no longer pilot car operations. A restricted speed limit of will remain in effect.

As of 9:02 am, the Sterling Highway is open from Mp53 to Mp71. Travel is not advised.

Road closure on Skilak Lake Road from Upper Skilak Lake Road to Sterling Highway due to emergency vehicles on road and smoke conditions.

For current driving conditions dial 511 or link to <http://511.alaska.gov/>

## **Alaska Volcanoes**

**Veniaminof** Alert Level: **Normal** and Aviation Color Code: **Green**

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

**Shishaldin** Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Orange.

**Semisopochnoi** Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Orange

For Alaska Volcano updates, go to: <https://www.avo.alaska.edu/>

## **Alaska Cyber Security Information**

State Employees may sign up for cyber security notifications and alerts at

<https://oit.alaska.gov/Security>

**The Next Situation Report:** will be **27 August** 2019 at 8:00 am. 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](mailto:seoc@alaska.gov).