



**ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY &
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| <p><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u></p> <p>Level 3 - Ongoing Active Response - 2020 December Southeast Storm</p> | <p>http://ready.alaska.gov</p> | <p><u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u></p> <p>View this site for the latest NTAS bulletin: read the current NTAS Bulletin here.</p> |
| <p><u>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</u></p> <p>Level:1-Minimum Appropriate Security Measures</p> | <p>WHO Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19):</p> <p>2019 Novel Coronavirus</p> | <p><u>Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level:</u> FPCON Bravo</p> |

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

THREAT LEVEL CHANGES:

The SEOC has moved to Preparedness Level 3 due to the ongoing active response to the southeast storm.

Significant Issues:

The SEOC is actively engaged in the response to the flooding and landslides in Haines and other communities in the southeast region of the state. A coordinated search and rescue (SAR) effort is in process to attempt to find multiple persons not yet accounted for. The Alaska State Troopers, Alaska National Guard, Rescue Coordination Center, US Coast Guard, and approximately 30 local searchers are involved. AKNG and USCG aircraft and vessels are on-site in Haines today to further assist in these efforts.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic:

A unified command has been established at the SEOC. The SEOC continues to support statewide response to COVID-19.

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

DHSS is operating as the Medical Branch under the State EOC/Unified Command.

For more information about the outbreak refer to:

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

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

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

NTAS BULLETIN

To read current advisories, select the link below.

<https://www.dhs.gov/national-terrorism-advisory-system>

Travel Alerts and Conditions

COVID-19 Health Orders may affect travel. Check <https://covid19.alaska.gov/> for current Health Orders.

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

Recent Earthquakes

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

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

Alaska Volcanoes

Korovin Alert Level: Normal and Aviation Color Code: Green

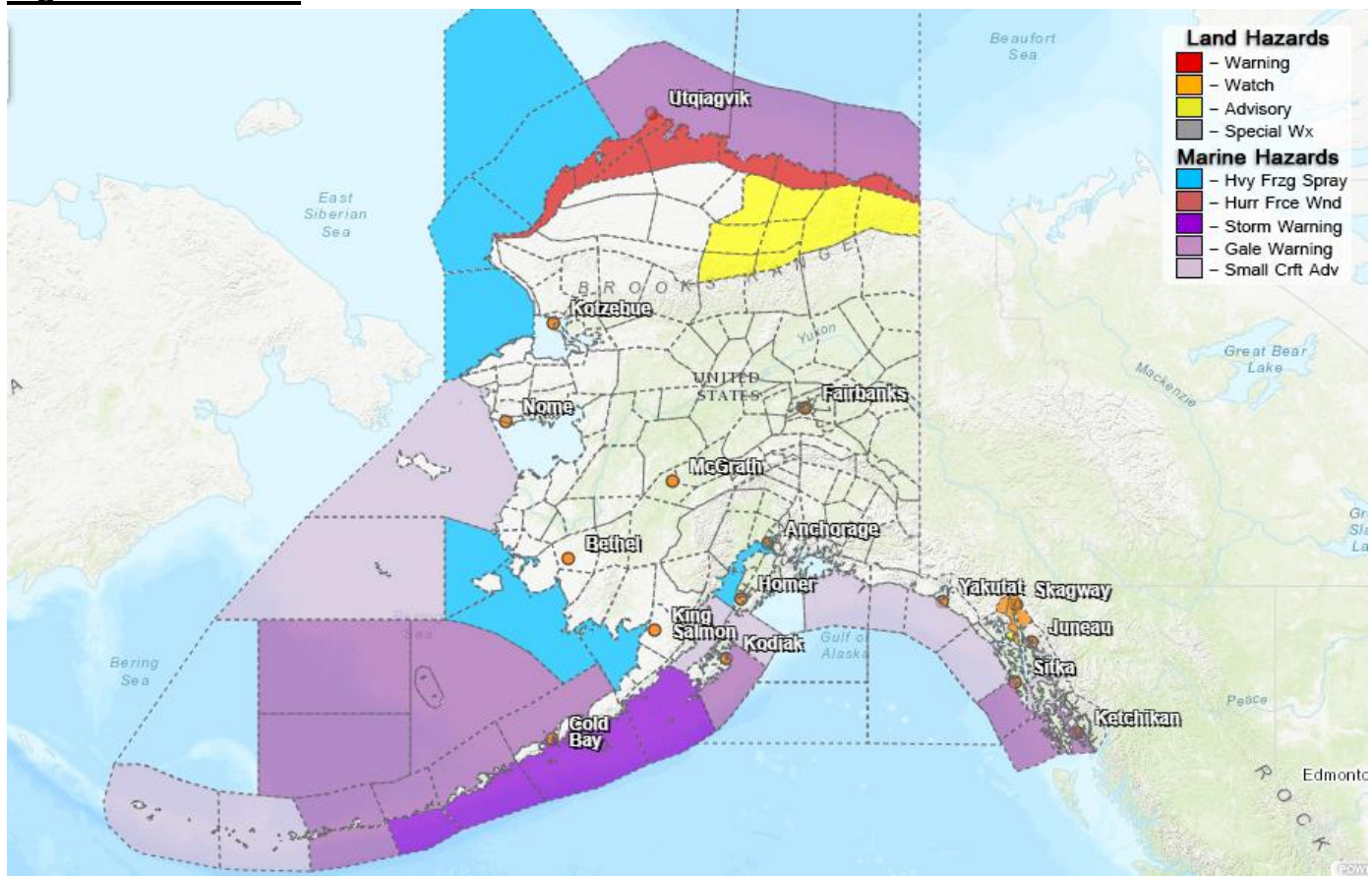
For Alaska Volcano updates, go to: <https://www.avo.alaska.edu/>

Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories

For the most up to date Air Quality Index Advisories:

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

Significant Weather:



A Flash Flood Watch is in effect for Haines Borough, Lynn Canal, Taiya Inlet, and the Klondike Highway including Haines and Skagway until 3:00 P.M. today. Rain and snow mix expected this morning and then changing to all rain later in the morning. An additional inch of precipitation is expected over the next 24hrs. Additional debris flows and flooding are possible through this afternoon near steep terrain.

A Flood Advisory has been issued for the Glacier Bay area until noon today. Minor flooding in poor drainage areas from rain and snowmelt is possible around the Salmon River near Gustavus in the Northern Inner Channels. An additional 1 to 1.5 inches of rain are possible over the next 24hrs.

A Winter Weather Advisory is in effect for the following areas:

- Haines Borough & Lynn Canal until noon today. 2 to 5 inches of snow accumulation is possible along the Haines Highway, mostly west of Klukwan.
- Taiya Inlet & the Klondike Highway until 9:00 P.M. today. 4 to 7 inches of snow accumulation is possible along the Klondike Highway above 2000 feet.
- Northeastern Brooks Range until 6:00 A.M. tomorrow. Winds gusting to 45mph will create blowing and drifting snow in the area.

A Blizzard Warning is in effect for the following areas:

- Western Arctic Coast until midnight tonight. 2 to 4 inches of snow expected with winds gusting to 55mph.
- Northern Arctic Coast until 6:00 A.M. tomorrow. 1 to 3 inches of snow expected with winds gusting to 55mph.
- Eastern Beaufort Sea Coast until midnight Friday. Winds gusting to 60mph may cause whiteout conditions in the area along with drifting snow.
- Central Beaufort Sea Coast until 6:00 A.M. tomorrow. Winds gusting to 60mph may cause whiteout conditions and drifting snow.
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A Special Weather Statement is in effect for the Northern & Western Arctic Coasts. Ice is being pushed onshore from Utqiagvik west to Point Hope, and piling up on beaches as winds to 40 mph and seas to 10 feet continue in the area. Winds and seas will diminish late this evening and ice is not expected to be pushed past the normal high tide lines.

For more information and the most current weather, Watches / Warnings / Advisories go to:

<http://www.weather.gov/arh>

Avalanche Forecast:



- Areas near Haines, Chilkat Pass, and White Pass with extreme risk.
- Areas near Cordova, Valdez, and along the Richardson Highway with considerable risk.

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/avalanche>

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 cybersecurity notifications and alerts at

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

The Next Situation Report: will be 7 December 2020. 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.