



State Emergency Operations Center

2023 Spring Floods

Incident Situation Report

Date: May 25, 2023, Time: 1600 hrs.

SEOC Preparedness Level 3



Russian Mission tank farm, May 24

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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

YUKON:

Riverwatch, with surveillance by air, provides advance warning of local community ice jam flood risk until the ice front passes. Once the ice front passes, snow melt flood risk may continue to threaten communities.

Active response is ongoing to flooded communities on the Yukon and Kuskokwim River. Riverwatch operations are ongoing for communities of the Lower Yukon River.

Russian Mission: The Russian Mission Tribal Administrator informed the SEOC that 2 homes in the community are flooded and 6 are surrounded by water. Additionally, residents from 10 homes in the lower community evacuated. The Russian Mission Native Corporation gas station tank farm is flooded, the pump house floated away, and the operator tied off the only tank. The runway is closed with 1' of water on surface and a NOTAM issued. With the runway out of service for over 72 hours, and at the request of the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation, the SEOC and the Alaska State Troopers coordinated an Alaska National Guard Blackhawk helicopter mission from Bethel to deliver a medical provider, supplies, and transport medically fragile individuals out of the community.

Fort Yukon: 3 people sheltered at the school overnight. Community has no immediate needs but has long-term road flood and drainage concerns. The standby Red Cross shelter team has been demobilized, as the community reported no additional concerns.

Stevens Village: A member of the Tribal Council reported water had reached approximately 6 homes and several roadways were impassible. A contingency evacuation location has been set up at the Yukon River Lodge.

Circle: The Alaska Organized Militia (AKOM) has 5 personnel in Circle, assisting with debris cleanup. The AKOM team along with the Division Supervisor will demobilize on Friday, doing a "hand off" with Team Rubicon volunteers. Team Rubicon will deploy to do residential flood damage cleanup for 14 residences on Saturday, with an additional 10 volunteers from a Fairbanks area church. Alaska VOAD (Volunteers Active in Disaster) and NorthVOAD are providing relief supplies and assisting in volunteer coordination with Team Rubicon. Alaska Division of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)

Spill Prevention and Response (SPAR) established a local hazardous waste collection point and completes additional assessments. Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) reports the community water pumps are damaged and at risk of failure. To date, Red Cross reports 8 homes destroyed, 9 with major damage, 5 with minor damage, and 3 inaccessible.

KUSKOKWIM:

Crooked Creek: 4 AKOM personnel are in the community assisting with clean up. The Salvation Army and the American Red Cross are coordinating delivery of food supplies and shelter service. A first responder lodging tent and command post tent have been ordered, with the first scheduled to arrive tomorrow on a flight arranged by Samaritan's Purse. Additional tents are being shipped by airfreight.

Kwethluk: One AKOM service member is in the community assisting with flood recovery. Two homes have water damage from flooding, and the main community road is flooded.

COPPER RIVER:

Glennallen: Residence damages include: 2 major, 5 minor. The Red Cross is performing Individual Assistance outreach and has cleanup kits available. State disaster representatives attended a disaster response public meeting last night. A state disaster Individual Assistance and Public Assistance taskforce is in the community today providing information and registering applicants.



SEOC Operations Brief




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

Please email the 2023 Spring Floods conference at
2023.spring.floods@ready.alaska.gov

Lifeline Status

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

	<p>Food, Water, and Shelter</p>	
	 <p>Shelter</p>	<p>Circle: Red Cross reports 8 homes destroyed, 9 major, 5 minor, 4 inaccessible. School and post office damaged. Team Rubicon will deploy on Saturday to assist with muck out operations, along with 10 volunteers from Fairbanks.</p> <p>Crooked Creek: Red Cross reports 10 homes major, 4 inaccessible. Red Cross team located at the school, assisting with shelter for 8 people. AKOM will set up tents when they arrive.</p> <p>Fort Yukon: The school sheltered 3 people overnight. TCC reports 9 buildings were damaged, with some homes flooded above the first floor.</p> <p>Kwethluk: Red Cross reported home damages: 1 major, 2 minor damage.</p>

		<p>Ruby: Red Cross reported 1 home with major damage.</p> <p>Russian Mission: 10 homes from the lower portion of community evacuated to high ground. 1 or 2 homes flooded, 5 or 6 homes surrounded by flood waters.</p> <p>Stevens Village: Contingency shelter established at Yukon River Lodge; no evacuation required.</p>
	 <p>Water</p>	<p>Buckland: Boil Water Notice in effect</p> <p>Circle: Water system functioning, however pumps were submerged, and at risk of failure. TCC is monitoring with a technician on site.</p> <p>Galena: Boil Water Notice in effect</p> <p>Koyukuk: Washeteria damaged and shut down because the sewage lagoon is flooded.</p> <p>Kwethluk: Boil Water Notice in effect</p>
	<p>Communications</p>	
	 <p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>Circle: Community continues to rely on SatCOLT & Starlink for connectivity, with 911 still disrupted. Landline switch restored but needs reprogramming, scheduled for today. SEOC provided Clinic with FirstNet enabled device for communications.</p> <p>Crooked Creek: Cellular voice service operational. Landline, cellular data, and internet are sporadic or non-functional.</p>



Energy (Power and Fuel)



Fuel

Kalskag: Community is concerned about erosion near the tank farm.

Russian Mission: Russian Mission Native Corp gas station tank farm impacted. Pump house floated away, and the operator tied off only tank.



Transportation



Airfields/Airports

Fort Yukon: Airport is open, some flooding on apron. Airport power and VOR remains off, NOTAM issued. DOT personnel headed out today for assessment.

Grayling: Airport is open, water across portions of the access road.

Kalskag: Runway length reduced. NOTAM issued.

Russian Mission: Airport is closed with one foot of water over the runway. NOTAM issued.

Stevens Village: Airport is open. Water over access road.



Roadways

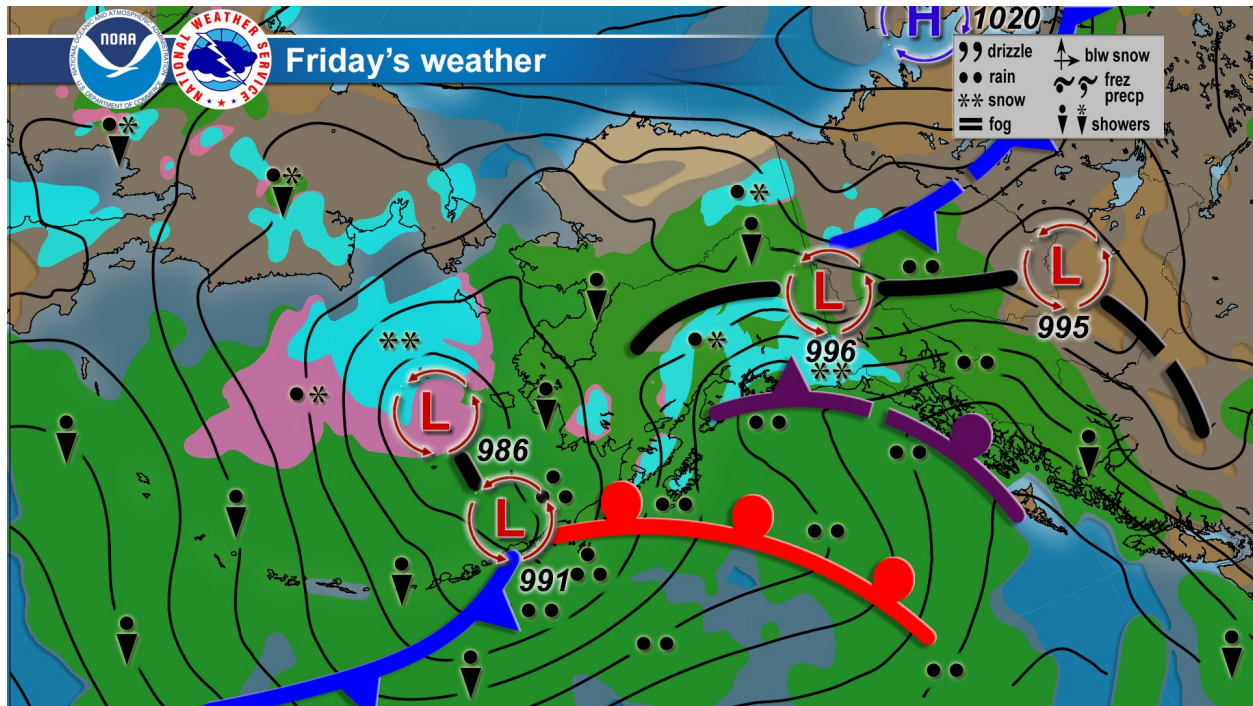
Ft. Yukon: Road to the airport is flooded.

Galena: Tiger Freeway closed in two locations.

Kwethluk: Road damage to main road near community store, water on the roadway near the police station.

Stevens Village: Road to airport open with 1' of water on it.

Weather Forecast



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/>