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<p><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u></p> <p>Level 2 – Wildland Fires</p>	<p>http://ready.alaska.gov</p>	<p><u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u></p> <p>Read the NTAS Bulletin here</p>
<p><u>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</u> 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 red.)

Significant Issues:

Alaska State Troopers issued a Silver Alert 7:00AM this morning for 80-year-old Raymond Casey who was last seen at the Richardson Highway at Summit Lake. They have since canceled the alert and he has been found. There are no active Silver Alerts in the state at this time.

Statewide Wildland Fire Situation:

Wildland Fire activity in the state has increased again and is expected to be unpredictable through the weekend. AICC is at PL 3. Nation is at PL 4 limiting any additional resources from the lower 48. There are now 296 active fires in the state and 15 staffed, SEOC is currently focused on supporting fires impacting the urban interface and requests form DOF&FP. Weather forecasted for this weekend (strong Chinook winds) is expected to seriously challenge current wildland fire operations and may lead to additional ignitions.

Fairbanks Area Fires:

Fairbanks North Star Borough is still in evacuation GO status for the Haystack subdivision. This is a larger area than was previously under evacuation and the Borough also put additional areas under SET for potential evacuation due to fire activity. SEOC will be regular communication with the Borough and will support with statewide resources as required.

Anderson Complex:

SEOC has a Division Supervisor deployed to the Anderson Complex to support the Borough Emergency Management. SEOC deployed the Mobile Emergency Operations Center yesterday to the Anderson Complex to provide the Incident Management Team a mobile command post facility as the manage the fire.

Statewide SEOC Fire Support:

SEOC was in contact with Red Cross to support sheltering operations in both Boroughs. A statewide Mass Care group call was held yesterday in preparation for possible evacuations and sheltering this weekend and partners will have staff on standby to engage if necessary. SEOC resource ordered to the Alaska National Guard for UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter support for fire suppression and resource ordered the Fairbanks National Guard Armory to

serve as a mobilization center for incoming fire crews and ordered 2 wildland qualified firefighting vehicles with crew this afternoon from JBER Air Guard who will deploy to the Northern Region August 6 in support of Forestry.

SEOC has established a 2023 Summer Fires incident organization and will have staff working over the weekend to support statewide fire operations.

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://diggs.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**
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Cleveland 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**

VOLCANO OBSERVATORY NOTICE FOR AVIATION has been issued for continued explosive eruptive activity is occurring at Shishaldin Volcano. Current aviation code color has not changed.

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 Thursday August 3, 2023, advisory will be issued until end of the event.
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

Alaska Wildland 2023 Fire Season:

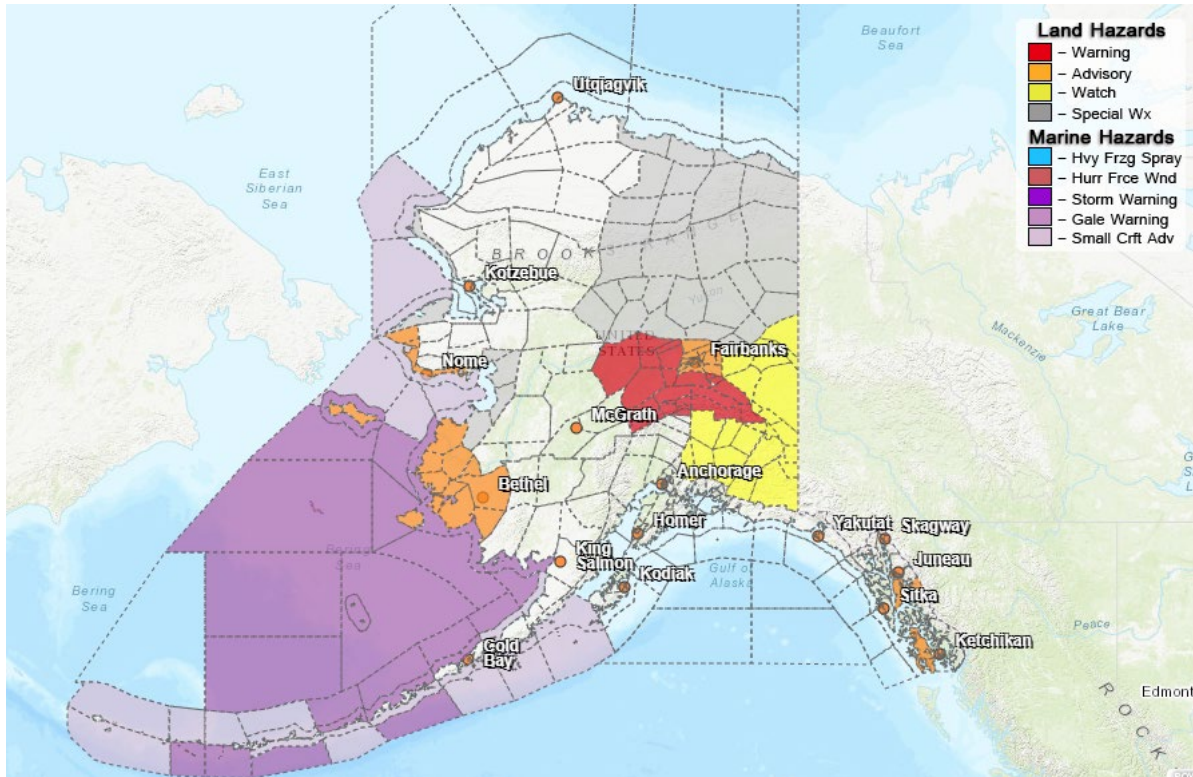
The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center is at Preparedness **Level 3**

- Total Fires: **25**
- Total Acres: **63,033** ****9 new fires and 8,400 acers burned in the 24 hours****

There are currently **296** active fire(s) with **15** 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:

- Copper River Basin - Warning in effect from noon Saturday through midnight Saturday night with winds gusting as high as 25 mph.
- Eastern Alaska Range - Warning in effect from Noon Saturday through 10:00PM Saturday night. Temps near 80 mph with gusty winds
- Denali - Warning in effect from Noon Saturday through 10:00PM Sunday. Temps near 80 mph with gusty winds
- Deltana and Tanana Flats - Warning in effect from Noon Saturday to 10:00PM Sunday
- Central Interior - Warning in effect from Noon Saturday to 10:00PM Sunday

Fire Weather Watch

- Upper Tanana Valley & Fortymile Country - Watch in effect for highs in the 80's and 90's with wind gusts up

to 15 mph. from Sunday morning through Sunday afternoon.

- Middle Tanana Valley - Watch in effect for highs in the 80's and 90's with wind gusts up to 15 mph. from Sunday morning through Sunday afternoon.

Special Weather Statements

- Central Beaufort Sea Coast; Eastern Beaufort Sea Coast; Northeastern Brooks Range - Hot This Weekend for the North Slope and Arctic Coast
- Southeastern Brooks Range - Hot Over Eastern Northern Alaska Friday through Monday
- Chukchi Sea Coast; Southern Seward Peninsula Coast; Eastern Norton Sound and Nulato Hills; St Lawrence Island and Bering Strait Coast; Yukon Delta - Elevated Water Levels Along the Coast This Weekend

A strong weather front will move through the Bering Sea this weekend and will bring gale force southerly winds and elevated water levels to coastal areas.

High Surf Advisories

- St Lawrence Island and Bering Strait Coast, Southern Seward Peninsula Coast, and Yukon Delta – In effect from 1:00AM Saturday through 10:00PM Sunday.

Costal Flood Advisory

- Kuskokwim Delta – In effect from 1:00AM to 7:00PM Saturday. Costal flooding expected, Water levels are expected to rise during high tides, 3 to 5 feet above normal highest tide.

Dense Smoke Advisory

- Central Interior, Deltana and Tanana Flats, and Middle Tanana Valley – 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 **7 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>.

Direct questions regarding this report to the SEOC at 907-428-7100 or seoc@alaska.gov