



**ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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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 the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB), Mat-Su Borough, Alaska State Division of Forestry (DOF), Lake and Peninsula Borough, Bristol Bay Borough, Alaska Department of Public Safety, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Alaska Volunteer Agencies in Disaster, and the Alaska National Guard to support wildland fire operations in the state.

SEOC received a local declaration of disaster from the Mat-Su Borough for damages resulting from the McKinley and Deshka fires.

SEOC hosted a Mass Care Group coordination call with volunteer and non-governmental agencies supporting fire survivor evacuations and recovery including sheltering, pets, family reunification, volunteers, and donations.

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

- Traffic management, in coordination with the Alaska State Troopers, for the Swan Lake Fire in the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the McKinley and Deshka Fires in the Mat-Su Borough.
- Alcantra Armory in support of wildland firefighter lodging and logistics.
- Helicopters on standby to support fire suppression

SEOC deployed communications equipment in support of the Mat-Su wildfires.

Mat-Su Borough closed five schools in the fire area for the week.

Kenai Peninsula Borough anticipated delayed opening of school in Cooper Landing due to fire conditions.

The Parks Highway in the Mat-Su Borough and the Sterling Highway in the Kenai Peninsula Borough continue to see delays, lane restrictions, and closures due to smoke and fire impacts.

## Water Shortages

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and regional tribal health organizations have advised SEOC they are responding to water shortages in the following communities:

- Chignik Lagoon
- Seldovia
- Chignik Lake
- Tatitlek

## Denali Borough Flooding

Denali Borough advised SEOC yesterday that flooding had stopped and that their initial damage assessment showed some road damage that was within the Borough's capability to repair without state disaster assistance.

## 2019 Fire Season

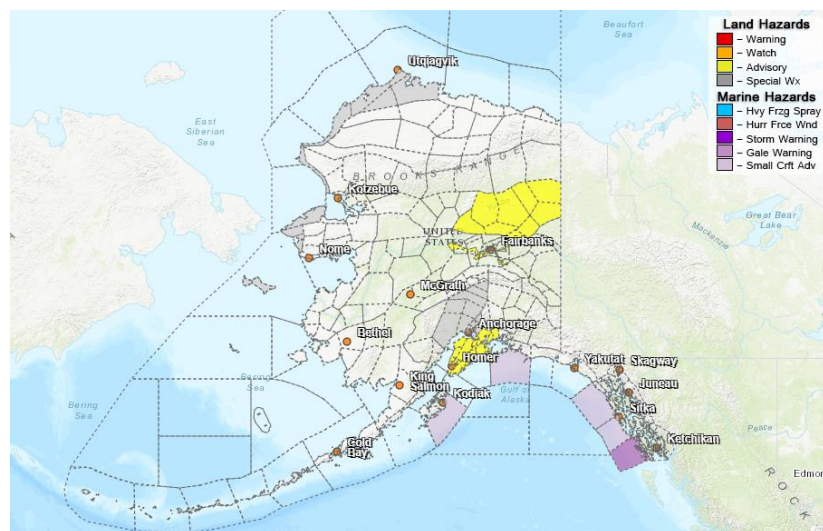
The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, (AICC) is at Preparedness Level 3.

Wildland fire totals for 2019:

- Total Fires = 666
- Total Acres = 2,523,580.3 There are currently 239 active fires with 6 fires currently staffed.

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

## Significant Weather:



NWS has issued a special weather statement for elevated surf in to the weekend for the Northern Arctic Western Arctic Coasts, Chukchi Sea Coast, St. Lawrence Island and the Bering Strait.

Special weather statement for a smoke advisory has been issued for the western Kenai Peninsula, western Prince William Sound, the Anchorage bowl as well as the Matsu Valley.

NWS has issued a winter weather advisory that remains in effect until this afternoon for the Yukon Flats and surrounding areas. Two to four inches of snow expected at elevations above 3,000 feet

Special Weather Statements and Flood Advisories have been issued through this afternoon for minor flooding across much of the interior to include the Nenana River, Deltana Flats, the Tanana River and surrounding areas, the Upper Chena River and the Salcha River due to heavy rains last week.

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

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

An Air Quality Advisory has been issued through this afternoon for Southcentral and Southwest Alaska due to wildfire smoke from multiple fires.

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**

Long delays and intermittent closures depending on fire activity from Mp71 to Mp99 for the Parks Highway.

Road closure from MP53 to Mp75 of the sterling highway due to fire activity and dense smoke advisory.

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: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow

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

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

**Semisopchnoi** 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 **22 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).