



State Emergency Operations Center

2022 Riverwatch

Incident Situation Report

Date: May 31, 2022 Time: 1600 hrs

SEOC Preparedness Level 2

In partnership with:



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State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Activated to Level 2

Incident Overview

Timeline of Significant Events:

Apr 27 2022: The SEOC Kuskokwim Division Supervisor deployed to Bethel. Additional Riverwatch personnel traveled to Bethel 28 April daily River Watch flights began to observe river conditions, providing advance notice of ice-jams.

May 3 2022: SEOC moved to Preparedness Level 2 – *Heightened Awareness*, for ongoing Riverwatch Spring break-up operations. Yukon Division deployment revised to May 9 due to cold weather. National Weather Service (NWS) issues flood watch for Crooked Creek following observation of ice jam on upper river. Flood watch is expected to remain in effect until ice breakup can be observed.

May 7 2022: SEOC moved to Preparedness Level 3 – *Active Response Operations* with Manley Hot Springs and Kuskokwim River communities reporting community flood impacts.

Governor Dunleavy issued a state disaster declaration for the Yukon Koyukuk Regional Education Attendance Area for flood impacts in Manley Hot Springs.

SEOC coordinates with Kenai Peninsula Borough Emergency Manager on response to the Seward City Lowell Point Landslide.

May 31 2022: SEOC transitioned to Preparedness Level 2- *Heightened Awareness*, for ongoing 2022 Riverwatch recovery operations and response to the Lowell Point Landslide.

Significant Operations

Seward Division:

The City of Seward and Kenai Peninsula Borough are closing Lowell Point Road each day from 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM through Thursday June 2, 2022 to allow for blasting and debris removal. Water taxi service and bus shuttle for Lowell Point residents and workers is available when the road is closed.

Service members from the Alaska Organized Militia continue to assist the City of Seward and Kenai Peninsula Borough with traffic control in the area of the slide.

The City and Borough continue to evaluate long-term options for slope stabilization and roadway repairs based upon additional geotechnical analysis.

Glennallen Division:

Coperville

On Sunday May 29, SEOC was in contact with residents in the Coperville area reporting immediate risk to an unoccupied structure due to riverbank erosion. On May 24 SEOC response staff visited the property and surrounding areas and discussed emergency planning and response options. Some property owners moved their structures away from the immediate erosion area. On Sunday, SEOC contacted the Glennallen Fire Chief and Alaska State Troopers (AST) who responded to the area. Responders secured power and propane on the immediately at-risk structure, which was subsequently lost to riverbank erosion.

Meiers Lake

On Saturday, May 28, SEOC received reports of flooding near milepost 170 at the Meiers Lake Roadhouse. SEOC worked with the property owners on flood response options and coordinated sandbag delivery through the Glennallen Fire Department and Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. SEOC notified AST on patrol in the area. Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation was consulted about gravel diking operations and pumps were employed on floodwaters.

Delta Junction

On Friday, May 27 the Rural Deltana Fire Chief reported a power outage in the area from a downed power pole, with a subsequent failure of the Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA) generator. The Delta Junction grocery store was without power during the outage, but GVEA responded and restored power.

Recovery Division:

State Individual Assistance (IA) is now open to all flood areas declared for IA. As of May 31, the state has received 21 applications for disaster individual assistance.

An in-person Disaster Assistance Center will deploy to Manley Hot Springs on June 1 and be open in Manley from June 2-3 to assist survivors with registration and questions about disaster services.

Following Red Cross damage surveys and casework reports, the Recovery Branch, Individual Assistance Group, will deploy Disaster Assistance Centers or use other means to assist individuals in the IA declared areas.

Information specific to the application process can be found on the [DHS&EM Individual Assistance](#) webpage, or by calling the Disaster Assistance Hotline at (907) 428-7072 or (907) 428-7075. Deadline for registration is July 12, 2022.

State Public Assistance staff have begun meeting with applicants to the disaster cost reimbursement program for jurisdictions and eligible non-profits in the declared area to confirm documentation requirements and the application process.

River Observations

River and lake ice observations can be provided to the Alaska-Pacific River Forecast Center (APRFC) via:

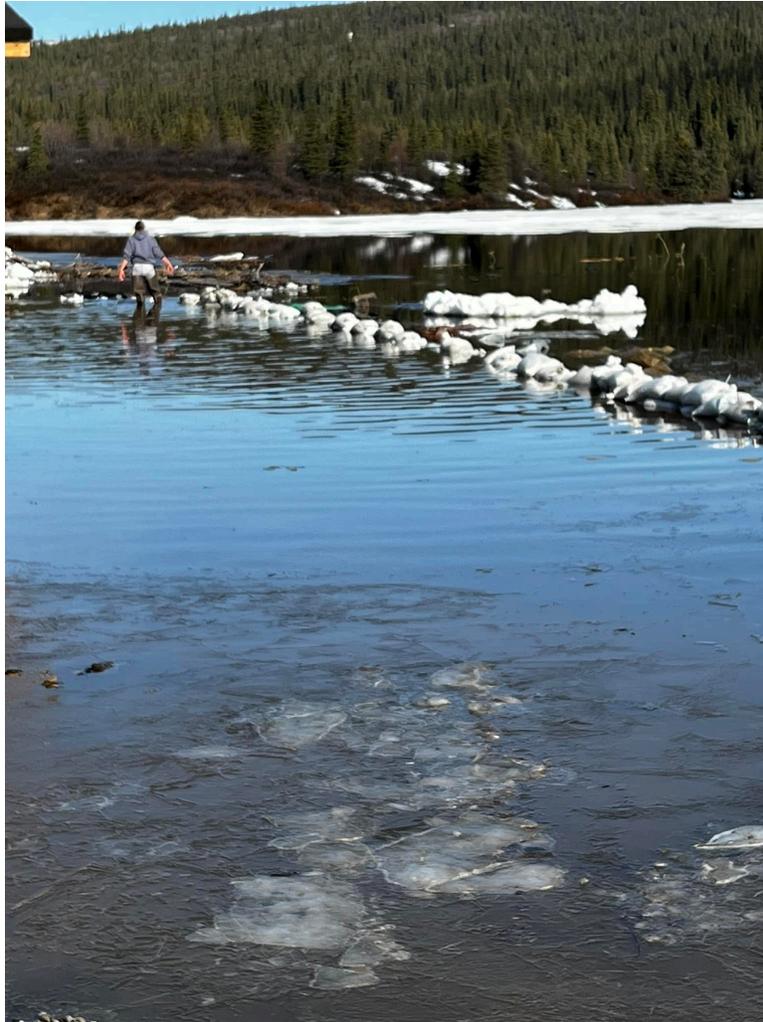
- radio from aircraft to AFSS with observations for inclusion in a PIREP
 - phone at 1-800-847-173, Email report and/or photos to nws.ar.aprfc@noass.gov
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SEOC Operations Briefs have concluded for 2022 Riverwatch.

Lifeline Status



No Significant Lifeline Issues Across the State



Picture of flooding and sandbag operations at Meiers Road House

Helpful Links

Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM)

<http://ready.alaska.gov/>

National Weather Service: Alaska-Pacific River Forecast Center

<https://www.weather.gov/aprfc/>

This will be the last incident-specific Situation Report issued for this event unless circumstances warrant it.