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River Watch teams launch to observe river conditions on the Kuskokwim and Upper Yukon

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — The Kuskokwim and Upper Yukon River Watch teams launched on May 3, to begin aerial observations of river breakup conditions on the Kuskokwim, Yukon, and other Alaskan rivers.

Reports of moving river ice near Aniak on the Kuskokwim River, and Birch Creek on the Yukon River, have prompted the River Watch teams to launch. River Watch is a partnership between the National Weather Service Alaska-Pacific River Forecast Center (APRFC) and the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM), to provide aerial observation of river conditions in order to inform communities and responders.

There are no reports of major flooding at this time. The River Watch teams will continue to fly along Alaska river systems until the danger of ice jam flooding has passed.

River Watch updates may be found at <https://www.facebook.com/readyalaska> and <https://www.weather.gov/aprfc/>

A breakup map can be found <https://www.weather.gov/aprfc/breakupMap>

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