



**ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY &
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<p><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u> Level 2 – Heightened Awareness</p>	<p><u>http://ready.alaska.gov</u></p>	<p><u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u> View this site for the latest NTAS bulletin: <u>You can read the new NTAS Bulletin here.</u></p>
<p><u>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</u> Level:1-Minimum Appropriate Security Measures</p>	<p><u>WHO Post Pandemic:</u> Disease activity at seasonal levels.</p>	<p><u>Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level:</u> FPCON Bravo</p>

(Significant changes from previous situation reports are in red.)

THREAT LEVEL CHANGES: LEVEL 2 – HEIGHTENED AWARENESS

Statewide Fires: With the ongoing record warm weather, SEOC is monitoring fire activity statewide for support requests from Fire Incident Commands and local communities impacted by fire.

Shovel Creek Fire – Fairbanks Area

The Fairbanks North Star Borough has evacuated over 50 residences and opened a congregate shelter and separate pet shelter. Given the weather and fire, there is potential for further evacuations and loss of property. The Borough has declared a local disaster, and an additional 57 residences have been placed on “SET” and 652 residences have been placed on “READY” status for evacuation. The Red Cross is facilitating the FNS Borough and has opened a congregate shelter. Alaska National Guard personnel continue to serve at evacuation checkpoints in shifts that provide 24 hours’ coverage. They are integrated with the Shovel Fire Incident Command for logistics support.

Boundary River Fire – Northway

Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC) remains deployed to the Boundary Fire in Northway at the request of the State Division of Forestry. MEOC is serving as the incident command post for this fire and is supporting incident communications and aircraft operations. A SEOC Operations Specialist accompanied the MEOC and will remain on the Fire as operator. The anticipated deployment is two weeks.

Swan Lake Fire – Kenai Peninsula Borough

SEOC remains in regular contact with the Kenai Peninsula Borough Emergency Management and Swan Lake Fire Incident Command.

Anchorage Fire:

Fire crews cleared trees and vegetation and installed fire hose around the entire perimeter of the 25-acre **MLK Fire (423)** in East Anchorage yesterday. Due to persistent dry weather and heat, the fire burned deep into the ground and will require extensive mop up over the next few days.

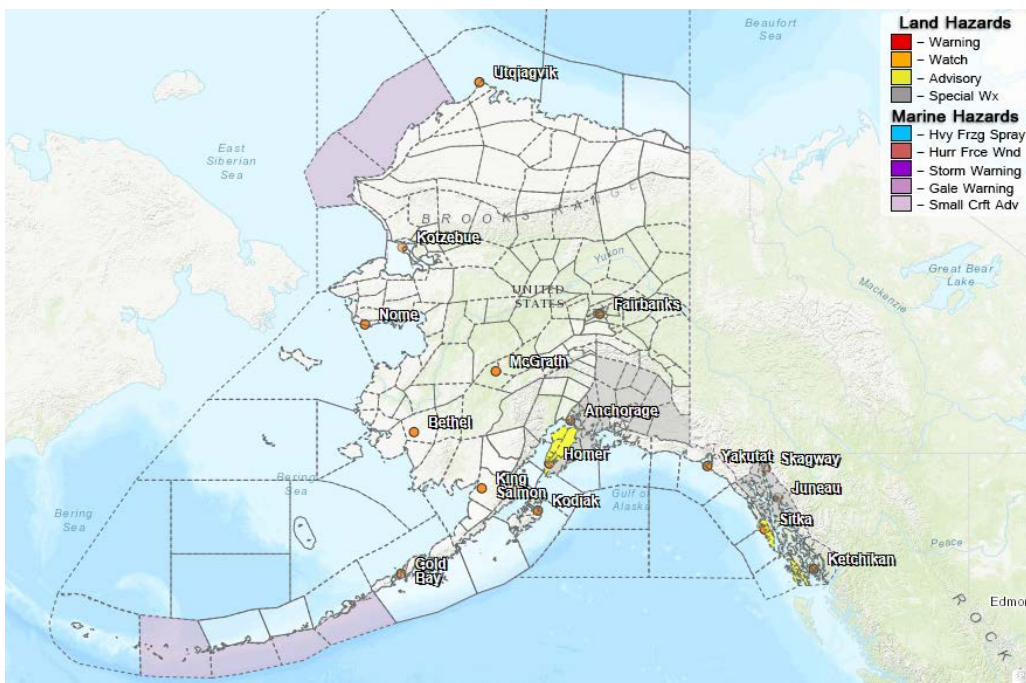
Montana Creek Fire – Matanuska-Susitna Borough:

A 250-acre wildfire began at Montana Creek near Talkeetna approximately 2 ½ miles from the Parks Highway. Due to a shift in fire direction a Level 2 “Set” alert has been issued for residents of the Montana Creek Area. The Red Cross is reopening and establishing a minimum presence at Upper Su Senior Center, Sunshine until further notice. At request of Forestry (DOF), SEOC approved resource request for two Alaska National Guard Blackhawks for bucket work on the Montana Creek Fire.

Hess Creek fire – Livengood and NinetyEight Creek Fire:

SEOC approved resource orders from State Forestry to deploy a satellite communications trailer from SEOC and State Department of Health and Social Services to support incident communications on these fires.

Significant Weather



There is a Dense Fog Advisory in effect for Western Prince of Wales Island including Craig and Klawok that is in effect until 11:00 am today.

A Special Weather Statement for the northern Inner channels has been issued for near record-breaking warmth and low humidity continuing to elevate the fire danger into the weekend.

Dense smoke advisory remains in effect until noon AKDT Saturday for the Western Kenai Peninsula Including the Sterling Highway corridor from Sterling to Cooper Landing.

There is a Special Weather Statement for South Central Alaska and South East Alaska including the Kenai Peninsula, Western Prince William Sound, Haines Borough and Klondike Highway for Elevated water conditions that will persist. High river conditions are expected to continue and/or rise into Action Stage and Bankfull conditions through the weekend.

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

2019 Fire Season

The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, (AICC) is at Preparedness Level 4.

Wildland fire totals for 2019:

- Total Fires = 369
- Total Acres = 645,572.8

There are currently 118 active fires with 20 fires currently staffed.

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

Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories

Active advisories/episodes are in effect for Central and Eastern Interior, Southcentral.

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

For current driving conditions dial 511 or link to <http://511.alaska.gov/>

Alaska Volcanoes

Cleveland Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow

Great Sitkin Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow

Semisopchnoi Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow

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 8 July 2019 at 8:00 am. A significant change in the situation or the threat level will prompt an interim report.

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