



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



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<p><b><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u></b></p> <p>Level 3 - Ongoing Active Response - 2020 December Southeast Storm</p>	<p><a href="http://ready.alaska.gov">http://ready.alaska.gov</a></p>	<p><b><u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u></b></p> <p>View this site for the latest NTAS bulletin: <a href="#">read the current NTAS Bulletin here.</a></p>
<p><b><u>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</u></b></p> <p>Level:1-Minimum Appropriate Security Measures</p>	<p><b>WHO Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19):</b></p> <p><a href="#">2019 Novel Coronavirus</a></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:**

**Significant Issues:**

**2020 December Southeast Storm Disaster:**

SEOC remains at Level 3 and is actively engaged in response operations to Southeast Alaska communities impacted by heavy rainfall, wind, flooding, and landslides. Weather continues to challenge some response operations and there is risk of additional landslides and flooding.

Multiple state, federal, local, tribal, and non-profit agencies are engaged in the response in conjunction with Governor Dunleavy's declaration of disaster for the Southeast Alaska region.

**Haines:**

SEOC Haines Division Supervisor is actively engaged with the Haines Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Incident Command and providing on scene coordination of the state response.

Under the incident command of the Alaska State Troopers (AST), the ground search and rescue operations for two missing individuals in a large mudslide onto Beach Road in Haines, has been suspended for slide stability safety concerns. Some ground search resources have demobilized. Some waterborne and aerial search may continue if weather and conditions permit. AST has been in regular contact with family members of the missing and has regularly briefed community members.

Deployed State Division of Geological and Geophysical Survey geologists and National Weather Service Incident Meteorologists are continuing to provide AST and Haines EOC with risk assessment for additional slides and weather forecasts. Geologic surveys have been challenged by severe

weather limiting aerial and ground operations. As geologic assessments are completed, Haines EOC may implement additional evacuations or reopen previously evacuated areas.

Multi-agency Mass Care operations continue in Haines due to ongoing evacuations and residential damages. Approximately 100 people were in non-congregate shelters overnight, and active counseling, food, and emergency supply operations are ongoing in the community.

The Haines Borough and State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities are engaged in road clearing, infrastructure repair, and debris management operations.

### **Other Southeast Alaska Communities:**

In addition to Haines, SEOC is in contact with multiple Southeast communities reporting storm damage. SEOC is coordinating resource requests and technical assistance for these communities including geologic, dam, and disaster process information. SEOC continues to receive additional damage reports and refine initial assessments.

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic:**

A unified command has been established at the SEOC. The SEOC continues to support statewide response to COVID-19.

### **State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS)**

DHSS is operating as the Medical Branch under the State EOC/Unified Command.

For more information about the outbreak refer to:

<https://covid19.alaska.gov/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

The Alaska DHSS website is located at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

### **NTAS BULLETIN**

To read current advisories, select the link below.

<https://www.dhs.gov/national-terrorism-advisory-system>

### **Travel Alerts and Conditions**

COVID-19 Health Orders may affect travel. Check <https://covid19.alaska.gov/> for current Health Orders.

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

### **Recent Earthquakes**

USGS Earthquake Information: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/>

National Tsunami Warning Center: <http://ntwc.arh.noaa.gov/>

## Alaska Volcanoes

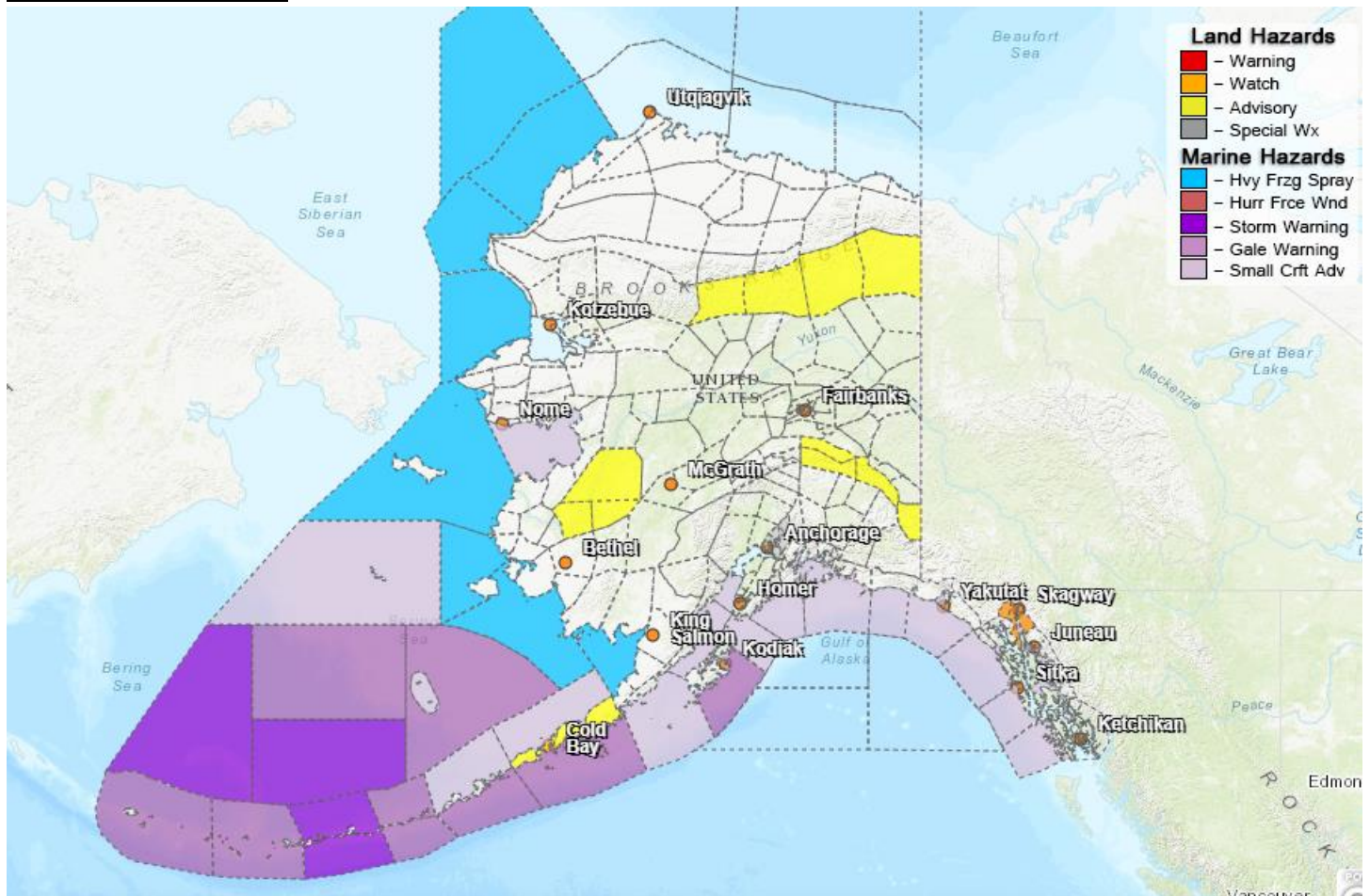
For Alaska Volcano updates, go to: <https://www.avo.alaska.edu/>

## Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories

For the most up to date Air Quality Index Advisories:

<http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/Home/Index>

## Significant Weather:



A Flash Flood Watch is in effect for the Haines Borough and Lynn Canal until 3:00 P.M. today. An additional  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 inch of rainfall is expected through this afternoon.

A Winter Weather Advisory is in effect for the following areas:

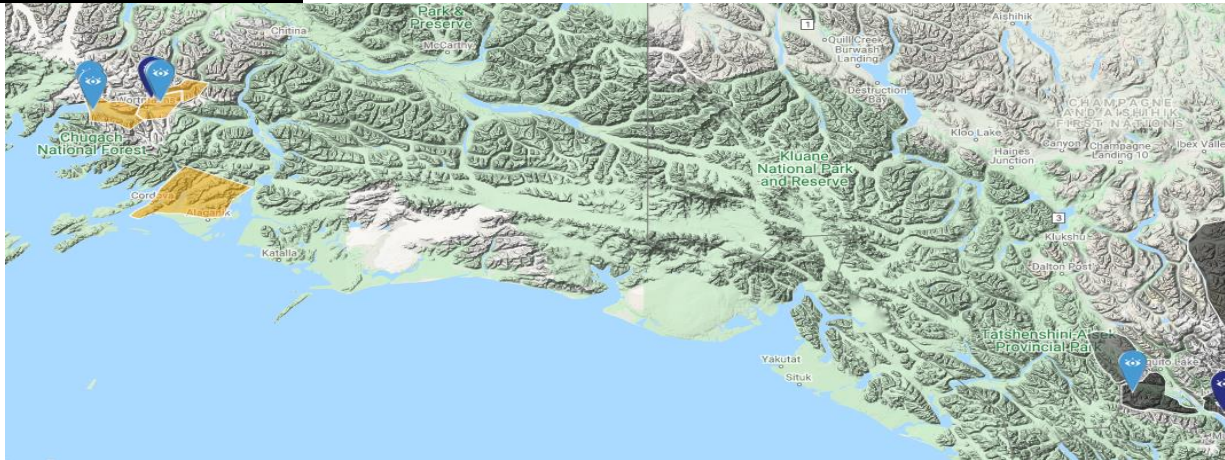
- Lower Yukon Valley until 3:00 P.M. today. 2 to 3 inches of snow accumulation is expected.
- Southeastern Brooks Range until midnight tonight. 2 to 4 inches of additional snow accumulation with winds gusting to 35mph near Brooks Range Passes.
- Alaska Peninsula west of Nelson Lagoon until 3:00 P.M. today. 5 inches of snow accumulation with winds 25 to 30mph will create near whiteout conditions for the area.

A Wind Advisory is in effect for the Eastern Alaska Range until 6:00 P.M. today. Winds 25 to 35mph gusting to 55mph are expected across the area.

A Special Weather Statement has been issued for Anchorage and the Mat-Su Valley. Periods of light to moderate snow are expected through the morning today with a chance for isolated pockets of light freezing rain.

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

### **Avalanche Forecast:**



- Areas near Haines, Chilkat Pass, and White Pass with extreme risk.
- Areas near Cordova, Valdez, and along the Richardson Highway with considerable risk.

Check the Avalanche Forecast Center closest to your area for the most up to date information on Avalanche potential. <https://alaskasnow.org/> or <https://www.weather.gov/afc/avalanche>

### **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 cybersecurity notifications and alerts at

<https://oit.alaska.gov/Security>

**The Next Situation Report:** will be 9 December 2020. 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).