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SEOC Update: 2025 October West Coast Storm – Situation Update

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF RICHARDSON, Alaska — The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) activation level remains at level 4 – Major Incident Response, Alaska SEOC's highest level. SEOC's top priority remains life sustainment, shelter operations, and restoration of critical infrastructure. Governor Mike Dunleavy, who declared a state disaster emergency on October 9, signed a Request for Federal Assistance for Major Disaster Declaration on Thursday, October 16 and forwarded it to President Trump.

Three airlift evacuations have been completed from Bethel to Anchorage this week with 573 people and eight pallets of personal belongings transported. The Alaska National Guard has additional C17 flight scheduled for today. The SEOC and Alaska National Guard are coordinating the evacuation operations with multiple state, local, and volunteer agencies. Two shelters are open at the Alaska Airlines Center (121 people) and the Egan Center (119 people). While the preference is to shelter survivors in their community, SEOC will coordinate additional evacuations out of communities when it is unsafe for survivors to remain.

The American Red Cross, with support from the Municipality of Anchorage, Department of Health, University of Alaska, and other local volunteer organizations is conducting survivor sheltering and feeding. World Central Kitchen is assisting with feeding operations in shelters and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium is supplementing with traditional Alaska native foods. The Salvation Army is supporting donation management, sheltering, and mass care. The American Red Cross has additional staff in Bethel assisting with sheltering.

For those wishing to make donations, cash donations are preferred and are accepted through the Alaska Community Foundation's Western Alaska Disaster Relief Fund. Additional information can be found at: <https://alaskacf.org>.

The SEOC is staffed with more than 70 representatives from across state agencies, non-governmental and community organizations and federal partners coordinating the response and recovery efforts for the 2025 West Coast Storms. As of this morning,

there are 97 Alaska National Guard activated with additional troops expected over the weekend for support of SEOC missions.

The State of Alaska is receiving support from ten states with a total of 18 individuals through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). The following states are supporting with personnel in Alaska: Colorado, Virginia, South Carolina, Maine, North Carolina, Washington, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Texas.

As of this morning, DHS&EM has received 416 applications for Individual Assistance.

State of Alaska Individual Assistance Disaster survivors in the designated disaster area can register for the state's Individual Assistance program by visiting the DHS&EM registration webpage at <https://ready.alaska.gov/ia>.

Telephone registration is available at 1-844-445-7131. The State's Individual Assistance (IA) program is designed to provide financial assistance to individuals or families for damage to a primary residence, primary mode of transportation, essential personal property, and medical/funeral/dental needs created as a direct result of a declared disaster.

Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta

Damage assessments for the communities are continuing to be coordinated with Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), Association of Village Council Presidents, and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

Bethel – Two evacuation flights out yesterday with 307 people and eight pallets of personal belongings. No one sheltered overnight in the armory. There are 72 people sheltering at the village schools. Bethel Friends of Canines took all the village dogs that were brought to Bethel. The American Red Cross continues community sheltering.

Chevak – DOT&PF assessments show minor residential impacts, but over 40 boats lost with fuel.

Kipnuk – DOT&PF reports that approximately 90% of structures destroyed. Roughly half of the community's boardwalk and utility supports are lost with both raw-water and sewer mains compromised. The fresh water supply is contaminated with fuel and sewage and there is widespread debris and biohazard contamination being addressed by state agencies.

Kotlik – Initial damage assessment includes structural damage to homes, school, and sewer lines. The community has begun rebuilding.

Kwigillingok – DOT&PF initial damage assessments show approximately 35% structural loss with displaced residences, buildings, and debris fields extending up to two miles outside the community. The northern portion of town remains largely intact, but the southern half sustained severe damage, including near-total destruction of the boardwalk system and numerous bare foundations where residential structures were displaced.

Nightmute – Many homes are damaged or shifted. DOT&PF will be returning to complete imagery of southern sewage lagoon and to complete on-ground assessments.

Quinhagak - DOT&PF initial assessment reports included water supply line damage; however, repairs have been completed.

Scammon Bay – There is one repaired road washout and another near the old fuel-farm access being repaired.

St. Mary's / Mountain Village / Pitkas Point - Wind-related roofing and siding losses; downed power lines blocking some roads. St. Mary's hangar gable, and Mountain Village airport storage unit, are damaged. Pitkas Point hangar near DOT&PF blown apart; debris affecting airport and community.

Kasigluk / Pilot Station / Chefnak – Initial damage assessments in Kasigluk show wind and flooding damaged at least 13 homes in the old village. Pilot Station assessments identified one roof destroyed and multiple others damaged with the coastal sheds impacted. The sewer line is destroyed in Chefnak.

Tuntutuliak –Initial damage assessment reports extensive infrastructure loss with more than 7,600 feet of boardwalk missing or damaged and the main bridge to the landfill collapsed. Several structures displaced and multiple residences with roof, siding, and window damage.

Alakanuk/Emmonak – There are driveway washouts with boats damaged.

Norton Sound/Nome

Impacts to the Norton Sound and Nome area are not assessed as severe. Power was restored to east side of Elim on Oct 15th and GCI communication is restored. In Stebbins there are roof and arctic entry damages, airfield damage and runway loss, power poles are leaning and individual classrooms and yurts at the school are damaged.

Northwest Arctic Borough/Kotzebue

The SEOC has a Branch Director in Kotzebue to coordinate the state disaster response with the Northwest Arctic Borough and oversee state response operations in Kotzebue, Kivalina and Deering. SEOC Branch Director traveled to Kivalina today to confirm damages, provide in-person state Individual Assistance registration, and verify a transition from response to recovery.

Kotzebue – Repairs underway for Ted Stevens Way. Engineers have been assembled to review imagery to drive repair efforts.

Kivalina – No one in shelters overnight.

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