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SEOC Update: 2025 October West Coast Storm – Disaster Update

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF RICHARDSON, Alaska — The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) continues to coordinate the response to the 2025 October West Coast Storms, including Typhoon Halong and related storms. The SEOC remains at Level 4 – Major Incident Response.

Today, Governor Dunleavy announced that President Trump has issued a disaster declaration in response to the Governor's Request for Federal Assistance for the 2025 West Coast Storms.

SEOC is planning to host Disaster Assistance Centers (DAC) for Anchorage and Bethel. These DACs will assist with applications for state Individual Assistance. DAC schedules below:

Bethel

October 22 – 23, 2025 from 10 am to 5 pm YK Fitness Center 267 Akiachak, Bethel, AK 99559

Anchorage

To be determined

As of this afternoon, 900 applications for state Individual Assistance have been received. Survivors in designated disaster areas may register for the State of Alaska's Individual Assistance program:

Online: https://ready.alaska.gov/ia

By phone: 1-844-445-7131

The IA program provides financial assistance for damages to primary residences, vehicles, essential personal property, and medical, funeral, or dental needs directly resulting from the declared disaster. Individuals who are impacted by the disaster and are not staying at either shelter in Anchorage are encouraged to register for the state's Individual Assistance program to begin registration for long-term housing assistance.

The Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Health will have a booth at the two shelters in Anchorage to provide access to their services:

Alaska Airlines Center

Friday, October 24, 2025 from 12 pm to 5 pm

Egan Center

Thursday, October 23, 2025 from 9 am to 5 pm Friday, October 24, 2025 from 9 am to 5 pm

Congregate shelters remain open in Anchorage and Bethel. Additional survivors may be sheltering with neighbors, family, or friends in multiple communities. Last night, a total of 318 individuals were reported sheltering: Egan Center – 178, Alaska Airlines Center – 140.

The State of Alaska Disaster Housing Task Force continues to meet daily to identify the next steps toward longer term non-congregate housing. This includes assembling an inventory of available housing stock. It is crucial that those who are impacted by the recent storms register for Individual Assistance and begin the process of registration for housing.

The SEOC is continuing to coordinate with other state, local, and tribal agencies to deliver supplies and needed personnel to the impacted communities; addressing needs as they are presented.

Pets continue to go to shelters in Anchorage and Mat-Su. The primary goal is pet reunification and not adoption. If you have a dog that did not evacuate with you, text a picture to the Bethel Friends of Canines at 907-707-7010, and the staff will contact you.

If you have a dog that came from Kipnuk or Kwigillingok, please contact the Mat-Su Animal Shelter at (907) 746-5500 or (907) 761-7501.

The Anchorage Animal Care and Control is opening an additional pop-up shelter to assist with the influx of displaced pets from the West Coast Storms.

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium is continuing to accept donations of traditional foods at the Alaska Native Medical Center and is providing subsistence-based meals for shelter residents along with medical support.

Interagency Partner Operations

Alaska Organized Militia (AKOM): AKOM has 148 members activated on State Active Duty with additional authorized as needed for disaster response. In cooperation with Alaska Division of Forestry and Fire Prevention, crews are deploying to communities to begin muck out and home repair.

American Red Cross: Last night, the Red Cross sheltered 178 individuals at the Egan Center and 140 at the Alaska Airlines Center.

Anchorage School District (ASD): ASD reports about 140 students have enrolled in the ASD system and school bus service is being provided from the shelters to schools with Yup'ik immersion programs. ASD is continuing to provide bus services between shelters, neighborhood recreation centers, and schools.

Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP): AVCP is continuing to work with YKHC to conduct detailed community assessments, support home repairs, and coordinate debris removal, and assist with collection of IA applications efforts in affected YK Delta communities. Staff from AVCP are available at the Anchorage shelters for assistance with Tribal ID cards.

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