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SEOC Update: 2025 October West Coast Storm – Disaster Update

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF RICHARDSON, Alaska — The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) remains at Level 4 – Major Incident Response. The SEOC is coordinating a state led, federally supported, and locally executed effort in the response and recovery to the 2025 West Coast Storms.

The Request for Assistance that was submitted by Governor Dunleavy to President Trump, has been approved and a Major Disaster Declaration has been made. This declaration grants access to the federal Individual Assistance (IA) and Public Assistance (PA) programs for the following areas:

Lower Kuskokwim Regional Educational Attendance Area
Lower Yukon Regional Educational Attendance Area
Northwest Arctic Borough.

Alaska House Representative Nellie Unangiq Jimmie visited the SEOC today, giving thanks and providing encouragement to staff working the disaster.

As the SEOC is transitioning from response activity into recovery; ongoing coordination with other state, local, and tribal agencies is occurring; delivering critical supplies and addressing other needs as presented. This includes performing detailed damage assessments to homes and repairs to water, power, and communications infrastructure in the impacted area.

Drinking water assessments have been performed in 16 communities so far. Department of Transportation is continuing to perform damage assessments and collect aerial imagery. Department of Environmental Conservation Spill and Response teams are travelling to communities to address needs as presented. Division of Forestry and Fire Prevention has deployed EMTs to the shelters in Anchorage and is sending a Public Information Officer (PIO) to augment their crews already in Bethel.

A Disaster Assistance Center (DAC) is being held in Bethel this week. A DAC is planned for Anchorage soon. These DACs provide assistance with applications for state Individual Assistance. DAC schedules below:

Bethel

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

Anchorage

To be determined

As of this afternoon, 941 applications for state Individual Assistance (IA) 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 state 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 IA 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

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 305 individuals were reported sheltering: Egan Center – 178, Alaska Airlines Center – 127.

The State of Alaska Disaster Housing Task Force continues to meet daily to identify the next steps toward longer term non-congregate housing. The intent is to transition those impacted by the disaster into non-congregate housing as soon as reasonably possible. It is crucial that those who are impacted by the recent storms register for state Individual Assistance and begin the process of registration for housing.

Pets continue to go to shelters in Anchorage and Mat-Su. Reunification with their owners is the primary goal. Evacuees can contact the shelters below to find out if their dog is there.

Mat-Su Animal Shelter: 907-746-5500 or 907-761-7501
Anchorage Shelter: 907-343-8138

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.

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.

A list of resources related to the disaster is available at ready.alaska.gov, under Top News.

Interagency Partner Operations

Alaska Organized Militia (AKOM): AKOM has 134 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 continuing to perform muck out and home repair.

American Red Cross: Overnight, the Red Cross sheltered 178 individuals at the Egan Center and 127 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 Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation to conduct detailed community assessments, support home repairs, 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.

Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC): YKHC is continuing to perform community assessments and has deployed a crew to Kipnuk to make repairs to the clinic there. YKHC Remote Maintenance Works are in Napakiak to make repairs as needed.

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