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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.

Statewide operations focus on stabilization, recovery, and winterization across the Y-K Delta and other impacted regions. Ongoing power outages remain in Akiak, Kipnuk, Kotlik, Kwigillingok, and Mekoryuk. While critical potable water and wastewater infrastructure failures persist in multiple communities, recovery teams are restoring water service, testing for contamination, and repairing fuel lines, wells, and damaged roads. Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection (DOF&FP) are continuing with logistics and cargo, assisting the SEOC with the movement of 65,000 pounds of cargo from the airport to the warehouse. Air operations also continue with two caravans for personnel and supply transport. All boat operations are no longer feasible due to freezing rivers. Muck-out operations continue in Napakiak, Napaskiak, and Tuntutuliak.

The SEOC continues transitioning from response to recovery activity. Coordination remains ongoing with federal, state, local, and tribal partners to deliver critical supplies and address emerging community needs. Efforts are focused on conducting detailed damage assessments to homes and restoring essential infrastructure — including water, power, and communications systems — as winterization becomes an increasing priority across the impacted areas.

As of this afternoon, 1,104 applications for state Individual Assistance (IA) have been received. 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

It is crucial that those who are impacted by the recent storms register for both state Individual Assistance and federal Individual Assistance as well as begin the process of registration for housing.

State of Alaska Individual Assistance (IA) – Deadline is December 9, 2025

To register for State of Alaska Individual Assistance:

Call 1-844-445-7131, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Or apply online <https://ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IA>

FEMA Individual Assistance (IA) – Deadline is December 22, 2025

To register for FEMA Individual Assistance:

Call 1-866-342-1699

Or apply online at <https://disasterassistance.gov>

Red Cross Assistance

To Register for assistance through the American Red Cross:

Call 1-800-RED-CROSS

To begin the process of registration for housing in the Non-Congregate Shelter Program, call the Assistance Line at 907-759-6927, Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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 264 individuals were reported sheltering: Egan Center – 134, Alaska Airlines Center – 111 and Bethel – 5. 14 additional individuals were sheltered in Nightmute, Chefnak, and Tuntutuliak. In Kotzebue, three households remain displaced and are temporarily staying in rental homes and Alaska State Trooper housing.

Yesterday, 18 families, consisting of 108 people have moved into Non-Congregate Sheltering (NCS) from Congregate shelters. An additional 10 families each from the Egan Center and Alaska Airlines Center are planned for today. The Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) is seeking to prioritize 130 people who are currently residing in ANMC patient housing for placement into NCS.

Alaska 211 can connect you with available local resources that best fit your needs. Call 2-1-1 or 1-800-478-2221. Email: alaska211@ak.org or visit www.Alaska211.org. Native Alaskan language interpretation services are available.

Pet evacuations and reunifications are continuing. Nine pets are expected to be sent from Bethel to Anchorage today. 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. A website has been put together to assist with reunifications as well <https://alaskatyphoondogs.org/found-dogs>.

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.

There are 29 active missions under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) with participation from 12 states providing emergency management, public assistance, individual assistance and logistics personnel.

Team Rubicon is coordinating the collection of new items only for donations. After evaluation and sorting, they are bringing them to both shelters in Anchorage for distribution. *Donation of used items will be denied.* More information can be found at <https://teamrubiconusa.org>. To donate new items, bring them to Team Rubicon at the Chugach Electric Warehouse located at 1120 East 1st Avenue, Anchorage, AK, daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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 109 members activated on State Active Duty with additional authorization as needed for disaster response. In the last 24 hours, teams assisted with winterization, debris removal, and ground labor in Tuntutuliak, Napaskiak, and Nightmute, and supported the Bethel warehouse. A Black Hawk helicopter transported 2,100 pounds of cargo to Toksook Bay.

American Red Cross: Overnight, the Red Cross sheltered 134 individuals at the Egan Center, 111 at the Alaska Airlines Center and 5 in Bethel. They continue to assist with the non-congregate housing mission.

Anchorage School District (ASD): School bus service continues to be provided from the shelters to schools. Yup'ik immersion programs continue. ASD is actively working with families participating in the Non-Congregate Shelter Program. Students will be picked up from the shelter and dropped off at their new hotel.

Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP): AVCP passed off donations to the State and Team Rubicon to restore capacity for Family Services programming.

Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC): Recovery teams are restoring water service, testing for contamination, and repairing fuel lines, wells, and damaged access roads. The Social Security Administration (SSA) is on-site at shelters using medical records as ID in coordination with YKHC as needed.

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