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SEOC Update: 2025 October West Coast Storm – Disaster Update

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF RICHARDSON, Alaska — Long-term recovery operations continue under a Unified Command. A strategic transition from response to recovery operations will continue as winter weather permits; ensuring that priorities continue to be focused on life sustainment, community and survivor stabilization, and ensuring safety and welfare of response personnel and the public, through a compassionate and culturally respectful delivery.

Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA), emergency home repairs, muck out, debris removal, and winterization are ongoing. Federal, state, local and tribal partners continue to provide critical supplies to impacted communities and address needs as they are reported. Lifeline stabilization continues to occur throughout the impacted regions, as critical infrastructure and services are restored and damage assessments are completed.

As of Nov. 21, 2025, 1,704 applications for state Individual Assistance (IA) have been received. FEMA has received 1,096 IA applications to date. State IA and FEMA IA are coordinating to encourage program registrations; to include conducting outreach and outgoing calls, encouraging applicants to register for both programs.

The American Red Cross will continue to accept registrations for financial assistance through December 19, 2025. To date, 513 survivors or households have registered, including all non-congregate shelter residents. The deadline to apply for Red Cross Financial Assistance has been extended to December 12, 2025. To apply, call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

There are currently over 600 individuals, from 161 households in non-congregate sheltering in Anchorage, with more than 17,000 meals delivered. Plans for longer-term temporary housing are currently in development.

Disaster Assistance Center in Bethel extended

The Disaster Assistance Center (DAC) in Bethel will be open Saturday, Nov. 22 and Sunday, Nov. 23. Disaster Assistance Centers have been held in Anchorage, Bethel,

and Kotzebue to support individuals and families affected by the 2025 October West Coast Storm.

The Bethel DAC operates at the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) Tugkar Building, located at 570 3rd Ave, Bethel, AK. The center is open during the following hours:

- 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
- 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.

The Bethel DAC provides in-person assistance, helping survivors connect with available resources, complete necessary paperwork, and receive guidance on recovery programs and services. Residents impacted by the disaster are encouraged to visit the center during operating hours to receive support and information tailored to their needs.

Individual Assistance Registration and Additional Information

- State of Alaska Individual Assistance (IA) Deadline is January 8, 2026
 - o To register for <u>State of Alaska</u> Individual Assistance:
 - o Call 1-844-445-7131, Monday Friday, 8 a.m. 4 p.m.
 - Call center is closed on Thanksgiving
 - Or apply online https://ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IA
- FEMA Individual Assistance (IA) Deadline is December 22, 2025
 - o To register for <u>FEMA</u> Individual Assistance:
 - o Call 1-866-342-1699, Monday Sunday, 9 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
 - Call center is closed on Thanksgiving
 - Or apply online at https://disasterassistance.gov
- Small Business Administration (SBA) Deadline is December 22, 2025
 - SBA offers low interest, long-term disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses, and private nonprofits to repair and replace property destroyed by the storms.
 - o Call 1-800-659-2955, Monday Friday, 6 a.m. 4 p.m.
 - Call center is closed on Thanksgiving
 - Or apply online at https://sba.gov/disaster

Alaska 211 can connect individuals with available local resources that best fit their 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.

As responder efforts transition from response to recovery, Team Rubicon is requesting that donations made to support the survivors be in the form of monetary donations, rather than physical items. They are recommending that individuals and organizations desiring to contribute to the long-term recovery survivors give to reputable organizations such as Team Rubicon https://teamrubiconusa.org/ or The Alaska Community Foundation https://alaskacf.org.

A list of resources related to the disaster is available at <u>ready.alaska.gov</u>, under Top News. Survivors are also encouraged to visit Alaska Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) for additional resources https://www.akvoad.org/.

All donations, events, and services available for survivors of the 2025 October West Coast Storm should be directed to storm2025@ready.alaska.gov.

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