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Governor Dunleavy declares 2026 July Mat-Su Flooding a disaster

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF RICHARDSON, Alaska — On Saturday July 25, 2026, Governor Mike Dunleavy declared a disaster for the 2026 July Mat-Su Flooding and activated the state's Public Assistance Disaster Recovery Program.

On July 21, 2026, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly declared a Local Emergency in response to imminent flooding in the Talkeetna area and requested state assistance. Multiple rounds of heavy rain caused flooding to low-lying areas and landslides, impacting essential transportation infrastructure, businesses, and residences.

On Saturday July 25, in response to reports of flooding from the Borough, the State Emergency Operation Center (SEOC) deployed personnel to join with Borough Emergency Management to assess flooding impacts. Borough Emergency Services was on scene in the flood area, along with the State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to address State assets. There were no requests to the SEOC for State emergency response resources.

The state's Public Assistance program aims to restore critical infrastructure to its pre-disaster condition. Through this program, eligible local jurisdictions, agencies, and certain non-profits can apply for grants and receive reimbursement for approved work.

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