THREAT LEVEL CHANGES: SEOC LEVEL 2 – HEIGHTENED AWARENESS

Significant Issues:

Wildland Fires

SEOC has been in regular contact with jurisdictions and agencies engaged in wildland fire operations in the state.

The community of Cooper Landing, in the Kenai Peninsula Borough, remain on “SET” due to increased activity on the Swan Lake Fire. The SEOC continues to support the Kenai Peninsula Borough Emergency Management efforts and Swan Lake Fire operations.

On Friday August 23, Governor Dunleavy issued a State Disaster Declaration for the Matanuska Susitna Borough and Kenai Peninsula Borough for impacts from the McKinley, Deshka Landing, and Swan Lake wildfires. The Declaration activated the State’s Public Assistance, Individual Assistance, and Temporary Housing programs. SEOC is engaged in operations to implement these programs in the declared areas.

To date SEOC has received local declarations for fire response and recovery from:

- Mat-Su Borough
- Lake and Peninsula Borough
- Kenai Peninsula Borough

The Alaska National Guard are currently conducting the following missions in response to SEOC resource requests:

- Traffic management, in coordination with the Alaska State Troopers, for the Swan Lake and Caribou Lake fires in the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Alaska National Guard personnel are currently augmenting the Swan Lake Fire traffic management mission.
- Alcantra Armory operations in support of wildland firefighter lodging and logistics.
Water Shortages

Yesterday the SEOC was notified by the Kenai Peninsula Borough that they had issued a Local Disaster Declaration on behalf of the City of Seldovia and the Native Village of Nanwalek due to the current status of their water supply and the lack of rain fall.

2019 Fire Season

The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, (AICC) is at Preparedness Level 3. Wildland fire totals for 2019:

- Total Fires = 685
- Total Acres = 2,577,766.3 There are currently 211 active fires with 10 fires currently staffed.


Significant Weather:

A Dense Smoke Advisory remains in effect for the Western Kenai Peninsula and Prince William Sound.

For the most current weather Watches / Warnings / Advisories go to: http://www.weather.gov/arh/
**Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories**

An Air Quality Advisory remains in effect for Southcentral due to wildfire smoke.

For the most up to date Air Quality Index Advisories: [http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/Home/Index](http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/Home/Index)

**State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS)**

The Alaska DHSS website is located at [http://dhss.alaska.gov/Pages/default.aspx](http://dhss.alaska.gov/Pages/default.aspx)

**Spills of Oil and Hazardous Substances**


**Recent Earthquakes**


National Tsunami Warning Center: [http://ntwc.arh.noaa.gov/](http://ntwc.arh.noaa.gov/)

**Travel Alerts and Conditions**

Parks Highway: Stop and Go traffic is expected from mile post 76 to mile post 99. Expect delays due to emergency vehicles on the road.

Sterling Highway/Seward Highway junction to milepost 71: Travel is not advised due to poor air quality. Pilot car operation are in effect but status can change, no stopping along the roadway. Watch for firefighting personnel in the area.

Road closure on Skilak Lake Road from Lower Skilak Lake Road to Sterling Highway due to emergency vehicles on road and smoke conditions.

For current driving conditions dial 511 or link to [http://511.alaska.gov/](http://511.alaska.gov/)

**Alaska Volcanoes**

**Cleveland** Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow

**Shishaldin** Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Orange.

**Semisopochnoi** Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Orange

For Alaska Volcano updates, go to: [https://www.avo.alaska.edu/](https://www.avo.alaska.edu/)

**Alaska Cyber Security Information**

State Employees may sign up for cyber security notifications and alerts at [https://oit.alaska.gov/Security](https://oit.alaska.gov/Security)

**The Next Situation Report**: will be 3 September 2019 at 8:00 am. A significant change in the situation or the threat level will prompt an interim report.

This report is posted on the internet at [https://ready.alaska.gov/sitrep](https://ready.alaska.gov/sitrep). To register for email distribution, go to [http://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/dhsem.situation.report](http://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/dhsem.situation.report). Direct questions regarding this report to the SEOC at 907-428-7100 or [seoc@alaska.gov](mailto:seoc@alaska.gov).