ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Significant Issues:

Statewide Fires

SEOC remains at Preparedness Level 2 - Heightened Awareness in response to the statewide fire situation. The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center continues at Planning Level 4 of 5 for wildland fire with 149 active fires and over 1,500,000 acres burned this season. SEOC is monitoring 15 of those fires that pose some risk to communities and is in contact with the local jurisdictions and Incident Management Teams for these fires.

There is ongoing concern statewide for wildland fire risk due to the extremely dry fuels weather and forecasted weather. Wildland fire smoke continues to be heavy in Fairbanks and is settling into southcentral areas.

Last night, Fairbanks North Star Borough added additional locations in the Chanaika River Valley for evacuation GO or evacuation READY status in response to the Minto Lakes Fire (#349).

In the Denali Borough, properties in the Kobe Road area remain under evacuation in response to the Clear Fire (#346), with a shelter open at the Tri-Valley School in Healy that also serves as a clear air “smoke shelter” during the day for Borough residents with smoke impact health conditions.

SEOC is deploying Alaska’s Mobile Emergency Operations Center and an Operations Specialist today to the Minto Lakes Fire to support fire response operational coordination.

SEOC conducted a statewide volunteer and donations mass care coordination call yesterday in support of fire operations and is in daily contact with State Forestry for contingency planning of Mass Care, evacuation, National Guard, and other resources.

2022 Spring Flood Disaster

A joint state/FEMA team is conducted their Preliminary Damage Assessment on the Kuskowim River area in the communities of Red Devil and McGrath, as well as Glennallen this week. FEMA and the SEOC will use the information from the joint PDA to finalize a potential request for federal assistance.


Threat Level Changes:
State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS)

DHSS is now leading the State of Alaska COVID-19 Recovery through Department Operations, supported by SEOC and other state departments as required. For current COVID-19 information, see:

https://covid19.alaska.gov/

NTAS Bulletin

To read current or expired advisories, click the link below:
https://www.dhs.gov/national-terrorism-advisory-system

Travel Alerts and Conditions

For current driving conditions dial 511 or link to https://511.alaska.gov/

Barry Arm Landslide / Tsunami Risk

For the latest information on the Barry Arm Landslide and Tsunami risk, click here: DGGS Barry Arm Landslide and Tsunami Hazard

Recent Earthquakes

USGS Earthquake Information: http://earthquake.usgs.gov/
National Tsunami Warning Center: http://tsunami.gov/

Alaska Volcanoes

Great Sitkin Alert Level: Watch and Aviation Color Code: Orange
Cleveland Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow
Pavlof Alert Level: Watch and Aviation Color Code: Orange
Semisopochnoi Alert Level: Watch and Aviation Color Code: Orange

For Alaska Volcano updates, go to: https://www.avo.alaska.edu/

Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories

AQI Advisories have been issued for moderately unhealthy air across the central and eastern interior, southcentral and southwest regions of the state due to smoke from numerous wildfires.

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

Spills of Oil and Hazardous Substances

The ADEC Spill Prevention and Response page is located at:
http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/spill-information/response/

Alaska Cyber Security Information

State Employees may sign up for cyber security notifications and alerts at https://oit.alaska.gov/security
CISA-Cybersecurity Services and Tools: www.cisa.gov/free-cybersecurity-services-and-tools
Significant Weather:

Above normal temperatures and excessive snowmelt may lead to minor flooding on the Chilkat, Klehini and Taiya rivers in the Haines Borough this week.

For more information and the most current weather, Watches / Warnings / Advisories go to: http://www.weather.gov/arh.

Fire Weather:

Red flag warning in effect until 1:00AM Friday for hot, dry, and windy conditions in the Middle Kuskowim Valley.

A Dense Smoke Advisory is in effect for the Central Interior until 1:00 P.M. today.

Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory: https://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/weather/outlooks/FFBehavior.pdf

The issuance of burn permits has been suspended for Fairbanks and the Mat-Su through June 29th.

For more information and the most current fire related weather and warnings, go to: https://dnr.alaska.gov/burn or: https://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/weather.php

2022 Fire Season:

The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center is at Preparedness Level 4.

Wildland fire totals for 2022:
- Total Fires: 353
- Total Acres: 1,521,866 There are currently 146 active fire(s) with 17 fire(s) staffed.

Current fire information is at https://fire.ak.blm.gov/ or https://akfireinfo.com
The Next Situation Report: will be 30 June 2022. 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. To register for email distribution, go to 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