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<u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u> Level 2 – Heightened Awareness	<u>Alaska Cyber Security Alert Level:</u> Green – Low	<u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u> There are no current alerts.
<u>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</u> Level:1-Significant Risk	<u>WHO Post Pandemic:</u> Disease activity at seasonal levels.	<u>Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level:</u> FPCON Bravo

(Significant changes from previous situation reports are in red.)

**THREAT LEVEL CHANGES**

The SEOC Preparedness Level has been increased to Level 2 – Heightened Awareness due to a declared disaster in the Mat-Su Borough.

**DHS&EM OPERATIONS**

**Community Assistance and Monitored Events**

**State Disaster Declared for Matanuska River Erosion and Flooding**

Yesterday afternoon, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough declared a disaster and requested state assistance to address erosion and potential flooding along the Matanuska River from mile 13 to 15 of the Old Glenn Highway. In response to this request, Governor Walker has declared a disaster, which will support DOT&PF in their effort to protect critical infrastructure. The State disaster declaration also enables federal resources to assist such as those from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Department of Transportation.

**Arctic Chinook Exercise**

The SEOC has activated in support of the Arctic Chinook Exercise. This exercise is an arctic search and rescue/mass rescue exercise involving a “cruise ship in distress” scenario.

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The SEOC received a report this morning from the US Coast Guard of a cruise Ship, the Arctic Chinook, with 200+ passengers and crew aboard, in distress off the north western coast of Alaska near the Arctic Circle. The ship is being evacuated and a multinational search and rescue is underway with survivors being transported to shore and then to Kotzebue and Nome. Both communities have activated their Mass Rescue Operations plans. The communities and the agencies involved have asked the SEOC for support. A Unified Command with US Coast Guard, Department of Deference, State DHSS, Nome and Kotzebue is being established. The SEOC has activated and is now at Level 3.

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**Significant Weather**

A winter storm warning is in effect for the Northwestern Brooks Range until 6pm today.

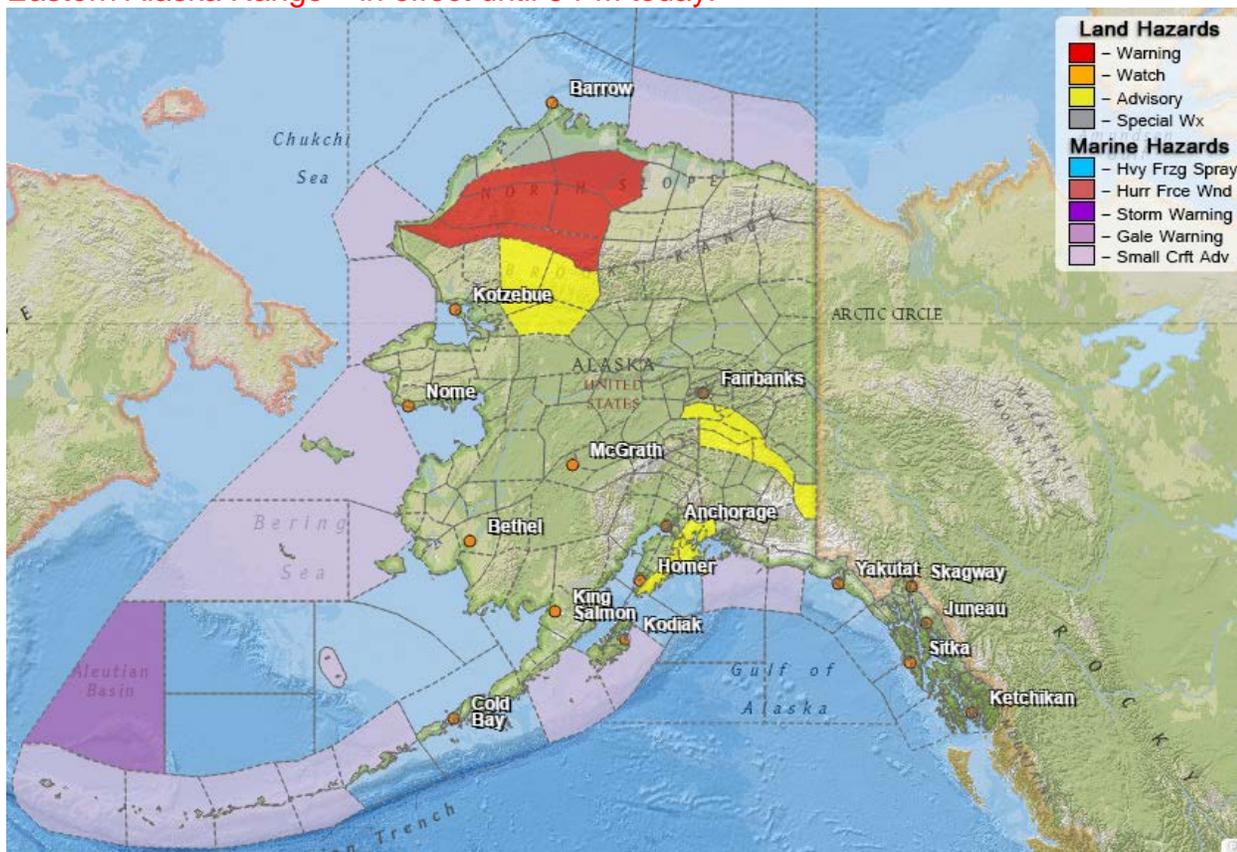
Flood advisories are in effect for the following areas:

- Upper Kobuk and Noatak Valleys – in effect until 2:45 PM today
- Prince William Sound – in effect until 4 PM today

Wind advisories are in effect for the following areas:

- Deltana and Tanana Flats – in effect until 6 PM today.

- Eastern Alaska Range – in effect until 6 PM today.



For current Alaska weather information, go to: <http://www.weather.gov/arh/>

### **2016 Fire Season**

Wildland fire totals for 2016: **536** fires have burned **499,720** acres so far this fire season.

There are currently **53** active fires with **0** fires currently staffed. **0** new fires were reported yesterday and **0** fires were declared out.

Current fire information can be found at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov> or <https://akfireinfo.com/>

### **Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories:**

Please see the following links for current air quality advisories:

Alaska DEC Air Quality Advisories: <http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/Advisories/Index>

Fairbanks NSB Air Quality Division: <http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/airquality/>

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

For Alaska DHSS website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Spills of Oil and Hazardous Substances**

For ADEC Spill Prevention and Response see website:

[http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/response/sr\\_active.htm](http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/response/sr_active.htm).

### **Recent Earthquakes**

USGS Earthquake Information: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/>

National Tsunami Warning Center: <http://ntwc.arh.noaa.gov/>

### **Travel Advisory**

For current driving conditions dial 511 or link to: <http://511.alaska.gov/>

## **Alaska Volcanoes**

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

**Pavlof Volcano** Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow

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

## **Alaska Cyber Security Advisories**

The potential exists for malicious cyber activities, but no known exploits have been identified or known exploits have been identified but no significant impact has occurred. Advisories page is located at [http://doa.alaska.gov/ets/security/S\\_Advisory/index.html](http://doa.alaska.gov/ets/security/S_Advisory/index.html).

For the State Cyber Security Program contact Chris Letterman, State Computer Security Officer: [chris.letterman@Alaska.gov](mailto:chris.letterman@Alaska.gov) or go to the Alaska Department of Administration, Enterprise Technology Services at: <http://doa.alaska.gov/ets/Security/>.

**The Next Situation Report:** will be 24 August 2016 at 11:00 am. A significant change in the situation or the threat level will prompt an interim report.

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