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### **Donations of Clothing in Crooked Creek Sufficient for Now**

FORT RICHARDSON, Alaska – There continues to be a great outpouring of generosity by concerned citizens, businesses, and service organizations to assist the people of Crooked Creek. Currently, clothing supplies are sufficient in Crooked Creek and residents do not require additional clothing at this time.

“Crooked Creek’s immediate need for clothing has been met, there may be a need in the future, but for now people have what they need,” said Debbie Reed, DHS&EM State Volunteer Liaison. “Crooked Creek, with a population of around 100 full time residents has limited facilities to store and distribute donated items. Right now those facilities are being used for sheltering and feeding the displaced residents.”

Hundreds of pounds of clothing have been received and distributed to residents in Crooked Creek. Additional shipments of donated clothing await transportation from Aniak and Bethel. Red Cross has provided food and sheltering support to Crooked Creek since the early days of the event, and will continue until the community can take over operations if needed.

“The generosity of people has been overwhelming, we have sufficient amount of clothing in Crooked Creek for now.” said Evelyn Thomas, President of the Crooked Creek Tribal Council.

The most useful donation is money. Make check and credit card donations to well-established, charitable organizations that are assisting the flood relief effort.

Cash donations options:

- Crooked Creek Traditional Council established a relief fund at Key Bank Account #720111004977 Routing #125200879.
- On behalf of Crooked Creek, Association of Village Council Presidents established a relief fund at Wells Fargo. Account #1380172252 Routing #556900395.
- American Red Cross of Alaska is providing material and personnel to the relief effort. To make a contribution to the Red Cross go to [www.Alaska.redcross.org](http://www.Alaska.redcross.org)

The State of Alaska does not oversee or manage monetary charitable contributions. All donations will be managed by the community and/or organizations which receives the donation.

Monetary donations allow charitable organizations the flexibility to purchase items that are needed most, and, unlike material donations, cash donations entail no transportation costs. Crooked Creek has refused clothing donations that have not been coordinated with the community. Unsolicited shipments that do not identify a voluntary agency, a specified location, and a contact person will not be unloaded.

The Office of the State Volunteer Liaison can be reached by calling (907) 428-7053 (in Anchorage) or 1-855-445-7131 (outside Anchorage). The Volunteer Liaison can help coordinate with a responsible volunteer and/or charitable agency to receive and distribute donated items.

Failure to do this will result in wasted personnel, time, space, and money to process the uncoordinated items. Non-coordinated gifts will also impede the progress of verified resources that are in greatest need for the timely recovery of the affected Alaskans.

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