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Press Release:

State to Open Disaster Assistance Center in Crooked Creek
DAC to Take State Individual Assistance Applications

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) will open a Disaster Assistance Center (DAC). The Crooked Creek DAC will be located in the Johnny John Sr. School to provide information and help disaster survivors with eligible damages to their homes and/or personal property to utilize a State of Alaska Individual and Family Grant Program (IFG).

The DAC will begin taking applications in Crooked Creek on May 23. Residents of Red Devil with flood damages will be able to meet with a DHS&EM Individual Assistance representative on May 25.

Individuals and families with damages to their homes and/or personal property, as a direct result of the declared disaster event, are encouraged to apply in person for Individual Assistance. Applicants should bring a description of damages, ownership documents for damaged property and insurance information.

**To apply for Individual Assistance in Crooked Creek visit the
Disaster Assistance Center
at the
Johnny John Sr. School
May 23-26 , 2011
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

“A DAC is the very best way to take Individual Assistance applications. The applicant has the opportunity to speak directly with the application taker, and if necessary they can visit the damaged home together,” said DHS&EM Director John Madden “There are many individuals and families in the communities who sustained damages to their homes. DHS&EM will work with all available partners to ensure that the recovery phase is as swift and well coordinated as the response effort.”

The deadline to apply for individual assistance is July 16, 2011.

After the DAC is closed, applicants will be able to apply for assistance by phone.

The state’s Individual and Family Grant Program are designed to provide timely assistance to individuals or families to meet eligible disaster-related necessary expenses. In 2010, Governor Parnell introduced successful legislation tripling the maximum possible state Individual Assistance award. For the current year that maximum amount is \$15,100.

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