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STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER ACTIVATED TO RESPOND TO SOCKEYE FIRE

JBER, Alaska - The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) activated yesterday evening to respond to the Sockeye fire in Willow Alaska. The SEOC preparedness level is currently at level 3 indicating an actual event is occurring. The center is staffed and responding to the requests for assistance from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) and the Division of Forestry.

The MSB deployed firefighting resources to the fire, activated its incident management team, requested additional firefighting support through mutual aid agreements, and established emergency shelters for self-evacuated residents.

The Division of Forestry (DOF) is responding to the fire with wild land firefighting crews and air assets. The Alaska National Guard has provided air assets to battle the fire.

For shelter and road closure information visit www.matsugov.us

For fire status information visit the Alaska Wildland Fire Information page www.akfireinfo.com

For weather and red flag warnings visit the National Weather Service Alaska Region Headquarters page at www.arh.noaa.gov

The SEOC will continue to monitor the situation and stands ready to provide emergency assistance if requested by a community.

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