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- Governor Sarah Palin sent a letter to the federal government officially requesting a federal disaster declaration for the spring floods of 2009. A Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment team, consisting of State and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials, was sent into the field last week and they are working their way down the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers village by village.
- 2009 River Watch operations have concluded. All River Watch teams have been recalled and new ice jams are not anticipated this year. Response activities will continue to ensure that all life/health/safety needs are met.
- Flood waters are slowly receding in Emmonak and Alakanuk. The runways in both communities are usable.
- The National Weather Service River Forecast Center issued Flood Warnings for Alakanuk at the mouth of the Yukon and Nuiqsut at the mouth of the Colville.
- A Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) Incident Manager is in Stevens to gather damage estimates of infrastructure and housing, and answer questions about eligible damage expenses.
- DHS&EM personnel are in Fairbanks and are working with the Tanana Chiefs Conference to coordinate the repatriation of evacuees from Tanana and Stevens.
- The DHS&EM established an Immediate Housing Needs Hotline. Alaskans who cannot return to their homes because of recent flooding can call 1-800-921-3682 for immediate housing assistance.
- Tanana and Stevens Village is allowing able body residents to return and assist with the recovery effort.
- Alaska Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (AKVOAD), the Alaska Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), the Civil Air Patrol, and private individuals delivered over 10,000 pounds of dog food to Eagle, Stevens Village, Circle and Tanana. Dog food donations can be made to the Civil Air Patrol in Fairbanks and the ASPCA in Anchorage.
- Cash donations can be made at any Wells Fargo Bank or Alaska USA Federal Credit Union by making a deposit in the 2009 Alaska Flood Victim donation accounts. Cash donations go to the Red Cross to help with immediate response cost and Alaska Volunteer Organization Active in Disasters ([AKVOAD](#)) for long term recovery programs.
- The DHS&EM Incident Management Team (IMT) in Eagle reports that the situation has stabilized. The city is working with the IMT to provide public dumpsters for flood damaged material and household waste.
- The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has completed a temporary emergency access road between the City of Eagle and the New Village.
- Flooding photos and information is available at ready.alaska.gov.

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