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- On May 25, 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 (JPDA) team, consisting of State and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials, is in the field to capture disaster damages in villages along the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers.
- The (JPDA) teams estimates over 4.9 million in Public Assistance damages in Eagle with current damages in Alaska at 6.04 million. 24 homes have been identified as completely destroyed with many more that have been damaged or affected. There are many regions that need to be assessed and the State continues to work with FEMA to document damages. Preliminary damage assessments along the Kuskokwim and middle/lower Yukon River will be completed in the next few weeks.
- 2009 River Watch operations have concluded. All River Watch teams have been recalled and the imminent threat of ice jam flooding has passed. The State Emergency Coordination Center will continue to ensure that all life/health/safety needs are met.
- Flood waters are slowly receding in Emmonak and Alakanuk. The National Weather Service has canceled the flood warning on the Lower Yukon River.
- The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is providing housing to 18 evacuees from Tanana and 37 evacuees from Stevens Village in Fairbanks. All evacuees from Kwethluk have returned to the community.
- Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) Incident Managers are in Stevens Village and Kwethluk to support local leaders and address disaster needs.
- DHS&EM personnel in Fairbanks are working with the Tanana Chiefs Conference to coordinate evacuees support and assist with donations management.
- 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.
- 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](http://ready.alaska.gov).

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