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Spring Flooding Fact Sheet

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- State of Alaska/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (JPDA) teams are in the field and are documenting flood damages. There are many regions that need to be assessed and the State will continue to work with FEMA to document damages. Preliminary damage assessments will be completed by Sunday. Today, JPDA teams are in Fort Yukon and Akiak.
- The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is organizing a Disaster Housing Task Force to identify Federal, State, Local and Non-profit programs that will be able to assist flood victims with housing needs. The Task Forces will meet May 29.
- The State Emergency Coordination Center is supporting flood affected communities throughout Alaska and will continue to address life/health/safety response needs.
- 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.
- Stevens Village has requested temporary shelters be sent to the village. The temporary shelters will allow for repatriation of evacuees while permanent housing is arranged. The SECC is working to fill this request.
- 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.
- A DHSS Behavioral Health Specialist is in Tanana per the community's request.
- 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 American Red Cross of Alaska to help with immediate response cost and Alaska Volunteer Organization Active in Disasters ([AKVOAD](#)) for long term recovery programs.
- AKVOAD, the Alaska Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), the Civil Air Patrol, and private individuals continue to coordinate the delivery of dog food to flood affected communities. Dog food donations can be made to the Civil Air Patrol in Fairbanks and the ASPCA in Anchorage.
- In Fairbanks, dog food donations can be purchased at a discounted rate from the 49er Dog Food Store and Coldspot Feeds. These purchased dog food donations will be distributed by the Civil Air Patrol in accordance with community needs.
- The DHS&EM Incident Management Team (IMT) in Eagle reports that the situation has stabilized. Public dumpsters for flood damaged material and household waste are available. The IMT is working to establish a burn unit to dispose of flood damaged material.
- Flooding photos and information is available at ready.alaska.gov.

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