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Spring Flooding Fact Sheet

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- Fort Yukon began flooding last night and some homes remain surrounded by water. This morning a Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) Emergency Manager arrived to assist city officials. A disaster response team is ready to deploy to Fort Yukon if necessary.
- New photos and information is available at ready.alaska.gov. Go to 2009 Spring Breakup Flood Event Information web page.
- Those who want to make donations are encouraged to make cash donations to established charities. Cash donations are the most effective way to help those in need.
- The State Emergency Coordination Center (SECC) activation is at [level 4](#). Representatives from the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), American Red Cross, Department of Transportation, Department of Public Safety, FEMA and Alaska Volunteer Organization Active in Disasters (AKVOAD) are in the SECC.
- River Watch teams are conducting aerial observations of the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers. The River Watch teams, made up of DHS&EM Emergency Managers and National Weather Service Hydrologists, survey river conditions, issue flood warnings and assist communities with flood response and/or evacuation.
- A disaster response team is in Eagle and to assist with emergency management functions and coordinate the disaster response effort. The disaster response team is made up of representatives from the DHS&EM, DHSS, Department of Environmental Conservation, Tanana Chiefs Conference and the American Red Cross.
- As of May 8, 12:01 pm the National Weather Service River Forecast Center has flood warnings in effect for the Chistochina River near Chistochina, for the Kuskokwim River near McGrath, for the Kuskokwim River between Akiak and Napakiak, for the Kuskokwim River near Kalsag, and for the Yukon River from Ft. Yukon to the Yukon Bridge. A flood watch is in effect for many area of the state.
- The City of Eagle sent a request to the SECC for porta-potties. The SECC is working to fill this request.
- Bethel sent a request to the SECC for sand bags. The SECC is working to fill this request.
- The SECC has coordinated the deliver of Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) and water containers to Circle, Ft. Yukon and Beaver.
- The Department of Transportation is coordinating with the SECC to remove ice from roads and restore access to flood affected areas.
- AKVOAD is assisting in affiliating volunteers and managing donations. Contact AKVOAD at (907) 351-9455 www.akvoad.com or AKVOAD Spokesperson/Chair Richard Whetsell at (907) 398-2252.

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