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### Spring Flooding Fact Sheet

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- Flooding continues in Akiak. With assistance from the Alaska Council of Village Presidents and the Kuskokwim River Watch team the community pre-evacuated 37 at-risk individuals to Bethel. Those remaining in the community have taken shelter in the school. Yesterday, Lt. Governor Sean Parnell and Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) Director John Madden visited Akiak to meet with villagers and evaluate the State's response.
- Most residents of Stevens Village pre-evacuated. Twenty people remain in Stevens to perform emergency protective measures.
- Three River Watch teams are conducting aerial observations on the Upper Yukon, Middle Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers. The River Watch teams report active flooding in Stevens on the Yukon River and in Akiak on the Kuskokwim River.
- Akiak requested and received diesel fuel, a diesel transfer pump, potable water, food, and other items. DHS&EM has dispatched a satellite phone for emergency communications in Akiak.
- The Alaska Army National Guard has dispatched four 400 gallon water tanks to Eagle. Two water tanks will depart from Fairbanks and two from Anchorage. The tanks will be filled in Tok.
- Response activities continue in Eagle. State, non-profit and tribal entities are providing assistance to flood victims. Preliminary damage assessments have begun.
- The American Red Cross of Alaska has opened a shelter in Eagle for residents who have been displaced. Red Cross disaster response volunteers have established operations at the Eagle Community School.
- The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation recommends that all residents boil their water prior to consumption in Aniak, Eagle, Circle, Ft. Yukon, Red Devil, Beaver and Stevens Village.
- New photos and information are available at [ready.alaska.gov](http://ready.alaska.gov). Go to 2009 Spring Breakup Flood Event Information web page.
- The State Emergency Coordination Center (SECC) activation status is [level 4](#).
- 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. Contact AKVOAD at (907) 351-9455 [www.akvoad.com](http://www.akvoad.com) or the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish).
- The National Weather Service River Forecast Center has issued Flood Warnings and Flood Watches for several areas of the state. For current information go to [www.aprfc.arh.noaa.gov](http://www.aprfc.arh.noaa.gov).
- The Department of Natural Resources has delivered four porta-potties to the Eagle Community School.
- Flood warnings have been canceled for Beaver, McGrath and Ft. Yukon.

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