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### Spring Flooding Fact Sheet

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- The State Disaster Policy Cabinet held an informational teleconference to update department leadership of ongoing response activities and encourage continued cooperation as the recovery process begins.
- 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 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. Today, JPDA teams are in Kalskag and Circle.
- The State Emergency Coordination Center is supporting flood affected communities throughout Alaska and will continue to address life/health/safety response needs.
- 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.
- Two DHS&EM response personnel working in Fairbanks have return Anchorage for demobilization.
- 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.
- DHSS is deploying a Behavioral Health Specialist to Tanana today per the community's request.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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. 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](http://ready.alaska.gov).

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