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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. Preliminary damage assessments will be completed by Saturday.
- 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.
- 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. The Kwethluk Incident Manager will be demobilized on June 2 with demobilization of the Stevens Incident Manager on June 4.
- The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is providing housing to 37 evacuees from Stevens Village in Fairbanks. Most Tanana evacuees have returned to the community.
- 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 temporary shelters will be in Stevens Village today.
- 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.
- 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.
- In Eagle, 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. The Eagle IMT will be demobilized on June 5.
- **This will be the last daily Spring Flooding Fact Sheet for this event. Future flood related releases will be issue specific. Federal, State and local government will be involved in the recovery process and there will be many great stories as people pull together and rebuild their communities. I will be available for questions or comment at 428-7125 or 428-7077. Like so many of the State and local emergency responders your reporting was essential to this spring's flood response effort. Thanks you for all of your hard work covering this event.**

Best regards,
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