

HAINES EMERGENCY RESPONSE UPDATE

December 5, 2020

The State of Alaska, City & Borough of Haines, and CIA continue to work together to assess further needs for the community. Efforts remain focused on search and rescue for the two people still missing, but recovery efforts are now in effect. A 20 mile no-fly zone to prevent aircrafts from flying in or out of Haines was put in effect by the US Coast Guard to help ensure priority of search and rescue and further aid.



The Tribal Emergency Operations Center (TEOC) personnel and other volunteer staff have been working to reduce flooding of the Haines Airport. As of today, with culverts put in place, the water is flowing well around the airport and is now relatively cleared of water. Coordinated efforts for cleanup and repair around Haines is also occurring - roads, properties and driveways that have been damaged by erosion are being cleared.



TEOC staff deployed to Haines to assist with emergency response.

Today, the TEOC is working with Chilkoot Indian Association (CIA) to organize the supplies that have been brought over and help CIA's Incident Commander establish and organize a system of command. The TEOC team is confident CIA can assume all further emergency response efforts and is in the withdraw phase but will continue to provide remote assistance as needed. The TEOC and volunteer staff have been working hard through the rain and sleet, but spirits are good and everyone is pleased to be able to help in these times of need.

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CIA and the City & Borough of Haines now have good communication established in order to address needs and organize a list of further resources. CIA is identifying grants for rebuilding and recovery to get people back into their homes and back to normal lives.

CIA has requested that Tlingit & Haida's Natural Resource Specialist Kenneth Weitzel be deployed to Haines to assist with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) surveys to help identify the ground movement and topography which is critical to establish further priority work.

In terms of weather, a Flash Flood Watch remains in effect through Sunday. There continues to be significant concerns with ground stability across the Haines borough and for the potential of further landslides. Haines is being assisted by the Alaska Geological and Geophysical Survey, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Transportation, the United States Geological Survey, and the National Weather Service to complete a SAR (situation-action-result) and borough-wide hazard assessment.

Haines Weather Forecast

| Sat 12/5 | Sun 12/6 | Mon 12/7 | Tue 12/8 | Wed 12/9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 38° 35°F | 41° 38°F | 42° 38°F | 41° 35°F | 37° 31°F |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Rain 1.12 in | Rain 1.7 in | Rain 0.86 in | Rain -- in | Snow Showers 1.9 in |

The Haines community needs assessment is showing that family members impacted in Haines are not in need of any further essential supplies. As a result, the TEOC has closed its donation drop-off location.

The greatest need right now is to raise funds to assist families that have been displaced, lost their homes or have extensive repairs to their homes and driveways. To date, Tlingit & Haida has received over 450 monetary donations totaling more than \$33k for Haines.

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