

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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**REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL DISASTER DECLARATION
MAJOR DISASTER OR EMERGENCY**

1. Request Date Jun 28, 2018

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2a. Name of State (as defined in Stafford Act 102, 42 U.S.C. § 5122) or Indian tribal government requesting declaration. State of Alaska		2b. Population (as reported by 2010 Census) or estimated population of Indian tribal government's damaged area(s). 710,231
3. Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Name Bill Walker	4. Designation of State or Tribal Coordinating Officer upon declaration (if available) and phone number Samuel Walton (ph. 907-428-7039)	
5. Designation of Governor's Authorized Representative or Tribal Chief Executive Representative upon declaration (if available) and phone number Michael Sutton (ph. 907-428-7066)		

6. Declaration Request For: ☒ Major Disaster (Stafford Act Sec. 401) ☐ Emergency (Stafford Act Sec. 501(a))

7. Incident Period: Beginning Date May 11, 2018 End Date May 14, 2018 or ☐ Continuing *If requesting a "continuing" incident period, enclose an official statement from a qualified Federal Government agency acknowledged as a national authority in a specific incident field (e.g., United States Geological Survey for seismic incidents, the National Weather Service for flooding).*

7b. Type of Incident (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Drought	<input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake	<input type="checkbox"/> Explosion	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood	<input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane	<input type="checkbox"/> Landslide	<input type="checkbox"/> Mudslide
<input type="checkbox"/> Severe Storm (rain, high water, wind-driven rain, hail, lightning)	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowstorm (Must include Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data)			<input type="checkbox"/> Straight-Line Winds			
<input type="checkbox"/> Tidal Wave	<input type="checkbox"/> Tornado	<input type="checkbox"/> Tropical Depression	<input type="checkbox"/> Tropical Storm	<input type="checkbox"/> Tsunami	<input type="checkbox"/> Volcanic Eruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Storm	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____							

8. Description of damages (Short description of impacts of disaster on affected area and population). Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.

On the evening of May 11, 2018, an ice jam on the Susitna River north of Talkeetna, Alaska in the Matanuska Susitna Borough redirected river flow that flooded the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) tracks between mileposts (MP) 235 and 252 with 10 feet of fast-moving water and large floating ice blocks destroying the rails, scouring the track bed, and severely damaging rail signal and control equipment. The floodwaters caused substantial damage to the rail lines, track bed, signals, and train control systems, preventing all rail freight and passenger service between Anchorage and Fairbanks for several days. A robust clean up and emergency repair effort, conducted between May 13 and May 25, required substantial mobilization costs due to the remote area and extensive repairs. On May 14, the ice jam broke and water levels receded sufficiently to allow inspection of the tracks by ARRC.

9. Description of the nature and amount of State and local or Indian tribal government resources which have been or will be committed. Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.

The State of Alaska will cover the full 25% cost share.

10. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment*

☐ Individual Assistance Dates Performed _____ Requested _____ Start _____ End _____

Individual Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)
N/A

☒ Public Assistance Dates Performed _____ Requested Jun 19, 2018 Start Jun 21, 2018 End Jun 21, 2018

Public Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)

No accessibility issues reported.

11. Programs and Areas Requested

Individual Assistance ☒ N/A ☐ Individuals and Households ☐ Crisis Counseling Program ☐ Disaster Unemployment Assistance
 ☐ All ☐ Disaster Case Management ☐ Disaster Legal Services

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)) If additional space is needed, please enclose additional documentation).

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes in the requested counties (if applicable).

Please see **Enclosure A: Supplemental Information for Individual Assistance** for additional information in support of this request*.

*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Public Assistance ☐ N/A ☒ Debris Removal (Category A) ☒ Emergency Protective Measures (Category B) ☒ Permanent Work (Categories C-G)*
(not available for Emergency Declaration Requests)

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)). If additional space is needed or your request includes different categories of work for different jurisdictions; please enclose additional documentation.

Categories A, B, C, E, and F are requested for the Alaska Railroad Corporation.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes included in the requested counties (if applicable).

Chickaloon Native Village and Knik Tribe,

Please see **Enclosure B: Supplemental Information for Public Assistance** for additional information in support of this request*.

Indemnification for Debris Removal Activity

☐ I do not anticipate the need for debris removal.

☒ I anticipate the need for debris removal, which poses an immediate threat to lives, public health and safety. Pursuant to Sections 403 and 407 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170b & 5173, the State or Indian tribal government agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United States of America for any claims arising from the removal of debris or wreckage for this disaster. The State or Indian tribal government agrees that debris removal from public and private property will not occur until the landowner signs an unconditional authorization for the removal of debris.

Request for Direct Federal Assistance

☒ I do not request direct Federal assistance at this time.

☐ I request direct Federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property, and:

a. I request the following type(s) of assistance:

b. List of reasons why State and local or Indian tribal government cannot perform, or contract for, required work and services.

c. In accordance with 44 C.F.R. § 206.208, the State or Indian tribal government agrees that it will, with respect to direct Federal assistance: (1) Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved work; (2) Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work; (3) Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-Federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State or FEMA-Tribe Agreement; and (4) Assist the performing Federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

Request for Snow Assistance

☒ N/A ☐ I request snow assistance.

Snow assistance for the following jurisdictions (Specify counties, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas).

Please see **Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data** for additional information in support of this request*.

*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Hazard Mitigation* ☒ Statewide OR

For the following specific counties, parishes, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas.

12. Mitigation Plan Information*

a. Mitigation Plan Expiration Date October 17, 2018 b. Type of Plan ☐ Enhanced ☒ Standard

13. Other Federal Agency Programs

☒ I do not anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies ☐ I do anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies

Please see Enclosure C: Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs for additional information in support of this request*.

14. Findings and Certifications

☒ I certify the following:

a. I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local government or Indian tribal government and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary.

b. In response to this incident, I have taken appropriate action under State or tribal law and have directed the execution of the State or Tribal Emergency Plan on May 11, 2018 in accordance with the Stafford Act.

c. The State and local governments, or Indian tribal government will assume all applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act.

15. List of Enclosures and Supporting Documentation

☒ Cover Letter ☐ Enclosure A (Individual Assistance)* ☒ Enclosure B (Public Assistance)*☐ Enclosure C (Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs) ☐ Enclosure D (Historic and Current Snowfall Data)☐ Additional Supporting Documentation _____


Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Signature

6/28/18

Date

If anyone except the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive signs this document, please provide the documentation that establishes that this individual has the legal authority to act on behalf of the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive.

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