

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

December 11, 2024 at 12:00 PM

In-Person with Zoom Capabilities

LOCATION In-Person: Nat'l Guard Armory/UAS Rec Center (12300 Mendenhall Loop Rd - Room 116)

or via **Zoom**: https://juneau.zoom.us/j/99118835453 or 1-253-215-8782 Webinar ID: 991 1883 5453

Questions Call Tom Mattice at (907) 209-9207 or e-mail city.clerk@juneau.gov

- A. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Ed Williams
- B. ROLL CALL

Establish Quorum - Michelle Brown

Introductions - Online and In Room

Thank You & Farewells

Paul Kelly, Elected Official Seat since 2023

Jennifer Pemberton, Primary Media Seat since 2022

Welcomes

Ella Adkinson, Elected Official Seat

Kim McDowell (BRH), Primary Hospital Seat

Evan Price (UAS), Alternate Right to Know Seat

Rhys Mateo (SEARHC), Alternate Vulnerable Populations Seat

- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA December 11, 2024
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - Approval of Minutes: October 09, 2024, Draft Minutes of the Juneau Local Emergency Planning Committee
- E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (10-15 Minutes)
- F. STAFF REPORTS

Elected Official - Ella Adkinson

Emergency Programs - Tom Mattice

JPD

CCFR

Hospital

Red Cross

Haz/Mat & NWS Weather and Preparedness Update

Alaska Native Tribal

Other Member Reports

G. NEW BUSINESS - Group Discussion - Youth Emergency Preparedness

When Mobile Phones are not an Option: Knowledge of important contacts, names, phone numbers, emails, addresses, and speaking to dispatch and first responders.

Red Crosses program Prepare with Pedro includes family contact cards for students and parents.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Mendenhall River Flooding - FEMA ASSISTANCE - Tom Mattice

Monday, December 16, 2024 - Final Application Date & Last Day the Disaster Recovery Center will be open.

Visit the Disaster Recovery Center at the Mendenhall Valley Library (3025 Dimond Park Loop)

3. All Hazard Mitigation & Whole Community Input Planning update - Tom Mattice

I. AGENDA TOPICS

J. INFORMATION ITEMS

ICS 300 Training

Date/s: December 09, 10, 11

Location: CBJ EOC at JPD (6255 Alaway Ave, Juneau)

POC: Tom Mattice (907) 209-9207 - tom.mattice@juneau.gov

ICS 400 Training

Date/s: December 12, 13

Location: Nat'l Guard Armory/UAS Rec Center (12300 Mendenhall Loop Rd-Room 115/116)

POC: Tom Mattice (907) 209-9207 - tom.mattice@juneau.gov

FEMA Resident Individual Assistance

Application Period and Disaster Recovery Center Closing December 16, 2024

Visit the Disaster Recovery Center at the Mendenhall Valley Public Library (3025 Dimond Park Loop)

See attached News Release for more information

Shelter Training 2025

April

More information to come

POC: Britt Tonnessen – (907) 727-5361 – <u>britt.tonnessen@redcross.org</u>

AlaskaEx 2026 - SE AK Regional Exercise with events beginning in 2025 through 2026

More information to come.

POC: Tom Mattice (907)209-9207 – tom.mattice@juneau.gov

ORCA Exercise-103rd WMD-CST, AK ANG

SAVE THE DATE: June 9-13, 2025

POC: CPT Rehberg, Kyle J - kyle.j.rehberg.mil@army.mil

4. FEMA Resident/Individual Assistance News Release

K. NEXT MEETING DATE

January 08, 2025

Blended Meeting w/ZOOM Webinar Capabilities

Location: Nat'l Guard Armory/UAS Rec Center (12300 Mendenhall Loop Rd-Room 116)

PLEASE ATTEND IN PERSON WHENEVER POSSIBLE

*Regular LEPC Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month

L. ADJOURNMENT

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LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES



October 9, 2024, at 12:00 PM

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NOTE: The Zoom meeting ended unexpectedly at 12:45 p.m. due to a scheduling oversight a meeting was scheduled by another CBJ Department to begin while the LEPC meeting was in progress. When the other meeting started the LEPC meeting was automatically ended by the system. CBJ apologizes for the error. Minutes are therefore limited to memory and notes. Please review these minutes and email michelle.brown@juneau.gov with any recommendations.

- A. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Ed Williams
- B. ROLL CALL

Quorum Established - Michelle Brown

Introductions - Online and In Room

Vacant Seat – Hospital Alternate Seat

Welcome – Rhys Mateo Emergency Prog Mgr. SEARHC; Teri Rehfeldt, Emergency Grants Specialist/LEPC

- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA October 10, 2024
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES July 10, 2024, and August 14, 2024. Approved.
- E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (10-15 Minutes)

David Berg described the new Black Hawk helicopter that has been assigned to Juneau and its capabilities.

Renee Culp, Emily Way resident, described the need for better evacuation plans. She said she appreciated the efforts regarding the barriers; however, she stressed that a permanent solution was needed and recommended a dike or levee.

Kathleen Rado, a member of the Flood Fighting group, reiterated that the barriers were not a long-term solution.

James Helfinstine said that a study of the entire waterway was needed. He said that CBJ couldn't expect individual property owners to pay 50k each. He noted that the barrier was temporary, and more permanent solutions were needed. He felt that CBJ did an excellent job reacting to the flooding but had somewhat ignored the problem before the flooding event occurred.

Britt Tonneson asked for clarification about the public comments' recommendations. Answer: Recommendations were made for a more permanent solution such as a dike or levy in lieu of a HESCO barrier.

Mike Pierson, USCG, reported on the upcoming ICS training cycle and the All-Hazard Model leading to a January exercise with the National Incident Management Team. He invited those interested in being involved to contact him. He noted that CERT trainings were held last month, and more trainings would be held in November and January. He said that the Fire Chief and Fire Marshall were approached about becoming a CERT sponsoring agency to allow the CERT to have deployment capabilities under a responsible emergency

response entity. CCFR is working with the Assembly and Managers' office for recommendations on this. Tom Mattice gave an example of a deployable CERT activity stating that the CERT team could be involved with a variety of organizations such as Red Cross damage assessments. He also encouraged volunteering and training with the Red Cross directly before an event happens.

F. STAFF REPORTS

Elected Official – Paul Kelly. Mr. Kelly provided a summary of recent Assembly meetings regarding the August 6, 2024, Mendenhall River flood. He described various initiatives such as the sandbags available to the public; HESCO barriers; and the proposed hydrological study with the Corps of Engineers.

Emergency Programs – Tom Mattice. Mr. Mattice introduced Teri Rehfeldt, formerly from CBJ Community Development, who will take Michelle Brown's position as LEPC Coordinator and grants specialist when Michelle retires in January. Mr. Mattice described Mendenhall River plans, including updates to inundation maps, evacuation orders, the improved emergency alert system, matching funds with the Corps study, and the effort to pack and disburse 80,000 sandbags. He advised that majority of the Mendenhall flood discussion is through the CBJ Assembly Public Works Committee. He discussed the role of the LEPC in connecting people with assets, and thanked Debbie Penrose Fisher for her Juneau Taxi efforts with the Juneau Flood Fighting group. He recommended the upcoming Incident Commend System (ICS) courses and training in December, with more to come in January, and he thanked all emergency partners. Michelle Brown recommended that LEPC members and the public sign up for CBJ's Emergency Alerts and recommended the system be revised to allow users to add multiple addresses into the system to receive alerts about different areas. Her example was individual caretakers who have elderly and disabled persons who do not live with them.

JPD – Jeremy Weske described explosives modeling efforts.

CCFR – Theresa Ross reported that there had been several fires, CCFR sent crew to assist with the Ketchikan landslide, and CCFR continued work to fill staffing needs.

Hospital – Zachariah Fisher noted that BRH is looking for a new Emergency Manager and are working with new staff.

Red Cross – Britt Tonnessen reported that the Red Cross had been focused on hurricane volunteers and sheltering. She said that Loren Jones was in Haines addressing needs after the recent fire. Tom Mattice asked how the LEPC could support these efforts, and Britt suggested those interested call her directly. She noted the Red Cross Open House in a couple of weeks, and upcoming training in sheltering and deployment. Tom promoted the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) upcoming trainings.

HAZMAT & NWS Preparedness – Nicole Ferrin of NWS reported on recent congressional visits regarding Mendenhall River flooding.

Alaska Native Tribal – not present

Public Health – Elaine Hickey spoke to the importance of keeping vaccinations current, noting that flu and covid are on the rise at this time of year. Currently on the radar is an uptick in pertussis also known as whooping cough.

Right-to-Know – not present.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Hazardous Weather Preparedness -Nicole Ferrin of the National Weather Service gave a presentation on seasonal preparedness reminders, changes to cold weather alerts, natural warning signs, and a short status update on Suicide Basin. She noted that the basin was currently 2/3 full, similar to conditions in October 2022, and current lake water levels are down. POC: Nicole Ferrin, NWS Juneau – nicole.ferrin@juneau.gov . This

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presentation continued with the in-person participants after the Zoom meeting unexpectedly ended. See PowerPoint presentation.

LEPC Meeting November 13, 2024. The LEPC moved to cancel the November meeting due to staff absences.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mendenhall River Flooding Brief - Tom Mattice

All Hazard Mitigation & Whole Community Input Planning update – Tom Mattice

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ICS 300 Training

December 11-12; location TBD, more information to come **POC:** Tom Mattice (907)209-9207 – tom.mattice@juneau.gov

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SAVE THE DATE: June 9-13, 2025

POC: CPT Rehberg, Kyle J - kyle.j.rehberg.mil@army.mil

K. NEXT MEETING DATE

November 13, 2024 CANCELLED

December 11, 2024 scheduled

Hybrid meeting w/ZOOM Capabilities

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Building a Weather-Ready Nation

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Hazardous Weather Preparedness

Fall & Winter

Nicole Ferrin - Warning Coordination Meteorologist
NWS Juneau

LEPC - Wednesday October 9, 2024

Winter Weather Preparedness Wee Section D, Item 1.
Oct. 6-12, 2024

- Daily posts on winter safety & preparedness information
 - Force multiplier
 - Share & add your own safety messaging
- weather.gov/safety/winter





Winter Weather Safety Be Weather-Ready



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How you can prepare for winter weather:

- Winterize your car, put on snow tires, and put a winter survival kit in it.
- Prepare your home by adding insulation and trimming branches.
- Restock your emergency kit with extra batteries, food, etc.
- Make sure your generator is in working order and review the safety manual. NEVER run a generator in an enclosed space.



weather.gov/winter ready.gov/kit





www.weather.gov/safety

Winter Weather **Preparedness Week**

Oct. 6-12, 2024

WINTERIZE Your Home





Winter storms can knock out power and keep you from

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Keep enough non-perishable food, water and medications for at least 3 days



Ensure you have warm clothing and blankets



Make sure you have an updated first aid kit



Charge your phone in advance and check for Wireless Emergency Alerts







Winter Weather Preparedness Wee Section D, Item 1.

Oct. 6-12, 2024

Pre-Storm:

- Clear storm drains
- Gather supplies
 - Shovel
 - Snowblower
 - Ice melt, sand, gravel
 - Food
- Park off-street

During/Post-Storm:

- Keep up with shoveling
 - Prior to change over to rain!
 - Hydrate, take breaks
- Clear off vulnerable structures
 - Sheds
 - Decks
 - Vessels
- Shovel around mail boxes & hydrants



Rename of Extreme Cold Products

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Previous

Extreme Cold Watch

Wind Chill Watch

Extreme Cold Warning

Wind Chill Warning

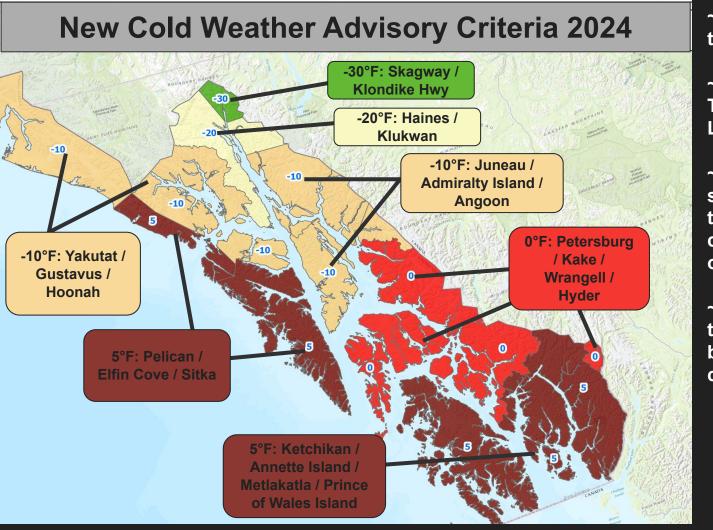
Wind Chill Advisory

Now

Extreme Cold Watch

Extreme Cold Warning

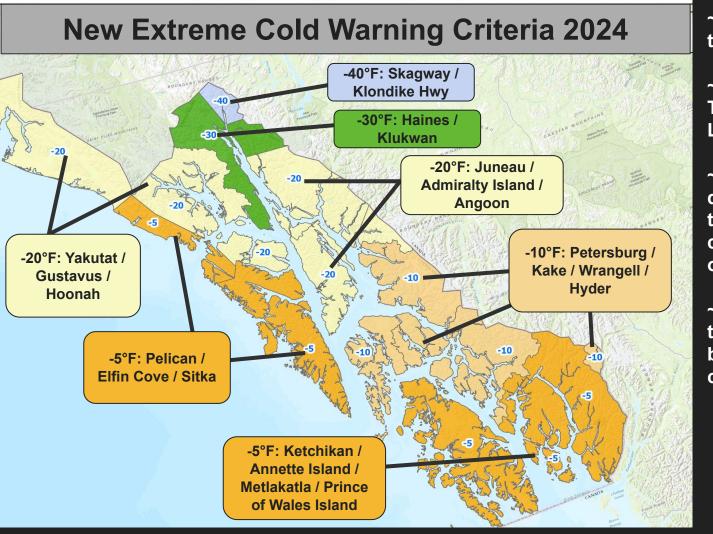
Cold Weather Advisory



- ~ Cold is cold whether there is win Section D, Item 1.
- ~ Uses "Apparent Temperature" / "Feels Like"
- ~ Advisory issued when: seasonably cold air temperatures or wind chill values are expected or occuring
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Landslides - Natural Warning Signs

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Structural Signs:

- Structures like decks or patios moving relative to a main
- Cracking floors or foundations
- Broken water lines or other. underground utilities
- Leaning telephone poles, trees, walls, or fences
- Soil moving away from foundations

Environmental Signs:

- Wet ground that is not typically wet (new springs or saturated ground)
- New cracks or bulges in the ground
- Rapid increase in creek water levels
- Sudden decrease in water levels (even though rain may still be falling or recently stopped)
- Faint rumbling that increases in volume
- Sounds like trees cracking or rocks knocking together



Reference:

https://dggs.alaska.gov/hazards/landslides.html https://dggs.alaska.gov/webpubs/dggs/ic/text/ic096.pdf



Landslides - Natural Warning Signs

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Flooding Preparedness & Safety

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Are you sure you know what's under the water?





Even when the water recedes, the ground may be unstable



weather.gov/safety/flood

- Standing water hides many dangers
 - Toxins & chemicals
 - Live wires
 - Debris or sharp objects under the water
 - Road surface may have completely collapsed beneath the water
- Most cars can be swept away in 12-18 inches of swiftly moving water (18-24" for large SUVs & trucks)
- 6 inches of fast-moving water can knock over and carry away an adult
- Heed road closures and evacuations
- Monitor NOAA Weather Radio for updates



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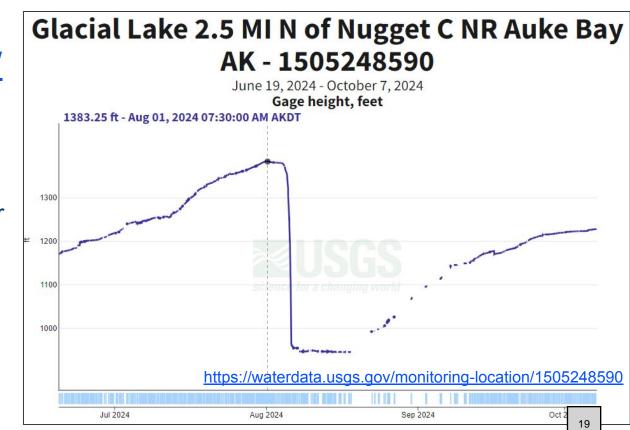
Mendenhall River & Suicide Basin

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Status Update

weather.gov/Juneau/ suicidebasin

- Basin is almost 2/3rd full
 - Estimated to be similar to Oct. 2022
- Slower fill rate due to lowered snow levels
- No known outburst floods past October



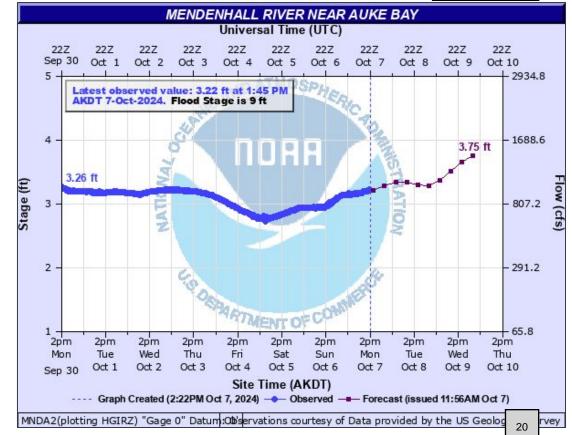
Mendenhall River & Suicide Basin

Status Update

weather.gov/Juneau/ suicidebasin

- Lake/river levels are down to 3-4ft
- Less runoff due to lowered snow levels

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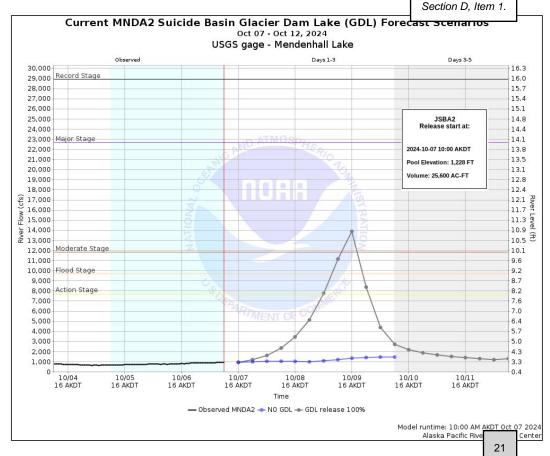


Mendenhall River & Suicide Basin

Status Update

Based on current basin volume and lake levels...

If a release began today: Crest height would reach approximately 11 feet



Other hazards?

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December 3, 2024 DR-4836-AK-NR-007 FEMA News Desk: (425) 487-4610

News Release

Less than Two Weeks Left to Apply for FEMA Assistance

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – Residents who were affected by the August 5-6 flooding that occurred in the City and Borough of Juneau have until Monday, December 16, to apply for FEMA housing and other needs assistance, and FEMA Disaster Unemployment Assistance, administered through the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and the U.S. Department of Labor.

This deadline is for residents who may need assistance with:

- Funds for home repairs
- Temporary rental assistance
- Damaged vehicles and essential personal property
- Loss of subsistence items
- Medical and dental expenses caused by the disaster
- Lost work if self-employed, or otherwise unable to receive regular unemployment assistance.

If you were affected by the flooding, you should apply as soon as possible. FEMA assistance is unable to duplicate benefits offered through insurance, state programs, or other programs. However, if your losses or damage go beyond disaster assistance available from other sources – or include items or categories not covered by other assistance – you may be eligible for additional funds from FEMA. Even if you have already registered for the State of Alaska's disaster assistance program, you must also register with FEMA to determine if you may be eligible to receive additional funds through FEMA, as well as additional funds from the state.

As of December 3, 2024, the disaster recovery center had 369 visits. FEMA has approved over \$2.86 million for 190 households affected by the Mendenhall Glacier Flooding disaster.

Ways to apply:

Visit the Disaster Recovery Center, which is also set to close December 16:
 Mendenhall Valley Public Library
 3025 Dimond Park Loop

Learn more at fema.gov December 2024

Juneau, AK 99801

Hours:

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10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday

- Call the FEMA Alaska Call Center at **866-342-1699** between **10:00** a.m. and **6:00** p.m. AKT, Monday through Friday and **10:00** a.m. and **5:00** p.m. AKT, Saturday.
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For the latest information about Alaska's recovery, visit fema.gov/disaster/4836.

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