FEMA Alaska Spring Floods Registration Deadline Extended

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Anchorage, Alaska – Residents affected by the ice jam and snow melt flooding that occurred between May 12 and June 3, 2023, now have until December 22, 2023 to apply for FEMA Individual Assistance.

Requested by the State of Alaska and approved by FEMA, the deadline extension applies to survivors living in the Copper River, Kuspuk, Lower Kuskokwim, Lower Yukon, and Yukon Flats Regional Educational Attendance Areas (REAAs).

In addition, the State of Alaska has re-opened its own Individual Assistance program, which will allow those with damage from 2023 spring floods who have not previously registered an opportunity to seek state assistance.

Applying with FEMA will be required for any future state IA payments. State and federal Individual Assistance programs cannot duplicate benefits. But specific damages, such as subsistence camps, are eligible under the state program.

Even if you have already registered for the State of Alaska's disaster assistance program, you are encouraged to also register with FEMA to determine if you may be eligible to receive additional funds through FEMA.

The deadline to apply for U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) low-interest loans has also been extended. Businesses, homeowners, renters, and private nonprofit organizations referred by FEMA now have until December 22, 2023 to apply with SBA.

As of the close of business on October 22, FEMA had received 498 total registrations and approved almost \$2.5 million in assistance for the spring ice jam and snowmelt flooding.

FEMA and SBA disaster assistance staff have visited numerous communities in the impacted areas. If you are unable to meet with FEMA staff visiting your



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community, you can still apply for FEMA assistance by calling 1-866-342-1699, This hotline has staff trained to answer Alaska-specific questions. You can also apply on disasterassistance.gov or by using the FEMA mobile app. For questions about SBA loans, call 1-800-659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov

If you require a reasonable accommodation -- such as language translation or interpretation, mobility assistance, or sign language interpretation -- call or text 907-727-6221 or email <u>FEMA-language-access-request@fema.dhs.gov</u>. You can also notify staff in the field.

