

MONTHLY REPORT



ESF11 Activation Alaska Flooding

Mid-May to mid-June, Yukon River flooding resulted in extensive property damage and sheltering and/or relocation of residents and animals in Galena, Alaska. ESF11 was activated by FEMA RX August 14-20. FNS coordinated with state agencies and FEMA to meet congregate feeding needs with USDA foods. Four resources from APHIS were assigned to the incident. ESF11 coordinated with State Homeland Security/Emergency Management, State Veterinarian's office, and borough representatives to assess household pet and sled dog resource needs utilizing input from an assessment in Galena conducted by Animal Care and NGO staff. A report of current resources, anticipated needs, and long-term considerations for pets in Galena and Fairbanks was provided to the state and FEMA RX for use in animal emergency response and recovery planning.

ESF11 Activation Colorado Flooding

ESF11 was activated by FEMA RVIII September 13-25 in response to widespread severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides in Colorado. Six resources from APHIS were activated. ESF11 engaged Wildlife Services to assess wildlife impacts. FSIS regulated facilities were monitored for impacts including power outages and restricted employee access. Animal Welfare Act regulated facilities were monitored. A natural, cultural and historic property assessment included flood and oil spill damage to flora/fauna in scoured river basins. Large and small animal sheltering and feeding was monitored for potential resource support. FNS DSNAP assisted with congregate feeding in multiple counties across the state. ESF11 continues to serve as a supporting agency through activation of the NDRF.

FEMA Region I (FR1) Collaborative Planning

FR1 held their annual federal and state planning conference, this year's theme was the FEMA Region I All Hazards Plan, which was rewritten this year. For the past nine months, FR1 conducted Collaborative Planning Team meetings with ESFs to ensure coordinated preparedness and response efforts. Collaborative Planning Teams were organized according to core capabilities. ESF11 worked with FEMA to clarify what agency resources are available to support a core capabilities based disaster response. Christine Sullivan, ESF11 Coordinator in FR1 supported numerous Collaborative Planning Teams and advocated the need for a Natural Cultural Historical (NCH) Annex to the All Hazards Plan. The NCH Annex will be a trigger mechanism for timely activation of Department of Interior and other agencies. It also serves as a ready reference guide for available NCH resources. Miss Sullivan worked with FEMA to ensure Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) Capabilities Listings were included in the Mass Care Annex. This is the first time animal response NGO resources were included as part of the All Hazards Plan, enabling enhanced coordination with FEMA Mass Care. During the Planning Conference, federal and state partners discussed priorities and changes to ensure plans are synchronized. FEMA staff briefed participants on FEMA's National Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) Initiative. A TTX was conducted the following day for federal, state and NGO partners to familiarize accessing information in the Base Plan, Checklists and Resource Tools. The TTX also allowed practice of FEMA's new Regional Incident Support Response organizational structure.