



Governor Mike Dunleavy
STATE OF ALASKA

June 18, 2025

The Honorable Gary Stevens
Senate President
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Building, Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

The Honorable Bryce Edgmon
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Building, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

President Stevens and Speaker Edgmon:

On June 17, 2025, I declared a state disaster emergency for the Dalton Highway corridor, Milepost 315–404, due to extensive flood-related damage caused by breakup flooding and ice jams. This declaration authorizes the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) to request regulatory relief to support emergency response and restore this vital corridor.

Severe breakup flooding has resulted in:

- A major washout at MP 315, causing an 80-foot-long, 30-foot-deep breach of the highway.
- Overtopping, erosion, and damage at MP 345.5.
- Additional damage and erosion control needs at MP 350.6, MP 386, and MP 403–404.
- Disruption to freight, fuel, and equipment deliveries, jeopardizing operations on the North Slope and posing serious economic and operational risks.

This declaration enables DOT&PF to request Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration waivers to expedite critical deliveries, suspend regulatory permitting requirements for in-water work, and pursue Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief funding, covering up to 100 percent of emergency opening costs and 90 percent of permanent repair costs. No expenditure from the State Disaster Relief Fund is anticipated at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Dunleavy".

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Enclosure(s): Declaration of Disaster Emergency

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The Honorable Neal Foster, Finance Committee Co-Chair, Alaska House of
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