

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Office of Emergency Management

22L1A Lowell Point Landslide – Update 05.17.2022

May 07, 2022 at approximately 7:40PM a landslide was reported on Lowell Point Road south of the cannery facility.

On Friday May 13, 2022 the State of Alaska, in conjunction with the Kenai Peninsula Borough, signed a Declaration of Disaster for the Lowell Point Community that has been affected by the Lowell Point Road Landslide which occurred Saturday, May 7 at approximately 7:40PM. These declarations followed the City of Seward's Disaster Declaration on Thursday May 12, 2022.

On Saturday May 14, 2022 The Kenai Peninsula Borough met with the State of Alaska Department of Homeland Security and reviewed the events as well as the documented needs of the Lowell Point Community. On Monday May 16, 2022 the first round of vehicle transport began where 15 vehicles were transported with no complications. Vehicle transportation continues today, May 17, 2022 with more vehicles being transported to Seward on a 1PM sailing to Seward. The Borough's initial expectation was there were approximately 50-60 vehicles in need of transport; however, the current expectation based on registrations has exceeded 90 vehicles. The last vehicle transport day is Monday May 23, 2022.

Fuel delivery and propane needs are being assessed with the Lowell Point residents to ensure there are no immediate heating fuel needs. The emergency response plan for delivery is being built based on the resident's needs.

The borough continues to support the city in Unified Command, meeting twice daily to ensure good communications of all operational objectives. Landslide remediation continues to reveal the instability of Bear Mountain. The crews removing the debris have noted additional, smaller, landslides related to their work. The State of Alaska Geologist with DOT, and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Roads Department Director are all on site to evaluate future response needs. The Roads Department will be working with DOT to ensure that the south side culverts and Spruce Creek Bridge are protected in the event that DOT heavy equipment must be trailered or crawled to the south side. Details will remain unknown until a formal report is issued from the experts related to the situation. No work will be done on the south side until it is safe to do so.

