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Media Advisory: OREGON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HELPS WITH RESPONSE TO FLOODING IN ALASKA

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Oregon Office of Emergency Management sent a public affairs officer to Alaska to help with emergency response to flooding in that state through an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). An EMAC allows states to provide mutual aid during a disaster.

Cory Grogan, a Public Information Officer with Oregon Office of Emergency Management is in Alaska for the month of July assisting with emergency response to residents affected by flooding. An ice jam on the Yukon River sparked flooding in that state. One of the hardest hit areas was Galena, Alaska where flooding destroyed homes and displaced thousands of residents.

"I'm grateful to have the opportunity to help in Alaska," said Cory Grogan of the Oregon Office of Emergency Management. "We deal with flooding in our state, and I know how devastating it can be."

The EMAC program has allowed the Oregon Office of Emergency Management to send people and resources to other disasters over the years including to New York after 9-11 and Hurricane Sandy, and Louisiana for Hurricane Katrina. The core mission of the agency is preparedness, recovery, response, and mitigation during a disaster.

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