



Rainbow Season

I got to thinking that in Alaska we haven't seen a rainbow for about 8 or 9 months. But now is the season for warm temperatures, sunny skies, and rain clouds with rainbows.

Every spring from early April to early June Alaskan's are on edge about flooding along rivers and in low lying areas. The State of Alaska Emergency Management staff have been flying the interior rivers assessing ice jams which can cause extremely

high water levels with subsequent flooding of many native villages.

Alaskans were blessed last year with minimal flooding thanks to a very slow snow melt. This year "break up" has been more sudden. AWA-Alaska is standing by in case of the necessity of flight support for villages in the roadless areas. The interior rivers are rising as of this writing, as the snow melts in the mountains. Many rivers are in the range of 4 or 5 feet from becoming swollen and overspreading their banks.



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Thank you for your prayers and your donations!

God bless you all,
Jim and Linda Kincaid

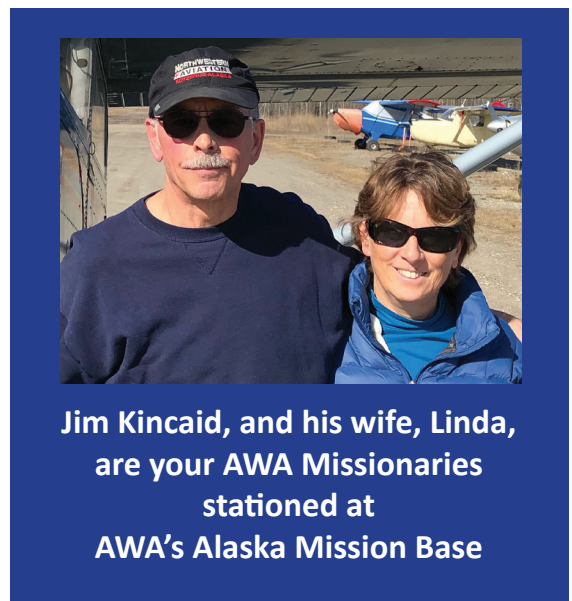


Editor's Note:

"Flooding and landslides cause deaths, injuries, and homelessness every year, and damage or destroy buildings, roads, and other infrastructure. Studies show that changing climatic conditions, resulting in increased rainfall, permafrost degradation, and melting sea and glacier ice, can increase the frequency of fast-moving, catastrophic landslides and flooding events. Greater storm intensity enhances flooding and erosion in coastal environments and can lead to larger and more frequent landslides inland.

Almost nine out of every ten Alaska Native villages experience flooding and/or erosion. Floods in Alaska commonly result from coastal storm surge, ice jams in rivers, high precipitation events, or rapid thawing of winter snow and ice. Winter storms and less sea ice during fall lead to more erosion and flooding."

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