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Haines Long Term Recovery Group suspending services two years after federally declared disaster hit Haines.

As we reach the 2-year anniversary of the federally declared disaster in Haines, Alaska, the Haines Long Term Recovery Group (Haines LTRG) is suspending disaster recovery services.

In the last two years, the Haines LTRG has coordinated the distribution of nearly \$2 million to Haines households in need of disaster assistance. Approximately 250 households, or 34% of the Haines community, reported damage after the severe weather event. 131 households, or 18% of the Haines community, applied for assistance with the Haines LTRG. In the last two years, the Haines LTRG successfully addressed the needs for 100 households. Thirty one households, or approximately 2% of the Haines community, remain in need of assistance.

Chilkoot Indian Association (CIA), Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL), and The Salvation Army (TSA) will continue disaster assistance services on a case by case basis. "Unmet disaster needs remain for approximately 4% of the Haines community," said Sylvia Heinz, Coordinator for the Haines LTRG. "The majority of the work involved in recovery will continue by individual organizations. Unfortunately, the needs exceed available resources, and we will not be able to help everyone."

Heinz encourages anyone with questions or concerns to contact her at HainesLTRG@gmail.com.

About Haines Long Term Recovery Group:

On December 1st, 2020, an atmospheric river hit Haines triggering a federal disaster declaration. In the days following, massive flooding and approximately 100 landslides took the lives of two community members and caused damage to approximately 34% of Haines households.

The Haines Long Term Recovery Group was formed to coordinate the individual disaster recovery efforts of government (federal, state, local, and tribal), non-profits, faith organizations, and the private sector. Involved organizations included Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL), Chilkoot Indian Association (CIA), Chilkat Valley Community Foundation (CVCF), The Salvation Army (TSA), The Haines Ministerial Association, and Alaska Division of Homeland Security Individual Assistance.

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