
Broken Dike Causes Flood At Anaktuvuk

Diking on a stream north and above the village of Anaktuvuk Pass that washed away this week caused flood waters to cascade into the village inundating part of the airstrip and flood underground meat caches.

Wallace Craig of the Bureau of Indian Affairs here in Fairbanks said that heavy rains and melting snow off the mountains around the village caused the sudden flooding.

In calling for help, the village people said they needed rubber boots, white gas, shovels and sandbags.

"I don't know exactly why they need the sandbags but I guess they know what they're talking about," said Jack Murphy of the Civil Defense office in Fairbanks.

It turned out that the village

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needed them to repair the diking that washed away.

Concern was felt that the meat stored in underground caches might be contaminated.

Tanana Public Health Service hospital was to be contacted to see whether a sanitation man can be taken to Anaktuvuk Pass to check on the meat.

Flood has receded and up till Wednesday, 3,000 feet of the airstrip was clear of water and 2,500 pounds of food that had been piled up at Bettles was flown in.