



There is consideration that Mount Pavlof, a stratovolcano on the Alaska Peninsula, may erupt as it continues to release ash into the air. The [Alaskan Volcano Observatory](#) (AVO) reported on May 18th that there were “[no] signs of eruptive activity in satellite images or significant seismic tremor since the low-level ash emissions that were observed yesterday,” but the General Aviation Color Code warning is still set on orange—“heightened or escalating unrest with increased potential of eruption, time frame uncertain, or eruption is underway with no or minor volcanic ash emissions.”

“Pauses and fluctuations in eruptive activity are typical for Pavlof. It is possible for conditions to change at any time and more significant ash emissions may resume with little to no warning. AVO will continue to monitor the volcano closely.”

In an earlier update, a Volcanic Ash Advisory was issued by the [Alaska Aviation Weather Unit](#) on May 17th. AVO noted that The National Weather Service SIGMET described the levels of ash as “...below an altitude of 15,000 ft (4.6 km) above sea level...Ash emissions are not identifiable in satellite images and views of the volcano from the FAA web camera at Cold Bay are obscured by low clouds.”

No air carrier has issued a warning thus far. An eruption from Mount Pavlof [occurred between March 27th and 28th](#) with no seismic warning, which caused flight cancellations across Alaska’s airports. Mount Pavlof is known to be one of the most active volcanos in North America.

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