

Zabaikalsky Region Declares State of Emergency Following Summer Flooding

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Flooding in Chita, the capital of Zabaikalsky. @shcheglovais / MAX

Authorities in Far East Russia's Zabaikalsky region declared a state of emergency on Thursday following a summer of torrential rainfall and three consecutive flood waves.

Governor Alexander Osipov [said](#) Friday that the emergency declaration was needed in order to speed up financial aid to residents impacted by the flooding and repairs to damaged infrastructure.

Rainfall across the region — located along the Chinese border roughly 4,700 kilometers (2,900 miles) east of Moscow — reached up to 250% of seasonal averages this summer. Emergency officials issued five separate storm warnings as three distinct flood waves battered nine municipal districts.

"It's been a tough summer," Osipov wrote in a post on Telegram. He said there had been no reports of injuries or deaths as a result of the flooding.

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While Osipov confirmed that no active floodwaters remained inside homes by Friday, he noted that 95 residential properties sustained damage from intense rainfall. By comparison, major floods in 2018 and 2021 submerged more than 1,000 homes in the region, he said.

Regional forecasters [issued](#) a fresh weather warning for heavy downpours through the weekend, threatening further [water level spikes](#) across local rivers.

Governor Osipov estimated damage to roads and bridges at more than 350 million rubles (\$4.1 million). He also noted that flood defense funding has been increased to 2 billion rubles (\$23.8 million) this year.

Work is underway on a 45-kilometer (28 miles) dam network intended to protect 45,000 residents once completed next year, Osipov added.

The Zabaikalsky region's deputy chief of administration, Igor Smirnov, [said](#) Monday that initial financial aid payouts to flood victims had already begun.

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