Redoubt Volcano Eruption/Ash Synopsis –
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Coordinates: N6028 W15245
Summit Elevation: 3108 m (10197 ft)
Initial eruption: March 22, 2009 0638 UTC

The 2009 eruption of Redoubt Volcano began on March 22 at 0638 UTC. The eruption was characterized by powerful ash explosions with resulting plumes between 30,000 to 60,000 feet above sea level. The Alaska Volcano Observatory (AVO) observed eleven major explosive events during the first week, and a total of 19 events over the 14 day explosive eruptive period in March and early April.

Redoubt Volcano began showing activity in November 2008. Seismic signals remained slightly elevated through December and January and increased significantly in February. Degassing of the volcano released large amounts of steam and gas plumes that were connected to strong seismic signals throughout February and early March. The volcano erupted explosively March 22nd to April 4th and then transitioned to a lava dome building phase. Seismicity remained elevated above background levels and reflected the ongoing process of dome growth and occasional rock falls. In addition, AVO reported a vapor and gas cloud rising above the volcano and below 15,000 feet above sea level during this period. On June 30, 2008, AVO downgraded Redoubt to color code Yellow as the seismic activity level, thermal measurements, and steaming were consistent with a cooling lava dome.

Redoubt Volcano is located on the western side of Cook Inlet, 170 km (106 mi) southwest of Anchorage and 82 km (51 mi) west of Kenai within Lake Clark National Park. Redoubt is a stratovolcano which rises to 10,197 feet above sea level. The following report uses information gathered from Alaska Volcano Observatory press releases, Anchorage VAA’s, SIGMETs, and PIREPS. All Volcanic Ash Advisories (VAA’s) cited in this report were issued by the Volcanic Ash Advisory Center (VAAC) in Anchorage, AK.

November, 2008 – Times in UTC

05/2352 Alaska Volcano Observatory Bulletin:
AVO upgraded color code to Yellow.
Over the past several months, AVO has detected potentially significant changes in gas emission and heat output from Redoubt Volcano. These changes are a departure from long-observed background activity, and therefore, AVO is raising the Aviation Color Code to Yellow and the Volcano Alert Level to Advisory.
Alaska Volcano Observatory Bulletin Update:
New FLIR thermal-infrared camera images from last Friday document elevated temperatures in the areas of bare rock and disrupted ice near the summit crater and in a collapse hole within the Drift Glacier.

January, 2009 – Times in UTC

AVO upgraded color code to Orange.
Seismic activity at Redoubt volcano has increased markedly. This activity could be precursory to an eruption, perhaps within hours to days. There is no indication that the volcano is currently erupting. AVO is in 24/7 operation.

February, 2009 – Times in UTC

Unrest at Redoubt Volcano continues, though no eruption has yet occurred. Seismic activity at the volcano remains above background levels and has waxed and waned over the last week. Yesterday from 11:18 to about 16:00 AKST, there were several periods of more intense seismic tremor. Since then, nearly continuous low-level seismic tremor has been recorded. Clear web camera images currently show no activity at the volcano. Observers on overflights during the past week reported intermittent steam plumes from the area of the 1989-90 lava dome, continued melting of the upper Drift glacier, and increased water discharge along the lower Drift glacier and into the Drift River. Airborne gas measurements on January 31 and February 2 recorded levels of the magmatic gas CO2 several times greater than the value recorded on November 2, 2008. Gas and heat flux, combined with ongoing seismic activity, suggest that new magma has been emplaced within the crust below Redoubt and that it is actively degassing. We do not know the exact depths or volume of the magma; nor is it certain that the magma will continue to rise to the surface. On the basis of current activity, however, the most likely scenario is an eruption similar to or smaller than the 1989-90 eruption. It is somewhat less likely that no eruption will occur or that the volcano has an eruption larger than that of 1989-90. AVO personnel installed two new seismic instruments near Redoubt over the past week, and improved signals coming in from the Redoubt seismic network at AVO's facility in Homer. Staff continues to monitor the volcano 24 hours a day. We will issue further information as it becomes available.
March, 2009 - Times in UTC

10/0956  Alaska Volcano Observatory Bulletin Update:

*AVO downgraded color code to Yellow.*

The new magma beneath the volcano does not show any signs of upward movement at this time. The volcano remains restless with abnormally high gas emission rates and melting of the summit glacier still evident.

15/1450  Alaska Volcano Observatory Bulletin Update:

*AVO upgraded color code to Orange.*

Seismic activity at Redoubt has increased since about 13:00 AKDT and is continuing. An AVO observation flight reported that a steam and ash plume rose as high as 15,000 ft above sea level and produced minor ash fall on the upper south flank of Redoubt. Last reports are that the plume is now mainly steam. Based on this change in activity AVO is increasing the level of concern and alert level to Orange/Watch.

18/0941  Alaska Volcano Observatory Bulletin Update:

*AVO downgraded color code to Yellow.*

Following the steam and ash emission on Sunday, March 15, seismicity has declined to levels prior to that event, and no additional emissions have been observed in web camera or satellite images. The new magma beneath the volcano does not show signs of upward movement at this time. The volcano remains restless with abnormally high rates of gas emission and continued melting of the summit glacier.

21/2209  Alaska Volcano Observatory Bulletin Update:

*AVO upgraded color code to Orange.*

AVO is raising the aviation color code to Orange and the alert level to Watch. Seismic activity has continued to increase and conditions may evolve rapidly culminating in an eruption within days to weeks.

22/0656  Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:

*AVO upgraded color code to Red.*

An eruption of Mt. Redoubt began at approximately 0638 UTC. AVO has raised the aviation color code to Red and the alert level to Warning. Initial height of the eruption cloud is estimated at less than 20,000 feet above sea level at present.

22/0730  PIREP – ANC UUA:

Over ENA 237045, FL400, TP B747, Volcanic eruption, ash observed above FL400.
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22/2226 Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:

**Color code Red.**

An eruption of Mt. Redoubt began at approximately 2238 AKDT, March 22, 2009 (0638 UTC). AVO is raising the aviation color code to Red and the alert level to Warning. Initial height of the eruption cloud estimated at less than 20,000 feet above sea level at present.

23/0430 PIREP – ANC UUA:
Over ANC 082050, FL300/ TP UNKN, Distinct ash anvil over Redoubt volcano to approximately FL400.

23/0410 PIREP – ENA UA:
Over ENA185003, FLSFC, thin layer of ash on vehicles in the FAA Flight Service station parking lot.

23/0620 PIREP – ENA UA:
Over ENA 314017, FLSFC, A fine dusting of ash on outside surfaces. Will not be flying.

23/0701 PAZA SIGMET INDIA 1 VALID 230700/231300 PANC:
ANCHORAGE FIR. REDOUBT VOLCANO AT N6029 LAT W15245 LONG HAS ERUPTED. VA BASES FLSFC/TOPS FL400.

23/0809 PAZA SIGMET INDIA 2 VALID 220808/221408:
PANC: ANCHORAGE FIR. VA FROM REDOUBT VOLCANO WITHIN SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA. VA BASES FLSFC/TOPS FL500. AREA WITHIN 50 NM MCG – 30 NM S TKA – 50 NM NE HOM TO 25 NM S SQA. VA MOVEMENT N AT 65 KT.

23/0814 PAZA SIGMET INDIA 3 VALID 230815/231415:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA BASES FLSFC/TOPS FL500. AREA WI 50 NM SE MCG – 30 NM S TKA – 50 NM NE HOM TO 25 NM S SQA. VA MOVEMENT N AT 65 KT.


**Note:** All VAAC entries in this report are Volcanic Ash Advisories (VAAs) issued by the Volcanic Ash Advisory Center (VAAC) in Anchorage, AK.

**AVO Color Code Red.**

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23/1110  PAZA SIGMET INDIA 4 VALID 231110/231710:
PANC: ANCHORGE FIR.  RADAR INDICATES VA FROM
REDOUBT LIES WITHIN SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA.  VA BASES
FLSFC/TOPS FL400.  VA MOVEMENT NORTH AT 5 KT.

Intermittent eruption activity continues. Observed VA cloud:  SFC/FL400
moving north 55 knots.

23/1243  PAZA SIGMET INDIA 5 VALID 231240/231840:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR.  VA BASES FLSFC/TOPS AOA FL600.
MOVEMENT N AT 55 KT.

23/1543  PIREP TKA UUA:
Over TKA, FL000, Thin layer of volcanic ash on all airport surfaces.

23/1550  PIREP SKW UUA:
Over SKW 180010, FL000, TP TC19, Volcanic ash on ground.

23/1553  PIREP ANC UA:
Over PANC, FLUNKN, TP B734, No evidence of ash and ride smooth
through 25,000.

23/1610  PAZA SIGMET INDIA 6 VALID 231600/232200 PANC:
ANCHORAGE FIR.  VA FROM REDOUBT WITHIN SOUTH
CENTRAL ALASKA MOVING NE.  VA BASES FLSFC/TOPS FL600.
AREA AFFECTED WI60 NW W TAL – 30 NM NE BIG – 20 NM NE
BGQ – 10 NM E JOH – 30 NM SW MDO – 40 NM SW SQA – 60 NM
W TAL.  VA MOVEMENT NE AT 35 KT.

23/1614  Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:
AVO color code is RED.
Another phase of vigorous ash eruption began at 0341 UTC.  AVO
remains at aviation color code Red. The top of the ash cloud is estimated
at FL500 based on NWS radar.  Winds in the vicinity of the volcano vary
with altitude and are expected to carry the ash cloud primarily to the west
and north.  Seismicity has declined somewhat since the start of the event
but remains elevated.

Explosive eruption 231230 UTC.  Observed VA cloud SFC/FL600
moving northeast 35 knots.  Remarks:  VA below FL200 moving north
and west of Redoubt volcano.  VA above FL200 moving north and east of
Redoubt volcano.
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23/1730  PAZA SIGMET INDIA 7 VALID 231725/232325:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR.  VA BELOW FL200 FROM REDOUBT VOLCANO WITHIN SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA IS MOVING N AND W.  VA ABV FL200 FROM REDOUBT IS MOVING N AND E.  VA BASES FLUNK/TOPS FL600.

23/1745  PAZA SIGMET INDIA 8 VALID 231745/232325:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR.  VA BASES SFC/FL600 MOVING NE 35 KNOTS.  VA MOVEMENT NE AT 35 KT.

23/1747  PIREP BIG UUA:
Over BIG 360010, FL065, TP C206, gray to brown haze layer bases at FL090, tops FL140.

23/1940  PIREP ANC UUA:
Over BGQ, FL020, TP C207, aircraft over PAQ observes VA over BGQ.

23/2025  PIREP FAI UA:
Over FAI-TAL, FL065, TP C206, Alaska range obscured, appears to be due to volcanic ash.

23/2030  PIREP ENA UA:
Over ENA 200040, FLUNKN, TP PA31, no ash/sulfur smell west side of Cook Inlet.

23/2050  PIREP GKN UA:
Over GKN 330029, FL280, TP C130, slight ash from GKN moving NE about 50 miles.  Appears to be two layers, one at FL280 and another below FL280.

24/2136  PIREP BET UA:
Over BET 090040, FL095, sulfur smell.

23/2211  PIREP SKW UAA:
Over ANC 279046, FL000, TP UNKN, at Judd Lake 1/8 in volcanic ash on the ground.

23/2258  PAZA SIGMET INDIA 9 VALID 232300/240500:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR.  VA BASES FLSFC/TOPS FL400.  VA MOVEMENT NE AT 30 KT.

23/2300  VAAC:  Anchorage (#2009-4):
Explosive eruption 231230 UTC.  Observed VA cloud SFC/FL400 moving northeast 30 knots.  Remarks:  VA tops to FL400 PAFA-PAWR.  OTRW VA tops below FL300.
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23/2310  PAZA SIGMET INDIA 10 VALID 232310/240500:  
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR.  VA BASES SFC/FL400.  AREA 
AFFECTED THROUGH 240500Z WI 140 ESE FYU TO 60 ENE ORT 
TO 50 NNE GKN TO 60 ENE JOH TO 20 SW TKA TO 50 NNE AKN 
40 S BET TO 30 E GAL TO 140ESE FYU.  VA MOVEMENT NE AT 30 
KT.

23/2310  PAZA SIGMET INDIA 11 VALID 232315/240500:  
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. T-SAT/GOES/AVO/PILOREPORT/RADAR 
INDICATES THAT VA FROM REDOUBT OLCANO WITHIN SOUTH 
CENTRAL ALASKA CONTINUES TO OVERSPREAD S CENTRAL 
AND INTERIOR ALASKA. VA CLOUD INFORMATION...VA BASES 
FLSFC/TOPS FL400. THE AREA AFFECTED THROUGH 240500Z WI 
140 NM ESE FYU - 60 NM ENE ORT - 50 NM NNE GKN - 60 NM 
ENE JOH - JOH - 20 NM SW TKA - 50 NM NNE AKN - 40 NM S BET 
– 30 NM E GAL - 140 NM ESE FYU. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 30 KT.

23/2329  PAZA SIGMET INDIA 12 VALID 232335/240500 PANC: 
ANCHORAGE FIR.  VA WITHIN SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA 
CONTINUES TO OVERSPREAD SOUTH CENTRAL AND INTERIOR 
ALASKA. VA CLOUD BASES FLSFC/TOPS FL400.  THROUGH 
240500Z AREA WI 140 NM ESE FYU – 60 NM ENE ORT – 50 NM 
NNE GKN – 60 NM ENE JOH – JOH – 20 NM SW TKA – 50 NM NNE 
AKN – 40 NM S BET – 30 NM E GAL – 140 NM ESE FYU. VA 
MOVEMENT NE AT 30 KT.

24/0455  VAAC:  Anchorage (#2009-5):  
Brief explosive eruption at 0430 UTC.  Observed VA cloud SFC/FL500 
moving west 15 knots.

24/0455  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 2 VALID 240455/241055:  
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR.  GOES/AVO/RADAR INDICATES 
REDOUBT HAS ERUPTED.  VA CLOUD BASES FLSFC/TOPS 
FL500. VA MOVEMENT W AT 15 KT.

24/0515  PAZA SIGMET INDIA 13 VALID 240515/241115:  
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR.  VA BASES SFC/FL300.  VA MOVEMENT 
E AT 20 KT.

24/0530  VAAC:  Anchorage (#2009-6):  
VA from 231230 UTC eruption.  Observed VA cloud SFC/FL300 moving 
east 20 knots.

24/0604  PIREP MCG UA:  
Over MCG 102049, FL090, TP DC6, something impacting windshield but 
no buildup.
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24/0635  PIREP MCG UA:
Over MCG 104010, FL110, SKIMC, picking up sulfur smell and weird
taste. Dust particles entering aircraft.

24/0839  PIREP UUA OV:
Over ANC 205115, FL350, TP MD11, intermittent eruptions to FL350 or
possibly higher.

24/1010  VAAC: Anchorage (#2009-7):
23/1230 UTC eruption. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL300 moving east 20
knots. VA becoming rapidly diffuse.

24/1015  PAZA SIGMET INDIA 14 VALID 241015/241115:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA IS RAPIDLY DISSIPATING AND
MOVING EAST OF AREA. VA BASES FLSFC/TOPS FL300
MOVEMENT E AT 20 KT.

24/1055  VAAC: Anchorage (#2009-8):
24/0341 eruption. Observed VA cloud SFC/FL500 moving west 15 knots.

24/1055  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 3 VALID 241055/241655:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL500. AREA
AFFECTED THROUGH 241655Z IS WI 60 NM TKA – 50 NM E ENA –
60 NM N AKN – 50 NM N SQA – 60 NM W TKA. VA MOVEMENT
W AT 15 KT.

24/1101  VAK01 PAWU 241101 SVAK1:
ANCHORAGE FIR. PAZA SIGMET INDIA 14 IS CNL WEF 241103
UTC.

24/1558  WVAK02 PAWU 241558 WSVAK2:
ANCHORAGE FIR. PAZA SIGMET JULIET 3 IS CNL WEF 241600
UTC.

24/1705  PIREP DLG UA:
Over DLG, FL150, TP C441, negative ash over entire route ANC MCG
DLG. An area of brown haze near SQA 13K ft. No smell. Good 20mi
visibility and clear above FL300.

24/1830  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-9):
Redoubt volcano emitting steam plume. Observed VA DTG: 24/1800
UTC. No VA EXP. Pilot reports indicated Redoubt volcano currently
emitting a steam plume to FL200.
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24/1836  PIREP ANC UA:
Over ENA 255055, FLUNKN, TP B744, steam plume from Redoubt to FL200 extends 30 miles to the northwest.

24/1940  PIREP LVR UA:
Over LVR, FLVFR, TP PA31, East end of Lake Clark pass, good visibility, but haze in pass looks brown.

24/2032  PIREP ANC UA:
Over ILI 048044, FL200, TP SW4, Redoubt steaming to FL140. White. No ash. No smell.

25/0030  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-10):
Redoubt volcano continues to emit steam plume. No VA exp.

Steam plume still being emitted. No volcanic ash present.

25/1353  Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:
A small explosion occurred at Redoubt volcano at 1312 UTC. The cloud height is estimated at FL150 and is drifting north to northwest of the volcano. The vent lasted approximately ten minutes.

Minor seismic eruptive activity noted at 1345 UTC. No ash observed on satellite or radar. Any possible ash which may have been emitted is expected to remain below FL150. Volcano remains obscured by clouds and snow.

25/1837  PIREP ANC UA:
Over ANC 173022, FL100, TP B747, aircraft reported increase in air temperature and sulfur smell between 080 and 100. Normal temperature and no smell above 100.

Redoubt volcano emitting steam plume at or below FL150. Minor seismic activity continues. No VA observed on satellite imagery or radar. No VA reported in Pireps.

Eruption ended. No VA seen on satellite imagery or radar. Minor seismic activity continues. Eruptive activity could resume at any time.
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25/2335  Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:  
*AVO downgraded color code to Orange.*  
Seismic activity has decline over the last 36 hours, although there have  
been several brief increases in seismicity associated with low-level ash  
emissions. The last known ash emission was at 5:12 AKDT. The plume  
did not extend above 15,000 feet. Based on the level of seismic activity,  
AVO is lowering the aviation color code to Orange and the volcanic alert  
level to Watch.

26/1647  PAZA SIGMET INDIA 1 VALID 261646/262246:  
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA BASES SFC/FL300. VA MOVEMENT  
SE 10 KT.

26/1656  Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:  
*AVO upgraded color code to Red.*  
AVO is raising the aviation color code to Red and the alert level of  
Warning. An explosive event began at approximately 1734 UTC and has  
produced an ash cloud to at least FL300.

26/0028  PIREP ENA UUA:  
Over ENA 236046, FL100, TP PA31, very vigorous steam eruption from  
Redoubt volcano to FL160.

26/0315  PIREP ENA UA:  
Over ENA 236090, FL330, TP B737, 10 nm white, dense cloud  
surrounding Mt. Redoubt but no apparent VA.

26/1715  PAZA SIGMET INDIA 2 VALID 261720/26230:  
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. REDOUBT VOLCANO ERUPTED  
26/1634. VA BASES SFC/FL300. VA MOVEMENT SE AT 25 KT.

26/1720  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-16):  
Explosive eruption at 26/1634 UTC. Observed VA cloud SFC/FL300  
(N6020 W15246 – N6017 W15110 – N5925 W15326 – N6020 W15246)  
moving southeast 25 knots.

26/1742  Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:  
A large eruption began approximately 1724 UTC. National Weather  
Service reports the cloud height to be at least 65,000 feet above sea level.

26/1746  PAZA SIGMET INDIA 3 VALID 261750/262350 PANC –  
ANCHORAGE FIR. REDOUBT ERUPTED EXPLOSIVELY AGAIN  
AT 26/1734 UTC. VA BASES FLSFC/TOPS FL650. VA MOVEMENT  
E AT 25 KT.
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26/1750 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-17):
Explosive eruption at 26/1734 UTC. Observed VA cloud SFC/FL650 moving east 25 knots.

26/1910 PIREP HOM UUA:
Over HOM 262018, FL250, TP SF34, dark gray VA cloud bases 100 tops FL250-260 extending to the NE. Higher VA cloud appears to be turning SW. No ash visible between HOM 262018 and ANC at FL250.

26/2021 PIREP ENA UUA:
Over ENA, FLSFC, skies are clear of clouds, can now see bands of ash from the north to the south.

26/2033 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-18):
Explosive eruption at 26/1724 UTC. Observed VA cloud SFC/FL500 moving east 20 knots. Light ashfall reported at Homer.

26/2047 PIREP HOM UUA:
Over PGM, FLDURC, TP C207, very light volcanic ash just started falling at PGM. SFC winds westerly.

26/2300 PIREP ANC UUA:
Over BGQ, FL110, TPB190, Dense ash cloud 080-110 BGQ to Mt. Susitna.

26/2326 PAZA SIGMET INDIA 5 VALID 262325/270240:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA BASES SFC/FL500. MOVEMENT E AT 20 KT.

26/2335 PAZA SIGMET INDIA 6 VALID 262325/270240:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA BASES FLSFC/TOPS FL500. MOVEMENT E AT 20 KT.

26/2340 PIREP ANC UUA:
Over ANC 090040, FL120, TP DC6, new Redoubt eruption with plume to FL200 moving SSE.

27/0010 PIREP ANC UUA:
Over ENA 090010, FL110, Bases of ash cloud FL150, 10 miles north of airplane position decreasing toward Mt. Redoubt. Plume moving east at 050 heading.

27/0146 PIREP ANC UUA:
Over ENA 236046, FL250, TP B737, ash from Redoubt volcano to FL300+. Extends slightly south but mostly over volcano with lightning observed.
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27/0300  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-21):
Low emissions. Observed VA cloud SFC/FL500 moving east 25 knots. Light ashfall reported by Elmendorf AFB.

27/0300  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 1 VALID 270300/270900:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL500. VA MOVEMENT E AT 25 KT.

27/0318  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 2 VALID 270300/270900:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL500. VA MOVEMENT E AT 25 KT.

27/0328  PIREP ANC UUA:
Over ENA 204030, FLDURD, top of ash cloud to FL300 moving to the northwest.

27/0733  PIREP ANC UUA:
Over ANC, FLUNKN, AVO reports a new eruption to FL400.

27/0902  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 4 VALID 270090/271500:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL400. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 20 KT.

Eruption at 27/0747. Observed VA cloud SFC/FL400 moving northeast 20 knots. Advisory covers new eruption of 0747 UTC. Ash from previous eruption which had moved into Gulf of Alaska no longer detectable.

27/1413  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 5 VALID 271415/272015:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL300. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 15 KT.

Lingering ash from earlier 26/1724 UTC and latest 27/0747 UTC eruptions. Observed VA cloud SFC/FL300 moving north 15 knots. Very light volcanic ash reported at PAMR 27/1253 UTC and at PAVD between 0930-1200 UTC.

Eruption to FL500 at 27/1640 UTC. Observed VA cloud SFC/FL500 moving northeast 25 knots.

27/1710  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 6 VALID 271710/272310:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL500. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 25 KT.
March 27/2000  Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:
An eruption of Redoubt volcano occurred at approximately 0748 UTC. National Weather Service reports the cloud height to be at approximately 32,000 feet above sea level.

Explosive eruption at 27/1640 UTC. Observed VA cloud SFC/FL400 moving northeast 25 knots. If no new eruptions occur, the HI level portion of the ash plume expected to be northeast of Anchorage by 28/0300 UTC.

27/2045  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 7 VALID 272045/280245:
PANC-ANCHORAGE. REDOUBT ERUPTED AT 27/1640 UTC. VA CLOUD SFC/FL400. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 25 KT.

27/2330  PIREP CDV UA:
Over JOH, FL200, TP B737, thin, brownish, tinted cloud FL180-FL200 50 nm north of JOH and about over VDZ.

27/2335  PIREP BIG UUA:
Over BIG 090030, FL090, TP PA31, bases estimated 110/RM. Ash cloud visible to the south.

27/2343  Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:
Eruption of Redoubt volcano continues. The eruption has been characterized by powerful ash explosions with the resulting plumes reaching between 30,000 to 60,000 feet above sea level. AVO has observed 11 major explosive events over the last week. The National Weather Service continues to track the ash cloud from the latest explosion, which is tracking toward the north-northwest. Based on its past activity, the current Redoubt eruption is expected to continue for weeks to months. During this time, a cycle of relatively quiet periods of lava growth followed by explosive episodes of dome destruction could take place. Further explosions pose an ongoing threat of lahars in the Drift River Valley, trace to minor ash fall throughout south-central Alaska, and ash-related impacts to aviation.

27/2355  PIREP MCG UUA:
Over MCG 130066, FL110, TP DC6, no ash, no sulfur smell, looking toward Mt. Redoubt anvil-shaped cloud moving

28/0130  PIREP ANC UA:
Over TKA 278010, FLDURD, brown haze ten miles south of TAGER at FL360, clear at FL370. Encountered sulfur smell durd at FL320, returned to FL350 and still encountered sulfur smell, climbed to FL370 and was in the clear at FL370.
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28/0135  PIREP ANC UUA:  
Over PANC, FLUNKN, ash on aircraft on the ground.

28/0145  PIREP ANC UUA:  
Over ANC 062020, FLSFC, TP UNKN, VA falling in vicinity of Huffman Road and New Seward Highway.

28/0149  Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:  
An explosive eruption occurred at approximately 1735 UTC. National Weather Service reports the cloud height to be approximately 40,000 feet above sea level on radar.

28/0230  PIREP ANC UUA:  
Over ANC 052006, FLSFC, Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport is officially closed at the moment due to VA.

28/0245  VAAC:  Anchorage (#2009-28):  

28/0245  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 8 VALID 280245/280845:  
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. REDOUBT ERUPTED AT 28/0134 UTC. VA CLOUD SFC/FL400. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 20 KT.

28/0336  Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:  
Another explosive eruption occurred at approximately 0323 UTC. NWS reports VA cloud top above 45,000 feet above sea level.

28/0345  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 9 VALID 280345/280945:  
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. REDOUBT ERUPTED 28/0325 UTC. VA CLOUD SFC/FL500. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 20 KT.

28/0404  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 10 VALID 280345/280945:  
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL500. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 20 KT.

28/0425  VAAC:  Anchorage (#2009-30):  
Redoubt volcano eruption at 28/0325. Observed VA cloud SFC/FL500 moving northeast 20 knots. Observed area includes VA from previous eruptions.
28/0936  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 11 VALID 280945/281545:  
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL500. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 20 KT.

Frequent eruptions continue with the last eruption at 28/0918 UTC. 
Observed VA cloud SFC/FL500 moving northeast 20 knots. VA from previous eruptions still observed on satellite imagery and radar.

28/1540  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 12 VALID 281545/282145:  
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. REDOUBT ERUPTED 28/0918. VA BASES FLSFC/TOPSFL300. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 20 KT.

VA from 28/0918 UTC eruption SFC/FL300 moving northeast 20 knots. VA becoming difficult to find on satellite imagery.

27/1706  PIREP KTN UA:  
Over KTN, FL320, TP B734, no sulfur smell, no visible haze.

28/2100  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-33):  

28/2100  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 13 VALID 282100/290300:  
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL200. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 10 KT.

28/2210  PAZA SIGMET KILO 1 VALID 292215/300415:  
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. ERUPTION AT 28/2140 UTC. VA CLOUD SFC/FL250. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 30 KT.

28/2214  PAZA SIGMET KILO 2 VALID 282215/290415:  
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL250. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 30 KT.

28/2215  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-34):  
Redoubt volcano eruption at 28/2140 UTC. Observed VA cloud SFC/FL250 moving northeast 30 knots. Top of eruption cloud appeared white with bases darker.

29/0010  PIREP HOM UA:  
Over ANC-HOM, FL310, TP LJ35, some VA in grooves otherwise clear and dry. No ash, no sulfur smells.
29/0023 PAVA SIGMET KILO 3 VALID 290025/290625: PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL400. VA MOVEMENT N AT 30 KT.


29/0210 PAVA SIGMET KILO 4 VALID 290210/300610: PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL350. VA MOVEMENT E 70 KT.


29/0219 PAVA SIGMET JULIET 14 VALID 290300/290900: PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. RESIDUAL VA FROM REDOUBT WITHIN SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA CONTINUES IN THE UPPER YUKON AND TANANA VALLEYS. VA CLOUD SFC/FL150. VA MOVEMENT AT 20 KT.

29/0228 PAVA SIGMET KILO 5 VALID 290230/290610: PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL350. VA MOVEMENT E AT 70 KT.

29/0230 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-37): Redoubt continues to have low VA emissions with mainly steam. VA spreading east SFC/FL350.


29/0320 PAVA SIGMET KILO 6 VALID 290330/290810: PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL350. VA MOVEMENT E 70 KTS.

29/0335 PIREP MCG UUA: Over HCA-MCG, FLUNKN, brown hazy layer bases estimated FL100 over Kuskokwim Valley, possible volcanic ash.

29/0345 PIREP ANC UA: Over ANC 298070, No ash, no sulfur smell.
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29/0429  PIREP TKA UA:
Over TKA 025025, FL100, TP PA31, cloud formation with tobacco coloring obscuring entire Susitna Valley. Clear to the north.

29/0614  PAZA SIGMET KILO 7 VALID 290615/291215:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CONTINUES TO SPREAD NORTHEAST AT 60 KTS. VA CLOUD SFC/FL300.


29/0624  WVAK02 PAWU 290624WSVAK2 ANCHORAGE FIR. PAZA SIGMET JULIET 14 IS CNL WEF 290625 UTC.

29/0732  PAZA SIGMET KILO 8 VALID 290635/291235:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL300. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 60 KTS.

29/0735  Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:
Another explosive eruption occurred at approximately 0714 UTC. NWS reports VA cloud tops above 20,000 feet above sea level.

29/1038  PAZA SIGMET KILO 9 VALID 291040/291640:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA FROM PREVIOUS ERUPTIONS BLOWING AROUND BY LOW LEVEL WINDS. VA CLOUD SFC/FL010. VA MOVEMENT STNR.

29/1040  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-40):
Blowing VA from early eruptions. Observed VA cloud SFC/FL010 moving northwest. Increasing winds causing blowing VA.

29/1638  PAZA SIGMET KILO 9 IS CNL WEF 291640 UTC:
Trace amounts of VA will continue to be blown around by the wind near the surface for at least the next twelve hours.

29/1640  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-41):
Eruption has ended. Eruptive activity could resume at any time. Aviation Color Code remains red.

30/0345  PIREP ILI UA:
Over ANC-BET, FL340, TP B734, between ILI and Redoubt, plume to FL200, then breaks up and spreads northeast. Thin haze layer. No odor.
30/0447  **PIREP ANC UA:**
Over ANC 180020, FL135, TP DH8A, thin ash cloud approximately FL100 moving east.

30/0620  **PIREP ENA UA:**
Over ENA 290040, FL220, TP SF34, Redoubt venting steam to the east, no ash observed.

30/0735  **PAZA SIGMET LIMA 1 VALID 300735/301335:**
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. REDOUBT HAS Erupted. VA CLOUD SFC/FL200. VA MOVEMENT NW 45 KTS.

30/0755  **PAZA SIGMET LIMA 2 VALID 300755/301355:**
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. Eruption at 30/0710. VA CLOUD SFC/FL200. VA MOVEMENT NW AT 35 KT.

30/0755  **VAAC: Anchorage (2009-42):**
Eruption of Redoubt volcano at 30/0710 UTC. Observed VA cloud SFC/FL200 moving northwest 35 knots.

30/1321  **WVAK04 PAWU 30132 WSVAK4:**
ANCHORAGE FIR PAZA SIGMET LIMA 2 IS CNL WEF 301320 UTC. VA HAS DISSIPATED.

30/1325  **VAAC: Anchorage (2009-43):**
VA from eruption at 30/0710 UTC has dissipated. No observed VA.

30/1715  **PIREP SLQ UUA:**
Over SRV 360005, FL000, trace VA on ground.

30/1805  **PAZA SIGEMT INDIA 1 VALID 301805/31005:**
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA BASES SFC/FL270. VA MOVEMENT NE.

30/1812  **Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:**
An ash emission occurred at 1744 UTC and produced an ash plume to about 27,000 feet above sea level. The event lasted for ten minutes and appears to have ended.

30/1827  **PAZA SIGMET INDIA 2 VALID 301830/310030:**
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. Eruption at 30/1744. VA SFC/FL270. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 10 KT.
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30/1830  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-44):
Small VA emissions at 30/1744 UTC. Observed VA cloud SFC/FL270 moving northeast 10 knots. Emissions verified by web cam, radar, pirep, and seismicity.

30/2048  PIREP FAI UAA:
Over BIG-FAI, FL004, TP B206, picked up volcanic ash from south of BIG to FAI.

30/2206  PIREP ENA UA:
Over ENA 221020, FL200, TP SF34, plume drifting NW of ANC.

30/2207  PAZA SIGMET INDIA 3 VALID 302215/310415:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. PILOT REPORTS INDICATE THAT REDOUBT VOLCANO CONTINUES TO EJECT MINOR LEVELS OF VA. VA CLOUD BASES FLSFC/TOPSFL230. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 10 KT.

30/2215  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-45):
Minor low level VA emissions continue. Observed VA cloud SFC/FL200 moving northeast 10 knots. Several pireps confirm VA remains across advisory area. VA is not noted on radar or GOES imagery as of 30/2215 UTC.

30/2325  PIREP HOM UA:
Over HOM, FL310, TP B734, ash tops below FL220 moving slightly NE over Cook Inlet.

31/0027  PIREP ANC UUA:
Over ENA, FL237, TP SF34, VA cloud NNE of Mt. Redoubt with ash tops FL180, except FL130-140 over Redoubt. Light gray ash is very dense over Mt. Redoubt and moderately dense elsewhere.

31/0150  PIREP ANC UA:
Over TAGER, FLUNKN, TP B734, could see ANC airport from 75nm north and reported no ash, no sulfur smell, just a thin haze layer approximately 50 nm west AWC.

31/0410  PAZA SIGMET INDIA 4 VALID 310415/311015:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL220. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 10 KT.

31/0415  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-46):
Low level VA emissions continue. Observed VA cloud SFC/FL220 moving northeast 10 knots. Forecasted VA cloud areas based on continued low-level ash emissions.
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31/0455  PIREP ENA UA:
Over ENA 1400010, FL120, TP SF34, haze extends NE from Mt. Redoubt and beyond ENA128008. Base of haze is FL120. Sulfur smell at 120. Plume from volcano varies in color from light to dark gray.

31/1010  PAZA SIGMET INDIA 5 VALID 311015/311615:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL200. VA MOVEMENT E AT 40 KT.

31/1607  PAZA SIGMET INDIA 6 VALID 311615/312215:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA EMISSIONS CONTINUE. VA BASES FL2FC/TOPS FL200. AT CURRENT STATE OF LOW LEVEL EMISSION VA IS EXPECTED TO DISSIPATE WITHIN CURRENT SIGMET AREA. MOVEMENT E AT 30 KT.

31/1620  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-47):
Low level VA emissions continue. Observed VA cloud SFC/FL200 moving east 30 knots. VA dissipates mainly over central Cook Inlet waters and northwestern Kenai Peninsula.

31/2041  PIREP ANC UA:
Over ENA 222045, FL141, TP PC12/SK, over Redoubt volcano summit with dissipating ash blowing over Kenai Peninsula.

31/2138  PAZA SIGMET INDIA 7 VALID 312145/010345:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. PILOT REPORTS INDICATE MINOR AMOUNTS OF VA MIXED WITH VOLCANIC GAS/HAZE HAS SPREAD ACROSS NORTHERN COOK INLET. VA CLOUD BASES FL080/TOPSFL150. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 20 KT.

31/2145  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-48):
Minor emissions continue. Observed VA cloud FL080/FL150 moving northeast 20 knots. Continuous emissions of steam gases/haze and minor amounts of volcanic ash spreading across Northern Cook Inlet and Kenai Peninsula into Anchorage bowl. Pireps indicate layer of haze confined to mainly FL080/FL150. Area of concern expands eastward into Prince William Sound after 09z.

31/2145  PIREP ANC UA:
Over ANC 233086, FL270, TP UNKN, plume of what looks like steam drifting northeast from Redoubt volcano.

31/2320  PIREP ANC UA:
Over ENA 270012, FL120, TP SF34, moderate sulfur smell FL120-110.
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31/2337 PIREP ENA UUA:
Over ENA, FL070, TP C46, Ash cloud extends from Redoubt southeast over Cook Inlet SFC-090 and is approaching Kenai area.

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01/0050 PAZA SIGMET INDIA 8 VALID 010055/010655:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. REDOUBT ERUPTED TO APPROX FL250 AT 01/0015 UTC. VA CLOUD BASES FLSFC/TOPS FL250. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 30 KT.

01/0055 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-49):
Minor, brief eruption to FL250. Observed VA cloud SFC/FL250 moving northeast 30 knots.

01/0241 PIREP ANC UA:
Over ANC 246083, FL230, TP DH8A, light gray or white steam from Redoubt at FL140 and moving ENE.

01/0322 PIREP ENA UA:
Over ANC 270070, FL320, TP B734, looks like steam with ash rising 2000-3000 ft above summit of Redoubt.

01/0545 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-50):
Continuous low level VA emissions have resumed. Observed VA cloud SFC/FL150 moving east 15 knots. VA emissions above FL150 from the previous eruption at 01/0015 UTC have become diffuse aerosol haze or dissipated.

01/0545 PAZA SIGMET INDIA 9 VALID 010545/011145:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL150. VA MOVEMENT E AT 15 KT.

01/1010 PAZA SIGMET INDIA 10 VALID 011010/011610:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. LOW LEVEL VA EMISSIONS CONTINUE. VA BASES FLSFC/TOPS FL200. VA MOVEMENT E AT 35 KT.

01/1010 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-51):
Low level VA emissions continue. Observed VA cloud SFC/FL200 moving east 35 knots. VA difficult to see on satellite imagery. Some light ashfall reported at Valdez.
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01/1522 PIREP ANC UA: Over ANC, FL370, TP B738, thin layer of haze at 100 ft about 1000 feet thick 20 miles east of Anchorage with very light sulfur odor lasting less than one minute. Clear and unrestricted above 110.

01/1547 PIREP ENA UA: Over ENA 215053, FL200, TP SW4, sulfur smell climbing from 080-110.

01/1558 PAZA SIGMET INDIA 11 VALID 011605/012205: PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL200. VA MOVEMENT E AT 30 KT.


01/2200 PAZA SIGMET INDIA 12 VALID 012200/020400: PANC-ANCHORAGE. PILOT REPORT INDICATES THAT LOW LEVEL VA EMISSIONS FROM REDOUBT WITHIN SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA ARE CONTINUING. VA MOVEMENT E AT 40 KT.


01/2355 PIREP ANC UA: Over ANC, FL000, TP B734, steam cloud 030-040ft above crater drifting ESE 120 degrees and extending 15nm from crater.

02/0307 PIREP ANC UA: Over ANC 232085, FL350, TP B737, light steam from Redoubt moving northeast. No ash or odor.

02/0340 PIREP PAQ UA: Over ANC 090030, FL200, TP B734, sky hazy west of ANC, no ash, no sulfur smell.

02/0345 PIREP MRI UA: Over EDF 140019, FL130, TP B734, no ash, but sulfur smell from 130-110.
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02/0400  **PAZA SIGMET INDIA 13 VALID 020400/021000:**
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR.  LOW LEVEL VA EMISSIONS CONTINUING.  VA CLOUD SFC/FL150.  VA MOVEMENT E AT 40 KT.

02/0412  **PAZA SIGMET INDIA 14 VALID 020400/021000:**
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR.  VA CLOUD SFC/FL150.  VA MOVEMENT E AT 40 KT.

02/0430  **VAAC: Anchorage (2009-54):**
Low level emissions of VA and volcanic gases continue.  Observed VA cloud:  SFC/FL150 moving east 40 knots.  Small VA plume noted on visible satellite photos over Kenai Peninsula.

02/1000  **VAAC: Anchorage (2009-55):**
Low level emissions continue.  Observed VA cloud:  SFC/FL150 moving east 40 knots.  Light ashfall reported at Kenai AFSS.

02/1000  **PAZA SIGMET INDIA 15 VALID 021000/021600:**
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR.  VA CLOUD SFC/FL150.  VA MOVEMENT E AT 40 KT.

02/1024  **PIREP ANC UA:**
Over PANC, FLUNKN, TPB739, entire RTE KSEA-PANC, no ash/sulfur/smoke smell FL340-SFC, KELYE1 Arrival.  No visible ash cloud including over Fire Island to the WSW.

02/1555  **PAZA SIGMET INDIA 16 VALID 021600/02200:**
PANC-ANCHORAGE.  LOW LEVEL VA EMISSIONS CONTINUE.  VA CLOUD BASES FLSFC/TOPSFL150.  VA MOVEMENT NE AT 25 KT.

02/1600  **VAAC: Anchorage (2009-56):**
Low level ash emissions continue.  Observed VA cloud:  SFC/FL150 moving northeast 25 knots.

02/1825  **PIREP ENA UA:**
Over ENA 215040, FL240, TP SF34, haze to FL240.

02/2155  **PAZA SIGMET INDIA 17 VALID 022000/030400:**
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR.  VA EMISSIONS CONTINUE.  VA CLOUD SFC/FL150.  VA MOVEMENT NE AT 25 KT.

02/2200  **VAAC: Anchorage (2009-57):**
Low level VA emissions continue.  Observed VA cloud:  SFC/FL150 moving northeast 25 knots.
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02/2242  PIREP ILI UA:
Over ANC 251110, FL050, TP B734, Steam plume visible over clouds around Mt. Redoubt. Very white in color, appears to be steam only. Top to FL150.

03/0359  PAZA SIGMET INDIA 18 VALID 030400/030500:
PANC- ANCHORAGE FIR. PAZA SIGMET INDIA 17 IS CNL WEF 030400 UTC.

03/0400  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-58):
Eruption has ended, but volcano is likely to erupt again. No VA cloud observed. Aviation color code remains red.

03/0509  PIREP SKW UA:
Over ANC 30060, FL200, TP B734, on climb out from ANC, some sulfur odor FL170-210, clear above FL210. No ash.

03/1000  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-59):
Only steam is being emitted. No observed VA cloud. An explosive eruption possible at any time.

03/1555  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 1 VALID 041600/042200:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. LOW LEVEL VA AND STEAM EMISSIONS OCCURRING. VA CLOUD SFC/FL180. VA MOVEMENT N AT 25 KT.

03/1557  CORRECTION: PAZA SIGMENT JULIET 1 VALID 031600/032200:

03/1600  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-60):
Low level VA and steam emissions occurring. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL180 moving north 25 knots.

03/1600  PIREP YAK UA:
Over YAK 225040, FL330, TP B739, no ash, no odor at FL330. Light haze.

03/1650  PIREP ANC UA:
Over PANC, FLUNKN, TP B738, DURGD no ash encountered. No sulfur smell. Smooth ride on Kelly Arrival.

03/2020  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-61):
Aviation Color Code Orange. Low level ash and steam emissions continue. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL160 moving east 15 knots.
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03/2020  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 2 VALID 032020/04220:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR.  VA CLOUD SFC/FL160. VA MOVEMENT E AT 15 KT.

03/2304  Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:
Eruption continues. The intensity of ash-production has decreased over
the past few days while a lava dome is growing in the summit crater.
Redoubt had seven more powerful ash explosions through Saturday
evening, with the resulting plumes reaching between 25,000 to 50,000 feet
above sea level. In total, AVO has observed 18 major explosive events
since the start of the eruption. The last major explosive event occurred
0323 on March 29th. A diffuse cloud of volcanic gas, ash, and steam has
been rising to a variable altitude over the volcano over the last few days,
but has only reached 15,000 feet above sea level. Trace amounts of ash
fall have been reported at Kenai and Valdez.

04/0159  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 3 VALID 040200/040800:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR.  LOW VA AND STEAM EMISSIONS
CONTINUE. VA CLOUD SFC/FL160. VA MOVEMENT E AT 10 KT.

Minor VA and steam emissions continue. Observed VA cloud:
SFC/FL160 moving east 10 knots.

04/0748  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 4 VALID 040800/041400:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. MINOR AMOUNTS OF VA, GASES, AND
STEAM FROM REDOUBT. VA CLOUD SFC/FL160. VA
MOVEMENT SE AT 10 KT.

04/0800  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-63):
Minor amounts of VA, volcanic gases, and steam. Observed VA cloud:
SFC/FL160 moving southeast 10 knots. Plume appears to be mainly
steam with minor amounts of VA.

04/1335  PIREP ANC UA:
Over ANC, FL167, TP E120, DURC southwest bound, no sulfur smell but
haze along horizon.

04/1340  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 5 VALID 041345/041945:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. MINOR AMOUNTS OF VA AND STEAM.
VA CLOUD SFC/FL160. VA MOVEMENT SE AT 10 KT.
04/1400  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-64):
Minor amounts of VA and steam. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL160 moving southeast 10 knots. Plume extending to the east of summit appears to be mainly steam with minor amounts of VA. Plume will begin to shift southeast of summit by 16z.

04/1429  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 6 VALID 041430/042030:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. EXPLOSIVE ERUPTION OF REDOUBT.
VA CLOUD SFC/FL500. VA MOVEMENT SE AT 80 KT.

04/1429  PIREP ENA UUA:
Over ENA 070010, FL240, TP B190, dark gray plume, tops estimated to FL350 moving southeast. Lightning visible.

04/1430  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-65):
*AVO color code Red.*
Explosive eruption at 04/1400 UTC. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL500 moving southeast 80 knots.

04/1435  Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:
Another significant explosive event occurred at Redoubt Volcano at approximately 1358 UTC. Cloud height is estimated at 50,000 feet above sea level based on National Weather Service radar. The cloud is drifting to the southeast of the volcano. AVO seismometers indicate a lahar has developed in the Drift River valley.

04/1505  PIREP ADQ UUA:
Over ODK 080040, FL320, TP B744, big plume from Mt. Redoubt. Routing on B327 is clear for now.

04/1558  PIREP SKW UUA:
Over PANC, FLUNKN, TP B734, ash and steam plume currently estimated to FL200. Much higher cirrus cloud further to the SSE appears to be from initial eruption. No ash or sulfur smell to position westbound to PABE.

04/1608  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 7 VALID 041615/042215:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. ERUPTION AT 04/1400. VA CLOUD SFC/FL400. VA MOVEMENT SE AT 100 KT.

04/1620  PIREP DLG UUA:
Over DLG 6025N15314W, FL270, TP E120, Redoubt steam/ash top FL200. Also see an ash/steam cloud 010-030 above northwest face of mountain.
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Explosive eruption at 04/1400 UTC. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL500 moving southeast 100 knots. Volcano still in eruption with VA plume in vicinity of Redoubt at FL200. Higher level plume expected to separate from low level plume after six hours. Refer to VAA statements FVxx20 KNES issued by the Washington VAAC at that time.

04/1823 PIREP YAK UA:
Over JOH, FL390, TP B737, VA plume observed east, height FL200-300 drifting S-SE. No sulfur smell.

04/1920 PIREP ANC UA:
Over ANC 218025, FLDURC, TP PC12, brownish grayish layer from FL140 to FL160 with sulfur smell from FL160 to FL170. Brownish layer extends down inlet from Anchorage. Clears out closer to Redoubt.

04/1945 PAZA SIGMET JULIET 8 VALID 041945/050145:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. ERUPTION AT 04/1400 UTC. VA CLOUD SFC/FL300. VA MOVEMENT SE AT 50 KT.

Eruption continuing. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL300 moving southeast 50 knots. Low level ash mostly in Cook Inlet area to Afognak Island. Leading edge of ash area is dissipating as it moves southeastward.

04/2000 PAZA SIGMET JULIET 9 VALID 042000/050200:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL400. VA MOVEMENT SE AT 50 KT.

Eruption at 04/1400 UTC continues. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL400 moving southeast 50 knots. Low level ash in Cook Inlet area to Afognak Island. Leading edge of VA dissipating as it moves southeastward. New Pirep indicates VA tops at FL400.

04/2017 PAZA SIGMET JULIET 2 VALID 032020/040220:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. MINOR VA AND STEAM EMISSIONS CONTINUE. VA CLOUD SFC/FL160. VA MOVEMENT E AT 15 KT.

04/2049 PIREP ANC UA:
Over PANC, FL000, TP B737, ash cloud visible from YESKA distant. Main body of VA moving south. No ash.
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VA from 04/1400 eruption. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL300 moving east 22 knots. Due to low sun angle, an elongated, very faint area of possible VA and gases can be seen and continues to dissipate in imagery and will not be around in three hours.

05/0159 PAZA SIGMET JULIET 10 VALID 050200/050800:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL250. VA MOVEMENT SE AT 45 KT.

05/0200 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-69):
Redoubt continues to emit VA. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL250 moving southeast 45 knots. VA dissipating as it moves southeastward.

05/0215 PIREP ENA UA:
Over TPO-ENA 270020, FL090, TP PA18, steam and volcanic haze 090-110 from Redoubt to south of Kalglin Island north to Point Possession.

05/0349 PIREP ANC UA:
Over ANC 177055, FL210, TP DH8A, thin dark cloud possible ash at FL210.

05/0748 PAZA SIGMET JULIET 11 VALID 040800/041400:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL150. VA MOVEMENT SE AT 15 KT.

05/0752 PAZA SIGMET JULIET 12 VALID 050800/051400:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL150. VA MOVEMENT SE AT 15 KT.

05/0800 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-70):
Low level VA emissions continue. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL150 moving southeast 15 knots. VA thinning within current area.

05/1218 PAZA SIGMET JULIET 13 VALID 051220/051820:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. EMISSIONS CONTINUING. VA CLOUD SFC/FL150. VA MOVEMENT SE AT 10 KT.

05/1230 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-73):
Low level VA emissions continue. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL150 moving southeast 10 knots. Ash signal noted on CH4-5 satellite imagery.

05/1755 PAZA SIGMET JULIET 14 VALID 051800/060000:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA AND STEAM EMISSIONS CONTINUE. VA CLOUD SFC/FL200. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 15 KT.
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05/1800  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-74):
Low level VA and steam emissions. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL200 moving northeast 15 knots.

05/1955  PIREP ANC UA:
Over ANC 232070, FL200, TP SF34, large steam plume to FL200, dissipating to the ENE of volcano.

05/2324  PIREP LVR UUA:
Over LVR-PJA, FLUNKN, Mt. Redoubt ash plume moving ENE up to FL070.

05/2357  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 15 VALID 060000/060600:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CONTINUES TO BE EMITTED. VA CLOUD SFC/FL200. VA MOVEMENT E AT 10 KT.

06/0559  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 16 VALID 060600/061200:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. LOW-LEVEL EMISSIONS CONTINUE. VA CLOUD SFC/FL160. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 15 KT.

06/0600  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-76):
Low level VA emissions continue. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL160 moving northeast 15 knots.

06/1146  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 17 VALID 061200/061800:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. LOW LEVEL STEAM PLUME WITH POSSIBLE VA. VA CLOUD SFC/FL150. VA MOVEMENT E AT 10 KT.

06/1200  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-77):
Low level steam plumes with possible VA continue. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL150 moving east 10 knots.

06/1231  PIREP ANC UA:
Over ANC 236068, FL200, TP SW4, steam with possible ash, tops 16,000 bases 11,000, appears to be moving ENE. Sulfur smell 060-120 over GASTO, but no ash.

06/1610  PIREP ANC UUA:
Over ANC, FL370, TP A320, tops of small ash cloud approximately FL200.

06/1800  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 18 VALID 061800/070000:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. LOW LEVEL STEAM PLUME WITH POSSIBLE VA. VA CLOUD SFC/FL150. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 15 KT.
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06/1800 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-78):
Low level steam plumes with possible VA continue. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL150 moving northeast 15 knots.

06/1826 PIREP ANC UA:
Over ANC 261035, FLDURC, TP GULF2, multiple layers of steam venting from Redoubt to FL250.

06/1833 PIREP ANC UA:
Over ANC 256084, FL400, TP GULF2, very dense cloud moving east, tops flat black at bottom, gets lighter towards the top. Tops getting higher but mostly steam.

06/2255 Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:
*AVO downgraded color code to Orange.*
The eruption of Redoubt Volcano continues with varying intensity of ash and lava production from the summit crater. Additional significant explosive events with accompanying ash clouds, ash fall, and mudflows are possible and can occur with little or no warning. Present levels of activity are emitting only a very minor amount of ash that poses a hazard of limited aerial extent. AVO has lowered the aviation color code to orange.

06/2358 PAZA SIGMET JULIET 19 VALID 070000/070600:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. LOW LEVEL EMISSIONS OF VA AND STEAM CONTINUE. VA CLOUD SFC/FL150. VA MOVEMENT N AT 10 KT.

07/0000 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-79):
*AVO color code Orange.*
Low level plumes of VA and steam emissions continue. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL150 moving north 10 knots.

07/0559 PAZA SIGMET JULIET 20 VALID 070600/071200:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL150. VA MOVEMENT N AT 10 KT.

07/0600 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-80):
Low level VA and steam emissions continue. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL150 moving north 10 knots.

07/1152 PAZA SIGMET JULIET 21 VALID 071200/071800:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. LOW LEVEL STEAM AND VA EMISSIONS CONTINUE. VA CLOUD SFC/FL150. VA MOVEMENT NE AT 5 KT.
April

07/1200  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-81):
Low level VA and steam emissions continue. Observed VA cloud:
SFC/FL150 moving northeast 5 knots. Clouds obscuring area.

07/1550  PIREP ANCA UA:
Over ANC 272055, FL320, TP B734, volcano had steam up to FL180-
FL200 moving east.

07/1755  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 22 VALID 071800/080000:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL200. VA
MOVEMENT SE AT 5 KT.

07/2355  PAZA SIGMET JULIET 23 VALID 080000/080600:
PANC-ANCHORAGE FIR. VA CLOUD SFC/FL200. VA
MOVEMENT SE AT 5 KT.

07/2357  PIREP ENA UA:
Over ENA 270030, FL240, white steam tops to FL200, drifting east from
volcano. May be small amount of ash mixed in with steam near summit.
No sulfur smell at FL240.

08/0000  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-83):
VA and steam emissions continue. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL200
moving Southeast 5 knots.

08/0231  PIREP ANC UA:
Over ENA 225025, FL230, TP SF34, white steam from Redoubt to FL200
drifting SE. Possible ash mixed with steam near summit. No sulfur smell.

08/0515  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-84):
VA and steam emissions continue. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL200
moving Southeast 5 knots.

08/0644  PIREP ANC UA:
Over AMOTT, FLDURD, TP SF34, sulfur smell 190-075.

08/1115  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-85):
VA and steam emissions continue. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL200
moving Northeast 5 knots.

08/1715  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-86):
Continuing low level VA and steam emissions. Observed VA cloud:
SFC/FL200 moving Northeast 10 knots. VA and steam can be seen
weakly on radar.
April

08/1739  PIREP IEM UA:
Over IEM 050020, FL065, TP C206, over Esther Island, brown hazy layer 070-080.

08/1830  PIREP SXQ UUA:
Over SXQ 180030, FL070, TP PA18, light VA falling.

09/0515  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-88):
Low level VA and steam emissions continue. Observed VA cloud:
SFC/FL200 moving Northeast 10 knots. Pireps continue to indicate sulfur smell. Pireps also indicate a white steam plume continues to drift northeastward from Redoubt with reports of possible VA near the summit.

09/1115  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-89):
Low level VA and steam emissions continue. Observed VA cloud:
SFC/FL200 moving Northeast 15 knots.

09/1548  PIREP ANC UA:
Over ANC, FL140, TP B734, sulfur smell between FL130-140. No ash observed.

09/1715  VAAC: Anchorage (2009-90):
Low level VA and steam emissions continue. Observed VA cloud:
SFC/FL150 moving North 25 knots.

09/1727  PIREP ENA UA:
Over ENA 236046, FL120, TP CA212, brown layer at 085.

Low level VA and steam emissions continue. Observed VA cloud:
SFC/FL200 moving Northwest 30 knots.

10/1959  Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:
Eruption of Redoubt volcano continues. Satellite and other evidence indicate a lava dome is growing in the summit crater. Additional explosive activity is possible with little warning. A continuous plume of volcanic gases, water vapor, and variable but small amounts of ash are being emitted from the vent. The resulting cloud is rising to a variable altitude over the volcano, but mostly less than 15,000 feet above sea level. Pilots have reported occasional sulfur smells downwind of the volcano.

Low level VA and steam emissions continue from the volcano within South Central Alaska. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL150 moving Northwest 15 knots.
April

11/1525 PIREP ANC UUA:
Over ENA 144036, FLDURC, TP B734, steam plume, maybe ash rising above Redoubt volcano straight up approximately FL180, then drifting NW.

Low level VA and steam emissions continue. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL220 moving Northwest 25 knots. VA and steam plume seen very well on satellite.

11/1947 PIREP ANC UA:
Over ANC 211091, FL200, TP PC12, steam plume tops to FL220 moving WNW.

Low level VA and ash emissions continue from volcano. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL250 moving West 15 knots. Pireps indicate vigorous plume composed mostly of steam.

12/0444 PIREP HOM UA:
Over PAEN, FL350, TP B734, estimated steam top FL200 heading east. No ash or sulfur smell.

12/0522 PIREP ANC UA:
Over PANC, FLUNKN, TP B738, enroute FAI to ANC, visual on Redoubt, only steam appears to be directly above summit.

12/1645 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-100):
AVO Color Code Orange.
VA and steam emissions continue. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL220 moving North 5 knots.

12/2100 PIREP ENA UA:
Over ENA 240045, FLUNKN, TP PA31, large white steam cloud heading NNE.

13/0445 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-103):
Low level VA and steam emissions continue from volcano. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL250 moving Northeast 15 knots.

13/1641 PIREP ANC UA:
Over ANC076034, FLDURD, TPB737, sulfur smell at FL150.

13/1653 PIREP ANC UUA:
Over ANC259034, FLDURD, TP DH8, possible ash cloud at FL140. NO sulfur smell.
April

13/2245 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-105):

13/2300 PIREP SKW UA:
Over PAEN 330050, FLUNKN, TP B734, enroute BET to ANC, small steam plume directly over Mt. Redoubt approximately 1-2 thousand feet high. No sulfur smell.

14/0445 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-106):
Low level VA and steam emissions continue. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL200 moving Northeast 25 knots. Clouds and precipitation are preventing visual detection of VA and steam emission.

Low level VA and steam emissions continue. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL200 moving North 15 knots. VA and steam plume not visible due to cloud cover.

14/2353 PIREP SXQ UA:
Over PAEN, FL300, TP B734, small amount of steam low level moving NW.

15/0445 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-110):
Low level VA and steam emission continues. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL200 moving West 20 knots. VA and steam plume not visible due to weather and clouds.

Low level VA and steam emissions continue. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL180 moving Southwest 15 knots. Steam and VA plume seen well on web cam.

16/2330 PIREP ENA UUA:
Over ENA 236046, FL145, TP PA31, white steam drifting southwest. Bases at FL090, tops to FL145. Occasional puffs of steam up to FL160. Flew through dense steam and did not encounter any ash. Ash on ground within three miles downwind of volcano.

17/0007 PIREP ENA UA:
Over ENA 236046, FL190, TP UNKN, after climb out from ILI, strong sulfur smell at FL140. Steam from Redoubt extends SW to north end of Lake Clark.
April

17/0445 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-118):
Steam and possible minor low level VA emissions continue. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL160 moving Southwest 15 knots. Plume seen on satellite and web cam. Several earlier pireps confirmed plume mainly between FL090/FL160. Plume is white and appears to be mainly steam with minor VA. Earlier Pirep from 16/2330UTC reported VA on ground three miles southwest of volcano. Sulfur smell with neg VA was noted and can be expected to continue beyond outlined area.

17/1943 PIREP ENA UUA:
Over ENA 260050, FL200, TP MD11, Mt. Redoubt partially obscured by clouds. Steam plume rising to FL200. Slight sulfur smell.

17/2145 Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:
Eruption of Redoubt Volcano continues. Over the past week, a lava dome has continued to grow in size within the summit crater. Dome growth during the past week has been accompanied by intermittent emissions of volcanic gases and minor amounts of ash. The aviation color code remains at orange. Seismicity has remained elevated above background reflecting ongoing process of dome growth and occasional rock falls. The nearly constant vapor and gas rising above the volcano has remained mostly below 15,000 feet above sea level. Satellite images show thermal anomalies at the summit as well as low-level plumes of sulfur dioxide clouds.

17/2245 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-121):
AvO Color Code Orange.
Low level VA and steam emissions continue. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL200 moving South 5 knots. VA and steam plume seen on satellite and web cam.

18/0445 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-122):
Steam and possible minor VA emissions continue. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL160 moving North 10 knots. Low level steam plume noted on 18/0400 UTC GOES image. Minor amounts of VA still possible within plume though VA is expected to fall out within 15 miles of volcano.

18/1045 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-123):
Continuing steam and minor VA emissions. Observed VA cloud: SFC/FL160 moving North 15 knots. Ashfall has been remaining within the immediate vicinity of Redoubt volcano.

18/1712 PIREP ENA UA:
Over ENA 260048, FL120, TP DC6, Redoubt steaming to FL160 moving southwest.
April

18/2245 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-125):
Low level VA and steam emissions continue. Observed VA cloud:
SFC/FL160 moving West 20 knots.

Low level VA and steam emissions continue. Observed VA cloud:
SFC/FL160 moving West 20 knots. Although earlier reports indicated
plume is mostly steam, minor amounts of ashfall are still possible close to
the volcano.

19/2200 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-129):
Only low level steam emissions continue. VA is no longer observed.
Eruptive activity as stopped, but could resume at any time. This is the last
advisory.

20/1514 PIREP ENA UA:
Over ENA150023, FL300, TP B734, steam plume off Mt. Redoubt, tops
approximately FL180 drifting SW.

21/0122 PIREP ANC UA:
Over ENA 200010, FL200, TP SF34, white steam from Redoubt volcano
to 120 and drifting southeast.

22/1610 PIREP ANC UA:
Over ANC 180015, FLDURC, TP B737, strong sulfur smell. Darker
streaky clouds visible over Mt. Redoubt.

23/0308 PIREP ANC UA:
Over ANC 336015, FLDURC, TP B738, sulfur smell, FL080 to FL120.

24/0002 Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:
The 2009 eruption of Redoubt volcano continues. During the past week,
growth of the lava dome within the summit crater has slowed based on
observations of little change in dome shape. Emissions of volcanic gases
and minor amounts of ash continues. A probable rockfall from the lava
dome generated a very localized dusting of ash early today. The aviation
color code remains at orange. Seismicity has remained elevated above
background reflecting the ongoing process of dome growth and occasional
rock falls. The nearly constant vapor and gas cloud rising above the
volcano has remained mostly below 15,000 feet above sea level. Satellite
images show thermal anomalies at the summit as well as low-level plumes
of sulfur dioxide.
April

24/1035 VAAC: Anchorage (2009-130):
*AVO Color Code remains Orange.*
Vigorous steam emissions occurring. No VA cloud observed. Per coordination with AVO, intermittent but vigorous steam emissions occurring to approximately FL250. Despite easily seen steam plumes on infrared satellite imagery, radar has not been able to detect any VA emissions. Satellite analysis also indicates these steam plumes contain little or no VA. This is the last advisory unless new eruptive activity occurs.

May 2009 – Times in UTC

08/0017 Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:
Growth of the lava dome continued this past week and is now roughly equivalent in size to the largest dome that was emplaced during the 1989-90 eruption.

June 2009 – Times in UTC

30/1820 Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:
*AVO downgraded color code to Yellow.*
Seismic, satellite, gas, and deformation observations over the past few weeks indicate that growth of the lava dome at Redoubt has significantly slowed, if not stopped, and therefore it is possible that the current eruptive activity has ended. However, it is unknown if this represents the end of the 2009 eruption of Redoubt or if the activity has only paused temporarily and might resume in the next months. The large lava dome located at the north side of the summit crater, and extending down the Drift Glacier Gorge, still presents a hazard. It is possible that this large mass of fresh lava is unstable and could fail with little or no warning, leading to significant ash production and possible lahars in the Drift River valley. AVO will continue to monitor Redoubt's activity closely, but begin to transition off 24/7 staffing.

July 2009 – Times in UTC

10/2013 Alaska Volcano Observatory Update Bulletin:
AVO suspends 24/7 operation.