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## **FLOODING – Update**

It has been heart-warming to see so many people come together to help out where and when needed. We now turn our focus to positive recovery efforts and we need all residents to work together as we move through the next steps.

### **Storm Damage to ATV Trails - Update**

Crews have been working to repair storm damage to ATV trails in northeastern Washburn County. Effective Friday July 22, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. all ATV trails will re-open EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING TRAIL SEGMENTS:

#### **Stony Brook Trail east from the junction of Trail 39 to the John Waggoner Road.**

The Waggoner and Wozny Town roads remain extremely damaged and closed to all vehicular travel until further notice. Due to these closures, the ATV trails connecting to these road routes will remain closed.

**Stony Brook Trail from Taylor Lake Road to a point approximately 2 miles east.** A detour is in place that allows trail riders to bypass extreme washouts on this trail segment. Trail riders must follow the trail detour along Taylor Lake Road.

**The Wild River Trail suffered major washouts south of Minong.** We were able to re-route around the damaged area by diverting traffic to Lakeside Rd for a short distance. The entire Wild River Trail remains open.

**Please be aware that crews worked to restore trail conditions to a point where the major washouts have been leveled. Riders should expect rough trails and possible trail hazards. Please ride with caution. Trails will be restored to normal riding condition once Washburn County is able to secure funds to make full trail repairs.**

**Washburn County does not recommend ATV travel on other forest trails or roads at this time. Many of our fire lanes and other trails suffered extreme damage from the flooding and few have been repaired yet. [www.co.washburn.wi.us/news/atv-partial-trail-closure](http://www.co.washburn.wi.us/news/atv-partial-trail-closure)**

### **Water Test Kits For Private Wells Affected By Flooding - Update**

Well Water Testing Kits for private wells affected by flooding are now available.

- Kits can be picked up at the Washburn County Health Department, which is located at 222 Oak Street in Spooner. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-12pm, and 1:00pm-4:30 pm.
- Kits will also be available at the Minong Town Hall beginning Monday, July 25th. Call 715-466-5916 for office hours.
- The water testing is free of charge, but will require shipping. **The water sample must be analyzed within 48 hours of collection**, so Express mail is recommended if using the Post Office.
- If your well was submerged under flood waters, well water testing can be done 1 week after waters have receded and the well has been “shocked” or decontaminated according to DNR recommendations. See decontamination procedures at the DNR website. If the well water test is safe then retesting is advised in one month.
- Call 715-635-4400 and ask to speak to a Public Health Nurse if you have any questions.

As new information becomes available, we will continue to update the County website [www.co.washburn.wi.us](http://www.co.washburn.wi.us)