



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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BAYFIELD COUNTY FLOODING UPDATE

The effects of heavy rains and thunderstorms beginning June 15 continue to impact Bayfield County. Roads are still being assessed as flood waters recede in some areas, a few roads have been repaired while additional damaged roads are being discovered. State, county and local highway personnel are working overtime to ensure protection measures and life safety issues are addressed.

US 63 continues to be closed through Drummond; US 2 is closed at a washed out bridge over the Fish Creek near Tomich Rd; County Hwy E, F and N have portions that are closed. County Hwy G is open to local traffic and may provide an alternate route for those traveling east-west on US 2.

Most towns throughout the county have reported roads closed due to unsafe conditions. Although the damage is impressive, and there is a temptation to drive to those damaged area to view and/or photograph, travel on closed roads is not recommended due to unsafe conditions.

The extensive trail system in Bayfield County is being inspected and evaluated. It is reported that many areas have deep gullies and large holes that will provide great hazards to users. Once these trails have been inspected and authorized for travel, the public will be advised.

If you need information on road closures please call 715.373.6113 – the Office of Emergency Management – during business hours (8 am to 4 pm). Please **do not call the Sheriff's Office or dial 9-1-1**. Our dispatchers are already busy taking emergency calls and notifying emergency response agencies.

If you have experienced damage to personal property – homes, vehicle, driveway, etc. – please call 2-1-1. They will be gathering information, attempting to match needs to resources, and forwarding that information to local officials.

Road closure and safety information will be changing. The Bayfield County website – www.bayfieldcounty.org/flood – will maintain a list of road closures and emergency information. Detailed response and recovery information will also be posted there. The Bayfield County website is the public's source for official and accurate information.

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