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Updated web page provides information on flood damage to DNR properties

Most DNR northern properties not affected by flooding

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MADISON – People can find out more information about Department of Natural Resources properties affected by flooding in northwestern Wisconsin through an updated “[current conditions](#)” page of the DNR website.

The heavy rains were quite localized to northwestern Wisconsin and other northern properties such as the Flambeau River, Northern Highland-American Legion and Peshtigo River state forests were not affected by the storm and facilities remain open, as is access to all these properties.

Some areas of far northwestern Wisconsin received torrential rains early this week, with 8 to 10 inches reported in some areas causing major washouts of roads and even major highways. Copper Falls State Park was closed temporarily but has reopened. A campground at Governor Knowles State Forest is closed, and as the water moves down through the St. Croix and Mississippi rivers, some facilities are closed or may be closed at Merrick and Interstate state parks. Sections of the Wild Rivers, Saunders and Gandy Dancer state trails are also closed.

Other state properties in the area including Amnicon Falls and Pattison state parks and the Brule River State Forest are open, but travel to destinations may take longer due to numerous road closures. People traveling to the area should check the Wisconsin Department of Transportation www.511wi.gov website for details.

To find a park, forest or trail property search the DNR website for keywords “find a park.” To find updates on conditions search for keywords “current conditions.”

The U.S. Forest Service has also closed several areas of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest that it deems hazardous to public use.

Areas within the forest currently closed to the public:

National Forest roads, trails and developed recreation sites West of Highway 13, North of Highway 77 and East of Highway 63.

The closure also includes the area bordered by the Delta-Drummond Road (FR 223), to Forest Road 397 to Forest Road 224 west of Highway 63.

Specific recreation closures include Beaver Lake Campground, St. Peter's Dome/Morgan Falls and Namekagon Campground.

Conditions will be updated on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest's web page at www.fs.usda.gov/CNNE/.

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