



INCIDENT REPORT

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Storm Update 12 – July 18, 2016 6:00 pm

Fatality- A woman died after driving past two sets of barricades on US Highway 63 north of Grand View in Bayfield County. The vehicle fell 50 feet into the washout. Officials remind drivers to use caution while driving in flood affected counties and do not drive through road blocks and closures.

Weather- The National Weather Service has issued an Excessive Heat Watch effective Thursday into Friday for much of the state. Heat index values of 100 to 110 are possible. Counties included in the Watch which are affected by the flooding event include Burnett, Price, Sawyer and Washburn Counties.

Damage Assessments – Below are the latest initial damage assessments from the northern Wisconsin flooding event. As of 6:00 pm, eight counties, the Bad River Tribe, and the Department of Natural Resources, have submitted initial damage assessment reports. These numbers will change as more assessments and updates to assessments are submitted.

Damage to homes and businesses				
County	Affected/Minor Damage	Major Damage	Destroyed	Total
Ashland	140	2	0	\$500,000
Bad River Band	8	2	10	\$1,036,000
Bayfield	20	10	0	\$150,000
Burnett	0	0	0	0
Douglas	0	0	0	0
Iron	0	0	0	0
Sawyer	112	0	0	\$100,000
TOTAL	280	14	10	\$1,786,000

Damage to Public Infrastructure (Roads, Bridges, Trails)	
Ashland	\$5,820,500
Bad River Band Tribe	\$3,403,054
Bayfield	\$5,422,000
Burnett	\$405,000
Douglas	\$750,927
Iron	\$11,510,000
Price	\$34,000
Sawyer	\$1,250,000
Washburn	\$1,000,000
Dept. of Natural Resources (recreation trails)	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$29,695,481

County by County Update:

Ashland County- Ashland County has established the Ashland County Disaster Relief Fund. Monetary donations can be made at the Northern State Bank branch offices in Ashland, Mellen, Glidden, and Butternut. These funds will be used for long term, unmet recovery needs. For more information please call **(715) 682-2772**.

Bad River Band- A Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) will be open Tuesday and Wednesday to help residents of Bad River to access available community resources to assist in the recovery. The MARC is located at 72772 Elm Street, Odanah, WI, 54861. It will be open Tuesday from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Wednesday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. For more information please call **(715) 583-6188**.

Douglas County- Douglas County Office of Emergency Management is collecting flood damage information from citizens. Residents who sustained flood damage can call **(715) 395-1636** from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Sawyer County- Sawyer County Office of Emergency Management is collecting flood damage information from citizens. Residents who sustained flood damage, regardless of the amount, are asked to contact the Flood Impact Hotline at: **(715) 638-3355** or **(844) 638-3593** [toll free].

Washburn County- Residents who have sustained flood damage can now call a special hotline number, **(715) 468-4601**. Please provide your name, home address, municipality you live in, and if this is your primary or secondary home and a description of the damage.

Red Cross Hotline- The Red Cross has established a dedicated phone number for individuals with a primary residence that has suffered major damage or has been destroyed. That hotline number is **(715) 563-6188**. All other non-flooding related calls can be directed to the **(877) 618-6628** Disaster Number.

Replacement FoodShare Benefits- FoodShare members who lost food due to the flooding or power outages caused by the severe storms in northern Wisconsin may request replacement benefits for food purchased with July benefits. Some people have been unable to access their homes or reach county offices due to storm damage, so the Department of Health Services (DHS) requested a waiver of the 10-day deadline to report lost benefits. The federal Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) approved the waiver request to allow households sufficient time to report their loss of food in the above counties. FoodShare members in the affected counties have until August 11, 2016 to report lost benefits and request replacement for the amount of the loss, not to exceed the monthly allotment for the household. For more information, go to <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/releases/071816.htm>

Road Updates – The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) received notice today that \$2.5 million in emergency federal funding is being released to assist in the repair of roadways damaged in the flooding. This funding enables the state to expand recovery work immediately while continuing to identify repair and recovery needs. DOT has identified nearly \$10 million in needed repairs for state and federal highways directly related to last week's storms.

Ashland County

- US 2 is closed east of Odanah at Kakagon River. Use local route via River Road, Old US 2 and Kakagon Road. No semi-truck traffic allowed onto local detour.
- WIS 13 corridor is closed between Mellen and WIS 112. Use WIS 77, US 63, US 53 and US 2 as alternative route.

Bayfield County

- US 63 is closed at Twentymile Creek near Grand View, north of Drummond. Traffic detoured via County Highway N and County Highway A.

Iron County

- WIS 122 closed north of US 2 to Michigan State Line. No official detour posted.
- WIS 169 is closed between WIS 13 and US 2. No official detour posted.

DOT's 511 road information service has a new red icon at the upper right side of the www.511wi.gov website. Users can click this icon to get the latest information on road closures and detours across northern Wisconsin.

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest- Officials continue to make progress on re-opening roads and trails that were impacted by the storm. U.S. Forest Service personnel have assessed more than 1,000 miles of Forest Service roads and more than 100 miles of trails. Nearly 100 obstructions have been identified on forest roads and trails within the impacted area. These include damaged bridges, culverts, and washouts. For a current status update and listing of roads that are closed please visit www.fs.usda.gov/CNNF and click on the Flash Flooding Affects Forest link in red.

The State Emergency Operations Center remains elevated to Level 2 with Wisconsin Emergency Management, Wisconsin National Guard, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin Department of Administration, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Wisconsin Department of Health Services along with the Red Cross. WEM Regional offices remain on scene working with county emergency management agencies.

Updates on the Northern Wisconsin Flooding are available at <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>

Updates are also located at ReadyWisconsin on Facebook (www.facebook.com/readywisconsin), Twitter (www.twitter.com/readywisconsin), and Instagram (www.instagram.com/readywisconsin).