# **Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center**

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# Storm Update 7 - July 15, 2016 11 am

Damage assessments continue in northern Wisconsin impacted by flooding earlier this week. The National Weather Service is monitoring thunderstorms that are expected to move across Wisconsin Saturday night. Thunderstorms are expected to bring about ½ inch of rain in sections of northwest Wisconsin. Heavier amounts expected in southern Wisconsin.

Today, several cabinet secretaries along with Major General Don Dunbar and Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator Brian Satula are meeting in Ashland to meet with local officials to discuss flooding recovery efforts.

WI State Patrol is performing aerial photography today in some of the hardest hit areas.

The State of Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center has launched a special webpage on ReadyWisconsin with the latest press releases and information on the flooding response and recovery efforts. Visit <a href="http://ready.wi.gov/flooding/NorthernWI2016.asp">http://ready.wi.gov/flooding/NorthernWI2016.asp</a>.

Here is a county by county breakdown of the latest information:

**Bad River Reservation-** Tribal officials are hopeful to have U.S. Highway 2 re-opened by the end of the day. The tribe's primary objective is keeping people safe.

**Bayfield County-** Officials say flood damage to roads far exceeds what was originally expected. The county is working to acquire additional barricades and trucks for gravel hauling to repair damaged roadways. County will be working with WI DOT regarding ongoing engineering and roadbuilding efforts.

**Douglas County-** Working to distribute well-testing kits and sharing message to stay out of potentially contaminated waters. Damage estimate now exceeds \$700,000.

**Iron County –** WI Department of Natural Resources is assisting the U.S. Coast Guard is using sonar to locate missing boats that sunk in Saxon Harbor.

Price County- Working with the trucking and logging industries on travel through the county.

**Sawyer County-** Highway 63 in Hayward remains closed, though the water is receding. Officials estimate the road could be open by Friday evening. The Hayward water treatment plant is currently taking in more than 2 million gallons of water per day. The facility is only designed to handle 720,000 gallons a day. Officials used MABAS Wisconsin to provide mutual aid for local first responders to give them needed rest. The Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) provides mutual aid for deploying fire, rescue and emergency medical services personnel in a multi-jurisdictional and/or multi-agency response

**Washburn County-** Officials report that numerous roads affected by floodwaters. Waters continue to rise in county tributaries. The county is having issues with bridges and is working with WI DOT. Approximately 50 homes have been impacted by flooding. Well-test kits will be available later today. Officials also report major damage to ATV trails in the area.

**Flood Cleanup** – The American Red Cross and WI Department of Health Services are working with local public health offices and county/tribal emergency management in distribution of flood cleanup kits and materials. Flood victims needing assistance can dial 2-1-1 to get connected to resources for food, clothing, healthcare, housing/shelter, support groups, employment and other health and human services.

Many roads are reopening or are in the process of reopening. Below are the major road closures:

### **Ashland County**

- US 2 is closed east of Odanah at Lake Road. Traffic detoured via US 51, WIS 77, WIS 13, WIS 77, US 63, and US 53.
- US 2 is closed at Denomie Creek near Bad River in Odanah.
- WIS 13 is closed between Mellen and Ashland. Use WIS 77, US 63 and 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.
- US 63 is closed near Bibon Swamp between Grand View and Mason.

## **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.

#### **Sawyer County**

WIS 63 is closed in Hayward. A local detour is signed.

Motorists are advised to drive with caution on all area roads and are reminded **not to drive through standing water**. For up-to-date closures and detour information visit <a href="www.511wi.gov">www.511wi.gov</a>, download the free mobile app or follow @511WI on Twitter.

The State Emergency Operations Center is 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. WEM Regional offices are on scene working with county emergency management agencies.

We will be issuing Incident Reports as information comes in. We'll also send out updates on Facebook (<a href="www.facebook.com/readywisconsin">www.facebook.com/readywisconsin</a>), Twitter (<a href="www.twitter.com/readywisconsin">www.twitter.com/readywisconsin</a>), and Instagram (<a href="www.instagram.com/readywisconsin">www.instagram.com/readywisconsin</a>).