



INCIDENT REPORT

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Storm Update 8 – July 15, 2016 6 pm

Weather Forecast - The National Weather Service is monitoring thunderstorms that are expected to move across Wisconsin Saturday night. Thunderstorms are expected to bring less than an inch of rain in sections of northwest Wisconsin. The St. Croix River flood stage is improving. The river at St. Croix Falls crested and is currently at 22 ½ feet which is high but should continue to recede.

Damage Assessments - Damage assessments continue in northern Wisconsin impacted by flooding earlier this week. As of 4 p.m., six counties have submitted initial damage assessment reports from flooding and tornadoes that occur this week. Local officials anticipate these numbers to change throughout the weekend. A meeting with state agency cabinet and local officials was held this afternoon in Ashland to discuss recovery efforts. Below are the latest damage estimates submitted by county emergency management offices.

Damage to homes and businesses				
County	Affected/Minor Damage	Major Damage	Destroyed	Total
Ashland	70	0	0	Not Submitted
Burnett	0	0	0	0
Douglas	0	0	0	0
Iron	0	0	0	0
Sawyer	112	0	0	\$100,000
TOTAL	182	0	0	\$100,000

Damage to Public Infrastructure (Roads, Bridges, Trails)	
Ashland	\$1,016,000
Burnett	\$375,000
Douglas	\$750,927
Iron	\$11,510,000
Sawyer	\$470,000
Dept. of Natural Resources (recreation trails)	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$14,221,927

Several Wisconsin highways remain closed due to flooding

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation continues to assess roadways for damage and detour routes as necessary. Though many routes have been reopened, please use caution when traveling in impacted areas. If you see standing water turnaround.

Work has begun on US 2 in Ashland County. WisDOT anticipates US 2 will be open to traffic July 18.

Ashland County

- US 2 is closed east of Odanah at Kakagon River and Caville Road. Traffic detoured via US 51, WIS 77, WIS 13, US 63, and US 53.
- US 2 is closed at Denomie Creek near Bad River in Odanah.
- WIS 13 corridor is closed between Mellen and Ashland. 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.
- 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.

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 www.511wi.gov, download the free mobile app or follow @511WI on Twitter.

Flood Cleanup: The American Red Cross on Friday delivered 35 flood clean-up kits and flood recovery booklets to the Methodist Church in Hayward; 50 kits and booklets to Minong, town hall and Washburn; 40 kits, 60 cases of water, flathead shovels, garbage bags and gloves to the County Health and Human Services Building in Ashland. These locations are distributing flood clean-up kits and materials. The Red Cross expects to fulfill Iron County cleanup kit requests on Saturday. Flood victims needing assistance can dial 2-1-1 to connect with resources for food, clothing, healthcare, housing/shelter, support groups, employment and other health and human services.

Recreation Properties - The WI Department of Natural Resources has been assessing damage to campgrounds and other recreation lands. Travel to some of the destinations may take longer due to road closures. They have updates located on the DNR website located at <http://dnr.wi.gov/>

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest continues to assess the damages caused by the heavy rain and flash flooding Monday night. U.S. Forest Service personnel have been in the field assessing road, trail and bridge conditions this week documenting which roads are safe. A current status update and listing of roads that are open to local traffic is available at www.fs.usda.gov/CNNF and click on the Flash Flooding Affects Forest link in red or call the Great Divide Ranger District at 715-634-4821.

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.

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

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