



INCIDENT REPORT

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Storm Update 15 – July 21, 2016 6:00 pm

Weather- Severe storms again rolled across Wisconsin today. Strong winds gusting up to 75 mph knocked down multiple trees and power lines. Xcel Energy estimates power will be restored to all its customers by Friday at 8 p.m. Four campers sustained minor injuries at the Birch Grove campground inside the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest in Bayfield County. The U.S. Forest Service has issued an area closure for the portion of the Washburn Ranger District north of Highway 2 due to downed trees and debris. National Forest roads, trails and developed recreation sites north of Highway 2 are also closed until further notice. Excessive Heat Warnings and Advisories continue for much of the state. Heat index values of 100 to 110 degrees are possible Friday. The Advisory includes many of the counties and tribes affected by flooding. A list of cooling centers can be found at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/climate/weather/heat.htm>. Residents can also call 2-1-1 for heat-related health and safety information.

Damage Assessments – Below are the latest initial damage assessments from the northern Wisconsin flooding. As of 6:00 pm, ten 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	30	6	10	\$1,104,000
Bayfield	20	10	0	\$150,000
Douglas	2	0	0	\$500
Sawyer	112	0	0	\$100,000
Washburn	14	12	1	\$500,000
TOTAL	318	30	11	\$2,354,500
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				\$797,585
Florence				\$31,000
Iron				\$12,805,000
Oneida				\$3,500
Price				\$34,000
Sawyer				\$2,197,000
Washburn				\$3,000,000
Dept. of Natural Resources (recreation trails)				\$100,000
TOTAL				\$34,018,639

County by County Update:

Ashland County- The Red Cross is opening a shelter at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church due to power outages in the area. The address is 311 13th Street West in Ashland.

Iron County- Crews have removed the last known submerged boat in Saxon Harbor. The search for missing boats and vehicles has been suspended.

Red Cliff Band- Due to power outages, the Red Cliff Tribe is opening a shelter at the Red Cliff Community Health Center located at 36745 Aiken Road in Bayfield. The Red Cross is supplying 30 cots and 60 blankets.

Road Updates: US Hwy 2 now open to all traffic in Ashland, Iron counties. Work continues to repair, reopen remaining highways. Also, U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx last night announced the availability of \$4.15 million in Emergency Relief (ER) funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to help repair roads and bridges damaged by heavy rains and subsequent flash flooding in northern Wisconsin.

Ashland County

- WIS 13 corridor is closed between Mellen and WIS 112. Use WIS 77, US 51, US 2 as alternative route.

Bayfield County

- US 63 is closed at Twentymile Creek near Grand View. Traffic is detoured via County Highway N and County Highway A. Work to repair damages on US 63 began Monday, July 18. The project will include debris removal, culvert repair and pavement work. WisDOT anticipates this project will be complete and US 63 will be open to traffic mid-August.

Iron County

- WIS 122 closed north of US 2 to Michigan State line. Work expected to begin next week. No official detour posted.
- WIS 169 is closed between WIS 13 and US 2. Use WIS 77, US 51, US 2 as alternative route. Work to replace the culvert at the South Tributary to Vaughn Creek, located one-half-mile north of Gurney (between Cameron Road and Jensen Road) began on July 19. Project completion is scheduled for August 31.

Motorists are advised to use caution in these areas and adhere to signed closures. For up-to-date closures and detour information visit www.511wi.gov, download the free mobile app or follow @511WI on Twitter.

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 American 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).