



INCIDENT REPORT

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Storm Update 16 – July 22, 2016 6:00 pm

Weather- Clean-up continued from severe storms which rolled across Wisconsin Thursday. About 60,000 power customers were off line last night. As of 3:30 p.m. there were about 6500 customers without power across the state. Winds of 90 to 110 mph in Columbia County resulted in one injury at an Amish farm. The National Weather Service has issued a Flash Flood Watch for much of northwest Wisconsin for Saturday afternoon into Sunday. Up to 2 inches of rain is expected along and south of the U.S. Hwy 2 corridor.

Excessive Heat Warnings and Advisories expire at 7 p.m., but high heat index levels are scheduled to continue through Saturday. 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	6	9	1	\$500,000
TOTAL	310	27	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				\$47,000
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				\$34,091,775

Disaster Assessment Teams- Officials with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) will meet with local officials next week to conduct preliminary damage assessments (PDA). The information gathered will be provided to Governor Scott Walker to help determine if the state will request a federal disaster declaration.

County by County Update:

Ashland County- Due to a loss of power, four individuals stayed at the Red Cross shelter at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Ashland Thursday night. The Red Cross has determined there is no longer a need for that shelter.

Bad River Band- Power has been restored at the Bad River Tribal Clinic. A generator is now in place in the event they again lose electrical power again.

Bayfield County- Officials say the latest estimate to remove silt from Cornucopa Harbor is \$81,500.

Washburn County- All ATV trails will re-open except:

- Stony Brook Trail east from the junction of Trail 39 to the John Waggoner Road. The Waggoner and Wozny Town roads remain extremely damaged and closed to all vehicular travel until further notice. Due to these closures, the ATV trails connecting to these road routes will remain closed.
- Stony Brook Trail from Taylor Lake Road to a point approximately 2 miles east. A detour is in place that allows trail riders to bypass extreme washouts on this trail segment. Trail riders must follow the trail detour along Taylor Lake Road.
- The Wild River Trail suffered major washouts south of Minong. We were able to re-route around the damaged area by diverting traffic to Lakeside Rd for a short distance. The entire Wild River Trail remains open.

Well Water Testing Kits for private wells affected by flooding are now available.

- Kits can be picked up at the Washburn County Health Department, which is located at 222 Oak Street in Spooner. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-12pm, and 1:00pm-4:30 pm.
- Kits will also be available at the Minong Town Hall beginning Monday, July 25th. Call 715-466-5916 for office hours.
- The water testing is free of charge, but will require shipping. **The water sample must be analyzed within 48 hours of collection**, so Express mail is recommended if using the Post Office.
- If your well was submerged under flood waters, well water testing can be done 1 week after waters have receded and the well has been “shocked” or decontaminated according to DNR recommendations. See decontamination procedures at the DNR website. If the well water test is safe then retesting is advised in one month.
- Call 715-635-4400 and ask to speak to a Public Health Nurse if you have any questions.

Road Updates: Officials from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Emergency Management and other state agencies were in Hurley, Ashland and Hayward today to provide information and assistance to local governments impacted by last week’s flooding. The goal is to establish a “one-stop-shop” where municipal officials can get information from the various state agencies involved in responding to last week’s floods that caused significant damage to roads and other public infrastructure.

Ashland County

- WIS 13 corridor is closed between Mellen and WIS 112. Traffic is detoured via WIS 77, US 51, US 2.

Bayfield County

- US 63 is closed at Twentymile Creek near Grand View. Truck traffic is detoured via County Highway N and County Highway A. Car traffic only is detoured at Grand View via Raymond Road and North Sweden Road. Work to repair damages on US 63 is underway. The project includes 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. Traffic is detoured via WIS 77, US 51, US 2. 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) is underway. The highway is open at this location to **local traffic only**. Project completion 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.

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest- The Forest sustained an estimated \$10 million of damage during the storm event on July 11. U.S. Forest Service personnel have identified nearly 100 obstructions on roads and trails in need of repair. Those include damaged bridges, culverts, washed out roads and trails and other significant impacts. The network of Forest Service roads on the Great Divide and Washburn Ranger Districts that were impacted by the storm are critical thoroughfares for local towns and residents. As assessments began to uncover the extent of damage the Forest started working with their Regional Office in Milwaukee to submit a request to the Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads Program (also known as ERFO Program).

Meantime, rangers continue making progress in cleaning up yesterday's storm damage on the Washburn Ranger District. Twelve saw crews and heavy equipment clearing roads and gaining access to recreation areas. U.S. Forest Service personnel are continuing today to assess the damage and gain access to campgrounds, dispersed recreation sites, roads and trails within the affected area. The most significant damage occurred north of US Highway 2 on the Washburn Ranger District. The Forest has issued an area closure for the portion of the Washburn Ranger District north of Highway 2. National Forest roads, trails and developed recreation sites north of Highway 2 are closed until further notice. For the latest information visit www.fs.usda.gov/CNNF/ and click on Thunderstorms Damage Washburn Ranger District. You may also call the Washburn Ranger District at **(715) 373-2667**.

Red Cross- The Red Cross is planning to have two outreach teams activated over the weekend to open additional cases for anyone who has major or destroyed damage that has yet to reach out for assistance. They are continuing to distribute clean-up kits in affected counties.

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) will change to Level 4 at 6 p.m. 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 in a virtual SEOC over the weekend. 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).