



# INCIDENT REPORT

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### Storm Update 4 – July 13, 2016 6:00 pm

Damage assessments continue in Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Sawyer and Washburn counties following heavy rains and flooding in the region. Gov. Scott Walker declared a State of Emergency for those eight counties. Several counties have filed preliminary damage estimates, others continue to work on those estimates.

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

**Ashland County-** Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources surveyed the severe damage at Saxon Harbor. U.S. Coast Guard continues to patrol the area and monitor the stranded boats.

**Bad River Tribe-** The Wisconsin National Guard helped transport five patients by helicopter from the reservation to a dialysis center in Ashland. There was a loss of gas and electricity to tribal properties. That forced the shutdown of the sewage treatment plant. Those utilities are in the process of being restored.

**Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest-** The U.S. Forest Service found significant damage to access roads and trails on the Great Divide and Washburn Range Districts of the forest. Beaver Lake Campground near Mellen and St. Peter's Dome-Morgan Falls are closed until further notice.

**Chippewa County-** Preliminary damage estimate of \$25,000 to one home with minor damage. Approximately 80% of that loss will be covered by insurance. The damage was caused by an EF-0 tornado which touched down near the O'Neil Creek Campground.

**Douglas County-** An estimated \$602,800 of damage and repair costs are reported to roads, bridges and public buildings. The county board chairman officially declared a state of emergency Wednesday morning in response to flood damage.

**Price County-** Repairs are being made to limited damage and all roads are open.

**Sawyer County-** An estimated \$70,000 in minor damage are reported to 15 homes and \$365,000 in public infrastructure including roads and bridges. Sandbagging efforts continue in Hayward as Silver Creek continues to rise. Water has crested over Highway 63 in downtown Hayward.

Numerous roads and highways are damaged and remain closed across the region. State and county engineers continue evaluating bridges and roads. 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 at Denomie Creek near Bad River in Odanah is closed.
- WIS 13 between Mellen and Ashland is closed. Use WIS 77, US 63 and US 53 and US 2 as alternative route.

### **Bayfield County**

- WIS 137 at Wipperfurth Road in Ashland between Sanborn Avenue and US 2 is now open.
- US 63 at Twentymile Creek near Grand View, north of Drummond is closed. No official detour posted.
- US 63 near Bibon Swamp between Grand View and Mason is closed. No official detour posted.

### **Burnett County**

- WIS 35 north of Danbury at Riverside is closed. WIS 77 and US 53 as alternative route.
- WIS 77 near Danbury as St. Croix River continues to rise. MnDOT has closed their bridge (MN 48/ WIS 77) west of Danbury.

### **Iron 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.
- WIS 122 is closed north of US 2 at Parker Creek. No official detour posted.
- WIS 122 between US 2 and WIS 77 is now open.
- WIS 169 is closed between WIS 13 and US 2. No official detour posted.

### **Sawyer County**

- WIS 27 north of Hayward, off of WIS 77 near Smith Lake is now open.
- WIS 63 in Hayward has water over the roadway but remains open to traffic.
- WIS 27/ WIS 77 north of Hayward has water over the road but remains open to traffic.

### **Washburn County**

- WIS 77 at Oak Tree Drive to County Road G just east of Minong is closed.
- WIS 77 at Old Bass Lake Road southwest of Minong is now open.
- US 53 northbound lane, north of Palmer Drive, between Lampson and Minong is open to one lane for traffic.

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](http://www.511wi.gov), download the free mobile app or follow @511WI on Twitter.

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