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**SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON STORMS #42**

**OVERVIEW**

Wisconsin Department of Transportation and State Patrol report the following roadway opening of the Interstate System:

Eastbound Interstate **90/94** is opening one lane of traffic from USH-12 (near the Wisconsin Dells) to WIS-78 (just S of Portage). Traffic will be restricted to the passing lane from approximately mile marker 105 to 106.

State-federal disaster assessment teams will meet with representatives in Waukesha, Washington, Winnebago, Green and Dodge counties on Monday. The President has declared a disaster for Columbia, Crawford, Sauk, Vernon and Milwaukee counties. Richland remains under review.

The first of the Disaster Recovery Centers will open Monday in Reedsburg at the high school, 1100 S. Albert Ave., daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. until further notice. Additional centers in the other declared disaster counties are also expected to open. Exact locations will be forthcoming.

Many local, county and state roads remain closed. Dams are holding but are being monitored very closely as many are not expected to crest until later this week.

**National Weather Service**

NWS issued flood warnings until 1 p.m. Monday for the following counties: Marquette Green Lake, Fond du Lac, Sheboygan, Columbia, Sauk, Dodge, Washington, Ozaukee, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Green, Rock, Jefferson, Iowa, Walworth, Lafayette, and Dane.

NWS said flood waters are usually deeper than they appear. Even one foot of flowing water is powerful enough to sweep vehicles off the road. Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize the dangers of flooding. Most flood related deaths occur in automobiles.

National Weather Service water levels and flood predictions:

<http://www.weather.gov/ahps/forecasts.php>

NWS reports major flooding on rivers at Baraboo, Watertown, Milford, Jefferson, Fort Atkinson, Newville, and Indianford. Moderate flooding is reported on rivers at Rock Springs, Beaver Dam, Horicon, Berlin, and Burlington.

The hydrological report is located at <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=mkx>

### **Federal/State**

Joint state-federal disaster assessment teams will meet with representatives in Waukesha, Washington, Winnebago, Green and Dodge Counties Monday morning. News media are asked to call the state Emergency Operations Center at 608-242-3292 Monday morning if they are interested in meeting with a team.

A Joint Field Office will open Tuesday in Madison, staffed by state agencies, FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and other federal agencies. Crews will continue assessing private sector damage in additional counties on Monday, and begin assessing damage to public infrastructure next week.

FEMA is advising citizens that its disaster assistance covers an individual's basic needs only and will not normally compensate the entire loss. The government may help pay for basic needs not covered under insurance policies.

The disaster declaration frees up federal funding for individual assistance in these counties for eligible expenses such as home repair and temporary housing. Individuals need to call 1-800-621-FEMA to apply for assistance, or apply online at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

When applying for help, be sure to have the following information available:

- Your current telephone number;
- Your address at the time of the disaster and the address where you now are staying;
- Your Social Security number, if available;
- A general list of damages and losses you suffered;
- If insured, the name of your company or agent and your policy number;
- General financial information;
- Bank account coding if you wish to speed up your assistance with direct deposit.

Disaster victims may be eligible for grants and or loan interest loans. The FEMA representative will explain the details to you when you call.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers low-interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes to repair or replace damaged or destroyed property.

### **ROAD CLOSURES/ CONDITIONS**

#### **Interstate highway system**

- Interstate 90/94 westbound north of Madison is now open for its entirety.

- I-94 westbound from Milwaukee is closed between WIS 83 at Delafield west to WIS 89 at Lake Mills. The detour goes from WIS Hwy 83 SB to I-43 SB to I-39/90 NB to Madison.
- I-39/US 51 southbound from WIS 16 near Portage remains closed. The Detour from WIS 16 to US 51 south then back to I-90-94.
- Exits from I-39/90/94 to WIS 33 and I-39 entrances remain closed.

#### **State and Other Roads:**

- WIS 33, is closed west of Portage to the Interstate and will remain so. It had been closed east of Portage to the bridge over the Fox River. That opened at mid-day. Traffic was backing up southbound on I-39 late this afternoon and State Patrol and DNR wardens are assisting the city of Portage to move traffic.
- HWY 106 is closed from STH 73 to County E in Jefferson County
- WIS 60 near the Rock River in Dodge County from STH 26 to STH 67, including Hustisford, is closed due to high water.
- WIS 50 in Kenosha County is closed between County O and B. Traffic is being detoured.
  - For 50 eastbound: take CTH P, to Market Street. Follow Market St eastbound to HWY 83. Proceed on HWY 83 northbound to STH 142. Follow 142 East to STH 75. Proceed south on STH 75 back to STH 50.
  - For 50 westbound: take STH 75 North to STH 142. Proceed west on STH 142 to STH 83. Take STH 83 South to Market Street. Follow Market Street West to CTH P. Take CTH P South to STH 50.
- WIS 23 is closed in Princeton, between W. Water Street to E. Water Street.

#### **Road conditions:**

The public is asked to call **1-800-ROAD-WIS (762-3947)**.

The Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation (DOT) web site (<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/incident-alerts.htm>) has up-to-date maps and information on road closures for Interstate and major state highways.

#### **Special Regulations:**

Speeds — are reduced to 55 mph on the Interstate in the area of flooding near Portage to protect the pavement due to overly saturated conditions.

Weight limits — Vehicles carrying relief supplies, assisting in flood abatement, and responding to emergency services are exempted from DOT oversize and overweight vehicle regulations on and along a line from I-90 at LaCrosse, east to I-94 at Tomah, north on I-94 to WIS 21, east on WIS 21 to I-39, north on I-39 to US 10 at Stevens Points and east on US 10 to Manitowoc.

#### **Other roadways**

- Traffic on US12 at the Water Street intersection in Sauk City was backing up. A change was made to the US12 approaches to a yellow flash in an effort to keep traffic moving.
- Lafayette County: Lafayette County officials report that ALL roads over the Pecatonica River in Lafayette County are OPEN.

**Green County**

Green County Emergency Management asks all Green County residents who have had flood damage to call their office at 328-9416 and report their damage.

**Sauk County**

Water treatments plants are out, mainly in Reedsburg. The public has been ordered to limit flushing and use of water.

**Rock County**

Damage reports should be made to local municipalities.

**Kenosha County**

Residents of Kenosha County who have sustained flood or storm damage are asked to call the Kenosha County Emergency Management Damage Hotline at 262-605-7926 to report the amount of damage they have.

**Red Cross and Salvation Army**

Red Cross had 17 shelters open overnight with 67 evacuees.

**Resources:**

- DNR has educational information for citizens affected by flooding on their web site at [http://dnr.wi.gov/emergency/current\\_flood.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/emergency/current_flood.html)
- Updated information on parks and state trails can be found at: [www.wiparks.net](http://www.wiparks.net).
- Information for private water well owners: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/dwg/flood.htm>

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