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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON SEVERE WEATHER

OVERVIEW – A series of severe thunderstorms moved across southwestern Wisconsin this evening, resulting in heavy rains, flash flooding, large hail, wind damage and downed power lines. The main impacted areas were Grant, Lafayette and Crawford Counties.

Grant County – Grant County Emergency Management has partially activated the emergency operations center to conduct damage assessments. High winds went through Platteville and Village of Kieler area. Local officials report 14 power poles are down at the intersection of Hwy H and Shoestring Road. In addition, possible 90 mph winds were reported in the Hazel Green area. Some people are stranded due to road and bridge damage but officials say they have been contacted and are safe in their homes. Grant County has not requested any additional assistance. Lafayette and Crawford County report no additional damage and no need for state assistance.

The State Emergency Operations Center was activated to Level 3 earlier this evening but is now transferred back to Level 4 activation with normal monitoring through the 24 hour duty officer system. There has been no request for state assistance.

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