



# News Release

## WISCONSIN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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**DATE:** October 1, 2010  
3:00 p.m.

**TO:** Governor Jim Doyle

**FROM:** Mike Hinman  
WEM Administrator

**SUBJECT: Situation Report #13 on Severe Weather/Flooding**

Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) remains at Level 4 status. A Duty Officer and Senior Duty Officer continue to monitor events. A State of Emergency remains in effect for Buffalo, Jackson, Columbia, Clark, Trempealeau, Marathon, Portage, and Wood Counties.

Most counties that sustained flood damage in the last week have finished their damage assessments and have submitted a Uniform Disaster Situation Report (UDSR) to Wisconsin Emergency Management. A UDSR provides preliminary information about the type of damage and estimated financial impacts. In this report, the "affected" and "minor" numbers were combined. Public sector means damage to public infrastructure such as roads, bridges, etc.

**State UDSR Totals** (as of 10-1-2010):

**Residential: 388 Minor, 30 Major, 3 Destroyed**

**Businesses: 54 Minor, 8 Major**

**Public Sector Costs: \$9,181,898**

Additional damage assessments will continue and these totals could rise.

**FEMA: The state has requested that FEMA conduct a Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) next week in Iowa, Buffalo, Clark, Trempealeau, Jackson, Wood, Portage and Taylor Counties for the Public Assistance Program. The Public Assistance Program is for damages to public infrastructure. FEMA plans to bring five teams to begin looking at damage on Tuesday. Additional information regarding the schedule for the PDA will be issued Monday.**

**National Weather Service:** Flood warnings remain for counties along the Mississippi River and in effect for the Wolf River near Shiocton. The warnings are expected to be cancelled this weekend as river levels continue to drop.

**Below is the updated UDSR's that were submitted today:**

**Columbia County:** Damage assessments will continue throughout the next few days based on the water levels and how quickly officials can get into the affected areas. High water is still preventing officials from inspecting a bridge on Hwy VJ. Several roads are also underwater and won't be able to be assessed for damages until next week.

**WI Department of Natural Resources - Columbia County**

Officials with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources have deactivated their Incident Management Team. The levee management has returned to the property supervisor. Damage assessments will continue throughout next week.

**Eau Claire County:** Officials report seven homes with minor damage and one business with major damage. Public infrastructure damage is estimated at \$51,100.

**Wood County:** In today's UDSR, 39 homes sustained minor damage and one had major damage. Ten businesses received minor damage and costs to public sector were \$868,565.

**Clark County:** In today's UDSR, 45 homes were reported with minor damage and \$905,170 in public sector costs. Officials report they still have some trails and bridges to inspect.

**Trempealeau County:** In today's UDSR, officials report 42 homes with minor and two with major damage and eight businesses with minor and four with major damage. Costs to the public sector were \$4,292,421.

**Portage County:** In today's UDSR, officials report 52 homes with minor and one with major damage and two businesses reported minor damage. The costs to the public sector were over \$536,892.

**Marathon County:** The UDSR submitted today indicates four homes with minor damage, one with major damage and three destroyed. They also had two businesses with minor damage. Public infrastructure damage is estimated at \$201,436.