



STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Jim Doyle
Governor

DATE: July 28, 2010
10:00 a.m.

TO: Governor Jim Doyle

FROM: Mike Hinman
WEM Administrator

SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT #1 ON NORTHERN WI SEVERE WEATHER

OVERVIEW – Severe storms moved across northwestern Wisconsin overnight, causing straight line winds, hail, rain and possible tornadoes. Local states of emergency were declared in Barron, Polk and Iron counties. Wisconsin Emergency Management Northwest Regional Director Rhonda Reynolds is in Iron County this morning, working with local officials. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources plans to conduct an aerial tour today to view storm damage in the north woods.

Iron County - A possible tornado hit southwestern Iron County shortly after 7:00 PM last night. The area most impacted by the storm was the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage where three people were taken to the hospital for injuries. The injuries occurred at remote campsites on the flowage and the injured were transported by boats to waiting ambulances. One person was evacuated by helicopter Flight for Life. Response personnel also evacuated campers to local motels during the night. The Iron County Highway Department is clearing debris on county roads and assisting the towns with debris removal on local roads. The DNR is advising the public to avoid the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage due to damage.

Barron County - Local officials report a possible tornado south of Cameron. Reports of downed trees and power lines. Officials are conducting local damage assessments this morning.

Polk County - Downed trees blocked Highway 46 in Balsam Lake.

For further information, contact Wisconsin Emergency Management at 608-242-3232.