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TO: Governor Scott Walker

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SUBJECT: Situation Report #3 on NW & NE Wisconsin Severe Weather

Northern Wisconsin counties continue to cleanup damages from this weekend's severe storms. Counties continue to assess damages and some areas remain without power.

Northwest Region

Burnett County – Burnett County has declared a State of Emergency. Damage assessments are ongoing. The number of damaged homes and businesses is unavailable but most of the damage reported appears to be minor with roof and siding damage caused by downed trees.

The county estimates about 6,000 residents are still without power but crews are making progress. A major transmission line is being restored in Webb Lake, the hardest hit area. The utility reports it may be a few days before power can be restored to all customers.

There is no new additional information regarding death of the 11 year old camper killed Friday night when a tree fell on her. There were also reports yesterday of canoeists missing; however, the National Park Service has reported that all canoeists have been accounted for.

The American Red Cross and Salvation Army continue to provide food and water from mobile units.

Most county roads have been cleared of debris, but travel is restricted in some areas. ATV trails continue to be closed in the area and are expected to remain closed throughout the week. The St. Croix Chippewa Tribe is also working with the county, assisting with feeding and debris removal.

Burnett County Emergency Management is recommending that the public use caution when dealing with debris removal contractors who are soliciting business for tree removal on their property. The Burnett County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be closing at 6:00 p.m. tonight and will remain closed on Monday.

Local and county officials will meet on Tuesday to begin the process of applying for the State Disaster Fund. The purpose of the fund is to help county, local and tribal units of

government recoup costs incurred in responding to and recovering from natural disasters. The state contributes 70% of the costs, with the local government applicant contributing the remaining 30%. The fund does not cover losses suffered by individuals, businesses or the agricultural sector, or those that should have been covered by insurance. It also does not provide management or administrative costs for the state or local government applicants.

Douglas County – 911 service that was disrupted has been fully restored.

Douglas County has submitted a damage assessment report to WEM. Findings from that document include:

- There were numerous downed arcing power lines throughout the county following the storm, sparking small fires. An estimated 600 to 800 residents are still without power, some may be out for several more days.
- 16 of the County's 19 fire departments assisted with the response including providing search and rescue missions.
- Heavy rain caused some road and shoulder scouring.
- Several motor vehicle accidents occurred during the storm, including a car/train collision.

Washburn County - Washburn County has submitted damage assessments. Washburn County officials will also apply to the Wisconsin Disaster Fund.

Northeast Region –Clean up continues in Wood, Portage, Lincoln, Langlade, Marathon and Forest Counties. Power has been restored. All roads both major and local are now reported as open to traffic.

Some heavy storms rolled through Wood and Portage Counties this morning as a Severe Thunderstorm warning was issued by the National Weather Service, but no damage or additional power outages were reported. No requests for assistance have been made and damage assessment numbers will be provided by Marathon County by late Tuesday or early Wednesday.

Wisconsin Emergency Management continues to monitor the situation. Additional situation reports may be issued as new information becomes available. State assistance has not been requested at this time.

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