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**TO:** Governor Scott Walker

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Clean up continues this morning following severe storms that hit the northern and central portions of Wisconsin yesterday afternoon and evening. Straight line winds, hail, heavy rain and a tornado were reported. Several utilities are still reporting some scattered power outages this morning due to downed power lines but most power should be fully restored later today. While there were homes damaged and public utilities affected by the downed trees, no injuries were reported as a result of this weather event.

Here is the current update:

**Eau Claire & Chippewa area:** Straight line winds hit the Chippewa Valley around 4:30 last night. Many areas reported downed trees and power lines. This morning, a few streets remain closed due to debris including the bridge on Short Street that crosses the Chippewa River. Crews are working to quickly remove debris and open up streets. In Eau Claire, the wastewater treatment plant continues to run on generator power but the lift stations are operational. Xcel Energy is reporting about 1500 customers are still without power but power should be fully restored this afternoon. There are reports of damage to grave stones and uprooted trees at the Lakeview Cemetery. The Lake Hallie Fire Department responded to a vacant house fire last night that was caused by lightning.

**Marathon County:** Shortly before 7:00 p.m., a tornado was spotted by law enforcement officials about six miles west of Rib Mountain near Wausau. The National Weather Service in Green Bay is working with local officials to confirm and determine the strength of the tornado. The tornado touched down at 7:02 p.m. near County Road N & Marathon Road and traveled northeast. It was on the ground for about 6 minutes and traveled about 5 miles in a wooded area. No reports of any structural damage and no injuries.

Other areas reporting storm damage include:

**Wood County:** Rains and strong winds were reported. In Auburndale, winds blew off the roof of a vacant mobile home in the Prairie Meadow Park. No one was injured.

**Dunn County** - A few trees down and some electrical outages

**Grant County-** Spot fires due to power lines down but no damage reported

**Taylor County-** Trees and power lines were down on Highway H just outside of Thorp

**Clark County-** Roof blown off house three miles southwest of Spencer

**Trempealeau County-** Trees down in Arcadia but no reports of damage

**Portage County -** Tree damage reported in Plover

**Vilas County -** Tree damage

**Douglas & Bayfield Counties -** Spot flooding of streets. One home with basement flooding reported in Bayfield County

**Door County -** Scattered trees and power outages.

**Brown County:** Minor powers outages and tree damage

**Marquette County:** Some tree damage reported. Several power lines were down and started a few wild land fires. The DNR and local fire departments were able to extinguish the fires quickly.

Wisconsin Emergency Management is engaged with the local officials and will continue to monitor the progress of the recovery efforts. While there have been no requests for state assistance, Wisconsin Emergency Management stands ready to help.