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Governor Doyle Declares State of Emergency for Five Additional Counties

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MADISON – Governor Doyle today declared a state of emergency in Buffalo, Marathon, Portage and Wood Counties following strong storms that caused flooding in the area. Late last night, the Governor declared a state of emergency in Jackson County in response to damaging storms and flooding. In total, seven counties have been declared a state of emergency.

“Strong storms and heavy rains caused serious flooding throughout western and central Wisconsin,” Governor Doyle said. “Based on the damage that has been reported, I have declared a State of Emergency in seven counties. State Emergency Management and DNR officials continue to support communities on the ground, working with the National Guard to assist in recovery efforts. The State will continue to do everything we can to help the people and communities affected by these damaging storms make a quick recovery.”

The Governor’s declaration is a result of the widespread flooding and damaging storms that have occurred throughout the area causing damage to homes and businesses, flooding roads and bringing down power lines.

Yesterday, Governor Doyle declared a State of Emergency for Clark County and Trempealeau County, where flooding forced the evacuation of downtown Arcadia in Trempealeau County, washed out roads and bridges, downed power lines and damaged infrastructure.

Wisconsin Emergency Management personnel, as well as DNR staff and the National Guard have been on the scene yesterday and today, working with local officials to begin assessing the damage and determining what resources would be needed to help speed recovery efforts.

To view the EO for Clark and Jackson Counties, visit:
<http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/docview.asp?docid=20350>

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