



INCIDENT REPORT

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Storm Update 1 / September 22, 2016 / 1:30pm

Overview- Up to ten inches of rain have fallen across western Wisconsin since Wednesday afternoon with the potential of up to an additional inch of rain today. Flash Flood Watches and Warnings continue throughout the region. Many roads are closed due to water over the pavement or washouts. Here is the latest information by county:

Chippewa County

- WIS Highway 29 near County Highway K blocked by water over road.
- The Canadian National Railroad has a 10 foot portion of track wash out near the city of Stanley.

Clark County

- Clark County declared a State of Emergency as of 10:30pm Wednesday
- Clark County Emergency Manager says there are currently 100 roadways that either are flooded or have washouts. At this time, these numbers are very raw data and the number of washouts and closures have increased overnight.
- River levels remain very high and some river flooding is taking place
- Clark County has had reports from residents with water in basements, but at this time there have been no evacuations or reports of structural damage
- The Red Cross is compiling residential damages on behalf of Clark County. Residents with damage are urged to call 877-618-6628. Residents unable to leave their property due to driveway damage are urged to call the Clark County Sheriff's office at 715-743-3157.

Crawford County

- Crawford County declared a State of Emergency this morning.
- A BNSF train derailed near Ferryville due to a track washout at 5:40am today.
 - Five cars and two locomotive engines derailed.
 - One of two engines leaked approximately 1000 gallons of fuel.
 - BNSF crews placed booms on the Mississippi River to contain the fuel that spilled into the water.
 - No one was injured
- Several mudslides occurred along highway 35 north of Ferryville. Crews are working to remove debris
- Neillsville School District is closed today due to the weather
- Several homes along Main Street in the Gays Mills area were evacuated due to flooding. Those residents are staying with family and friends.
- Road closures include:
 - WIS Highway 35, north of County B
 - WIS Highway 131, Soldiers Grove
 - WIS Highway 131, Gays Mills
 - WIS Highway 131, Steuben

- WIS Highway 171, Gays Mills
- WIS Highway 171, east of Gays Mills

Eau Claire County

- County Highway H just north of Horse Creek Road is closed. Other local roads are also covered with water and impassible.

Jackson County

- Jackson County declared a State of Emergency this morning.
- County officials requested 100 flood clean-up kits from the Red Cross
- The Hatfield Hydroelectric Dam located on the Black River has declared a YELLOW ALERT. This means the dam is being monitored by not at immediate risk of failure.
- The Black River Dam suffered a damaged flood gate after it was hit by debris and is being monitored. The dam is not at immediate risk of failure at this time.

La Crosse County

- Village of Bangor has declared a local state of emergency due to flooding
- The Neshonoc Dam on the La Crosse River near West Salem is at YELLOW ALERT and is being monitored. The dam is not at immediate risk of failure at this time.

Richland County

- Richland County issued a Disaster Proclamation today.
- Village of Yuba began sandbagging operations around 11:45pm
- Kickapoo River in Viola is on the rise and well out of its banks
- Several county and town roads are closed
 - State highway 56 west of County Hwy A is closed all the way to Viola due to debris and flooding
 - State highway 131 at Viola is also closed
 - So far 9 of 16 townships have reported damage to roads
- No injuries have been reported at this time and there are no shelter operations
- Kickapoo and Richland School Districts are closed today due to road conditions
- A shelter is now open at the Richland Center Community and Senior Center at 1050 North Orange Street.

Vernon County

- Vernon County issued a Local Disaster Declaration this morning
- A mudslide occurred causing a home to slide onto Highway 35 south of County Highway UU near Victory. The home was destroyed. Search and rescue crew are looking for possible victims inside the debris.
- As a precaution, a small trailer park in De Soto has been evacuated. Approximately 15 individuals were evacuated to the De Soto Community Center.
- Road closures include:
 - WIS Highway 14, Readstown
 - WIS Highway 35, County UU, Victory
 - WIS Highway 131/56, LaFarge
 - WIS Highway 162, Chaseburg

Waushara County

- One town road is washed out and is closed
- Bird Creek by Wautoma is over its bank, sandbags are in place around one home
- Debris is blocking a stream on Willow Creek near Booth by Lake Poygan, causing a backup and pressure against the bridge
- Water is over the road near Pine River on County Road H

The State Emergency Operations Center remains elevated to Level 3 with Wisconsin Emergency Management, Wisconsin National Guard, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Wisconsin Department of Health Services. WEM Regional offices remain on scene working with county emergency management agencies.

Press releases and other information on this incident can be found at <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>.

Updates are also located at ReadyWisconsin on Facebook (www.facebook.com/readywisconsin), Twitter (www.twitter.com/readywisconsin), and Instagram (www.instagram.com/readywisconsin).