



INCIDENT REPORT

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Storm Update 4 / September 23, 2016 / 6 p.m.

Overview- Dry weather today helped the flooding situation across western Wisconsin. However, Flood Watches and Warnings remain in effect. The National Weather Service predicts less than one inch of rain for late Saturday into Monday morning in the affected areas. The Red Cross has distributed 500 flood cleanup kits across the region. On Thursday, Governor Scott Walker declared a State of Emergency in 13 counties. Those counties are Buffalo, Chippewa, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Eau Claire, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Richland, Sauk, Trempealeau and Vernon. Here is the latest update by county:

Adams County

- Officials report \$9,000 in damages to homes. No damage to businesses reported. Public damages (roads, bridges, etc.) are estimated at \$168,100.

Chippewa County

- Preliminary damage assessments found three homes sustained major damage and 12 have minor damage. Total private sector damages are estimated at \$300,000. Public damage (roads, bridges, etc.) are estimated at \$300,000.

Clark County

- Approximately 70 roads remain closed.
- Cleanup kits and well test kits are available through the Clark County Health Department with assistance from the Red Cross.
- Red Cross is also 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.

Columbia County

- WIS Highway 127 between Portage and Wisconsin Dells remains closed.
- Flood Warning continues for the Wisconsin River at Portage. The river is forecast to crest at minor flood stage over the weekend.

Crawford County

- Cleanup continues after a BNSF train derailed near Ferryville due to a track washout on Thursday. All locomotives and railcars are upright. No cars are leaking any substances.
- Flood Warnings continue for the Kickapoo River at Soldiers Grove, Gays Mills, and Steuben.
- WIS Hwy 35 is now passable.
- Road closures include:
 - WIS Highway 131, Closed, Soldiers Grove, water over road.
 - WIS Highway 131, Closed, Gays Mills, water over road.
 - WIS Highway 131, Closed, County Highway E to County Highway S (S. of Gays Mills), water over road.

- WIS Highway 131, Closed, Steuben, water over road.
- WIS Highway 171, Closed, Gays Mills, water over road.
- WIS Highway 171, Closed, East of Gays Mills, embankment/pavement washout.
- WIS Highway 179, Closed, Steuben just west of WIS Highway 131

Eau Claire County

- Sandbags are available at Lake Altoona County Park boat launch for lakeshore residents (604 North Beach Road-Altoona).

Jackson County

- Residents should call 211 to report flood damage.
- Flood Warning continues for the Black River at Black River Falls.

La Crosse County

- Flood Warning continues for the Mississippi River at La Crosse.

Marquette County

- WIS Hwy 23 is closed at the Neenah Creek northeast of Briggsville. Grouse Drive is also closed between 3rd Avenue and O'Keefe Road.

Monroe County

- Current public damage (roads, bridges, etc.) estimates are \$32,250.

Richland County

- Preliminary damage reports show one house destroyed and three with major damage. An additional 40 other homes have reported minor damage. Approximate damage is \$300,000. There have been no reports of businesses with damage.
- Public damage (roads, bridges, etc.) is estimated at \$350,000.
- Flood Warning for the Kickapoo River at Viola.
- Roads closed include:
 - WIS Highway 56, Closed, East of Viola, water over road.
 - WIS Highway 131, Closed, just N. of Viola, water over road.

Sauk County

- Flood Warning continues for Baraboo River at Rock Springs.

Trempealeau County

- Flood Warning continues for Black River at Galesville.

Vernon County

- Public damage (roads, bridges, etc.) is estimated at between \$2 million to \$3 million. Officials will conduct more detailed damage assessments once flood waters recede.
- Flood Warning continues for the Kickapoo River at Readstown and La Farge.
- WIS Highway 35 is now open at County Highway UU / Victory
- Still approx. 60 roads closed/partially closed due to high water including:
 - WIS Highway 35, Closed, Approx. 1 mile N. of Victory, debris slide.
 - WIS Highway 131/82, Closed, La Farge, water over road.
 - WIS Highway 131, Closed, Viola, water over road.

The State Emergency Operations Center remains elevated to Level 3 with Wisconsin Emergency Management, Wisconsin National Guard, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Wisconsin State Patrol, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

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>.

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