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SUBJECT: Flooding, washouts close some parks and trails in northwestern Wisconsin

Many properties across the north unaffected and remain open

SUPERIOR, Wis. – Heavy rains across northwestern Wisconsin last weekend and early this week have flooded some roads and caused washouts on some highways, roads, state parks, forests and trails. According to the National Weather Service the area has received 7 to 12 inches of rain from Friday through Monday.

There are several Wisconsin State Park System property and portions of properties that are closed due to the rain and flooding in Douglas, Ashland, Bayfield, Iron, Burnett and Price counties. Amnicon Falls State Park, located about 7 miles east of Superior, is currently closed but is expected to reopen the afternoon of June 19. Pattison State Park about 13 miles south of Superior is open for camping only; all trails, observation areas, picnic and day-use areas are closed.

The Saunders Grade, Wild Rivers and Gandy Dancer state trails in Douglas County are currently closed. Several canoe launches, picnic areas and day-use areas at Brule River State Forest are under water and currently unusable. The St. Croix Family Campground at Governor Knowles State Forest will be closed at least until June 20. The bridge at the headwaters of the White River in the Town of Delta is currently closed. Portions of the Tuscobia Trail are also washed out in southern Price County; a reroute will be established soon.

The public is urged to use caution as they recreate in the coming days and weeks. People traveling in the area can check the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's 511 Wisconsin website for road closures and any available detours.

Do not attempt to travel on water covered trails and roads. Stay out of areas, roads and trails posted as closed. Keep a safe distance away from the edge of fast moving water, streams and rivers. Kayaking or canoeing in flood or high water conditions is extremely dangerous.

Conditions at properties in the counties and in the northwest part of the state are changing rapidly as water levels decrease in some areas and increase in other areas downstream. For additional and the most current information continue to follow Wisconsin DNR on social media as well as searching the DNR website, dnr.wi.gov for "Current Conditions."