



INCIDENT REPORT

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Severe Weather Update

Wisconsin residents continue to deal with the impact of heavy rains and high winds from a storm system that moved across the state Tuesday and Wednesday. Flood Warnings continue along several rivers with flooding expected into the weekend.

Summary of impacts:

East Central

Brown County – Storm sewer washout on south and west side of Highway 172. Minor street flooding on County Highway ZZ in Wrightstown.

Green Lake County – The Fox River is expected to be at flood stage in Berlin on Friday and rise over the weekend. With the forecast levels officials are not anticipating problems.

Kewaunee County – Had a few trees down that resulted in temporary road blockage which the Highway Department was able to clear quickly.

Waupaca County – The Wolf River is still under a Slow No Wake order. Rising water in the river may cause some flooding of farm fields and seasonal cabins, but no threats to some residents at this time. Several dams did open their gates to allow the water to pass.

West Central

Clark County – Two roads are washed out and an additional four are closed due to standing water.

Eau Claire County – County Road H Between Rock Dam Road and East Chaney Forest Road is closed due to water over the road.

St. Croix County – 230th Avenue between County Highway P and 310th Street is closed due to water over road.

Jackson Co – Hatfield Hydro Dam has issued a Yellow Alert due to high water flows. This condition is not expected to result in damages or displacement of residents. The operator and DNR Dam Safety are monitoring.

Northeast

Marathon County – 6-7 homes (10-12 residents) were evacuated on March 16 in the Village of Marathon City due to flooding. No shelter was opened as they all had temporary housing alternatives. A couple of families have gone back into their homes today. The Rib River is receding. Still experiencing high flows on the Wisconsin River around Rothschild. Anticipating crest tomorrow.

Portage County – Dubay Dam has noted high water flows. DNR is monitoring.

Northwest

Price County – Issued an emergency declaration yesterday. The Highway Department is out checking all of its roads and has crews making temporary fixes as needed. There are a couple of bridges closed waiting for inspections, and road closures along County Highway D and County Highway YY. These roads will remain closed until full damage can be assessed and culverts replaced.

Douglas County – Wash out on Highway M (near highway 35). Crews are onsite attempting repairs for damaged section of roadway. The Town of Oakland has several roads impacted/impassible due to frost damage. Jackson Road is closed for two mile and impassible due to heavy ruts. Other impacted roads: Range Line Road, Lundgren Road, Old Lyman Lake Road, Oakland Road, Eastman Road, Newman Road.

Sawyer County – A few trees came down on power lines and there were multiple accidents. Many areas are experiencing high water and the East Fork of the Chippewa River is flooding over the banks in some areas. No impact on structures at this time. There is a washout on Frontage Road 311 that runs between County Highway GG and Frontage Road 162. Warning signs are posted and there are no residences on that road. Frontage Road 162 that runs from WIS 70 to Frontage Road 163 (Bear Lake Road) also has some damage, but is passable.

Bayfield County – Minor flooding at the intersection of Hwy 2 and 13 and Highway 13 West of Port Wing.

Southeast

Jefferson County – Some trees down and debris on roadways.

Ozaukee County – Some trees, electric poles and a few light poles down.

Racine County – Minor tree damage and a few power outages in the City of Burlington.

Walworth County – Many small tree branches down and garbage blowing around. Waukesha reported last night of 36 trees down; 24 reports of electrical issues with wires and trees down and two fires related to arcing wires.

Southwest

Columbia County – The Wisconsin River at Portage is expected to crest Friday at 19.5 feet. This will be a major flood stage. Sandbags and sand will be available at the Columbia County Highway shop at 338 West Old Highway 16 Wyocena Wi. Columbia Correctional Institute inmates are assisting with filling sandbags. People living in low lying areas along the Wisconsin River are encouraged to take appropriate actions and to monitor the river levels for any change. Flooded roads are expected in the Town of Caledonia, West Lane, Lake, and Old River Road in the Black Hawk Park area, and the Town of Dekorra, County V by Oak Knoll Road. An Emergency Slow No Wake Zone has been established on the

Wisconsin River in Columbia County from the Kilbourn Dam at Wisconsin Dells downstream to Lake Wisconsin.

Boaters are urged to use caution in this area because of the flooded conditions and the potential of floating debris in the river.

Summary of Flood Warnings (by river):

Baraboo River at Rock Springs affecting Sauk County
Baraboo River near Baraboo affecting Sauk County
Big Rib River at Rib Falls affecting Marathon County
Black River from Black River Falls to Galesville
Chippewa River at Eau Claire affecting Eau Claire County
Chippewa River at Durand affecting Buffalo and Pepin Counties
Embarrass River near Embarrass affecting Waupaca and Shawano Counties
Fox River Near Berlin affecting Green Lake...Waushara and Winnebago Counties
Little Wolf River at Royalton affecting Waupaca County
Oconto River above Oconto affecting Oconto County
Pecatonica River (east branch) Near Blanchardville affecting Lafayette County
Sugar River at Brodhead affecting Green and Rock Counties
Wisconsin River at Castle Rock Dam
Wisconsin River below Wausau affecting Marathon County
Wisconsin River below Stevens Point affecting Portage County
Wisconsin River below Whiting Dam affecting Portage County
Wisconsin River below Biron Reservoir affecting Wood County
Wisconsin River at Merrill affecting Marathon and Lincoln Counties
Wisconsin River at Rothschild affecting Marathon County
Wisconsin River below Wisconsin Rapids affecting Wood County
Wisconsin River at Wisconsin Dells affecting Columbia County
Wisconsin River at Portage affecting Columbia County
Yellow River at Necedah
Yellow River at Babcock affecting Wood County
Yellow River at Pittsville affecting Wood County

If you encounter a flooded area...turn around and find an alternate route. Turn Around...Do Not Drown.

Wisconsin Emergency Management is monitoring the situation and will update this information as it comes in.

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