



# INCIDENT REPORT

## Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center

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### Storm Update 3 – July 13, 2016 11 am

Damage assessments are underway in Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Sawyer and Washburn counties following heavy rains and flooding in the region. Gov. Scott Walker declared a State of Emergency for those eight counties and met with local officials and viewed damage last night.

Additional storms are expected today. The National Weather Service reports the southern two-thirds of the state are at a slight risk today for severe storms. The storms are expected to impact the state from afternoon to early evening and are expected to bring damaging winds, hail and possible isolated tornado. Northern Wisconsin, which was hit hard by heavy rain earlier this week, should not be impacted by today's storms. Most rivers in northern Wisconsin are receding. However, the St. Croix River in Burnett County is expected to crest late today.

**Douglas County-** The county board chairman officially declared a state of emergency Wednesday morning in response to flood damage.

**Sawyer County-** Sandbagging efforts are underway in Hayward as Silver Creek continues to rise. Flooding is occurring in downtown Hayward and is threatening 10 homes. Water has crested over Highway 63. The Golden Living Nursing home is also being sandbagged.

**Washburn County:** A portion of northbound U.S. Highway 53 approximately three miles south of Minong was covered with water Wednesday morning. State Patrol and Sheriff's Department are at the Totagatic River, north of Minong where the water has reached the bottom of the bridge – if the river continues to rise, northbound and southbound traffic could be affected.

Numerous roads and highways are damaged and remain closed across the region. State and county engineers continue evaluating bridges and roads. Below are the major road closures:

#### Ashland County

- US 2 at Sum Road in Ashland is closed. No official detour posted.
- US 2 is closed east of Odanah at Lake Road. Traffic detoured via US 51, WIS 77, WIS 13, WIS 77, US 63, and US 53.
- US 2 at Denomie Creek near Bad River in Odanah is closed.
- WIS 13 between Mellen and Ashland is closed. Use WIS 77, US 63 and US 53 and US 2 as alternative route.

#### Bayfield County

- WIS 137 at Wipperfurth Road in Ashland between Sanborn Avenue and US 2 is now open.
- US 63 at Twentymile Creek near Grand View, north of Drummond is closed. No official detour posted.
- US 63 near Bibon Swamp between Grand View and Mason is closed. No official detour posted.

### **Iron County**

- US 2 is closed east of Odanah at Lake Road. Traffic detoured via US 51, WIS 77, WIS 13, WIS 77, US 63, and US 53.
- WIS 122 is closed north of US 2 at Parker Creek. No official detour posted.
- WIS 122 is closed approximately 3 miles south of US 2. No official detour is posted.
- WIS 169 is closed between WIS 13 and US 2. No official detour posted.

### **Sawyer County**

- WIS 27 north of Hayward, off of WIS 77 near Smith Lake is now open.

### **Washburn County**

- WIS 77 at Oak Tree Drive to County Road G just east of Minong is closed.
- WIS 77 at Old Bass Lake Road southwest of Minong is now open.
- US 53 northbound lane, north of Palmer Drive, between Lampson and Minong is open to one lane for traffic.

### **Burnett County**

- WIS 35 north of Danbury at Riverside is closed. WIS 77 and US 53 as alternative route.

Motorists are advised to drive with caution on all area roads and are reminded **not to drive through standing water**. For up-to-date closures and detour information visit [www.511wi.gov](http://www.511wi.gov), download the free mobile app or follow @511WI on Twitter.

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