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Strong thunderstorms moved across north central Wisconsin this morning. The storms produced strong winds, hail and heavy rain. There have been no reports of injuries. Utilities are reporting scattered power outages but most should be repaired later today. A cold front will be moving through the state this afternoon, bringing scattered showers and possible light snow.

Marathon County: Officials report seven barns destroyed in the Colby area. No homes were destroyed. An empty semi-trailer tipped on its side. In addition, some scattered power outages. The National Weather Service believes the damage was caused by straight-line winds, however they are reviewing radar data and other reports to determine if there was rotation.

Langlade County: A lightning strike caused a house fire in the Town of Elcho. In Pickerel, in the northeast corner of Langlade County, wind knocked down several trees and power lines.

Lincoln County: Heavy rains and 48 mph wind gust clocked at Merrill Airport. Officials report scattered downed trees throughout the county.

Oneida County: Reports of downed trees and power lines. No reports of structural damage.

Vilas County: Minor road flooding in several areas due to storm water runoff, but no road closures. One structure fire occurred in an unoccupied residential building in Star Lake. No cause has been determined, but lightning is suspected at this time. The National Weather Service reports 2 ½ inches of rain reported at Rest Lake.

Wisconsin Emergency Management remains engaged with the local officials. The State Emergency Operations Center currently remains at Level 4, monitoring events. While there have been no requests for state assistance, Wisconsin Emergency Management stands ready to help.