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TO: Governor Scott Walker
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SUBJECT: Winter Storm Situation Report #1

Several systems continue to move across Wisconsin. This morning rain, freezing rain, minor flooding, and warmer temperatures occurred. Tonight, the rain will turn into heavy snow. Falling temperatures on Wednesday will cause ice conditions and below zero wind chills.

Freezing Rain - This morning, much of northeast and west central Wisconsin received freezing rain. Numerous vehicle accidents were reported due to slick roads. In Chippewa County, an ambulance crashed into a tree due to icy conditions. The driver, an EMT and the patient all sustained non-life threatening injuries. In addition, Wisconsin Department of Transportation temporarily closed Highway 47 in both directions between Neopit and the Langlade County line because of ice. Several schools were closed or delayed.

Flooding - In other parts of the state, overnight warm temperatures and rain have caused flood warnings and some road closures. Flood Warnings were issued for the Fox River in Kenosha County (for minor flooding) and in Grant County where flooding occurred along the Platte and Grant Rivers as well as some smaller creeks and tributaries causing local road closures. Street flooding was also reported in the Green Bay area with several road closures. A Flood Watch has been issued for portions of southeast Wisconsin, due to the possibility of urban and small stream flooding through tonight.

Winter Storm Watch - The National Weather Service (NWS) has begun issuing Winter Storm Watches and Warnings for much of the state as rain will begin to turn to snow this evening and temperatures will fall. Snow will fall throughout Wednesday with totals ranging from 3-9 inches. A wide path of heavier amounts will be from Grant County to Marinette County. With strong winds tomorrow, the NWS expects some blowing and drifting snow causing hazardous driving conditions. The NWS anticipates a wind chill advisory will be issued for Thursday with temperatures plummeting into single digits with wind chills below zero.

Wisconsin Emergency Management remains engaged with the local officials and the National Weather Service. 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.