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DATE: May 4, 2013 12:30 p.m.
TO: Governor Scott Walker
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SUBJECT: Situation Report #6 on Winter Storm/Flooding

Overview: Cold temperatures yesterday and lows below freezing in some parts of the state helped slow the snowmelt from the May 1-3 snowstorm. This gave rivers and streams more time to handle the additional water.

Weather: A Flood Warning continues for the Menominee River Iron, Florence and Marinette Counties.

- Menominee River near Niagara: National Weather Service in Green Bay hydrograph projection indicates the river peaked yesterday and will continue to recede.
- Menominee River near McAllister: Per National Weather Service in Green Bay, the river will continue to rise through tomorrow evening but will fall below flood stage by early Wednesday morning.

Scattered showers will continue to shift to the west today eventually becoming confined to western and central Wisconsin. Eastern Wisconsin residents will dry out as temperatures return to the middle 60s. Temperatures will be relatively cooler where precipitation is expected, but still will warm into the 50s to near 60 degrees. Dry weather will return tonight and even warmer weather will arrive on Sunday to round out the weekend.

Ashland County – Officials continue to watch the Bad and Chippewa Rivers. Sand bags are staged just in case. All state and county roads are all open. There are town roads that still are not plowed.

Bayfield County – Officials are taking a “watch and wait” approach to potential flooding. The cool weather is helping to slow down the snowmelt.

Chippewa County – Officials continues to monitor conditions on feeder streams up river from the Chippewa River. There is no flooding at this time. There have been no additional power outages reported.

Eau Claire County - Xcel energy restored power to the City of Eau Claire residents yesterday.

Forest and Florence Counties: The Brule River has minor flooding. The river will continue to fall to below flood stage by tomorrow morning. Flooding is confined to lowland and wooded land. No request for assistance from either county.

Iron County – Cold temperatures yesterday and freezing temperatures overnight have slowed snow melt. Water levels on the East Branch of the Montreal River are receding. Pine Lake in Oma is 15 inches over the normal high water mark. They continue to sand bag a few homes as a precaution. They also have had road closures throughout this event.

Marinette County – Town of Wagner is currently checking the residents impacted by flooding but for the most part the town is holding its own. No changes from last situation report. Water is

creeping up to town roads but has not had an impact. A private road in a subdivision has a couple of spots under water.

Rusk County – The Flambeau appears to be receding. Officials will be monitoring it throughout the weekend. No reports of flooding at this time.

Wisconsin Emergency Management has not received any requests for state assistance. The State Emergency Operations Center remains on the 24-hour duty officer system, which is level 4. The WEM Senior Duty Officer and the Duty Officer will continue to monitor the situation.