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DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT: Severe Storms

INCIDENT OCCURRENCE DATE/TIME: Wednesday, September 3 through Friday, September 5, 2014.

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SITUATION:

- Another round of severe storms swept across primarily the West Central and East Central WEM regions overnight and early this morning. The storms last night again brought high winds, heavy rain, and hail.
- The severe weather started Wednesday night, with several reports of high wind and tree damage in central and northern Wisconsin. Those storms caused power outages and flooded roads across the West Central, Northwest, and Northeast WEM Regions on Thursday night, downing trees and power lines, flooding roadways.
- Then Thursday morning, heavy rain fell across the Southwest and Southeast WEM Regions, prompting multiple NWS severe thunderstorm and flash flood warnings.
- There have been no reports of major property damage, although almost 50,000 electric customers did lose power at the peak of the storms. As of Thursday evening, the number without service remained above 30,000, with utility officials saying it could be "days" before they are able to restore all power. This morning the outages are down to 22,193.
- Affected counties are conducting clean-up operations and the County Emergency Managers and WEM Regional Directors are conducting and reporting damage assessments on the Uniform Disaster Situation Reports (UDSR).

REGIONAL UPDATES:

- Northwest WEM Region:
 - Polk County – In the Village of Luck - majority of power restored - no longer using generators to maintain public water and sewer service. School is now open in Village of Luck. Majority of roads cleared of debris. Polk County EM submitted first UDSR and four (4) declarations for Village of Luck, Town of Luck, Laketown, and Bone Lake to WEM.
 - Washburn County – Submitted first UDSR today. Conducting Damage Assessment of roads on Monday. Washburn County EM submitted four (4) declarations for Frog Creek, Minong, Stinnett, and Chicog. Additionally, the Town of Bashaw has trees on roads and some road damage from erosion. A large oak tree had fallen on a dormitory at the Shell Lake Arts Center and damaged the roof. Power has been restored in the City of Spooner.
 - Price County – Declarations for City of Phillips and City of Park Falls. County will also be submitting a Declaration today and their first UDSR due to road washouts; flooding of City/County buildings; and reports of railroad beds washed out in City of Park Falls. Continuing to work on debris cleanup on State Highways 70 and 13.

- Sawyer County – Declared a state of emergency late last night. Town of Round Lake removing debris from roadways and driveways. Reporting trees in roadways between Winter and Hayward. Some parts of Hayward have downed power lines and some trees. The Towns of Round Lake, Hunter, Winter, Hayward, and Lenrott have submitted Declarations and are working on clearing roadways and preparing to conduct damage assessment on homes later this morning. Sawyer County EM has requested and received a plane from Forestry Department to conduct aerial damage assessment.
 - None of these counties will be opening EOCs.
 - The WEM NW Regional Director is in Sawyer County conducting damage assessments.
 - No reports of injuries.
 - No counties are anticipating requesting assistance from the State at this time.
- Northeast WEM Region:
 - WPS noted high flows at their Hydro facilities and is monitoring this closely. WPS is still predicting a slow restoration process within the region because of the extent of damage; additional crews are in the area. WPS notified their service area that additional crews are heading to Antigo and Minocqua. They are also getting additional contractor crews heading to Wausaukee and Rhinelander.
 - Florence County: Reporting 1.35" of rain Wednesday night and another 3.35" of rain on Thursday morning. They did not get the high winds that NWS forecasted. Throughout the county, a few isolated power outages from trees on power lines and flooded basements.
 - NOT requesting any additional resources at this time.
 - Marathon County: Sheriff's Office reporting road closures due to flooding. Heavy rains caused roadway flooding, especially in the western part of the county, according to Marathon County Sheriff's Lt. Ryan Weber. Water over the roadways was reported throughout the county and County Highway and other public works crews have set-up signage to warn motorists or detour traffic. Downpours on Thursday afternoon "washed out" the intersection of Highway M and Blackberry Street in the town of Wien. In the town of Cassel, the intersection of highways P and H reported to be flooded, with motorists unable to see the road.
 - Grand Avenue in Schofield was declared impassable due to a lot of standing water near the Schofield dam.
 - Marathon County Sheriff's Office says they are also monitoring possible flooding at the following locations:
 - Troy Street near Skyline Drive (town of Texas)
 - 120th Avenue 1/2 mile south of Highland Drive (town of Stettin)
 - The following roads are closed:
 - 44th Avenue north of Decatur Drive (town of Maine)
 - County Road G 1/4 mile north of County Road Q (town of Hewitt)
 - County Road Y 1/4 mile south of State Highway 52 (town of Harrison)
 - Authorities say the following roads have confirmed flooding:
 - County Road X near Sell Street in the town of Wausau
 - 72nd Avenue near Highland Drive in the town of Stettin
 - Pit Road near State Highway 52 in the town of Hewitt.
 - Town of Rome had a homeowner reporting house struck by lightning but when emergency crews arrived, they did not find flames but noticed burnt antenna wire. Wausau had some homes with water in their basements due to a storm grate blocked by debris. Wausau Public Works cleared the debris and the water receded. Wausau FD responded to the homes affected by this blockage that had water in their basements and made sure power to the structures was turned off.

- One (1) report of injuries: One motorist had his car washed off the roadway at N44th and Decatur Drive in the Town of Maine. Car was totaled and he received minor injuries.
 - Domtar contacted Marathon County Dispatch and stated that they were implementing their flood emergency plan.
 - Menominee Tribe/County: Power outage last night affected the northern part of Shawano County and the Keshena/Legend lake areas of Menominee County. There were approximately 3,500 customers without power. The power went down at about 6:00 pm and it was restored at about 9:00 pm. There were a few trees in the roadways that were cleared by public work.
 - No request for assistance at this time.
 - Oneida County: No significant changes since last report at this time.
 - Oconto County: Reporting several homes with minor storm damage; County EM will be verifying information this morning.
 - Shawano County: Business in the City of Shawano lost a small portion of their roof last evening; owner insured. Not expecting it to interrupt business activities today.
 - Langlade County: Many trees down, roadways blocked and power outages. Only two (2) structures had minor damage from trees falling on a roof edge and the other a mobile home that lost a roof addition. Roadway edge washout on county roads that was easily repaired. Water standing everywhere and the streams and rivers are up. No threat from any water though. Only outstanding issue is the slow power restoration.
 - Marinette County: Minor flooding and power outages. Structure fire this morning; not confirmed if it was weather related.
 - Anticipating smaller municipalities may file for WDF.
 - No EOC open in the region at this time.
 - No request for assistance.
- East Central WEM Region:
 - We Energies has restored power to the more than 2,800 customers affected by this morning's outage in Appleton.
 - In Green Bay a lightning strike damaged a building on Green Bay's east side Thursday night. The Green Bay Fire Department says it happened about 9 p.m. at the building housing China Buffet and Dollar General on Main St. The strike caused about \$15,000 in damage to the roof and facade, according to the fire department. Investigators say people in the store heard a loud thunder crack, smelled smoke and called 911. No one was hurt.
 - Lightning struck a power pole along with some of We Energies' equipment at about 6 a.m. Friday in the 1400 block of West Spencer Street, We Energies representative Barry McNulty said. Crews rerouted power to customers and are now fixing the damage caused by the lightning.
 - Power was restored just before 8 a.m. Friday, We Energies representative Jess Williamson said.
 - The power outage affected several traffic signals, the Appleton Police Department said.
 - The outage also caused two-hour delays at the following schools: Jefferson Elementary, Wilson Middle School, the Community Early Learning Center, and Xavier High School. No damages or adverse impacts were reported last night/this morning in the West Central region.
 - Anthony Luchini (Door County EM) and the Red Cross just opened a Reception Center at the Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Fire Department.
 - The Village of Bailey's Harbor was hit hard with heavy rains overnight. Numerous power outages throughout the county, mainly in Baileys Harbor. Baileys Harbor also experiencing some flooding issues too. Several resorts and campgrounds are flooded out and they are looking at setting up temporary shelters for those people.
 - The Ephraim Historical Society found six feet of water in its elevator shaft and crews were called in to pump water from the basement of the historic Toft house in Baileys Harbor in an effort to

save the building. Staff from the Ephraim historical Society worked to save documents that received water damage.

- American Red Cross is on the scene-assessing situation.
- About five inches of rain had fallen northern parts of Door County by early Friday morning. The National Weather Service says 4 to 6 inches of rain has been reported on some roads. Some roads have standing /ponding water. Door Co Sheriff's department reported several roads are closed because of flooding in the downtowns of Baileys Harbor and Sister Bay. There are also some road closures in the Fish Creek area.
- DOT reports that Hwy 42 closed between Ellison Bay and Fish Creek because of a road washout.
- Outagamie County reported to the NWS-GRB of some minor street flooding in Seymour, no damages reported. Rivers or lakes are not near flooding stages (source NWS-Green Bay) The first storm system did not affect the EC Region.
- Some rain (had 0.01" in Waupaca) and lightning.
- The system was mostly to the north of the region, rolled through Brown, Kewaunee and Door Counties between 1:00 am and 3:30 am but nothing severe.

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

- Injuries/Fatalities:
 - Injuries: One (1) motorist with minor injuries.
 - Fatalities: None reported.
- Evacuations: None in progress.
- Shelters: None reported.
- Power Outages:
 - MG&E: 1 (Up from 0)
 - Alliant Energy: 58 (down from 124)
 - WPS: 18,884 (down from 39,924)
 - Xcel Energy: 2,662 (down from 3,978)
 - WE Energies: 588 (up from 33)
 - Total: 22,193
- Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources (CI/KR) Impacts: No reports of significant impact on critical infrastructure or key resources.
- Damage to Homes/Businesses/Other: No additional reports of damaged or destroyed homes, businesses, or other properties.

CURRENT WEATHER:

Today: 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 75. Northwest wind around 10 mph. Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. North wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 73. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 75. West wind around 5 mph. Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53. South wind around 5 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56.

WEATHER IMPACTS:

- Localized flooding of roads, road intersections, fields, and other low-lying areas caused by heavy rainfall.
- Damage to structures and agriculture caused by hail.
- Power outages caused by high winds.

ADVISORIES/WARNINGS:

- Flood Warning for the Wisconsin River at Castle Rock Dam (Adams/Juneau Counties), Embarrass River near Embarrass (Waupaca County) and Eau Claire River near Kelly (Marathon County)

STATE/LOCAL RESPONSE:

- Regional Directors are providing newest guidance and documentation on the WISCONSIN DISASTER FUND ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN to all affected Counties.
- State Activation Level:
 - The WEM SEOC remains at Level 4 (DO and SDO) and continues to monitor damage assessment progress, weather, and flood situation.

STATE AGENCIES:

- DNR continues to monitor flooding situation and is prepared to provide IMT and debris removal support. Also provided an airplane for over flight of Sawyer County.
- DOT continues to provide road condition updates.