



INCIDENT REPORT

Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center

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Storm Update – 11:30 am

Heavy rain fell last night and continued this morning causing flash flooding. Counties impacted include Ashland, Bayfield, Sawyer, Washburn, Price, Iron, and Douglas. Several areas from Minong to Cable to northern Iron County received 8-12 inches of rain causing flash flooding. Strong winds caused downed trees and power lines during the storms. The National Weather Service expects dry weather in northern Wisconsin for the next day.

There were 33 people that were trapped on Michigan Island in Lake Superior off Saxon Harbor in Iron County. As of 10:30 a.m., 20 people had been rescued. The rest are being rescued now. There were no injuries. Also at Saxon Harbor 85 boats were damaged or destroyed.

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

- Ashland County: U.S. Highway 2 at Sum Road, U.S. Highway 2 at Denomie Creek, and WIS 13 at Silver Creek and Trout Brook
- Bayfield County: WIS 137 at Whipperfurth Road, U.S Highway 63 at Twentymile Creek
- Iron County: WIS 122 at U.S Highway 2
- Washburn County: Portions of WIS 77 and U.S. Highway 53 north of Palmer Drive

The National Weather Service – Twin Cities – is looking at possible tornado damage that may have occurred early this morning. Officials are reporting downed trees in Ellsworth and north of Chippewa Falls with a home with roof damage.

There is a chance of thunderstorms today. For Wednesday, severe thunderstorms are expected between noon and 6 p.m. for south of I-90. The National Weather Service says the storm could produce large hail, damaging winds and threat of isolated tornadoes.

The State Emergency Operations Center is elevated to Level 3 with Wisconsin Emergency Management, WI National Guard, WI Department of Transportation, WI State Patrol, WI Department of Administration, WI Department of Natural Resources, and WI Department of Health Services. WEM Regional offices are on scene working with county emergency management agencies.