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Severe Weather Update

Heavy rains and high winds Tuesday night into Wednesday have caused damage across Wisconsin. The National Weather Service has issued multiple Flood Warnings and Advisories for several rivers. Multiple trees and power lines are down across southern Wisconsin blocking roads and causing sporadic power outages. Northern Wisconsin is dealing with a snow storm dumping 8 to 12 inches today and tonight.

Summary of impacts:

East Central

Brown County – Storm sewer washout on south and west side of 172. Minor street flooding on County Highway ZZ in Wrightstown.

Waupaca County – Wolf River placed under “No Wake” order.

Door County – Two structures have been hit by lightning, one of them resulting in a total structure loss.

West Central

Jackson Co – Hatfield Hydro Dam has issued a Yellow Alert due to high water flows. This condition is not expected to result in damages or displacement of residents. The operator and DNR Dam Safety are monitoring.

Clark Co – Two roads are washed out and an additional four are closed due to standing water.

Northwest

Bayfield County – WIS Highway 13 is closed in both directions at Touve Road east of Port Wing because of flooding.

Price County – Disaster Declaration signed for flooding. All lanes of WIS Highway 102 one half mile north of County YY are blocked because of flooding.
Summary of Flood Watches (by river):

Baraboo River affecting Sauk County
Big Rib River at Rib Falls and the Big Eau Pleine River near Stratford, both in Marathon County.
Black River affecting Jackson, La Crosse and Trempealeau Counties
Chippewa River at Eau Claire and Durand affecting Buffalo, Eau Claire, and Pepin Counties.
Eau Claire River near Fall Creek affecting Eau Claire County
Fox River affecting Green Lake, Waushara, and Winnebago Counties
Little Wolf River affecting Waupaca County
Pecatonica River (east branch) near Blanchardville affecting Lafayette County
Oconto River above Oconto
Sugar River at Brodhead affecting Green and Rock Counties
Trempealeau River near Dodge and Arcadia.
Yellow River at Babcock and Necedah
Wisconsin River affecting Columbia, Marathon, Lincoln, and Wood Counties.

If you encounter a flooded area...turn around and find an alternate route. Turn Around...Do Not Drown.

Summary of Wind/Winter Storm Warnings:

High Wind Warning: Southwest to west winds at 30-40mph with 50-60mph gusts expected into the afternoon. High profile vehicles at risk of losing control especially on north-south highways. More tree and structural damage could occur.

Winter Storm Warning: Remains in effect until 7am Thursday. 8-12 inches possible in NW Wisconsin with slick roads/limited visibility.

Wisconsin Emergency Management is monitoring the situation and will update this information as it comes in. There are no requests for assistance at this time.

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