



INCIDENT REPORT

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Incident Report #11 –Wisconsin Flooding

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Communities across southern Wisconsin continue to respond to flooding, while additional rain in the forecast could add to already swollen rivers. The National Weather Service says rainfall totals of 1-3 inches are possible across southern Wisconsin through Monday night. Strong thunderstorms are also possible Sunday afternoon and evening. Flash flood watches across the region have been cancelled, after rainfall totals Friday night were lower than expected.

Major flooding has been reported along the Baraboo River at Baraboo and Rock Springs, and along the Kickapoo River at Steuben and Gays Mills. Minor flooding has also been seen on the Fox River at Berlin and Rock River at Afton. Montello was also conducting sandbagging operations on Saturday.

Drivers traveling during the holiday weekend are urged to check 511wi.gov for current road closure information. If you encounter a closed route or standing water on a roadway, turn around and find another route. Do not drive around barricades or on flooded roads.

The American Red Cross has closed shelters in Reedsburg and Montello, while a shelter at Westby High School in Vernon County is scheduled to close Sunday afternoon. The Red Cross has been working to find accommodations for guests still in need of help.

While the focus in many communities remains on protecting the safety of people and preventing damage to public infrastructure and private property, some areas have started to collect damage information. Preliminary estimates show nearly \$51 million in damage to public infrastructure has been reported so far, although that number is expected to change in the days ahead.

Private property owners should continue to report flood and storm damage by calling 2-1-1 or 877-947-2211. Make sure to document losses and speak with an insurance agent. Multiple resources designed to help residents with their recovery efforts are being posted online at <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov/flooding/AUG2018.asp>

The State Emergency Operations Center is currently elevated. The state is monitoring the situation and providing assistance to local emergency responders as requested.