



# INCIDENT REPORT

## Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center

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### **Incident Report #16 – August Wisconsin Flooding**

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After more than two weeks of heavy rainfall, the state should experience dry conditions into next week. This should help dry out flooded areas and improve river flooding. Currently major flooding is occurring along the Baraboo and Kickapoo Rivers. Minor to moderate flooding is reported elsewhere including the Fox, Rock and Pecatonica Rivers.

The Baraboo River crested overnight in Sauk County at Reedsburg. It is expected to crest today or tonight in Rock Springs. The Baraboo River is expected to go up another two or three feet over the weekend at the city of Baraboo in Sauk County.

The Kickapoo River is going down at Viola and Readstown, both in Vernon County. It is expected to crest at Gays Mills today and tonight at Steuben in Crawford County. Water levels will continue to be over flood stage on these rivers through at least the weekend.

About 150 guard members with the Wisconsin National Guard continue to support sandbagging operations in Columbia County in anticipation of possible flooding of the Interstate near Portage. They are constructing a 4,000 foot barrier at the I-90/94 in the vicinity of Highway 33. It will take about 24,000 sandbags to build the barrier. The Wisconsin State Patrol is also providing zone safety and security for the mission.

A donations center is open in Sauk County at the First Presbyterian Church, 148 N. Park Street in Reedsburg. The center is accepting donations of small goods such as food, personal hygiene items, and school supplies. Please do not donate clothing. If you have been impacted by flooding and in need of donated items, please enter on the Park Street entrance. Greater Sauk County Community Foundation is accepting donation at <https://www.greatersaukecountycf.org>. The center hours are Friday from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Private property owners should report flood and storm damage by calling 2-1-1 or 877-947-2211. Officials with 2-1-1 report they have received more than 2,700 calls reporting damage.

Homeowners and businesses with damages should save receipts and document damage by taking pictures. It is also important to check with your 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 Statewide Emergency Operations Center remains elevated. The state is monitoring the situation and providing assistance to local emergency responders as requested.