



INCIDENT REPORT

Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center

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Incident Report #2 – March 2019 Flooding

March 16, 2019 – 3 p.m.

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SUMMARY

The National Weather Service indicates temperatures will drop over the next few days which will slow the melt and allow the water to disperse. No major precipitation is forecast. Three local shelters have remained open for affected residents. Many roads are closed throughout the state; however, suitable alternative routes are available in impacted areas. Please visit 511wi.gov for current road closures. The State Emergency Operations Center remains elevated to Level 3 to monitor and respond to the flooding situation.

INJURIES/FATALITIES

None reported

EVACUATIONS

East Central Region

Brown County - Approximately 80-100 people were evacuated. As the water recedes, the community is working on a re-entry plan for residents which includes building inspection.

Southwest Region

Columbia County - One apartment complex with approximately 15 - 20 residents and 175 homes were checked, and 40 residents were evacuated.

West Central Region

Trempealeau County - In the Town of Dodge, approximately 12 homes were evacuated due to ice jam flooding Saturday morning. A shelter was re-opened in Arcadia.

SHELTERS

East Central Region

Fond du Lac County, Community Church - 20-30 people

Brown County, Preble High School- 6 people

West Central Region

Trempealeau County, Arcadia, Holy Family Catholic Church at the time of this report no residents have arrived at the shelter

ROAD UPDATE

Many roads are closed throughout the state; however, suitable alternate routes, monitored by law enforcement, are available in impacted areas.

Buffalo County:

WIS 37 is closed both directions from County Rd NN to WIS 88 due to flooding.

Calumet County:

WIS 57/32 is closed in both directions at the North Branch Manitowoc Bridge due to flooding.

Columbia County:

WIS 188 is closed in both directions between Harmon Rd and County V in Lodi

WIS 44 is closed in both directions between Crown Rd. and Barden Rd. in Pardeeville

WIS 113 is closed at CTH J

WIS 60 is closed at Riddle Road

Crawford County:

WIS 171 is closed in both directions between WIS 27 and WIS 131 in Gays Mills

Dane County:

WIS 69 is closed in both directions between PB and US 151 in Verona

WIS 19 at CTH KP is closed in both direction due to flooding

Dodge County:

WIS 28 is closed in both directions between WIS 175 and I-41 in Theresa

WIS 60 is closed in both directions, extended closure boundaries between WIS 73 & County TT

Dunn County:

WIS 64 is closed in both directions between CTH F and WIS 25 in Wheeler

Fond du Lac County:

WIS 23 is closed, between Main Street and Pioneer Road, due to flooding

WIS 26 NB near Hollander Dr., Water over the NB lane, roadway is open

Green County:

WIS 11 westbound closed between CTH M and Cadiz Spring Rd in Browntown

Green Lake County:

WIS 44 is closed in both directions from CTH I to CTH S near Markesan

Lafayette County:

WIS 78 is closed in both directions at CTH H in Blanchardville

Richland County:

WIS 131 North CLOSED between Viola and La Farge because of Flooding on Roadway

Rock County:

US 51 from Swift Street to W. Rollin Street

Sauk County:

WIS 154 is closed in both directions between WIS 136 and WIS 23 in Rock Springs

WIS 136 is closed northbound from Rock Springs to WIS 33.

STATE DECLARATION

Gov. Tony Evers issued Executive Order #16 March 15, 2019

LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

East Central

Brown County March 15, 2019
Brown County-City of Green Bay March 15, 2019
Brown County-Town of Ledgeview March 15, 2019
Brown County-Village of Bellevue March 14, 2019
Brown County-Village of Suamico March 15, 2019
Kewaunee County March 15, 2019
Manitowoc County March 15, 2019

Northeast

Portage County March 14, 2019
Portage County-City of Park Ridge March 14, 2019

Southeast

Ozaukee and Washington County-Village of Newberg, March 16, 2019

Southwest

Adams County March 14, 2019
Adams County-Town of Lincoln March 14, 2019
Adams County- Town of Richfield March 14, 2019
Columbia County March 14, 2019
Columbia County-Village of Pardeeville March 15, 2019
Columbia County-City of Columbus March 15, 2019
Columbia County-City of Lodi March 14, 2019

UNMET NEEDS

None.

COUNTY/TRIBAL STATUS REPORTS

East Central

Brown County:

The Brown Co EOC closed at 7pm last night and is not opened today. The county director is monitoring. Overnight shelter had 6 people. Red Cross will be re-evaluating the needs and will determine if it needs to be open. Green Bay Fire Department personnel have been monitoring water levels. Water is receding in many areas. The City of Green Bay is working on re-entry plan for those homes evacuated. Building inspectors will check each home prior to allowing people back in. The National Weather Service also advised that water levels are receding and should be back to normal within next 24 hours. Roads are being opened by local municipalities as water recedes.

Calumet County:

Calumet County has close portions of two County Highways (E & Y), and a portion of STH 32/57 just north of the Village of Hilbert. Numerous other roads have minor damage, as well. An initial damage report was submitted earlier today.

Dodge County:

Multiple town roads and four county roads have been reported with high water or as closed.

Fond du Lac County:

There were 21 people in the shelter last night. As of 8 am, Alliant had turned the gas back on for over 500 residents and businesses. There was a total of 1,200 that were turned off. A Volunteer Reception Center will open tomorrow and have 211 collecting damage and needs from residents. Red Cross is beginning to conduct damage assessments.

Kewaunee County:

County Board Chairman signed Declaration of Emergency for Kewaunee County due to rising waters throughout the entire county. Numerous roads are under water, have water running over roads making some inaccessible, are completely closed or are/have experiencing washout.

Manitowoc County:

EOC is standing down but has a plan for reactivation if necessary. Town of Two Rivers will monitor Shoto Dam 24/7. Incident command has demobilized all water rescue capabilities except Coast Guard and Two Rivers Fire; Coast Guard will maintain 24/7 swift water rescue capabilities through the weekend. The Red Cross and Human Services were demobilized as no evacuees needed sheltering.

Outagamie County:

Hwy 54 is now open and the only road closed is still Hwy JJ.

Sheboygan County:

City of Sheboygan EOC is closed.. A few residential properties have made requests for sandbags. Several areas where water is crossing the road. Most significant is Highway 67 just west of Plymouth. Road is not closed. Department of Public Works lift station was sand bagged to decrease the likelihood of water compromising its operation.

Northeast Region**Portage County:**

Portage County response has leveled off and the EOC is back to monitoring mode for the weekend. Officials will reconvene and assess further on Monday. There are concerns for river flooding into next week with warming temps and predicted rain.

Southeast Region**Jefferson County:**

Danielson road is closed in the Town of Sumner. No additional information currently. Additional road closures: Marsh Road between CTH A and South Cedar / Oosty Road by Ixonia / and water has been reported on Rock River Road off of STH 106 in the Town of Koshkonong.

Ozaukee County:

Pioneer Rd (Hwy C) on the border of the Town of Grafton and City of Mequon at the Milwaukee River will remain closed for the foreseeable future. The ice jam on the river has reached the bridge and is causing the river to flow to the West and East of the bridge over the road affecting approximately six homes. Water rescue crews removed two occupants that were cut off by the river. Contact was made with all other residents in the area; none were home. There are no plans and no need to open shelter facilities currently. Other areas continue to be affected by flooding but largely remain within the normal low-lying areas that see flooding during the annual thaw. Ozaukee Emergency Management has not been asked for additional assistance at this point.

Washington County:

River water is impacting the Village of Newburg Sewage Treatment Plant. Due to the ice dams on the Milwaukee river that flow through Newburg, river water has diverted itself and now has gotten into a Lift

Station and tore it apart somewhat. Normal flow is 50,000 gallons, current flow with river water entering the Lift Station has increased ten-fold, i.e. to 500,000 gallons. Crews are working to repair the lift station.

Southwest Region

Columbia County:

Lodi: All electricity and back on in the City of Lodi. MG&E is working on restoring gas.

Columbus: Approximately 22 homes were evacuated so far. They are working on evacuating an apartment complex of approximately 15-20 residents. Columbia County Humane Society was contacted will be sending additional supplies and crates down to Columbus for the pet shelter that has been opened.

Wyocena: Levels are dropping and they expect to be at a normal level by the end of the day.

Pardeeville: Erosion near the small dam. Sandbagging has taken place and village officials are monitoring the situation closely.

West Point Township: has filed disaster declaration.

Green County:

The Pecatonica River at Martintown is a foot higher than predicted. The reading this morning was 22.2 feet. State Hwy 11 at Cadiz Springs Road has water over it - about a 40 foot stretch. An old bridge near the recreation trail at Browntown is holding back ice and it is filling up quickly. Brodhead Fire Dept. had another water rescue last night (on County T) when a Ford F150 Truck drove through the barricades. The water is so high only the cab is showing. This was the 4th water rescue since this event started. Alliant Energy cut power to a flooded home near Browntown. Many roads remain closed.

Lafayette County:

Water is beginning to recede in NW corner of the county and damage is beginning to be assessed. Kendall Township and Willow Springs Townships are reporting road damages. Tri-County Trail has significant damage in Willow Springs Township as well.

Tribes

Menominee Nation:

Waste water treatment plant in Keshena was over capacity during the night and has backed up into the treatment plant offices. Damage to the facility is being assessed at this time. Waste Water treatment plant in Middle Village is at capacity and may overflow later today. Staff are on site and monitoring the situation.

West Central

Dunn County:

State Highway 64 at State Highway 25 is closed due to high water.

Monroe County:

Monroe County has placed sand bags and sand in Sparta, Tomah, and Wilton. Each site has had a minimum of 5,000 sand bags available to residents. Shovels were supplied at the site by the Monroe County Highway Department. Residents will be responsible for filling, transportation of the filled bags, placement of bags, and eventual disposal.

St. Croix County:

St. Croix officials report they are experiencing significant flooding across the county due to snow melt, rainfall and poor drainage areas. This has caused several roadways and streets to flood, and ponding of water in low water crossings and areas.

Trempealeau County:

The Red Cross reopened a shelter at Holy Family Catholic Church, 223 Maple Ave in Arcadia this morning. The shelter is planning to be open all day today as well as overnight. They are expecting residents from roughly 12 evacuated homes.

Continued county-wide snow melt is causing issues. Sandbagging and water pumping efforts were largely ineffective. By the end of the day (Friday), those levels had started to recede in all but a few locations. Several roads were closed and then reopened. A few remain closed and many roads have single lane closures.

Water continuing to rise on the Trempealeau River at Dodge has resulted in the evacuation of some residents. Individuals were taken to the Town of Dodge Hall until a larger shelter was established by the Red Cross.

The Trempealeau County Sheriff's Office said that homes evacuated were in the area of Bambenek Street and the Sportsmans Club. The sheriff's office spokesperson said it wasn't immediately clear how many homes or people were affected by the evacuation. The National Weather Service said Saturday morning a possible ice jam downriver was causing the flooding. Water levels, they said, could break a record crest of 12.75 feet set in 2010. The Trempealeau River at Dodge is expected to crest between 13 and 13.5 feet.

STATE AGENCY RESPONSE**WI Department of Natural Resources:**

The DNR has deployed a high capacity dewatering device to the Village of Plover.

WI Emergency Management:

Sandbags have been provided to:

Iron County - 12,500
Dodge County - 6000
Adams - 12,500
Trempealeau - 25,000
Brown - 30,000
Sheboygan - 12,500
Buffalo County - 50,000

VOLUNTEER AGENCY (VOAD) RESPONSE**Red Cross:**

Red Cross is beginning bulk distribution of clean up kits to the impacted areas. The Red Cross has been contacted by affected individuals for damage assessments, and the Red Cross will continue damage assessments in these areas today (3/16) and tomorrow (3/17). They are currently managing three open shelters in Brown, Fond du Lac and Trempealeau counties.

Weather Update:

We are headed into a stretch of dry weather now. Highs today and Sunday will be in the lower 30s across northern Wisconsin, and the upper 30s to around 40 in the south. Winds will be out of the northwest 5 to 10 mph in the west half of Wisconsin and 10 to 15 mph with higher gusts in the east. Low temperatures tonight and Sunday night will be in the teens north and 20s south. High temperatures will creep into the 40s statewide on Tuesday and may reach 50 by Friday.

An Areal Flood Warning is still in effect for south central, east central and portions of southwest, central into northeast Wisconsin until 3:45 pm Saturday. The NWS has extended a flood warning for central La Crosse County until 6:15 am Sunday. These warnings are in effect to cover the ongoing road closures and urban and rural flooding.

What Has Changed:

An ice jam south of Dodge, WI caused the Trempealeau River at Dodge to climb above their record flood set back on September 25, 2010. Evacuations of homes are currently taking place along County Rd J from the Sportsman Club north to Dodge. This ice jam could potentially last for at least the next 24 hours, if not longer.

Flood Category Updates:

Record flooding continues for the Trempealeau River at Dodge.

Moderate flooding continues over parts of the Kickapoo, La Crosse, Root, Turkey, and Upper Iowa rivers.