



INCIDENT REPORT

Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center

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Incident Report #3 – March 2019 Flooding

March 17, 2019 – 4 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. WEM will collect damage assessment data concurrent to response activities. 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 evacuated. As the water recedes, the community is working on a re-entry plan for residents which includes building inspection.

Southwest Region

Columbia County - Town of Columbus, one apartment complex with approximately 15 - 20 residents evacuated and 175 homes were checked with 40 residents evacuated.

West Central Region

Trempealeau County - Town of Dodge, approximately 12 homes evacuated.

Southeast Region

Ozaukee County - Waubeka (unincorporated), approximately 50 people displaced from homes.

SHELTERS

East Central Region

Fond du Lac County, Community Church - 17 people expected to stay through mid-week

Brown County, Preble High School - 4 people at most expected to stay overnight

West Central Region

Trempealeau County, Arcadia, Holy Family Catholic Church - nobody expected to stay overnight, but will remain open in case that changes

ROAD UPDATE

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

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 60 is closed at Riddle Road

Crawford County:

WIS 171 is closed in both directions between WIS 27 and WIS 131 in Gays Mills
WIS 171 Gays Mills at Kickapoo River Bridge NB/SB
WIS 131 is closed at WIS 60.

Dane County:

WIS 69 Verona between CTH PB and US 151 NB/SB
WIS 19 at CTH KP EB/WB

Dodge County:

WIS 28 Theresa at WIS 175 EB/WB
WIS 60 Columbus Between WIS 73 and CTH TT EB/WB

Sauk County:

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

Manitowoc County:

Manitowoc County requested a dam engineer to inspect the Kiel dam because the spillway was eroding. Department of Natural Resources provided a dam engineer. They will continue to monitor it and report any changes. No action required at this time.

Southeast

Ozaukee County:

Ice jams continue; water is receding in some areas but not all. Red Cross has set up a reception center and communities feeding for clean-up workers in Waubeka (Town of Fredonia).

Overall assessments are ongoing and some will have to wait for the water level to drop.

County Highway W between Highway 33 & Highway 57 remains closed due to high water. Two water rescues of motorists in the water have occurred in the last 48 hours in that location. County Highway C remains closed between County Highway W and Green Bay Rd. for bridge assessment and shoulder repairs until at least noon on Monday 3/18 per the Highway Commissioner. County Highway H Bridge is closed north of Highway A/I in unincorporated Waubeka until further notice per the Highway Commissioner.

Uniform Disaster Situation Report was filed for public damages to bridges, roads, and the Waubeka Fire Station at this time.

Washington County:

The Newburg lift station was in danger of flooding from an ice jam in the Milwaukee River, so crews stood a 6' concrete culvert up over it to slow the water rise. It appears to have resolved the situation.

West Central

Pepin County:

A water main break was reported on Main Street between 2nd St E and 3rd St E (downtown Durand), public has been asked to avoid the area.

Trempealeau County:

Continued county-wide snow melt 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 is resulting in the evacuation of some of the residents there. Individuals are being taken to the Town of Dodge hall until a larger shelter can be

established. Red Cross is involved. Homes are being evacuated Saturday morning in the community of Dodge as waters rise from the Trempealeau River.

Snow melt caused a rise in the water levels in the City of Blair, inundating the park at Lake Henry and negatively impacting five residential buildings. Fire department personnel notified all residents of the potential for risk to public safety. No one chose to leave their homes.

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 were 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

WI State Patrol:

On March 16, 2019 from approximately 6:40 PM to 11:00 PM, State Patrol had one Trooper assist Pepin County with traffic control on STH 85 at CTH R for a full closure of STH 85. The highway washed out due to flooding. Traffic was rerouted around the washout. The Pepin County Highway Department responded and repaired the road.

Follow 511wi.gov for the most up-to-date road closures of state highways.

Current water stick levels:
I-90 at MM 106 @ -3.4 feet
I-39 at Cascade Mtn Rd @ -1.0 foot

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 is continuing damage assessments today (3/17) in Columbia County. They are currently managing three open shelters in Brown, Fond du Lac and Trempealeau counties.

The Red Cross opened a reception center located at the Waubeka Fire Hall (W4114 River St., Waubeka, WI 53021) at 1000 and will remain open until 1800 today (3/17); the reception center will remain in operation through Tuesday (3/19). They will provide clean up kits, water, meals, and snacks.

The Red Cross has identified three sites for fixed site bulk distribution of clean up kits and each is open today from 1030 - 1630:

Oshkosh Red Cross Office Warehouse - 515 S Washburn St. #201, Oshkosh WI 54901

Green Bay Red Cross Office Warehouse - 121 Bader St., Green Bay, WI 54302 (across the street from the blood center)

Allouez Village Hall - 1900 Libal St., Allouez, WI 54301

Weather Update:

We are headed into a stretch of dry weather now. Highs today and Monday will be in the mid 30s across northern Wisconsin, and around 40 in the south. Winds will be out of the west 5 to 10 mph. Low temperatures tonight and Monday night will be in the teens north and 20s south. High temperatures will creep into the 40s statewide on Tuesday. We can expect lower 50s across southern Wisconsin on Wednesday and Thursday. By Saturday, highs will be in the lower 50s north and upper 50s south.

An Areal Flood Warning is still in effect for Green County until 3:15 pm Sunday. The NWS has extended a flood warning for central La Crosse County until 12:15 pm 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. This ice jam could potentially last for at least the next 24 hours, if not longer.

Ice jams continue along the Milwaukee River in Ozaukee County and northern Milwaukee County. The gauges at Waubeka and Cedarburg continue to show Major flood stage, with Saukville at Moderate. 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.