Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center

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Incident Report #6 - March 2019 Flooding

March 20, 2019 - 7:00 pm

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SUMMARY

The Trempealeau River has dropped to minor flood stage but is expected to rise back into moderate flood stage overnight and remain around 11.5 feet into next week. The Crawfish River will be in moderate flood stage through Friday while the Rock River, the Fox River, and the Manitowoc River will remain in moderate flood stage through next week. Temperatures will remain cool for the next few days, with some slight warming over the weekend. No major precipitation is forecast.

Two local shelters housed 28 displaced residents in Fond du Lac and Brown Counties overnight. Damage assessments and clean-up operations continue.

The State Emergency Operations Center remains at Level 4 as the state continues to monitor flooding and respond to requests.

INJURIES/FATALITIES

None reported

EVACUATIONS

No new evacuations reported as of March 20

East Central Region

Brown County - 37 homes remain condemned in the City of Green Bay, pending building inspection and essential repairs.

Northeast Region

Portage County - As of March 18, approximately 30 people have been evacuated within Plover and Park Ridge.

West Central Region

Trempealeau County - Town of Dodge, approximately 12 homes evacuated. As of March 19, the evacuation recommendation is still in place. Local officials advised displaced residents that water is still over the roads so emergency vehicles would not be able to respond to their homes if they chose to return on their own. As of this morning, it is uncertain how many residents chose to return.

Southeast Region

Ozaukee County - Approximately 50 people displaced from homes, mostly in Waubeka (unincorporated), but also other communities.

SHELTERS

East Central Region

Fond du Lac County, Community Church 17 overnight

Brown County, Preble High School 11 overnight

American Red Cross continues to work with individuals and families within the shelters to identify alternate housing. Shelter in Fond du Lac is anticipated to remain open tonight, with anticipated closure before Friday, March 22. The Shelter in Brown County is expected to close March 21 at 12:00 P.M.

ROADS & HIGHWAYS UPDATE - As of March 20 - 5:00 pm

Crawford County

WIS 131 at Wauzeka SB lane closed with barricades

Dane County

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

Dodge County

WIS 60 Columbus Between WIS 73 and CTH TT EB/WB

Winnebago County

WIS 21, both directions at Jackson Avenue

STATE DECLARATION

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

LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

New declarations reported on March 20:

Columbia County

Columbia County - Town of West Point March 16, 2019

Green County

Green County March 16, 2019

Green County - Town of Cadiz March 19, 2019

Green County - Town of Exeter March 19, 2019

Green County - Town of Spring Grove March 19, 2019

Green County - Town of Mount Pleasant March 19, 2019

Green County - Village of Monticello March 19, 2019

Marathon County

Marathon County - Village of Hatley March 19, 2019

OPEN REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

The Town of Glen Haven (Grant County) requested an inspection/technical evaluation of the Glen Haven Levee. The DNR looked at the levee yesterday and determined that the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has more data with regards to the construction and operability of this levee and recommended that it be inspected by USACE. A request was made to and received by USACE on March 20.

City of Green Bay (Brown County) has fielded calls from multiple homes seeking assistance with clean-up. The City of Green Bay Fire Chief has requested help with clean-up operations through Brown County.

The SEOC contacted Team Rubicon. Team Rubicon is developing a plan to address Brown and Fond du Lac Counties unmet needs.

UNMET NEEDS

None

DAMAGE ESTIMATES – Reported by County/Tribal Emergency Management Offices as of March 20 2:00pm

Public Assistance - Estimated Damage to Public Infrastructure and Emergency Response Costs

County	Category A (Debris Removal)	Category B (Emergency Protective)	Category C (Roads & Bridges)	Category D (Water Control Facilities)	Category E (Buildings & Equipment)	Category F (Utilities)	Category G (Rec/Other)	Total
Adams		\$9,600	\$316,000					\$325,600
Calumet		\$15,000	\$40,000					\$55,000
Columbia		\$39,860	\$64,500	\$26	\$90,000	\$1,800		\$196,186
Fond du Lac	\$150,000	\$40,000	\$90,000	\$40,000				\$320,000
Grant			\$15,000					\$15,000
Green			\$112,000					\$112,000
Iowa			\$14,000					\$14,000
Kewaunee		\$25,000						\$25,000
Lafayette	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$50,000					\$60,000
Manitowoc	\$25,000	\$5,000	\$125,000					\$155,000
Marathon	\$70,000			\$30,000				\$100,000
Ozaukee		\$5,000	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$50,000			\$165,000
Polk			\$18,000					\$18,000
Portage		\$80,000	\$20,000					\$100,000
Sauk		\$20,000						\$20,000
Waushara			\$13,000					\$13,000
State of Wisconsin	\$250,000	\$244,460	\$977,500	\$80,026	\$140,000	\$1,800	\$0	\$1,693,786

Estimated Damage to Homes and Businesses

Estimated Private Damages

County		# of Homes Da	maged by Type	# of Business Damaged by Type			
	Affected	Minor	Major	Destroyed	Minor	Major	Destroyed
Adams		18	4			1	
Dodge			5				
Fond du Lac	9	48	3	1			
Green	2		4				
Kewaunee		1					
La Crosse	65						
Lafayette	10						
Manitowoc	500	10	5				
Ozaukee		15			2		
Portage		4					
Trempealeau	45	18			10	2	
State of Wisconsin	631	114	21	1	12	3	0

COUNTY/TRIBAL STATUS REPORTS - As of March 20 5:00 pm

East Central

Calumet County:

Sections of three local roads remain closed due to either water inundation and/or damage: North Mark, Lemke/Aebischer & Long Road. Long Road in the Town of Stockbridge will likely be closed for 2-3 weeks.

Green Lake County:

Flooding is ongoing in the City of Berlin and a few homes and streets are affected. Everyone affected is still able to remain in their homes. Sandbags have been placed in appropriate spots to anticipate the rising Fox River. City of Berlin has a sandbag fill site at the Public Works garage and residents have been filling bags.

Manitowoc County:

The ice jam on the Manitowoc River shifted during the night of March 19th approximately 1/4 mile down river. Homes that were flooded on Mill Rd are no longer flooded and a new home on Mill Rd is now flooded. Power was cut to the newly affected home last night and the resident is staying with family. Monitoring will continue for ice jams on the Manitowoc River, West Twin, and East Twin Rivers.

Sheboygan County:

The ice jam causing the initial issues has cleared and moved downstream lowering water levels behind it. Storm basin outfalls are once again above water level in many of the original affected areas. Flooded areas are improving as a result. Roads that were previously blocked were expected to open today.

The jam is stalled at the 14th Street bridge near Kiwanis Park. The jam continues to be very full of debris and water levels are increasing it, affecting the low areas of the park. Department of Public Works and Sheboygan Police Department staff are monitoring water levels for issues and any needed road closings.

Winnebago County:

WIS 21 in the City of Omro is being rerouted due to floodwaters over the road. There are a number of homes being sandbagged as waters are approaching the homes. The ice is still on the river.

Southeast Region

Ozaukee County:

With exception of a minor incident of high water in Saukville (Mill Street), all previously reported incidents are over at this time. An estimated 75 properties that have sustained damage, mostly affected and a few minor. Ozaukee had far more properties that were cut off from dry land access with no structural damages.

West Central Region

Dunn County:

CTH B remains closed. Ten homeowners have reported water in basements.

VOLUNTEER AGENCY (VOAD) RESPONSE

Red Cross:

American Red Cross opened a total of 5 shelters for this event, providing 156 overnight stays. American Red Cross continues to manage 2 open shelters (Fond du Lac and Brown Co). In addition, Red Cross has provided 817 meals, 586 snacks, 578 clean up kits, and 1313 other bulk items. These items have been provided to a total of 553 homes. Damage assessment teams continue to assess impacts, and have opened 34 cases, assisting 97 people within those homes.

2-1-1 Wisconsin:

211 Wisconsin is collecting damage reports and referring callers to available disaster resources on behalf of 29 counties. As of 01:00 P.M. March 20, 211 had received 426 calls relating to the flooding with the majority within Fond du Lac County.

WEATHER UPDATE

A cold front will continue to bring scattered rain showers to Wisconsin into this evening. Some light snow showers may mix in at times over central and northern Wisconsin. Little rain and snow accumulation is expected. Mainly dry conditions are expected into Saturday evening. Precipitation chances return later Saturday night into Sunday night, lingering Monday in southern Wisconsin, but any precipitation amounts will be small. Dry conditions then return for Monday night into the middle of next week.

High temperatures Thursday will be in the middle to upper 40s across Wisconsin. Highs Friday will be in the middle to upper 30s in northeast Wisconsin, with lower to middle 40s in southwest Wisconsin. Saturday and Sunday will bring middle 40s to lower 50s across Wisconsin. Monday's highs should reach the middle 30s to around 40, warming into the lower to middle 40s Tuesday and upper 40s to lower 50s next Wednesday.

Low temperatures tonight will be in the middle 20s in western Wisconsin, to the lower 30s in eastern Wisconsin. Lows Thursday night will be in the middle 20s in northern Wisconsin, to around 30 in southern Wisconsin. Lows Friday night will be in the teens in northern Wisconsin, to the 20s in southern Wisconsin. Lows Saturday night will generally be in the middle 20s in northern Wisconsin, to the lower to middle 30s

in southern Wisconsin. Lows Sunday night and Monday night will generally be in the teens in northern Wisconsin, to the 20s in southern Wisconsin. Lows Tuesday night should be in the 20s statewide.

River Flooding:

Trempealeau River at Dodge, WI has dropped to minor flood stage. It is expected to rise back into moderate flood stage overnight and remain around 11.5 feet next week.

The Crawfish River at Milford will be in moderate flood stage through Friday while the Rock River at Lake Koshkonong and Jefferson, the Fox River at Berlin, and the Manitowoc River at Manitowoc will be in moderate flood stage through next week.

Additional snow melt will aid in sustaining levels in main stem rivers. Ice jams along the Sheboygan and Milwaukee Rivers have broken up and levels have dropped below flood stage.

Flood Category Updates:

Major flooding: No rivers are expected to be in major flood stage.

Moderate flooding continues for the Trempealeau River at Dodge, Fox River (North), Manitowoc River, and parts of the Rock and Crawfish Rivers.

Minor flooding continues along parts of the Kickapoo, Mississippi, Wolf, Baraboo, Rock, Fox (South) and Pecatonica Rivers.