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**TO:** Governor Jim Doyle  
Wisconsin Congressional Delegation  
State Legislators

**FROM:** Johnnie Smith, Administrator

**SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON STORMS #63**

**UPDATE:** This evening, the Marquette County Sheriff closed Sunset Drive (also known as Dredge Bank road) in Montello to thru traffic due to roadway deterioration. This road has been serving as a local detour for WIS HWY 22 through Montello after the Montello River Bridge over the highway was closed due to flooding. Closing Sunset Drive means Montello is essentially cut into two, requiring residents to take 40-45 minute detours to get from one side of town to another. A WisDOT engineer will be inspecting the Montello River Bridge tomorrow (Sunday) to determine if it can be re-opened to traffic. Local Emergency Services and State Patrol are still allowed to use the Sunset Drive detour, and Montello has pre-positioned fire trucks on each side of the city.

**Counties declared disasters**

Governor Doyle announced tonight that FEMA has declared a state of disaster for three more counties -- Dane, Ozaukee and Juneau – bringing the number of Wisconsin counties where individual assistance is available to 22. The other 19 counties are: Columbia, Crawford, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Iowa, Kenosha, Marquette, Milwaukee, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan, Vernon, Washington, Waukesha and Winnebago.

**Initial damage assessments**

Initial damage assessments from the 30 counties under the Governor's state of emergency. These are preliminary and should not be considered a true indicator of the amount of damages as reports continue to come in.

Residential Damage: \$203,176,875  
Business Damage: \$45,325,742  
Agricultural Damage \$146,685,000  
Public Assistance: \$75,346,334

**Total: \$470,533,951**

**Damage assessments**

<b>Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments*</b>		<b>Public Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments**</b>
<u>Friday, 6/20</u> Calumet Green Lake Jefferson Lafayette	<u>Saturday, 6/21</u> Walworth	<u>Monday, 6/23</u> Richland, Winnebago, Sauk, Iowa and Dodge

\*Individual assistance covers residences and, through SBA, businesses.

\*\*Public assistance covers public infrastructure.

**Disaster recovery centers**

Six DRCs remain open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the locations below:

Portage High School  
301 E. Collins St.  
Portage

Columbus High School  
1164 Farnham Avenue  
Columbus

North Crawford High School  
47050 County X  
Soldiers Grove

Living Faith Church  
852 N. Main St.  
Viroqua

Reedsburg High School  
1100 S. Albert Ave.  
Reedsburg

Milwaukee County Rehab Center City Campus  
2711 West Wells St.  
Milwaukee

**Register before visiting DRCs**

Storm and flood victims who plan to visit a disaster recovery center are asked to register for assistance by calling 1-800-621 FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 or visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov), even if they previously reported their damage to local authorities. They need to formally register with FEMA to be eligible to receive assistance.

FEMA's Community Relations (CR) Teams are mobilized in the declared counties. The CR Teams are providing disaster information on how to register with FEMA. CR members are also assisting at the Disaster Recovery Centers located in Portage, Columbus, Milwaukee, Reedsburg, Soldiers Grove and Viroqua.

Additional centers in the other declared disaster counties are also expected to open. Exact locations will be forthcoming.

### **Food assistance available for flood victims**

Governor Jim Doyle announced the Department of Health and Family Services will make available emergency food assistance for residents of Columbia, Crawford, Milwaukee, Racine, Richland, Sauk and Vernon counties. Residents of these counties will have from Thursday, June 19 through Friday, June 27 to apply for food assistance. Applications and information can be found at <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/FoodShare/flood/>.

### **Shelter and Food Information**

Shelters are available in the following communities to victims of flooding: Janesville (open through the weekend) and Milwaukee.

The Milwaukee shelter has moved to the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center at 1531 W. Vliet St., Milwaukee.

Shelters in Princeton, Berlin and Fort Atkinson are on stand-by.

### **More than 6,500 SBA Loan Applications Issued**

As of the end of the close of business on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has issued 6,579 SBA low interest loan applications for Wisconsin home owners and businesses with more applications expected to be issued. More than 5,500 of the applications are from home owners. U.S. SBA will have updated figures on Monday.

## **ROADS**

### **Opened**

The Wisconsin Interstate System is now open to travel.

The traffic lane on the WB cross-over on I-94 at Johnson Creek was narrowed today to allow for road repairs. Traffic continued to travel on the cross-over during repairs. The cross-over lane is now completely open. The repair was necessary due to moisture in the gravel base under the pavement causing the pavement to crack. Traffic on this stretch of I-94 is restricted to one lane in each direction with speed limits of 45-55 mph. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is still **encouraging travelers to use**

**alternate routes** if possible due to reduced speeds and likely backups in the corridor during peak travel periods.

WisDOT advises northbound Illinois travelers to use I-39/90 from Beloit and I-43 from Milwaukee to reach their destinations.

### **Major closures**

- WIS 26 westbound on-ramp to I-94 is closed.
- I-94 WB Rest Area in Jefferson County is closed.
- WIS 33 between I-39 and Portage is closed indefinitely.
- WIS 130 in Richland County between USH 14 and CTH JJ is closed.

More road closures can be viewed here:

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?hl=en&ie=UTF8&oe=UTF8&msa=0&msid=106714907945366530639.00044f3ec972fee85471d&ll=43.189158,-89.500122&spn=1.874356,3.383789&z=8>

### **Road conditions**

Telephone: **1-800-ROAD-WIS (762-3947)**.

On the web: (<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/incident-alerts.htm>) has up-to-date maps and information on road closures for Interstate and major state highways.

### **Rock County railroad bridge**

A State Patrol Trooper reported to the Rock County Sheriff's office that a boat pier was stuck in railroad bridge supports crossing Rock River south of Edgerton, east of US 51 at NE Rock River Drive. Rock County officials will assess the situation and contact the railroad company.

### **Passenger rail**

Service by the Empire Builder between St. Paul and Chicago has been temporarily suspended since June 10 due to flooding on the Canadian Pacific Railway in Wisconsin and the closing of a detour route since June 15. There is no predicted service restoration date.

Alternate transportation by chartered motor coaches is being provided between St. Paul and Chicago, with the exception of Glenview, Ill., where passengers are being offered travel on Hiawatha Service trains, which are available as alternate transportation between Glenview and Chicago.

The buses have been mimicking the train route and schedules, stopping at all served stations between Milwaukee and St. Paul, including Wisconsin Dells, Columbus, Portage, and La Crosse.

### **Red Cross**

The Red Cross is operating several service centers where those affected by the floods and tornadoes can receive a full cadre of Red Cross disaster services including: client

casework and assistance, bulk distribution of clean-up items, disaster mental health services (confidential), disaster health services, and information on how to help continue with the recovery process in a safe and effective manner.

**All client service centers will operate seven days a week as long as the need is there from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (CDT). Clients are asked to bring identification with them in order to help expedite the process.**

**Current locations for full service delivery sites in southern Wisconsin are: (Subject to change in the coming days)**

**Milwaukee County**

American Red Cross Chapter Office  
2600 W. Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee

**Sauk County**

Reedsburg High School  
1100 Albert Avenue

**Racine County**

Union Grove Middle School  
14<sup>th</sup> & State  
Union Grove

**Bulk Distribution Site Locations: (Subject to change in the coming days)**

**Columbia County**

Portage High School  
301 Collins Avenue

**Crawford, Grant and Richland Counties**

North Crawford High School  
47050 County Road X  
Soldiers Grove

**Sauk, Juneau and Iowa Counties**

Baraboo County Highway Building  
Intersection of Hwy 136 & 12  
Baraboo

**Monroe County**

Kendall Village Hall  
219 East South Railroad Street

**Vernon County**

Ontario Fire Department  
303 East "B" Street

La Farge High School  
301 West Adams Street

Viola Methodist Church  
404 North Commercial Street

De Soto Community Center  
Highway 35

Clients or potential clients who may have additional questions about locations of Red Cross service centers, or clarification of what items to bring, may call 1-866-GET-INFO (1-866-438-4636), or 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

### **Wisconsin Army National Guard**

National Guard engineering teams are removing debris and trees in Rock Springs and performing road repair and clean-up on Hwy 113 in Baraboo. The National Guard also delivered an 8" pump to Richland County to divert water from the intersection of WIS 130 and County Road JJ to Bear Creek.

The National Guard is also operating traffic control points on flooded roads in:

- Columbia County (2)
- Rock County (4)
- Jefferson County (5)

In Fort Atkinson, the Wisconsin Air National Guard is using a 100 kilowatt generator to power a sewage lift station which has lost electricity.

The National Guard Joint Operations Center is starting preliminary planning for future clean-up operations.

### **State agency support**

Wisconsin Emergency Management along with other state agencies and the National Guard, continue to provide support for the State Emergency Operations Center and the Joint Operations Center. State personnel are working closely with FEMA in the Joint Field Office and in field operations in the Disaster Recovery Centers and Damage Assessment Teams. Additionally, assistance is being provided to communities across southern Wisconsin from the Department of Transportation – Highways, the Wisconsin State Patrol, the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), DNR Law Enforcement and Dam Safety, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, the Department of Commerce, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Wisconsin National Guard and many more.

### **Septic systems**

The Department of Commerce reminds owners of flooded, privately-owned septic systems that the water must recede and the system be pumped before reuse.

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