



News Release

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DATE: September 24, 2010
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TO: Governor Jim Doyle

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SUBJECT: Situation Report #7 on Severe Weather

The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) continues to monitor the flooding situation.

Governor Doyle today declared a state of emergency in Buffalo, Marathon, Portage and Wood Counties following strong storms that caused flooding in the area. Late last night, the Governor declared a state of emergency in Jackson County in response to damaging storms and flooding. Earlier yesterday, declarations were issued for Trempealeau and Clark Counties. In total, seven counties have been declared a state of emergency.

Below is the latest update:

Trempealeau County: Some residents that were evacuated have been allowed to return home. Local officials are reporting minor flood damage to homes - mainly flooding in the basement. They plan to conduct a damage assessment tomorrow. Most of the National Guard soldiers have returned back to base. However, a few will remain throughout the weekend to keep the armory open, which has been used as an emergency shelter.

Clark County: Clark County Emergency Management has closed their EOC and are in a recovery mode. There are still a few roads under water.

Jackson County: Jackson County will keep their EOC activated through tomorrow. They anticipate allowing homeowners that evacuated in Black River Falls to return home tomorrow.

National Weather Service: There is a chance of showers affecting southwestern Wisconsin; however, rainfall amounts will be minimal and should not impact the river levels. The weather the next week should remain dry.

River Gauges: Several rivers and creeks continue to rise. Below is a sample of some of the rivers that are flooding:

- **Wisconsin River** - between Merrill and Rothschild, and around Portage. Minor to moderate flooding expected. River cresting this afternoon or evening in Marathon and Lincoln counties...and cresting in Portage area on Monday.
- **Kickapoo River** - reaching bankfull or going into low-end flooding stage (less than 1 foot over flood stage) this weekend.
- **Black River** - minor to moderate flooding (1 to 3 feet above flood stage) with cresting occurring this afternoon or evening. However, in the Black River Falls area, they anticipate almost record flooding (14 feet above flood stage) and going down below flood stage Sunday afternoon.
- **Trempealeau River** - at Dodge, they anticipate major to record flooding this afternoon and evening with about 3 feet above flood stage and going below flood stage Monday afternoon.
- **Eau Claire River** - moderate to major flooding with crests about 3 to 4 feet above flood stage. It is anticipated to crest Saturday afternoon through Sunday morning and to fall below flood stage Sunday night and Monday.

Several other rivers from west-central into northeast Wisconsin will rise to bankfull tonight into the weekend. Information is available at the National Weather Service website.