



Minnesota Department of Public Safety
Division of Homeland Security and
Emergency Management



2014-MN-006: High Precipitation Storms - June 2014

Recovery Phase: Situation Report

Subject: Recovery Phase Situation Report #12

Reporting Period: 07/16/2014 12:00 - 07/17/2014 11:59

Current Situation

Background

Minnesota has seen significant precipitation fall throughout portions the state. Beginning June 11, a high precipitation weather system crossed the state causing localized flooding due to stream, river and lake rises coupled with saturated soils. Koochiching and Rock counties began reporting flooding, but experienced little infrastructure damage early in the period.

Governor Mark Dayton issued Governor's Executive Order 14-11, "Declaring a State of Peacetime Emergency in the State of Minnesota" declaring a state of emergency in 35 Minnesota counties.

On July 9, 2014, Governor Dayton submitted a request for a Presidential Disaster Declaration to the White House.

Current Situation

As of today, flood warnings remain valid only in areas east of International Falls. Other areas impacted by the heavy precipitation experienced infrastructure and residential damages, crop damage from large hail, damaging winds and additional heavy rains during this time-frame. Preliminary Damage Assessments are underway in cooperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

SEOC Recovery - Preliminary Damage Assessment Teams *Agency Summary*

- **Rainy Lake.** The water levels of Rainy Lake and the upper Rainy River above the International Falls-Fort Frances dam have declined by approximately 10 cm (4 in.) over the past 7 days. The average lake level on July 16 is 338.59 m (1110.9 ft), 85 cm (33 in.) above the upper IJC Rule Curve for this day. Based on the current precipitation forecast, the levels of the upper Rainy River and of Rainy Lake are projected to decline by 16-20 cm (6-8 in.) by the end of the 7-day forecast period beginning July 16. A small percentage of precipitation forecasts include significant rainfall July 21 that would limit the decline to closer to 5-10 cm (2-4 in.). A level projection beyond 7 days is not included in this forecast.
- **Lake of the Woods.** The current level of Lake of the Woods is 323.76 m (1062.1 ft). Based on the current precipitation forecast, the hydrologic model projection for Lake of the Woods is for the average lake level to decline by 3-5 cm (1-2 in) over 7-day forecast period beginning July 16. A small percentage of precipitation forecasts include significant rainfall July 21 that would have the lake rising by 1-2 cm (1 in) over this period. High sustained winds will result in significant local water level rise, or fall, due to wind setup. A level projection beyond 7 days is not included in this forecast.
- **PDA Progress.** On Wednesday, July 16, Preliminary Damage Assessments concluded in Rice, Redwood, and Watonwan counties. An additional \$1,237,910 in disaster related costs and damages were identified by the State-FEMA field teams for a total of \$35,850,407 (Unofficial).). Once the PDA is concluded, FEMA will submit their official findings. The remaining counties for this disaster will be scheduled next week.
- **A trend is starting to be identified.** With the magnitude of this disaster, a shortage of culverts, gravel, and road construction contractors is becoming a common ailment. With the lack of contractors, damage assessments are becoming challenging for the impacted communities to acquire. HSEM will be working with the Public/Private Coordination and Action Team (P2CAT) to discuss this growing issue.
- **PDA Schedule**
 - **Thursday, July 17**
Yellow Medicine, Washington, McLeod, Waseca
 - **Friday, July 18**
Le Sueur, Lac Qui Parle, Prairie Island Indian Community, Goodhue (Tentative)
- It is important for any tribal government, state agency, or county emergency manager to report sites that are inaccessible due to the disaster and cannot be safely assessed. This can be reported during the county PDA, or for state agencies, directly to angela.d.brown@state.mn.us.

Operations Section Chief

Agency Summary

- The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) remains at Activation Level III: Partial Activation. The incident has transitioned from Response to Recovery operations. The incident officially began on June 11th, 2014.
- HSEM Operations staff are monitoring and supporting recovery activities.
- The Operations Section continues to coordinate with the Regional Program Coordinators in gathering damage information from local jurisdictions and maintaining situational awareness for SEOC partners and those involved in the recovery process.

MN Department of Natural Resources

Agency Summary

- MNDNR staff continue work to repair infrastructure including roads, trails, culverts, dams, campsites, docks, piers, and landings.
- Closings and Reopenings
 - Fort Snelling State Park has reopened to the public effective Wednesday, July 16th.
 - MN Valley State Trail remains closed to the public.
 - Many state parks, trails, and recreation areas still have partial closures. Specific information on each park may be obtained from the MN DNR website at:
 - http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/list_alpha.html
 - OHV trail closure information can be found at:
 - <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/ohv/closures.html>
 - State Forest Road closure information can be found at:
 - <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/trailconditions/listing.html>
- MNDNR continues to participate on the Minnesota Recovers Task Force.

MN Department of Transportation - SEOC

Agency Summary

- Districts are proceeding with design work for several impacted sites.
- MnDOT districts are completing DDIR's.
- MnDOT is working with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on federal aid for roadway repairs.
- MnDOT State Aid offices are working/coordinating with counties and cities for federal aid for roadway repairs.

American Red Cross

Agency Summary

- The Red Cross attended an emergency Wadena City Council and County Commissioner meeting and reported on our activity and potential clean up assistance. The City Council waived tipping fees as part of their Emergency Declaration beginning at 10:00 am on Wednesday, 7/16/2014 through end of work day on 7/31/2014. All City residents may bring flood damaged debris (separated) to the landfill and the City will pay the tipping fee during that limited time period.

SEOC Operations Section

Weather

Five Day Forecast: Minnesota - Sibley (KMPX)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
				
Clear	Clear	Clear	Slight Chance of Thunderstorms	Chance of Thunderstorms
79 F / 26 C	81 F / 27 C	82 F / 27 C	86 F / 30 C	87 F / 30 C
58 F / 14 C	63 F / 17 C	64 F / 17 C	68 F / 20 C	71 F / 21 C

Please monitor NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio and National Weather Service information sources.

AS OF 7-17-14 0630

