



**09-003, Spring Flooding
March 25, 2009
7:30 p.m. CDT
Incident Summary Report #18**

Incident Overview

Updated information is in red.

The following is a summary of key issues related to the 2009 spring flood for the Red River of the North, Souris, Devils Lake, James and Missouri River Basins.

State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Activation – Level I (Full Activation)

Significant Events

- **Deaths/Injuries**
 - None Reported
- **Ice Jams**
 - Local, state and federal officials, at the direction of Governor Hoeven, engaged Advanced Explosives Demolition (AED), an Idaho-based engineering company with expertise in controlled demolitions, to address a major ice jam south of Bismarck. Demolition activities took place Wednesday afternoon with gradual relief of the ice jams anticipated.
- **Evacuations/Sheltering**
 - Burleigh County
 - Evacuation of residents south of Bismarck Expressway from the Missouri River east to 12th Street and south to Burleigh Avenue took place. –March 25
 - Rescue efforts of stranded residents are ongoing. –March 25
 - Shelters for evacuees managed by the American Red Cross (ARC) are located at 43rd Avenue and Washington Street. –March 25
 - Approximately 4,000 people will be evacuated. –March 25
 - Authorities issued a mandatory evacuation for Fox Island and Southport residents -- March 24
 - Cass County
 - City of Fargo officials decided to begin a preliminary evacuation of two nursing homes and one assisted care facility located in South Fargo which may be vulnerable if the river crest is over the now predicted 41 feet – March 25
 - The American Red Cross has changed shelter location in the city of Fargo from the Carl Ben Eielson School to Fargo South High Campus II. –March 25
 - Cass County Sheriff's Office evacuated 9 people in airboats from the Butcher's Block division south of Fargo after a report of a ring dike break – March 25

Dickey County

- A feeding operation has opened for residents in the city of Ellendale and Brown County, SD – March 25
- County officials are monitoring weather forecasts in case residents require shelter due to continuing power outages – March 25

Grand Forks County

- Grand Forks County EOC and the American Red Cross opened a shelter available to residents displaced by flooding in the Red River Valley – March 25

LaMoure County

- LaMoure County coordinated a rescue mission of the caretaker, Memorial Park near Grand Rapids – March 25
- A voluntary evacuation order was issued for rural residents along lower lying areas of the James River between the cities of Adrian and LaMoure – March 25
- Officials received a report farm residents near the town of Dickey are isolated by floodwaters, along with 20 cattle and 2 dogs. Rescue efforts were coordinated through local resources. – March 25
- A farmer stranded on his tractor was rescued. – March 25
- A voluntary evacuation of Nortonville is commencing because of Bone Hill Creek floodwaters – March 24

Morton County

- A joint Burleigh-Morton shelter, managed by American Red Cross volunteers, is available at the Evangelical Free Church located in Bismarck on North Washington Street and 43rd Ave. near the Horizon Middle School. – March 24
- Jetty Beach residents south of Mandan are asked to voluntarily evacuate – March 24
- Tokach Bottom residents are being evacuated due to Missouri River flooding – March 24
- City of Mandan residents living in subdivisions along the Missouri River may voluntarily evacuate as a precaution – March 24

Richland County

- The rescue of a family stranded at their home near Abercrombie by the Coast Guard was successful – March 25
- A family was evacuated east of the city of Great Bend – March 25

Stutsman County

- Eighty-eight children from the Anne Carlson Center for Children were evacuated with assistance from the American Red Cross (ARC) and Jamestown College volunteers to the Jamestown Hospital, Ave Maria Village and Hi-Acres Manor nursing homes, and the Jamestown Civic Center – March 24

Traill County

- Two homes north of Hillsboro were evacuated – March 25

➤ Flooding

Burleigh County/City of Bismarck

- Southport is underwater – a few inches to many feet. – March 25
- Two trailer courts are totally inundated – Airport Village and Skyway Park. -March 25
- Residential areas south of Burleigh Avenue are flooded – March 25
- Cottonwood subdivision and adjacent areas are impacted. – March 25
- Impacts to Apple Creek are being evaluated. – March 25
- 300,000 sandbags from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), St. Paul District, were due to arrive the morning of March 25, along with two sandbag machines from the Kansas City District.
- An additional 500,000 sandbags are being sent from the USACE, Omaha District.

- The N.D. National Guard will deliver 200,000 sandbags from Jamestown. – March 25
- All sandbags and sandbag machines will be delivered to the Bismarck Civic Center.
- The USACE, Omaha District, is delivering 11 Crisafulli pumps to the Bismarck Public Works Building on Wednesday.
- Due to Ice jams on the Missouri River, city and county officials advise residents in areas south of the Bismarck Expressway and West of South Washington Street, south of Burleigh Ave from the Missouri River to Apple Creek, to prepare for potential flooding. The Bismarck storm drain channel through south Bismarck has been closed at the Washington Street bridge – March 24
- Cavalier County
 - The city of Munich pumped water from a threatened area and monitoring continues – March 25
- Morton County
 - County and city officials issued a flood advisory for areas along the Missouri River south of the MDU Heskett Plant and east of 40th Avenue SE. Areas at risk due to ice jams on the Missouri River include the Riverbend, Captain’s Landing, Bridgeview Bay, Marina Bay, Borden Harbor and Lakewood residential areas. – March 24
 - The Missouri River at Mandan was at 15.95 feet with flood stage at 19 feet. If the river reaches 16.7 feet, a voluntary evacuation notice will be issued. If the river’s level reaches 18 feet, evacuation will be mandatory. – March 25
 - Sand bags will be available through the night and Wednesday at the City of Mandan Shop. – March 25
 - Snow removal in Mandan will begin once all flood preparation efforts are complete. – March 25
- Ransom County
 - City and county resources continue to work with the USACE to build diking along the Sheyenne River in downtown Lisbon. Sand bagging continues to strengthen low spots – March 25
 - On March 24, an ice jam caused the Maple River to expand to one-half mile wide north of ND Highway 46 near the city of Enderlin. One farmstead was isolated by water just north of Enderlin; a herd of cattle was stranded – March 25
 - Fort Ransom worked with the USACE to construct a clay dike and 25 National Guard troops were helping in Fort Ransom -March 25
- Richland County
 - Crews have been able to stop flooding in the city of Abercrombie by building up a section line area near the city with dirt. –March 25
 - A resident near 83rd St. NE informed authorities of his intention to dig a trench across a roadway to alleviate flooding on his property. The N.D. National Guard (NDNG) will place 150 sandbags at the 83rd St NE residence. –March 25
 - Sandbagging the new dike in Great Bend took place as a precaution – March 25
 - The Wahpeton Fire Department responded to a boil in the dike on 3rd Ave. N. with 600 sandbags and clay trucked in from Breckinridge. At 9:00 the problem had been rectified.– March 25
 - The Wild Rice is currently bottlenecked 6 to 8 miles south of Abercrombie – March 24
- Traill County
 - Water treatment plant in the city of Mayville has been repaired. The plant sustained damage and was not producing drinking water – March 25
- Walsh County

- Ice in the south branch of Park River is causing overland flooding.
- Overland flooding is occurring south of ND Highway 17 between the city of Minto and ND Highway 18.

➤ Electrical Outages

- Burleigh County
 - The city of Bismarck is not cutting power to flooded areas of south Bismarck based on MDU and Capital Electric's recommendations. -March 25
- Dickey County
 - Across the county, there is power only in Ellendale and Oakes. -25 March
 - Multiple power lines are down in the city of Ashley.
- Eddy County
 - The cities of New Rockford & Sheyenne had no power Tuesday night. Plans were to open a shelter at the New Rockford Fire/Ambulance – March 25
- Grant County
 - Intermittent power outages are occurring throughout the county, impacting Mor-Gran-Sou and MDU customers.
- Hettinger County
 - Intermittent power outages are occurring throughout the county, impacting MDU and Slope Electric customers.
- LaMoure County
 - The city of Jud reported intermittent power outages – March 25
 - Power is still out in the city of Kulm. Repairs were expected Wednesday afternoon - March 25
 - Dakota Valley Electric power outages to rural residents and repairs may take 3-4 days – March 25
- Logan County
 - The city of Fredonia and surrounding areas were without power but should be restored today – March 25
 - Power has been restored to the city of Napoleon. – March 25
- McIntosh County
 - Current power outages include the cities of Lehr and Wishek. Numerous farmers have no power -- March 24.
 - Landline phone service is limited in most of these areas – March 25
- Morton County
 - Intermittent power outages are reported throughout the county – March 24
- Nelson County
 - Outages were reported in Petersburg –March 24.
- Pembina County
 - Intermittent power outages are reported throughout the county – March 24
- Wells County
 - Power lines are down on the Heaton Highway. Northern Plains Electric will send a crew. Wells and Eddy Counties are experiencing significant ice build up on power lines. – March 24

➤ Roads

- The following locations on State Highways are closed:- March 25
 - ND Highway 1806 from ND 8 to ND 200.
 - ND Highway 200A from Washburn to ND Highway 200.
 - ND Highway 13 bridge in Wahpeton, use alternate route ND Highway 210 bypass.
 - ND Highway 24 west of Solen

- ND 34 from Hazelton to Napoleon
- ND Highway 49 from I-94 to Beulah
- The following locations on US Highways are closed: - March 25
 - US Highway 83 from the South Dakota border to Interstate 94,
 - US Highway 83 at the south junction with ND Highway 13 at Linton,
 - US Highway 81 from I-29 to Minto
 - Interstate-29 from the junction of ND Highway 13 near Wahpeton to Junction ND Highway 46 near Hickson,
 - Interstate-94 is closed from Oriska to Casselton. Use alternate route ND 32 – ND46 – ND 18.
- The following roadways are no longer flooded, but remain under a “No Travel Advisory:”
 - ND Highway 32 north of Oriska,
 - ND Highway 11 east of Ashley,
 - ND Highway 46 approximately 16 miles east of Gackle,
 - Old ND Highway 10 railroad underpass near Casselton, between ND Highway 18 and the Lynchburg exit,
 - ND Highway 17 Red River crossing closed due to road closures in Minnesota.
 - Interstate-94 westbound lane at mile marker 300 and eastbound lane at mile marker 248.
- The southbound lane of US Highway 83 has been re-opened. -March 25.
- I-94 re-opened between Mandan and Dickinson at 8:00 a.m. - March 25.
- Emmons County
 - No travel is advised on any county roads and ND Highway 83 remains closed until further notice – March 25
- Grand Forks County
 - Business US 2 Sorlie Bridge (DeMers Avenue) in Grand Forks closed Wednesday – March 25
 - In the City of Grand Forks, the Point Bridge was closed March 24 and the Sorlie Bridge (Demers Ave.) was closed on March 25.
- Mercer County
 - The roadway leading to bridge over the Knife River, located three miles north of the Junction of ND Highway 200 and 200A has been badly damaged. This is the north-south route from the junction east of Stanton, north to Pick City. N.D. Highway Patrol have been stationed at the bridge – March 25
- Ransom County
 - Travel is re-routed from the south side of Enderlin to downtown by traveling through Sheldon – March 25
- Richland County
 - As of Wednesday afternoon there are 84 roads closed: 20 county roads, 1 state highway, and 63 township or city roads – March 25
 - Wahpeton Dakota Avenue Bridge is open but remains greasy from clay – March 25
- Sioux County/Standing Rock Reservation
 - The bridge in Solen is closed because of possible damage on the south side.
 - ND Highway 24 on the west side of Solen is underwater and closed.
- Walsh County
 - US Highway 81 through the city of Minto has been closed. The county currently has 49 road closures with additional township closures throughout the county. – March 25

➤ Dam Releases

- Garrison Dam: On March 24, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) lowered the outflows of the Garrison Dam from 6,000 cfs to 4,000 cfs.
- Heart Butte Dam: The Bureau of Reclamation on March 23 reported inflow into Lake Tschida is 22,000 cfs. The outflow from the lake is 4,000 cfs, and this is very close to the maximum release.
- Baldhill Dam: USACE has increased releases to draw down water levels in the reservoir.
- Lake Traverse/Orwell Dam: On March 23, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), St. Paul District closed the Lake Traverse gate in an effort to reduce the crest at Wahpeton. The Orwell Dam will increase releases from 1,000 cfs releases to 1,600 cfs.
- Homme Dam: The reservoir is nearing full pool elevation, which will add additional water to the South Branch of the Park River in Walsh County in the next 24 hours. – March 24

➤ Damages to Homes/Businesses

McLean County

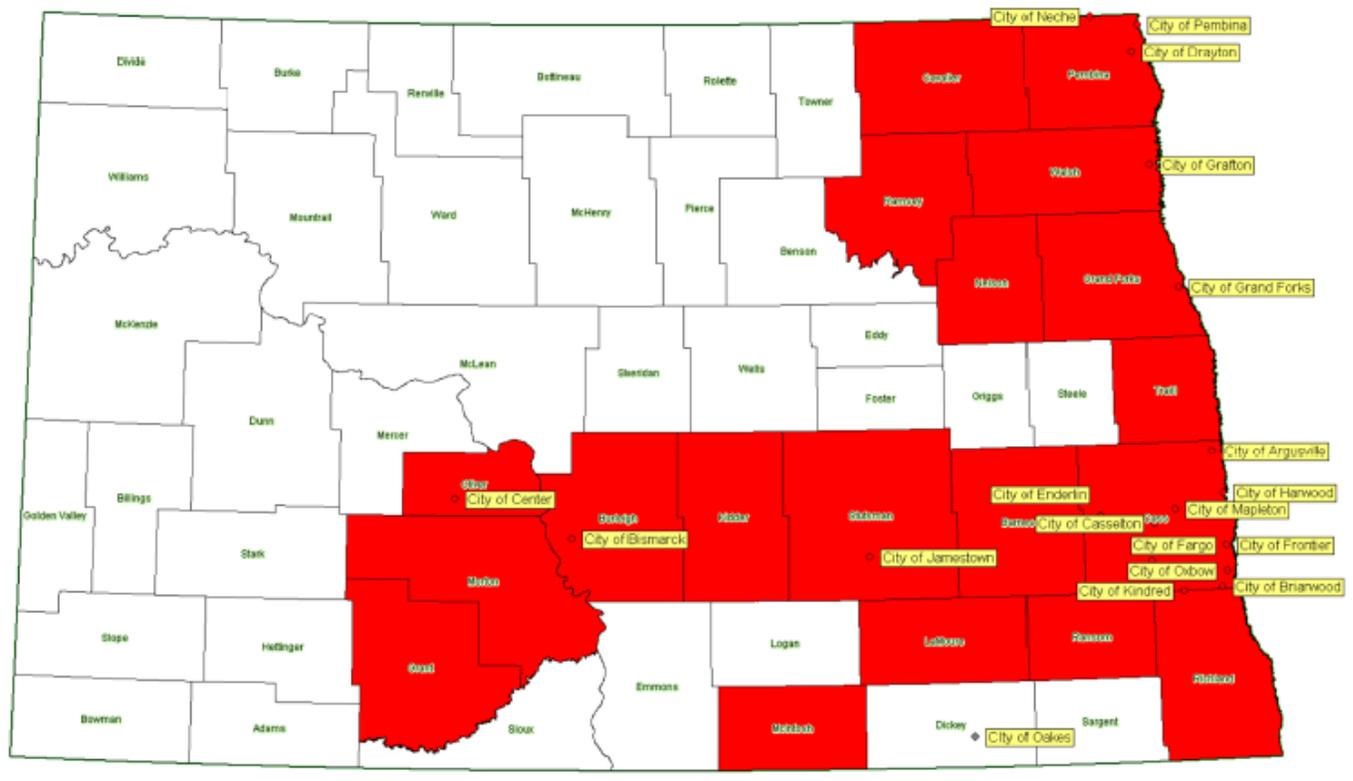
- **City of Washburn residents are reporting water in garages due to drainage problems.**
- **The Boil Order is expected to continue for three to four weeks due to the quality of Missouri River water. Potable water service information has been sent to Washburn School; it addresses adequate drinking water concerns at the school. – March 25**

Ransom County

- **On March 24, the Enderlin Fire Hall received minor flooding, one business was flooded as well as a storage-rental facility due to flooding on the Maple River – March 25**

➤ Declarations (See map)

- The state was granted a Presidential Disaster Declaration for 34 counties and two Tribal Nations in North Dakota. – March 25
- Governor John Hoeven issued a statewide emergency declaration on March 13.
- County Declarations – Barnes, **Benson**, Burleigh, Cass, Cavalier, **Foster**, Grand Forks, Grant, Kidder, LaMoure, McIntosh, Morton, Nelson, Oliver, Pembina, Ramsey, Ransom, Richland, Stutsman, Walsh.
- City Declarations – Argusville, Briarwood, Casselton, Center, Davenport, Drayton, Enderlin, Kindred, Fargo, Frontier, Grafton, Grand Forks, Harwood, Jamestown, Mapleton, Oakes, Oxbow, Neche and Pembina.



Weather Forecast: WESTERN AND CENTRAL NORTH DAKOTA:

Thursday - Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow. Breezy. Highs in the mid 20s. North winds 20 to 25 mph.

Thursday night - Mostly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Scattered flurries. Lows 5 to 10 above. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph decreasing to up to 10 mph after midnight.

Friday - Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 30s. South winds around 10 mph.

Friday night - Partly cloudy. Lows 15 to 20. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday and Saturday night - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. Lows in the lower 20s.

Watches, Warnings and Advisories: WESTERN and CENTRAL NORTH DAKOTA:

The **Flood Warning** for urban areas and small streams remains in effect until 3:45 p.m. cdt Thursday March 26, for the following counties: Adams, Bottineau, Burk, Burleigh, Dickey, Dunn, Emmons, Foster, Grant, Hettinger, Kidder, LaMoure, Logan, McHenry, McIntosh, McKenzie, McLean, Mercer, Mountrail, Morton, Oliver, Pierce, Renville, Rolette, Sheridan, Sioux, Stark, Stutsman, Ward, Wells, and Williams.

At 11:24 a.m. CDT National Weather Service employees visually confirmed that the ice jam located near Double Ditch historic site north of Bismarck remains in place and that some water is flowing around the jam. Fluctuating water levels are possible on the Missouri River in low lying areas in the Bismarck and Mandan area. Storm drains in south Bismarck continue to be overloaded with water and as a result have caused localized flooding.

Flood Warning continues for Apple Creek near Menoken until Friday morning. At 9:30 a.m. Wednesday the stage was 14.9 feet. The creek is forecast to rise above flood stage by this afternoon and continue to rise to near 15.2 feet by after midnight tomorrow. The river will fall below flood stage by tomorrow evening.

Apple Creek near Menoken – Stage Forecast – Flood Stage is 15 feet.

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
15.2	14.1	10.1	6.3	6.0

Flood Warning continues for the Heart River near Mandan until late Thursday night. At 9:15 a.m. Wednesday the stage was 20.3 feet. The river will continue to fall to below flood stage by tomorrow afternoon.

Heart River at Mandan – Stage Forecast – Flood Stage is 17.0 feet

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
18.1	15.0	12.4	9.9	9.1

Flood Warning continues for the Knife river near Hazen until Friday morning. At 10:00 a.m. Wednesday the stage was 27.0 feet. The river will continue rising to near 27.1 feet by this afternoon. The river will fall below flood stage late evening tomorrow.

Knife River at Hazen – Stage Forecast – Flood Stage is 21.0 feet

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
26.0	18.3	12.6	7.6	5.3

Flood Warning continues for the James River near Ludden Dam until further notice. At 8:30 a.m. Wednesday the stage was 12.5 feet. The river will continue rising to near 18.0 feet by early Saturday morning then begin falling.

James River near Ludden Dam – Stage Forecast – Flood Stage is 12 feet

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
16.7	17.9	18.0	17.8	16.7

Flood Warning for the James River at LaMoure has been extended until Saturday afternoon. At 9:00 a.m. Wednesday the stage was 15.3 feet. The river will continue rising to near 15.9 feet by tomorrow morning. The river will fall below flood stage Saturday morning.

James River at LaMoure – Stage Forecast – Flood Stage is 14.0 feet.

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
15.9	15.3	13.7	11.5	10.6

Flood Warning for Pipestem Creek near Pingree has been extended until Sunday afternoon. At 9:15 a.m. Wednesday the stage was 11.2 feet. The river will continue to fall to below flood stage by early Sunday morning.

Pipestem Creek near Pingree – Stage Forecast – Flood Stage is 9.0 feet

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
10.9	10.1	9.4	8.9

Flood Warning for Cedar Creek near Raleigh has been extended until Friday morning. At 7:00 a.m. Wednesday the stage was 17.5 (estimated) feet. The river will continue to fall to below flood stage by tomorrow evening.

Cedar Creek near Raleigh – Stage Forecast – Flood Stage is 12.0 feet

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
14.1	10.0	6.2	3.8	2.7

[Weather Forecast: EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA:](#)

Today: Snow and widespread blowing snow before 1pm, then snow likely and areas of blowing snow after 1pm. The snow could be heavy at times. High near 25. Blustery, with a northwest

wind between 16 and 24 mph, with gusts as high as 37 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. Total daytime snow accumulation of 2 to 4 inches possible.

Tonight: Areas of blowing snow and a chance of snow before 1am, then a slight chance of snow after 1am. Cloudy, with a low around 16. Northwest wind between 11 and 14 mph, with gusts as high as 21 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%. New snow accumulation of less than one inch possible.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 29. North northwest wind between 13 and 17 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Thursday Night: A slight chance of snow before 1am, then a chance for flurries. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 15. North northwest wind between 9 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 21 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 28. North wind around 9 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 12.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 29.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 37.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22.

[National Weather Service Watches, Warnings and Advisories: EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA:](#)

Flood Warning continues for the Red River at Fargo until further notice. At 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday the stage was 35.6 feet. Major flooding is occurring and record flooding is forecast. The river will continue rising to near 41.0 feet by Saturday early afternoon then begin falling.

Red River at Fargo – Stage Forecast – Flood Stage is 18.0 feet

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
37.8	40.1	40.9	41.0	41.0	41.0	40.8

Flood Warning continues for the Park River at Grafton until 11 a.m. Saturday, March 28.

Moderate flooding is occurring and moderate flooding is forecast. The river is cresting near 14.0 feet and will begin a slow fall on Thursday.

Park River at Grafton – Stage Forecast – Flood Stage is 12 feet.

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
13.7	13.2	11.9	10.7	10.0	9.7	9.5

Flood Warning continues for the Forest River at Minto until 10 p.m. Tuesday. The river is forecast to crest around 8.5 ft tomorrow morning, then begin a very slow fall.

Forest River at Minto – Stage Forecast – Flood Stage is 6.0 feet

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
8.6	8.4	8.0	7.5	6.9	6.2	5.6

Flood Warning continues for the Red River at Wahpeton until further notice. At 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday the stage was 16.8 feet. Major flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast. The river will continue to fall to a stage of 16.5 feet by tomorrow morning.

Red River at Wahpeton – Stage Forecast – Flood Stage is 10.0 feet

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
16.5	16.1	15.6	15.2	14.8	14.6	14.5

Flood warning continues for the Red River at Drayton until further notice.

Red River at Drayton – Stage Forecast – Flood Stage is 32.0 feet
 THU FRI SAT SUN MON TUE WED
 36.2 38.3 39.5 40.5 41.4 42.4 43.3

Flood Warning continues for the Red River at Oslo until further notice. At 12:15 p.m. Wednesday the stage was 35.2 feet.

Red River at Oslo – Stage Forecast – Flood Stage is 26.0 feet
 THU FRI SAT SUN MON TUE WED
 36.1 36.9 37.4 37.7 37.9 38.0 38.0

Flood Warning continues for the Red River at Pembina until further notice. At 9:44 a.m. Wednesday the stage was 38.5 feet.

Red River at Pembina – Stage Forecast – Flood Stage is 42.0 feet
 THU FRI SAT SUN MON TUE WED
 42.5 46.0 47.9 49.0 49.6 50.0 50.2

Resource/Assistance Requests

N.D. National Guard

- Transport demolitions from Camp Grafton, Devils Lake to Bismarck.
 - ACCEPTED - NDNG
- Mobilize the Joint Forces Headquarters reserve force which consists of the 816th and 818th Engineer Companies. To support flood operations throughout the state. – March 25
 - ACCEPTED – NDNG
- Transportation and troops to bring 200,000 sandbags (18-20 pallets) from Jamestown to Bismarck - March 25
 - ASSIGNED – NDNG
- Transport 2,000 lineal feet of HESCO barriers from Fargo to Bismarck/Mandan. Erected HESCO barriers on the strip in Mandan and second structure location TBD. The Task Force is also hauling 500,000 sandbags to the Bismarck Civic Center. – March 25

Burleigh County/City of Bismarck

- USACE Technical assistance for ice jam remediation.
 - PENDING – USACE, Omaha District is processing request letter.
- Transport 500,000 bags from the Fargo Armory to the city of Bismarck Civic Center.
 - ACCEPTED - NDNG
- Provide three high wheeled vehicles with operators to assist in evacuations for areas not accessible to normal vehicles.
 - ACCEPTED – NDNG; will coordinate with Bismarck PD.
- Eight personnel with two vehicles to support Burleigh Co. Sheriff with monitoring the ice jams
 - ACCEPTED - NDNG
- 5 pumps to pump overflow water into drainage.
 - ACCEPTED - NDNG
- 3 pumps with approximately 200 cfs capability each, to pump overflow water from inside city to drainage ditch.
 - ACCEPTED –SWC; will deliver 2 pumps to South Washington St. location.
- 24,000 sand bags needed
 - ACCEPTED – State Water Commission (SWC) Supplies will be staged at the Bismarck Civic Center.
- 50 Soldiers, 10 trucks, 2-3 loaders to respond to Missouri River flooding.
 - ACCEPTED - NDNG

Cass County

- Personnel to man three 8-inch trash pumps beginning March 25 through the river crest. The task will require 24-hour shifts. Locations are US Highway 81 south at Chris Ann Estates West, Chris Ann Estates East, and Maple Prairie subdivisions.
 - ACCEPTED - NDNG

Morton County

- USACE technical assistance to remediate flooding in the city of Mandan.
 - PENDING – USACE, Omaha District is processing request letter.

Pembina County

- City of Drayton has requested one 350 gpm pump for town and two 600 gpm pump for water that may flow over I-29 from the west.
 - ACCEPTED – USACE, St. Paul District.

Richland County

- Evacuation of a family stranded in their home near Abercrombie. There are 5 adults and one 14 month old child.
 - ACCEPTED – NDNG is on site but water is 8-feet deep. NDNG is working with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) to rescue by boat or helicopter.
- 150 sandbags for flood protection at 83rd Avenue NE, 3 miles south of Wahpeton.
 - ACCEPTED – NDNG
- 4,000 sandbags for flood protection in the city of Christine. Requesting transport. On-scene volunteers will place sandbags.
 - ACCEPTED – NDNG

Detailed Reports

Refer to previous Incident Summaries, as necessary.

Local

Cass County

- The city of Fargo is building/topping off earthen levees, building a sandbag dike and deploying Hesco flood protection (31,000 linear feet) – March 25
- Volunteers filled 450,000 sandbags in one day – March 25

Dickey County

- The Maple and Elm Rivers are over their banks. – March 25

Emmons County

- The residents of Linton were advised to conserve water to relieve demand on the sewer system – March 25

Grand Forks County

- The city of Grand Forks is providing bus transportation for volunteers who want to assist with flood efforts in Fargo – March 24.

LaMoure County

- The City of LaMoure water system is back in operation.—March 25
- The James River at the city of LaMoure is rising approximately one inch per hour. Residents along the river in the city of Adrian continue sandbag operations – March 25
- An ice and log jam at the railroad bridge North of Dickey is causing residents along the river to voluntarily evacuate themselves and their livestock.- March 25

McIntosh County

- County road crews are flagging flooded or damaged roads and will start repairs Wednesday – March 25
- The county continues sandbag distribution at the courthouse parking lot – March 25

McLean County

- The City of Washburn water quality is impacted by Garrison Dam outflows which may result in a BOIL ORDER for tap water – March 24

Morton County

- On March 24, members of the City of Mandan/Morton County Law Enforcement Flood Control conducted a meeting with city and county officials to review the flood traffic plan addressing voluntary and mandatory evacuation measures and identified areas of responsibility for warning, evacuation and road block locations – March 25

Pembina County

- The O’Keefe bridge was closed Tuesday after a large ice jam was reported at the St Joseph township on the Pembina River – March 25

Richland County

- The Comstock construction company built a temporary levy on County Road 16 west of Great Bend. -25 March
- The city of Wahpeton has 6,000 filled sandbags and 200,000 unfilled bags on hand. – March 25
- Volunteers for sandbag activity are to report to the National Guard Armory to ensure proper documentation of volunteer safety and assignment and to alleviate traffic on roads. -25 March
- City of Colfax – Flooding is under control and the lift station is operating. -25 March
- City of Abercrombie -- Construction of a clay dike on the south side of the city has been completed. The city has a supply of sand bags – March 25
- City of Christine - Flooding is under control. The city has 5,000 sandbags on hand – March 25
- Rural Abercrombie rescue mission - Evacuees have marked their location with a yellow parka on a stick. Rescue aircraft will fly evacuees to the Wahpeton airport. Richland County Social Services will provide assistance to evacuees. Additionally they are worried about their two dogs. NDNG liaison in Fargo has been notified about this concern.
- Wahpeton City Hall returned to regular hours and dismantled the Emergency Operations Center on Tuesday. The street department monitored conditions until midnight. The Dakota Avenue dike remains but the Beljo dike was removed. – March 25
- Residents of the county and cities are advised to **not** pump water into the sanitary sewer systems. Residents are requested to conserve water – March 24

Trails County

- Sandbagging volunteer efforts included: Students from Mayport CG High School, Mayville State University, Hillsboro High School, Central Valley School and other volunteers from the community – March 25

Walsh County.

- The city of Grafton completed work on the main levee and is working to place other temporary levees in low areas. March - 25
- City of Grafton officials continue to notify residents of current threat. On March 24, at 9:00 p.m. calls went out for volunteers to reinforce sandbagging operations.
- City of Minto flood fighters filled and placed about 11,000 sandbags – March 24

- City of Grafton residents are urged to take precautionary measures as saturated materials were used in dike construction – March 24

State

N.D. Department of Corrections (NDDOCR)

- The NDDOCR completed the evacuation of 146 residents of the Missouri River Correctional Center (MRCC). Minimum security inmates are staying in the North Dakota State Penitentiary (NDSP) gymnasium. – March 25

N.D. Department of Health

- Federal authority has been granted to stand up the 50 bed nursing facility in Steele to house evacuated patients from Fargo. Operational status within 24 hours – March 25

N.D. Electrical Board

- The state electrical inspector is working with the electricians in the city of Linton to restore power in previously flooded areas – March 25

N.D. Health Department

- The Richland County Health Department has available tetanus shots and kits to test bacterial or chemical contamination of water wells– March 25

N.D. Highway Patrol

- Bismarck District officers are manning road closures at approximately six locations in the city of Bismarck and are covering all car crash reports in Bismarck and may do the same in the city of Mandan – March 25
- Officers assisted with the temporary mandatory evacuation of flood impacted areas in the city of Mandan – March 25
- Minot Highway Patrol District is sending four troopers in four-wheel-drive vehicles to assist the Bismarck District – March 25
- The Minot District will be covering calls in the Washburn area – March 25
- Officers have been scheduled for 12-hour shifts – March 25
- NDHP provided security for evacuation of 146 inmates from the Missouri River Correctional Center on Tuesday, and maintained security at the center through the night. – March 25

N.D. National Guard

- Soldiers stationed in Wahpeton were sent to Great Bend and Wild Rice to assist sandbagging efforts.- March 25
- Soldiers assigned to Ransom County have been sent to the city of Fort Ransom to assist sandbagging efforts. –March 25
- Summary of Air Operations Branch Significant Activities.-March 25
 - On March 25, two USAF UH-1 Rescue Helicopters arrived at the Bismarck Army Aviation Support Facility. The aircraft are on alert to support rescue hoist operations – March 25
 - Coordinated charter air flight of demolition specialist from Pennsylvania to Bismarck for consultation regarding breaking up ice jams with explosives. Anticipated arrival in Bismarck at 11:00 p.m. March 24.
 - Coordinated movement of 2- UH-1 rescue helicopters from the Minot AFB to Bismarck for use in case helicopters with a rescue hoist are needed for swift-water rescue. Projected arrival is Wednesday morning, March 25.
 - Working with FEMA, USCBP, and FAA to expand the current UAS Course of Action to include the entire state of North Dakota.
 - Established a temporary flight restriction over ice jams the vicinity of Bismarck. Four miles wide to an altitude of 5,000 feet msl.

- Set up CAP flights for tomorrow to provide demolition experts a view of ice jams near Bismarck and provide ice jam imagery and location pinpointing along the Missouri River from south of Bismarck to the Garrison Dam for the State Water Commission.
- Set up ice dusting operation between NDDOT and NDNG to commence at first light on March 25.
- On Tuesday the N. D. National Guard evacuated a family of eight 3-miles west of Abercrombie – March 25

N.D. State Water Commission (SWC)

- The ice jam north of Bismarck was reported as being one-half mile south of the Double Ditch Historic site to one-quarter mile past from the north end of Double Ditch. The ice jam is two miles long – March 25

N.D. Department of Transportation (NDDOT)

- NDDOT assisted Morton County with fill material to provide flood protection on the east bound lane of Memorial Highway – March 25
- NDDOT Grand Forks District Engineer reported that Burlington Northern Sante Fe (BNSF) is closing the line from Fargo to Grand Forks and seeking bus routes to Minot – March 24
- NDDOT has requested assistance from the N.D. National Guard to monitor closure of I-29 when closure and detours are issued at 8 locations on a 24 hour basis. The barricades in three locations will also be manned by N.D. Highway Patrol Personnel.

Federal

U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)

- Available USCG Assets: March 24 -- Air Boat in Fargo; 25 March -- four 30-foot trailers with 3 flood punts divided into two Disaster Area Response Teams (DART) teams; March 26 -- 3 air boats in Grand Forks; helo on location in Fargo and another by 26 March
- USCG will be staging resources in the city of Fargo for mission response as needed.
 - Two helicopters
 - Two Disaster Assistance Response Teams (DART)
 - Air Boats

Federal Emergency Management Agency

- FEMA's Incident Management Assistance Team is coordinating with the State Emergency Operations Center.

Voluntary Agencies

American Red Cross

- The ARC mobilized a truck to Traill County – March 25
- The ARC is setting up a shelter to house 200 people at the Bismarck First Evangelical Free Church – March 24
- Staff assisted family of six in Kensal (Stutsman County) as home is uninhabitable due to basement collapse.
- Staff assisted the Anne Carlson Center for Children with evacuation.
- The ARC Requested a National ARC emergency vehicle to assist with small community feeding, delivery of clean up kits and additional feeding supplies.

Civil Air Patrol

- Fly over of the following is scheduled Wednesday: the Abercrombie area and dam rumored to be breached; the Fairmount area; and White Rock Dam south of Wahpeton – March 25

- On Wednesday a crew flew from Bismarck to the Garrison Dam. Images were posted to the CAP web site – March 25

Florida Search and Rescue

- Florida Search and Rescue indicates they can have 2 airboats in Bismarck to assist rescue efforts within 12 hours and another 3 to 5 within 18 hours – March 25

Salvation Army

- Clean up kits are being staged at City Hall in Wahpeton (642-6565) -- March 25
- Fargo/Moorhead has 250 clean up kits on hand.

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