



**09-003, Spring Flooding
March 27, 2009
7:25 a.m. CDT
Incident Summary Report #21**

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**

- Richland County
 - The driver of a vehicle who drove into a water-filled ditch was treated for hypothermia.
– March 26

➤ **Ice Jams**

- The first detonation of explosives to mitigate flooding on the Missouri River south of Bismarck/Mandan occurred on the afternoon of March 25 and again near midnight – March 26.

➤ **Evacuations/Sheltering**

Burleigh County

- Approximately 1,500 people were evacuated from south Bismarck on March 25.
Residents were allowed to return home Thursday evening.

Cass County

- **FEMA officials have advised the dike breach reported in the city of Fargo last night at 2:29 a.m. was reported in error. On-scene officials report no significant impacts to the dike other than some erosion on the river side of the dike.**
- **The Fargo EOC reported Meritcare Triumph is evacuating patients by fixed wing air ambulance to it's sister facility in Mandan.**
- **Bethany Nursing Home is evacuating 48 memory-care patients to a shelter at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Casselton. 150 assisted living patients, along with 188 skilled-care patients, will be evacuated to Bismarck by flights scheduled at 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**

Rosewood Nursing Home is evacuating 20 memory-care patients to Casselton. Thirty-five skilled-care patients will be evacuated on the 9:30 a.m. flight to Bismarck. Three Bariatric patients are currently scheduled to be transferred to Grand Forks, two hospice

patients to Hillsboro, and one patient on a ventilator is possibly going to Mandan.

Manor Care Nursing Home is evacuating three hospice patients and three Bariatric patients to High Acres Manor in Jamestown; two Bariatric patients to Minot; three dialysis patients to Grand Forks; one CDIF Dialysis patient to and one wound VAC patient will be evacuated to St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck on the 9:30 a.m. flight. Coordination of one traumatic brain injury patient is still being arranged.

Prairie St. Johns Psychiatric Hospital (75 patients) do not plan to evacuate. Officials plan to build their dikes up to 44.5 feet.

Villa Maria Nursing Home and Elim Nursing Home attempted to evacuate yesterday and had to return due to poor weather.

Nursing Homes that are evacuated:

Good Samaritan nursing home patients were relocated to nursing home in Arthur, N.D.

Edgewood Vista nursing home staff were internally relocating patients with their families, at sister facilities and ND and MN, and hotels in the city of Grand Forks. Administrators expect evacuations will be completed by noon Friday. They expect to transfer 15 high functioning patients to Nebraska or Sioux Falls.

Evergreen nursing home transferred all their patients yesterday to a sister facility in Detroit Lakes MN.

- The City of Fargo Mayor issued a mandatory evacuation Thursday night for 52nd Ave. S to University which will impact a residential care facility, Riverview Place, and about 40 homes. A voluntary evacuation order, which will be upgraded to mandatory within 24 hours, was issued for everyone living in the area of contingency dikes and first line dikes. Shelters were set up at Fargo South Campus II – March 27
- Fargo officials Thursday night refined plans to evacuate 200 patients from Meritcare Hospital, 80 patients from Innovis Hospital and 1,500 nursing home and assisted living patients from local facilities. Resources needed: medical staging areas at Central Cass School in Casselton, West Fargo High School, and West Fargo Cheney Middle School; 3 disaster medical teams; 2 federal medical stations, and 1 rapid deployment force; 1 medical strike team with 5 ambulances; 75 additional ambulances; 2 ambuluses; 1 air ambulance; ND National Guard Medical Unit and EMS Unit; and 2 ND Army Reserve Portable Hospital Units – March 27
- As of Thursday afternoon, there have been 40 evacuations totaling 86 people – March 26
- Friendship House in Fargo, evacuated approximately 75 clients and 25 staff to the Developmental Center in Grafton – March 26
- Meritcare Hospital in Fargo, began precautionary evacuations – March 26
- The City of Fargo implemented its emergency plans for vulnerable populations on Thursday: a shelter for special needs populations opened at the West Fargo High School for those living in higher flood risk areas; all hospitals discharged every patient possible; in the city of Fargo south side nursing homes were evacuated – March 26
- Cass/Fargo Emergency Management on Wednesday report evacuation of 15 homes, 41 people, and 12 animals by the county sheriff's office – March 26

- An American Red Cross (ARC) managed shelter is being set up at the West Fargo High School Auditorium. – March 26
- Animal shelters are being set up at the Red River Fairgrounds in West Fargo by the local Humane Society chapter with assistance from Emergency Animal Rescue Services (EARS). March-26

Richland County

- Wahpeton Fire Department evacuated four children (ages 1, 2, 6, and 10) from a rural Abercrombie home. Parents remain in the home which is protected by 9,000 sandbags – March 26
- Eight additional county residents have been evacuated – March 26

Sioux County

- County officials report two families stranded and evacuated. – March 26
- One family was evacuated from the Solen area and is staying with relatives – March 26
- A family has refused to evacuate their farm – March 26
- Three families that self-evacuated on March 25 have returned to their homes – March 26

Spirit Lake Nation

- Twenty homes have been identified for potential evacuation – March 26

Triall County

- Eight adults and four children were sheltered Wednesday night in the Hillsboro Armory after one of their vehicles slid off icy roads – March 27
- Officials are preparing the Mayville and Hillsboro Armories and the Mayville State University as emergency shelters for potential Fargo evacuations – March 27

➤ Flooding

▪ Barnes County

- Sandbags and sand were delivered to the King School to bringing supplies closer to rural residents near the Sheyenne River – March 26
- Barnes County Highway Department delivered sand to rural subdivisions and the City of Valley City began to distribute sandbags to the rural areas on Tuesday – March 26

▪ Burleigh County/City of Bismarck

- All evacuated residents in the City of Bismarck were allowed to return to their homes on Thursday night – March 27
- Officials Thursday night encouraged vigilance even as the Missouri River levels fall. Long Lake was overflowing and pushing toward the McKenzie Slough which empties into Apple Creek and then moves south to the Oahe Bend area – March 27
- Sandbag inventory as of March 26: Estimated unfilled sandbags available 1,100,000. Filled sandbags ready for deployment: 89,000 (200 pallets) at the Civic Center with additional at the public works building March 26
- Turtle Mountain obtained 10,000 empty bags from Civic Center – March 26

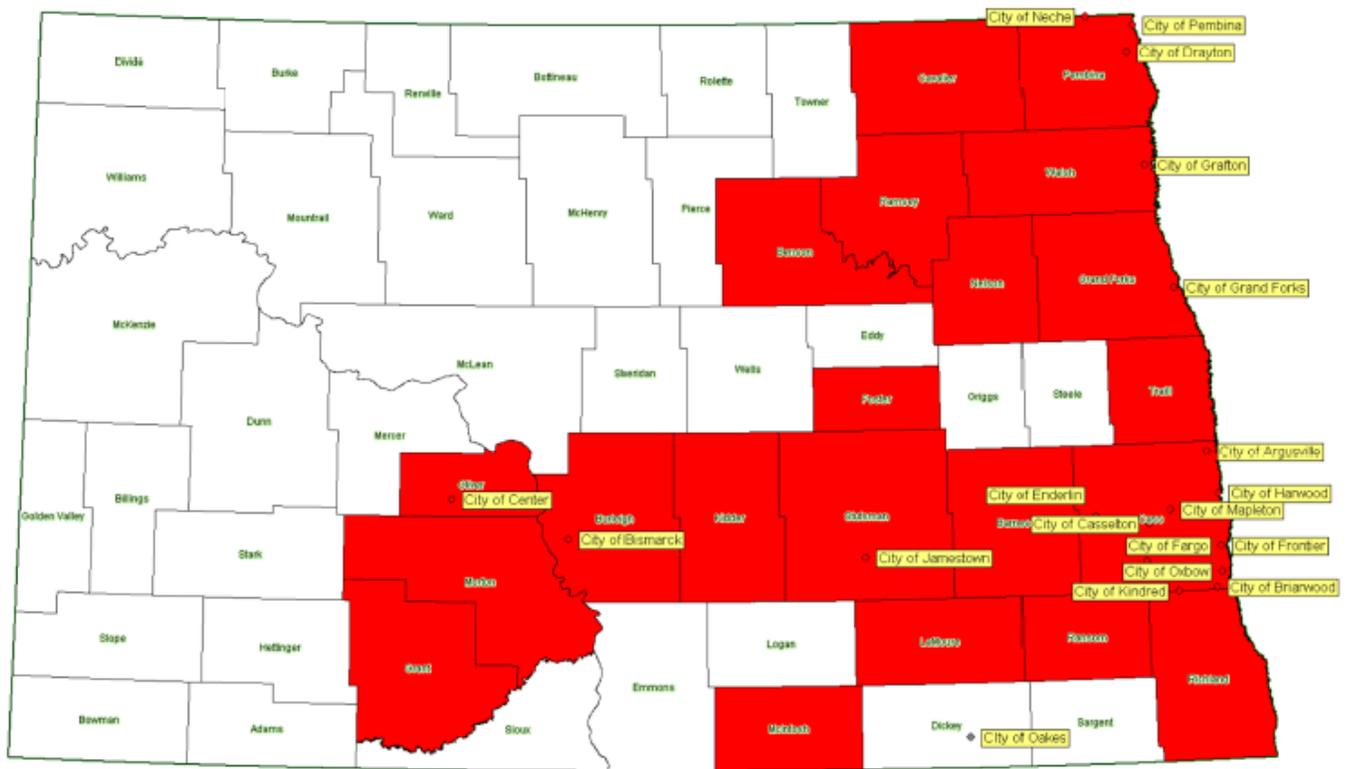
▪ Cass County

- Officials reported Thursday night that Burlington Northern Railroad was attempting to breakup the Sheyenne Diversion ice jam with a clamshell excavator – March 27
- The county engineer reported minor leaks in the Fargo dikes/levees were located and sand bagged – March 26
- An ice jam was reported Thursday afternoon on the Sheyenne Diversion and was threatening the city of West Fargo – March 26
- Construction of secondary dikes began in Fargo on Wednesday night and will continue at various locations through Friday – March 26

▪ Cavalier County

- In the Pembina Gorge springs area, the springs (trapped by frozen outlets) are building ice floes over roads to a thickness of five inches – March 26
- Ransom County
- Richland County
 - Sandbagging efforts began Thursday around 4 homes 2 miles south of Wahpeton along ND Highway 127 W due to the Boise de Sioux flooding – March 26
- Spirit Lake Nation
 - Five home owners reported water in basements – March 26
- Stutsman County
 - Jamestown Airport was closed until further notice due to rain, snow melt and excessive water on runways – March 26
- Traill County
 - Sand Bagging operations have constructed dikes to protect six homes in the Caledonia area – March 27
- Electrical Outages
 - DAKOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE: Serving rural residents in Richland, Ransom, Sargent, Dickey, LaMoure, Logan and McIntosh counties.
 - 425 customers remain without power.
 - Forbes (Dickey County) and Kulm (LaMoure County) substations remain without electric service. Utility crews are repairing storm damage to transmission lines serving these substations. On Thursday morning crews from Dakota Valley, Lake Region Electric Cooperative and Pelican Rapids, MN targeted remaining outages. – March 26
- Roads
 - The N. D. Department of Transportation reported Thursday evening that I-29 and I-94 remain open but water has reduced traffic to one lane in the following areas:
 - Interstate 94 east bound near Mapleton (mile marker 338), exit ramp narrow due to water
 - Interstate 29 south bound near Davenport exit (mile marker 54)
 - Interstate 29 north bound near Horace exit (mile marker 56), exit ramp narrow due to water
 - Interstate 29 south bound near Argusville (mile marker 79)
 - Interstate 29 south bound near Gardener (mile marker 86)
 - The following locations on State Highways are closed:
 - ND Highway 27 1-mile east of junction ND 1 – March 26
 - ND Highway 1806 from ND 8 to ND 200.
 - ND Highway 200A from Washburn to ND Highway 200.
 - ND Highway 200 from the junction at ND 200A to the junction of ND 1806.
 - ND Highway 13 bridge in Wahpeton, use alternate route ND Highway 210 bypass.
 - ND Highway 13 west of Wahpeton.
 - ND Highway 24 west of Solen.
 - ND 34 from Hazelton to Napoleon.
 - The following locations on US Highways are closed: - March 25
 - 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,
 - Grand Forks County
 - Thompson Bridge over the Red River on Grand Forks County Road 17 was closed Thursday night – March 27

- Richland County
 - Emergency repairs to roads near the city of Dwight will take place to improve transportation access. –March 26
- Sioux County
 - The county has two Cannonball River bridges that are washed out -- March 26
 - Seventy-four road locations throughout the county have been damaged and are under repair – March 26
- Dam Releases
 - Garrison Dam: The N.D. State Water Commission reported due to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) continued closure of the Dam, the Leland Olds power station may shut down. Power will be drawn from other commercial sources to service electrical users – March 26
 - 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
 - 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
- 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, Hettinger, Kidder, LaMoure, McIntosh, McLean, Morton, Nelson, Oliver, Pembina, Ramsey, Ransom, Richland, Stutsman, Traill, 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:](#)

Friday - partly cloudy. Highs 20 northeast to the upper 30s far west.

Saturday - partly cloudy. Mostly cloudy Saturday night with a slight chance of light snow far west. Lows 10 to 20. Highs 30 to 40.

Sunday - Partly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow. Lows near 15 northeast to 30 far west. Highs 30 to around 40.

Monday - Partly cloudy with a slight chance of snow. Lows 15 to 25. Highs 30 to 40.

[Watches, Warnings and Advisories: WESTERN and CENTRAL NORTH DAKOTA:](#)

Flood Warning: Continues for the Heart River near Mandan. At 9:15 a.m. Wednesday the stage was 20.3 feet.

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

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18.1 15.0 12.4 9.9 9.1

Flood Warning: Continues for Apple Creek near Menoken. At 8:00 a.m. Thursday the stage was 13.9 feet. The river is expected to rise to near flood stage this afternoon.

Apple Creek at Menoken - - Stage Forecast - - Flood Stage is 15.0 feet

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15.0 11.9 8.2 6.0 5.9

Flood Warning: Continues for the Knife River near Hazen. At 6:00 a.m. Thursday the stage was 24.2 feet. The river will continue to fall to below flood stage by tomorrow afternoon.

Knife River at Hazen - - Stage Forecast - - Flood Stage is 21.0 feet.

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
20.3	15.7	10.1	5.3	4.3

Flood Warning: Continues for the Cannonball River at Breien. At 7:15 a.m. Wednesday the stage was 22.7 feet. The river will continue to fall to below flood stage by Saturday before midnight.

Cannonball River at Breien- - Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 10.0 feet

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
21.0	17.8	12.7	8.7	6.6

Flood Warning: Continues for the Cedar Creek near Raleigh. 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.

Cannonball River at 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:](#)

Friday - Mostly sunny. Highs 20 to 25. Northwest winds up to 10 mph.

Friday night - Partly cloudy in the evening then mostly cloudy. Lows 10 to 15.

Saturday - Partly sunny. Highs 30 to 35.

Saturday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows 10 to 15.

Sunday - Partly sunny. Highs 25 to 30.

Sunday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows 15 to 20.

Monday - Mostly cloudy. Highs 30 to 35.

Monday night - Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of light snow. Lows 10 to 15.

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

The flood warning remains in effect for urban areas, rivers and small streams in Barnes, Cass, Grand Forks, Pembina, Ransom, Richland, Traill and Walsh counties.

Major and record flooding is occurring and expected on the Red River. The crest will be nearing Fargo and Moorhead by Saturday and then progressing further north thereafter. The crest at some points on the Red River may linger for several days due to the large volume of water in the river system. Conditions on the Red River at Fargo have grown increasingly dangerous over the past 24 hours. The river is currently above record levels and showing no sign of slowing at this point. With the river exceeding the previous record level the relative uncertainty in forecast models has increased significantly. Record flows upstream of Fargo have produced unprecedented conditions on the Red River. Given these factors, the river is expected to behave in ways never previously observed. The crest forecast at Fargo is now expected to be between 41 and 42 feet by Saturday but could potentially be as high as 43 feet and continue for 3 to 7 days.

Flood Warning: Continues for the Red River at Fargo. At 3:00 am Friday March 27 the stage was 40.20 feet. This exceeds the maximum level observed in 1997 which was 39.57 feet. This level also exceeds the record height observed in 1897 which was 40.10 feet. Conditions on the Red River at Fargo have grown increasingly dangerous over the past 24 hours. The river is currently above record levels and showing no sign of slowing at this point, exceeding the previous record level. The river is expected to behave in ways never previously observed.

Red River at Fargo - - Stage Forecast - - Flood Stage is 18.0 feet.

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
41.4	42.0	42.0	42.0	42.0	41.9	41.7

Flood Warning: Continues for the Sheyenne River at West Fargo diversion. At 12:00 am Friday the stage was estimated to be 22.1 feet. Minor flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast. The river will continue rising to near 23.0 feet by Sunday afternoon.

Sheyenne River at West Fargo- - Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 18.0 feet.

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
22.5	22.7	23.0	23.0	22.8	22.5	22.4

Flood Warning: Continues for the Red River at Wahpeton. At 3:00 am Friday the stage was 15.5 feet. Major flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast. The river will continue to fall, dropping below 15.0 feet on Saturday. However, the river will remain above major flood stage through the next seven days.

Red River at Wahpeton- - Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 10.0 feet.

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
15.1	14.8	14.6	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5

Flood Warning: Continues for the Sheyenne River near Kindred. At 2:00 am Friday the stage was 19.5 feet. Minor flooding is occurring and record flooding is forecast. The river will continue rising to near 22.4 feet by tomorrow evening.

Sheyenne River at Kindred- - Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 16.0 feet.

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
21.4	22.4	21.9	21.2	20.5	19.8	19.4

Flood Warning: Continues for the Sheyenne River at Harwood. At 12:00 am Friday the stage was 891.5 feet. Major flooding is occurring and record flooding is forecast. The river will continue rising to near 892.3 feet by Sunday morning.

Sheyenne River at Harwood- - Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 884.0 feet.

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
892.0	892.2	892.3	892.3	892.3	892.2	892.1

Flood Warning: Continues for the Maple River near Mapleton. At 2:15 am Friday the stage was 909.4 feet. Moderate flooding is occurring and moderate flooding is forecast. The river will continue to fall to a stage of 909.0 feet by tomorrow morning.

Maple River at Mapleton- - Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 905.0 feet

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
909.1	908.7	908.2	907.7	907.0	906.5	906.1

Flood Warning: Continues for the Maple River near Enderlin. At 2:00 am Friday the stage was 11.7 feet. Minor flooding is occurring and minor flooding is forecast. The river will continue to fall to below flood stage by early Sunday morning.

Maple River at Enderlin - - Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 9.5 feet.

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
10.8	9.5	8.3	7.3	6.4	5.7	5.4

Flood Warning: Continues for the Wild Rice River at Abercrombie. At 2:15 am Friday the stage was 27.2 feet. Major flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast. The river will continue to fall to a stage of 26.4 feet by tomorrow morning.

Wild Rice River at Abercrombie- -Stage Forecast- -Flood Stage is 10.0 feet.

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
26.5	25.8	24.9	23.9	23.0	21.8	20.6

Flood Warning: Continues for the Red River at East Grand Forks. At 2:30 am Friday the stage was 47.4 feet. Major flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast. The river will continue rising with a crest between 50 and 53 feet between Monday March 30th and Saturday April 4th.

Red River at East Grand Forks- - Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 28.0 feet.

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
49.4	50.7	51.5	52.0	52.0	52.0	51.7

Flood Warning: Continues for the Red River at Oslo. At 3:15 am Friday the stage was 37.5 feet. Major flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast.

The river will continue rising with a crest between 38 and 39 feet between Monday March 30th and Saturday April 4th.

Red River at Oslo - - Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 26.0 feet.

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
37.5	37.6	38.0	38.3	38.4	38.5	38.4

Flood Warning: Continues for the Red River at Pembina. At 1:00 am Friday the stage was 40.3 feet. The river will continue rising with a crest between 52 and 56 feet the second week in April.

Red River at Pembina - - Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 42.0 feet.

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
41.5	44.9	47.7	49.1	50.0	50.3	50.3

Flood Warning: Continues for the Red River at Drayton. At 3:00 am Friday the stage was 35.2 feet. Minor flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast. The river will continue rising with a crest between 43 and 45 feet in early April.

Red River at Drayton- - Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 32.0 feet.

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
38.1	39.4	40.6	41.7	42.5	43.2	44.0

Flood Warning: Continues for the Sheyenne River at Valley City. At 2:00 am Friday the stage was 11.9 feet. The river will rise above flood stage by tomorrow late morning and continue to rise to near 15.8 feet by early Sunday morning.

Sheyenne River at Valley City- - Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 15.0 feet.

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
13.6	15.8	15.8	15.7	15.7	15.6	15.6

Flood Warning: Continues for the James River at Lamoure. At 9:00 a.m. Thursday the stage was 16.0 feet. Minor flooding is occurring and record flooding is forecast. The river rose above flood stage and will continue rising to near 16.3 feet by this evening. The river will fall below flood stage Saturday afternoon.

James River at Lamoure - - Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 14.0 feet

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
16.0	14.7	12.4	10.8	10.3

Resource/Assistance Requests

N.D. State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)

- 2-C21 aircraft to transport IMT Teams from Pierre, SD to Fargo, ND.

- ACCEPTED - Air Operations Branch

N.D. Board of Animal Health (NDBoAH)

- 600 cages for dogs and cats and food for the animals for 14 days.

- ASSIGNED - FEMA

N.D. National Guard (NDNG)

- Refueling capability. NDNG needs to be able to refill HEMMETs for continued distribution to vehicles during Fargo evacuation. Diesel – 18,000 gallons. Gas – 8,000 gallons.

- ACCEPTED - NDDOT

N.D. Department of Emergency Services (NDDDES)

- 7 – 2,500 gallon diesel fuel capacity HEMMET with drivers to stage in Casselton.
1 – 2,500 gallon gasoline fuel capacity HEMMET with driver to stage at Red River Valley Fair Grounds.

- 2 – 2,500 gallon gasoline fuelers to stage at Red River Valley Fair Grounds FEMA Reception Area. Be prepared to provide diesel fuel to buses and military vehicles in support of possible Fargo evacuation. Be prepared to provide gasoline to civilian vehicles as required to ensure safe evacuation to shelters as directed by FEMA.

- ACCEPTED - NDNG

- Four vehicles to transport 13 members of the Incident Management Team (SD) from Fargo Air Guard facility to areas in and around Fargo and Casselton, ND.

- ASSIGNED - NDDOT

- 2 Additional DARTS, 4 Additional Air Boats, 1 H65 & 1 H60 Helicopter with hoisting capability to provide USCG Air & Ground SAR Capability to the State of ND to assist in SAR in and around Fargo, ND, and Logistic Support.

- ASSIGNED – NDNG

N.D. Department of Health (NDDoH)

- 300 cots placed at staging area in Bismarck, ND.

- ASSIGNED – Department of Human Services (DHS)

- Arrange for 5 semi-tractors with 53 foot trailers to transport medical supplies from the State Cache to 3 staging areas in Fargo as soon as possible on 3/27/09.

- ASSIGNED -- NDDOT

- 100 ambulances to help with evacuation of Fargo health care facilities in imminent danger of flooding.

- ACCEPTED -- EMAC

- 20 Ambulances from MN to assist in hospital evacuations

- ASSIGNED -- EMAC

N.D. Highway Patrol

- 12 to 16 National Guard members to assist with security and traffic direction at specific control points beginning 3/27. Briefing at 0800 hrs. at Fargo HP office.

- ASSIGNED – ND JOC
- 12 National Guard members to provide security for evacuee location at West Fargo fairgrounds beginning on 3/27 at 0900 hrs.
 - ASSIGNED – ND JOC
- 50 Highway Patrol Officers from SD for traffic control and security
 - ASSIGNED -- EMAC

Burleigh County/City of Bismarck

- 7 Soldiers and 7 Humvees to provide security at South Port and Fox Island in south Bismarck.
 - ASSIGNED - NDNG
- Reconnaissance flight over of the Missouri River ice jam north of the city of Bismarck.
 - ASSIGNED - CAP

Cass County

- C130 or equivalent large capacity air ambulance for approximately 250 patients in acute care hospitals.
 - ACCEPTED – Contracted with Delta Airlines.
- 2 portable (Bailey) bridges.
 - ASSIGNED - NDNG
- National Guard Medical Units and Army Reserve MASH hospital unit.
 - ASSIGNED – NDNG; Unable to support MASH hospital unit, but able to support NG medical request, NDNG Joint Operations Center (JOC) working the issue.
- The Donation Management/Distribution Center is using Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) resources.
 - ACCEPTED – N.D. Department of Human Services (NDDHS)
- 2 dump trucks to transport filled sandbags to the city of Oxbow.
 - ACCEPTED - NDDOT
- 20 Advanced Life Support (ALS) and 30 Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances and associated personnel; one Minneapolis EMS Strike Team consisting of two multiple patient buses; five ambulances and strike team leader. Resources are needed in anticipation of evacuation of three nursing homes adjacent to high flood risk areas, which may require the transport of 300+ patients within 24 hours.
 - ASSIGNED – NDDoH; requested through Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)

Traill County

- 1,800 cots and blankets to supply sheltering needs at the Hillsboro (600) and Mayville (1,300) Armories in support of potential Cass County evacuations.
 - ASSIGNED – NDDHS

SUMMARY OF EMAC MISSIONS (a.m. March 27)

1. 1 ambulance bus and strike team (5 ambulances) – MN
2. 20 ambulances - MN
3. EMAC request for 100 additional ambulances
4. 50 Highway Patrol troopers for traffic control – SD
5. 3 UH60 helicopters without hoist, 2 UH60 helicopters with hoist, 1 CH47 helicopter with hoist – to include crews – MN
6. 1 UH60 helicopter with crew , five 5-ton trucks – SD
7. 104 pallets of HESCO barrier - LA
8. 2 veterinarians, 6 veterinary technicians, cages and food for 600 animals for 14 days – MN

- 9. Incident Management Team (IMT) Type II Team – SD
- 10. Medical Response Team - MN

Detailed Reports

Refer to previous Incident Summaries, as necessary.

Local

Barnes County

- The Barnes County Emergency Operations Center was activated – March 26

Burleigh County/City of Bismarck

- The Emergency Operations Center in Bismarck reported sandbag operations Thursday night and had 800,000 surplus sandbags and two sandbag loading machines available for flood impacted areas across the state. – March 27
- City of Bismarck Building Inspections teams surveyed Fox Island and South Point areas before allowing residents return to their homes. – March 26
- 60,000 sandbags arrived Thursday and are staged at Bismarck Public Works. – March 26

Cass County

- Coordination of request for large capacity air ambulance to evacuate approximately 250 patients in acute care hospitals was accomplished by the NDDoH. Delta airline has scheduled two aircraft to fly from Fargo to Bismarck - 757 at 10 a.m.; 4p.m.; 10 p.m.; and a DC9 at 9:30 a.m.; 2:30 p.m.; 7:30p.m. for a total capacity of 852. Patient care in Bismarck will be coordinated by NDDoH.

LaMoure County

- One resident near Grand Rapids requested an extra pump to address a leaking dike protecting his home. A pump was provided by the LaMoure Fire Department -- March 26

McLean County

- As a result of this week's snow storm the antenna(s) on the Underwood Tower were damaged. Repairs have been made and the system is working – March 27
- Due to low water intake levels from the Missouri River, residents of the city of Washburn residents have been asked to conserve water until further notice – March 27

Ransom County

- The Emergency Manager reported the Sheyenne River has been rising one inch per hour for the past several hours at the city of Fort Ransom. Ice jams are suspected but cannot be assessed due washed out and muddy roads; CAP aerial photography has been requested. –March 26

- Low lying areas in the city of Fort Ransom (population 70) may need to be evacuated. All citizens have been notified and are prepared for evacuation. -March 26
- The Expo Center in Lisbon has been designated as a shelter for evacuees. March 26

Richland County

- County officials coordinated boat access to a residence so the owner can check his house and recover prescription medication – March 26
- Monitoring continues between the cities of Abercrombie, Christine, Wahpeton, and dikes in those cities – March 26
- School report: Richland 44, no school through the week; Hankinson has school with no buses running; Lidgerwood has school, buses on paved roads only; Wahpeton buses are running 1-hour late and only on paved roads – March 26

Sioux County

- Sand and sandbags have been delivered to the town of Solen – March 26

Traill County

- Mayville State University (MSU) is preparing to offer shelter and food for up to 1,000 evacuees when needed – March 26
- Traill County Social Services is working with MSU to provide physical and mental health services and administrative coordination/relocation services -- March 26

State

N.D. Board of Animal Health (NDBoH)

- Housing for animals: Bismarck Police Department has space for 18 dogs and 9 cats; Central Dakota Humane Society has 12 Medium and 12 small animal spaces; Four Paws Inn has 2 large dogs, 2 medium dogs, and 8 small animal spaces; Crown Butte Kennels, Mandan, has space for 30 dogs (verified vaccination history required); Thomas Ness Kennels, Menoken has space for 10 dogs. – March 26

Civil Air Patrol (CAP)

- On March 26, CAP provided aerial photography and reconnaissance of the Sheyenne River near the city of Fort Ransom in Ransom County – March 26

N.D. Electrical Board

- Electric inspectors completed examination of Fox Island and Briarwood areas in Bismarck, Thursday. Evaluations will take place at Linton on Friday – March 27

N.D. Forest Service

- Providing staff to the SEOC – March 26

N.D. Health Department (NDDoH)

- NDDoH is coordinating air and ambulance transfer of acute care patients from Fargo to Bismarck. Proposed shelter facilities in Bismarck are located at Bismarck State College and University of Mary. The city of Grand Forks is providing two busses equipped with handicap lifts to help transport patients. Available EMS ambulances include 22 Advance Life Support (ALS) units, 28 Basic Life Support (BLS) units, and 12 Fargo/Moorhead (FM) ambulances assigned for evacuation of patients from the city of Fargo. There are approximately 12 ambulance services enroute from Canada. Total EMS units available for transport is 72. All EMS unit staging will take place at FM Ambulance, 2215 18th St S.

N.D. Highway Patrol (NDHP)

- The NDHP alerted officers, sheriff departments and city police departments along I-94 from Valley City to Dickinson to be prepared to respond to additional service calls in the event of the evacuation of the City of Fargo – March 27

N.D. Division of Homeland Security

- On March 25, the Flood Support Area for flights by the Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) Unmanned Air System (UAS) is currently approved in the Red River Valley only. It is

roughly an 80 mile by 80 mile box starting just south of Hillsboro to the ND/SD state line. The formal process to expand the Certificate of Authority (COA) from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has been initiated by the SEOC via FEMA Region VIII. Targets along the Missouri River north of Bismarck and south have been identified and submitted in preparation for an expanded COA. CBP is awaiting the expanded COA to fly these missions on the Missouri River. CBP UAS is expected to fly a mission on Thursday (dependent on weather conditions) along the Red River within the current COA issued by the FAA – March 26

- The State Emergency Operations Center is coordinating support to the state from FEMA's Region VIII (Denver) Emergency Response Team (ERT), the National Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT-West), N.D. National Guard, American Red Cross, and other federal partners including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the U.S. Small Business Administration. – March 26

[N.D. National Guard \(NDNG\)](#)

- NDNG has pre-filled sandbags loaded on a truck in a heated storage area in the city of Wahpeton available for immediate dispersal. –March 26

[N.D. State Electrical Board](#)

- The NDSEB released a notice and publication about water-damaged electrical equipment to power suppliers, wholesalers and electrical contractors – March 26

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

[U.S. Army Corp of Engineers \(USACE\)](#)

- **USACE delivered 200,000 sand bags (no sand) and are also expected to also deliver plastic for staging in the City of Pembina – March 27**

[Federal Emergency Management Agency](#)

- The agency is preparing to ship eight truckloads of ready-to-eat meals, three truckloads of water, 50 emergency generators, one truckload of cots, and one truckload of blankets to the state. – March 26
- FEMA's Incident Management Assistance Team is coordinating with the State Emergency Operations Center.

Voluntary Agencies

[American Red Cross](#)

The ARC Status Report as of March 26:

- Personnel and Resources
 - 22 shelter management teams have arrived
 - 334 volunteers are working or in-route
 - 28 Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs) are in the state with 31 anticipated by the end of the day and 24 remain on alert
 - 55,200 shelf stable meals and 1,800 clean-up kits
 - 10 shelter trailers -- four in Bismarck, two in Fargo and four in Grand Forks. Included are 16,250 blankets, 8,064 cots, and 8,640 comfort kits

- A Southern Baptist Kitchen has a capacity for 5,000-10,000 meals and is on alert
- A leadership team and logistics staff are on the ground
- The ARC on Wednesday identified the following locations as back-up shelters for Bismarck-Mandan: Century Baptist Church - capacity of 200 (across the street from First Evangelical Free Church); Century High School - capacity of 375; Mandan Junior High School - capacity of 1,051 – March 26

Circle of Friends

- The Circle of Friends Humane Society, Grand Forks, is accepting displaced pets – March 27

Civil Air Patrol
Salvation Army

Division of Homeland Security
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