



**09-003, Spring Flooding
March 28, 2009
7:00 p.m. CDT
Incident Summary Report #24**

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
 - Cass County
 - **One citizen volunteer was injured while directing traffic in the city of Fargo – March 28**
 - N.D. Department of Health reported Friday:
 - Two cardiac related deaths due to flood prevention exertion,
 - Fifty flood related injuries have been reported from hospitals and clinics statewide, ranging from wrist/ankle stress to serious motor vehicle accidents due to washed out roads – March 27
 - Eleven flood related illnesses including mental health issues, carbon monoxide poisoning, one report of gastrointestinal illness and cardiac related events – March 27
- Ice Jams
 - Ransom County
 - The Ransom County Emergency Manager reported there is an ice jam in the center of the City of Lisbon and the water has risen one-foot within an hour. Sandbagging on N.D. Highway 27 in the city of Lisbon was in progress and the dike has been sandbagged to 24 feet – March 27
- Evacuations/Sheltering
 - Cass County
 - **American Red Cross Shelters as of Saturday evening:**
 - **Casselton: Central Cass School, 802 5th St N**
 - **Fargo: Aggasiz Middle School, 1305 So 9th Ave**
 - **Grand Forks: Alerus Center, 1200 42nd St So**

- Moorhead: Moorhead High School, 2300 4th Ave So.
- Mayville: Our Lady of Peace

The following shelters are on stand-by:

- Bismarck First Evangelical Church
- Bismarck Century Baptist
- Jamestown Senior School
- Fargo Carl Ben Eielson
- Fargo South High School
- Cass/Fargo EOC Health and Medical Unit Saturday update:
 - The Central Cass School shelter closed. Bethany Nursing Home assisted living patients were moved to the St. Leo's Catholic Church at Casselton. This shelter was increased from 22 to 64 people;
 - Central Cass School continues to house the Red Cross Shelter and the Disaster Medical Assistance Team members who are taking care of acute care patients.
- On March 28, the N.D. Department of Health coordinated relocation for 21 people with special needs from the Casselton shelter. FM Ambulance coordinated transportation for patient relocation as follows:
 - Cooperstown Medical Center - 2
 - Osnabrock Good Samaritan Society – 3
 - Mercy Hospital in Valley City – 6
 - Hillsboro Medical Center – 1
 - Rolette Community Care Center – 6
 - MedCenter One, Bismarck – 1
 - Union Hospital in Mayville – 1
 - Jamestown Hospital - 1
- The American Red Cross has set up a screening area for general shelter needs at the Red River Valley Fairgrounds. – March 28
- On Friday the Cass County Board of Commissioners issued a mandatory evacuation advisory for five neighborhoods along the Red River and Wild Rice River south of Fargo. Approximately 160 households are affected by the order. The county will not force any person to evacuate but will be unable to rescue any stranded persons after dark – March 28
- There is an active shelter at NDSU South Campus II housing 18 people. Standby shelters are at Carl Ben Eielson School and Fargo South High School. – March 28

Grand Forks

- The Alerus Center shelter in Grand Forks is operational. No evacuees have been housed yet. – March 28
- NDSU Extension has volunteered to take large animals, Circle of Friends Humane Society and Wag-N-Train will take smaller animals. – March 28
- Twelve animals are currently using shelter services. – March 28

Walsh County

- Special Needs evacuees from Fargo are being housed at county nursing homes and the Grafton Developmental Center – March 27

Williams County

- County emergency services and the Upper Missouri Health District prepared a contingency plan to open a shelter in Williston for evacuees if needed – March 28

➤ Flooding

▪ Barnes County

- The National Weather Service in Grand Forks has issued a flood warning for the Sheyenne River at Valley City and Lisbon; water releases from Baldhill Dam on Saturday will cause the river to rise above flood stage – March 28
- Barnes County emergency management reports sandbagging took place Saturday south of Valley City to protect 60 homes – March 28

▪ Cass County

- Saturday Cass/Fargo emergency management officials reported water causing overland flooding (Country Acres) north of ND Highway 46, West of 17 and south of Horace County Road 14 – March 28
- The National Weather Services: conditions on the Red River at Fargo and Moorhead remained dangerous on Saturday with the river above record levels. The river is expected to slowly decrease during the next several days. Significant flooding is reported south of Fargo and is expected to flow into the Red River. An approaching storm may influence the area Monday and Tuesday – March 28
- Fargo levees have been sandbagged to 42 feet and attempts are underway to raise the structures to 44 feet – March 27

▪ Grand Forks County

- Grand Forks officials are calling for additional volunteers to assist in sandbagging efforts. Call the Grand Forks County Flood Hotline (701) 787-8052 – March 28

▪ LaMoure County

- Debris washed against a railroad bridge near 9653 Street and County Road 63 caused flooding in a nearby farmstead. The county sheriff will assess the flooding. – March 28

▪ Ransom County

- On Friday, the National Weather Service in Grand Forks issued a Flash Flood Warning for flooding after an ice jam developed in the city of Lisbon on the Sheyenne River. The warning includes the townships of Springer, Island Park, Tuller and Preston – March 27

▪ Walsh County

- Water is over topping a dike near a residence along N.D. Highway 54, west of Oslo. Local resources from Grafton Fire, Minto Fire and Oslo Fire Fire Department are responding to assist sandbagging efforts. Gowan Construction is attempting to set up water walls and the county is sending sandbags. –March 28

➤ Electrical Outages

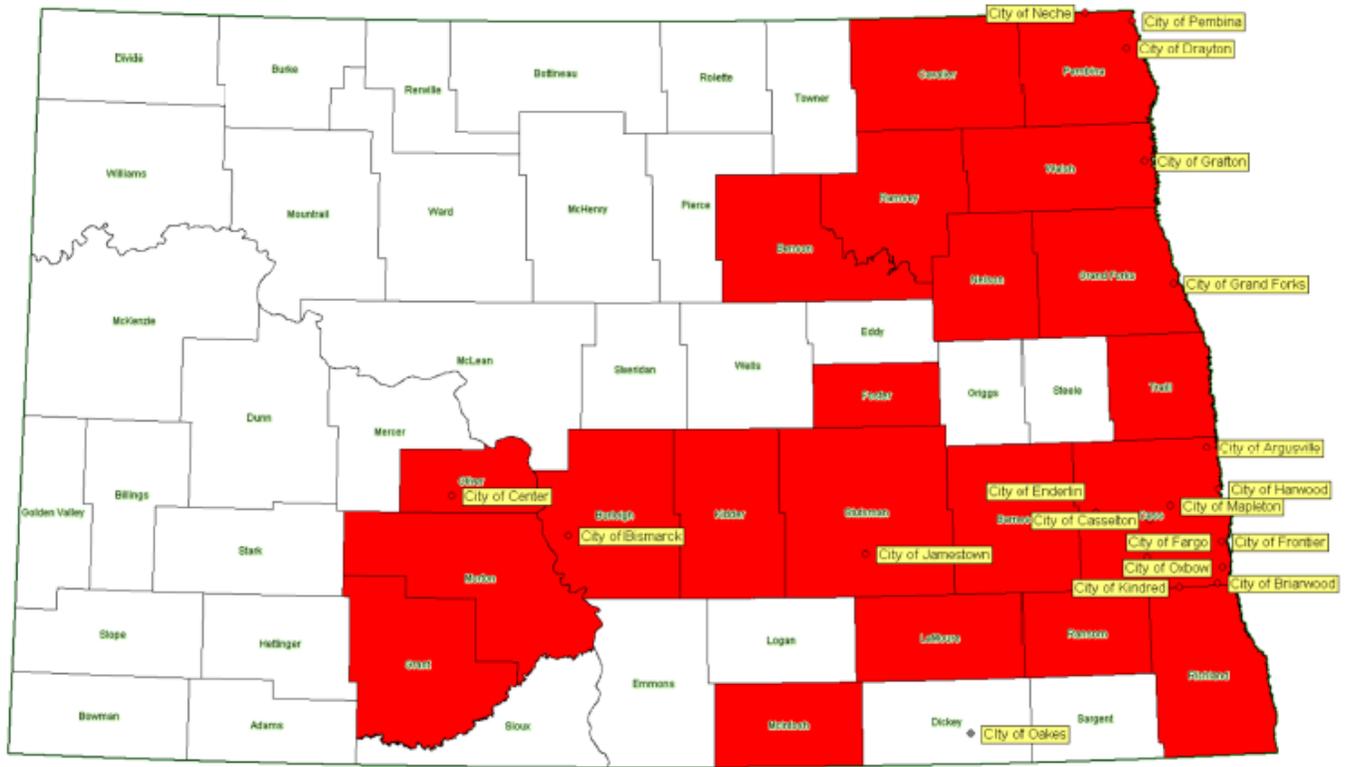
- Electric consumers served by Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative and Northern Plains Electric Cooperative have been experiencing extensive electric outages that began Tuesday afternoon and evening. Estimated number of customers without power is 350. – March 27
- In Dakota Valley's service area, the remaining electric outages are confined to an area west of Forbes and areas near Kulm, Ellendale, Gackle, Millarton and north of Jud.
- Northern Plains Electric's crews are targeting outages in the Medina, Woodworth, and Pettibone areas – March 27

➤ Roads

- The following locations on State Highways are closed: - March 28
 - ND-17 Bridge over Red River east of Grafton at MM 138.

- ND-13 at MM 384.5, eastbound use detour at County Road 81, north to County Road 10, then east to County Road 87, then south at ND-210; westbound use reverse detour route.
- ND-27 at MM 1.5 west of Lisbon.
- ND-200A north of Washburn.
- ND-200 from the junction of ND-200A to the junction of ND-1806; use alternate route ND-1806 or US-83.
- The following US Highway locations are closed: - March 28
 - Southbound I-29 closed between mile marker 100 and 69 with a detour west on ND 200A to ND 18, south to I-94, east to I-29.
 - I-29 southbound near Harwood.
 - US-Business 2, Sorlie Bridge in Grand Forks.
- Cass County
 - The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will detour southbound traffic on Interstate-29 due to water on the road near Harwood. Southbound I-29 traffic will be detoured to ND-200A near Hillsboro at the Exit 100 ramp. The detour moves traffic on ND-200A to ND-18 to Interstate-94 – March 28
 - The North Dakota Highway Patrol reports that east/west traffic flow is slowed due to restrictions at the Red River bridge – March 27
 - The N.D. Department of Transportation and N.D. Highway Patrol detoured traffic on Interstate 29 in the Fargo area Friday – March 27
- Grand Forks County
 - Sixty county and township roads have been closed due to flooding – March 28
 - Thompson Bridge over the Red River on Grand Forks County Road 17 was closed Thursday night – March 27
- Traill County
 - Southbound I-29 traffic is detoured to Highway 200A near Hillsboro at Exit ramp 100. The detour moves traffic on Hwy 200A to ND highway 18 to ND highway 46 near Leonard back to I-29 east of Kindred – March 27
- Walsh County
 - I-29 has short stretches of water on the roadway between mile markers 159 and 164. The highway is being signed but was open to traffic.- March 28
 - The Red River continues to flood rural roads and prevent access to rural residents.– March 28
- Dam Releases
 - GARRISON DAM: The North Dakota Department of Emergency Services (NDDDES) requested the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to release 9,000 cubic feet per second (CFS) of water to ensure water supplies are adequate for downstream interests. –March 28
- 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:

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of snow after 1:00 p.m. CDT. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 32. Breezy, with a calm wind becoming east between 17 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 28 mph. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Sunday Night: Snow and widespread blowing snow. Low around 23. Breezy, with an east wind around 23 mph with gusts as high as 34 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100 percent.

Monday: Snow likely and widespread blowing snow. Cloudy with a high near 27. Northeast winds between 22 and 29 mph with gusts as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.

Monday Night: Areas of blowing snow and a chance of snow. Mostly cloudy with a low around 15. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Tuesday: Areas of blowing snow. Partly sunny with a high near 33.

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

Blizzard Watch: A blizzard watch has been issued for Sunday afternoon through Monday night for Southwest and South Central North Dakota. A potent low pressure system will move into the central plains on Sunday. Snow is expected to develop over Southwest North Dakota Sunday afternoon then spread Eastward into South Central North Dakota Sunday night. There is a chance for significant snowfall Sunday through Monday night along I-94 corridor and points south including the cities of Dickinson and Bismarck. In addition very strong winds are forecast to develop which may cause considerable blowing and drifting snow with visibilities near zero.

The flood warning remains in effect for urban areas and small streams in Burleigh, Dickey, Emmons, Foster, Grant, Hettinger, Kidder, Lamoure, Logan, McIntosh, Mercer, Morton, Oliver and Sioux counties. Flooding continues on the Cannonball River at Breien as well as in the James River Basin at Lamoure, Ludden Dam and on Pipestem Creek near Pingree. The flood warning for Lamoure and Cannonball has been extended until Sunday.

Flood Warning: Continues for the James River near Ludden Dam. At 4:30 pm Friday the stage was 13.6 feet. The river will continue rising to near 17.9 feet by Wednesday morning then begin falling.

James River near Ludden- - Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 12.0 feet
SAT SUN MON TUE WED
14.7 16.3 17.4 17.8 17.9

Flood Warning: Continues for the Pipestem Creek near Pingree. At 9:15 am Saturday the stage was 11.7 feet. The river will continue to fall below flood stage by Tuesday before midnight.

Pipestem Creek near Pingree- - Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 9.0 feet.
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11.2 10.6 9.6 8.5 7.1

Flood Warning: Continues for the Cannonball River at Breien until Sunday morning. At 8:15 pm Friday the stage was 9.0 feet.

Cannonball River at Breien- - Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 10.0 feet
SAT SUN MON TUE WED
10.3 8.4 7.5 6.6 4.7

Weather Forecast: EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA:

Sunday-Tuesday morning March 29-30-31: Snow developing (west Sunday afternoon; central by 6:00 p.m. Sunday; Fargo by 4:00 a.m. Monday). Windy. Moderate to heavy snow accumulations of four to eight inches along I-94; 8-12 inches of snow along the South Dakota border; and one to two inches of snow along U.S. Highway 2. Heavy snow accumulations will have a possible liquid water equivalent greater than one inch across southern North Dakota.

Sunday: Partly sunny with a high near 31. East wind at 6 mph becoming south.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18. East northeast wind between 8 and 11 mph.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of snow, mainly before 1:00 p.m. Cloudy with a high near 30. East northeast wind around 15 mph.

Monday Night: A 50 percent chance of snow. Cloudy with a low around 20.

Tuesday: Cloudy with a high near 31.

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

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 and Moorhead remain dangerous. The river is currently above record levels and still rising slowly. Reports indicate that there is still significant overland flooding South of Fargo and this water is expected to still flow into the Red River between Hickson and Fargo. Due to recent cold weather overland flow into the red river has slowed dramatically but it is expected to resume as temperatures warm back above freezing. As a result the crest has been pushed to Sunday afternoon.

Flood Warning: Continues for the Red River at Fargo. At 2:00 pm Saturday the stage was 40.61 feet. Record flooding is occurring and record flooding is forecast. River levels are still expected to remain below 41.0 feet and slowly decrease over the next 3 to 7 days.

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
40.7	40.5	40.2	39.7	39.4	39.0

Flood Warning: Continues for the Sheyenne River at West Fargo diversion. At 9:15 am Saturday the stage was around 23.3 feet. Major flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast. The river will continue rising to near 23.4 feet by this afternoon. Additional rises may be possible thereafter.

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
23.4	23.4	23.4	23.3	23.3	23.2	23.1

Flood Warning: Continues for the Red River at Wahpeton. At 11:00 am Saturday the stage was 14.6 feet. Major flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast. The river will continue rising to near 14.6 feet by this afternoon.

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
14.4	14.3	14.1	14.0	13.9	13.8	13.7

Flood Warning: Continues for the Sheyenne River near Kindred. At 9:00 am Saturday the stage was 20.9 feet. Moderate flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast. The river will continue rising to near 22.0 feet by Monday morning then begin falling.

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
21.6	22.0	21.9	21.6	21.1	20.4	19.2

Flood Warning: Continues for the Sheyenne River at Harwood. At 8:00 am Saturday the stage was 891.7 feet. Major flooding is occurring and record flooding is forecast. The river will continue rising to near 892.2 feet by Wednesday early afternoon

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
891.9	892.0	892.1	892.1	892.1	892.1	891.9

Flood Warning: Continues for the Maple River near Mapleton. At 9:15 am Saturday the stage was 909.0 feet. Moderate flooding is occurring and moderate flooding is forecast. The river will continue to fall to a stage of 908.6 feet by Sunday morning.

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
908.6	908.1	907.5	906.9	906.5	906.1	905.8

Flood Warning: Continues for the Maple River near Enderlin. At 9:00 am Saturday the stage was 11.3 feet. Minor flooding is occurring and minor flooding is forecast. The river will continue to fall to below flood stage by tomorrow late morning.

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
9.6	8.4	7.4	6.6	5.9	5.5	5.4

Flood Warning: Continues for the Wild Rice River at Abercrombie. At 9:15 am Saturday the stage was 25.9 feet. Major flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast. The river will continue to fall to a stage of 25.1 feet by tomorrow morning.

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25.1	24.2	23.1	22.2	21.3	20.4	19.5

Flood Warning: Continues for the Red River at East Grand Forks. At 10:30 am Saturday the stage was 48.2 feet. Major flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast. The river will continue rising to near 51.0 feet by Thursday morning. additional rises may be possible thereafter.

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
48.7	49.5	50.2	50.6	51.0	51.0	50.8

Flood Warning: Continues for the Red River at Oslo. At 11:15 am Saturday the stage was 38.0 feet. Major flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast. The river will continue rising to near 38.8 feet by Wednesday afternoon.

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
38.3	38.4	38.5	38.7	38.8	38.8	38.8

Flood Warning: Continues for the Red River at Pembina. At 9:00 am Saturday the stage was 41.2 feet. The river will rise above flood stage by after midnight tomorrow and continue to rise to near 49.1 feet by Saturday morning.

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
42.3	43.5	44.7	45.9	47.1	48.2	49.1

Flood Warning: Continues for the Red River at Drayton the red river at Drayton. At 11:00 am Saturday the stage was 36.8 feet. Minor flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast. The river will continue rising to near 42.9 feet by Saturday morning.

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
37.7	38.8	39.9	41.0	41.8	42.4	42.9

Flood Warning: Continues for Sheyenne River at Valley City until further notice At 1 pm Saturday march 28 the stage was 12.4 feet. No flooding is occurring and minor flooding is forecast. The river will remain above flood stage through the forecast period.

Sheyenne River at Valley City- - Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 12.4 feet

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
15.0	15.8	15.8	15.8	15.7	15.7	

Flood Warning: Continues for the Sheyenne River at Lisbon until Monday morning. At 4:00 a.m. Saturday the stage was 19.7 feet. Record flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast. The river will likely reach a record crest of 19.73 ft as of Saturday morning. Should begin downward within 24 hrs, then become steady based on outflow from Baldhill Dam. The river will continue to fall to below flood stage by tomorrow evening.

Sheyenne River at Lisbon – Stage Forecast – Flood Stage is 15.0 feet

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
18.2	14.3	13.2	12.8	12.7	12.7	12.7

Resource/Assistance Requests

N.D. Board of Animal Health

- Forklift and operator needed to lift pallets of pet cages. (#219)
 - ASSIGNED -- NDDOT

N.D. Department of Agriculture (NDDoAg)

- 950 animal crates (#202)
 - ASSIGNED - EMAC

N.D. State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)

- 15 member Incident Management Team to assist flood operations in the SEOC. (#201)
 - ACCEPTED - EMAC
- Update Shelters Activated Information in WebEOC. (#200)
 - ASSIGNED - NDDHS
- Transportation from Bismarck to West Fargo for 16-22 passengers and equipment to accomplish Demolition mission on the Sheyenne River. (#197)
 - ACCEPTED - NDNG
- 7 – 2,500 gallon diesel fuel capacity HEMMET with drivers to stage in Casselton. (#168)
 - 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

N.D. SEOC Air Operations Branch

- Fuel and refueling services for one USAF UH1 rescue helicopter staged at the Hillsboro, ND airport. (#204) -Helicopter directed to fly to Hector Air Base in Fargo for refueling.
 - COMPLETED - NDNG

N.D. Department of Health

- Request federal staffing, equipment, supplies, and pharmaceuticals for a 250 bed special needs shelter in Jamestown. (#213)
 - ASSIGNED -- FEMA
- Requesting federal staffing, equipment, supplies, and pharmaceuticals for a 250 bed medical support unit (FMS) in Bismarck, North Dakota at the University of Mary (#214)
 - ASSIGNED -- FEMA
- Waiver of state vehicle policy to allow the use of state vehicles by federal employees for flood related activities. All rental cars are currently being used throughout the area. (#208)
 - ACCEPTED - NDDOT
- Fifty twin beds (mattresses and frames) for frail special needs evacuees in the shelter at the University of Mary, Bismarck. (#205)
 - ASSIGNED - NDDHS
- EMS Strike Team and two ambulance buses (#203)
 - CANCELED - EMAC

N.D. Highway Patrol

- National Guard assistance to help secure the temporary shelter facilities in response to the evacuation of Fargo. Facilities include:
 - Mayville State University Auditorium- 6 guardsmen for 24/hr coverage
 - Valley City State Fieldhouse(Bubble)- 5 guardsmen for 24 hour coverage
 - Graichen Gym @ Valley City State-5 guardsmen for 24 hour coverage
 - Valley City High School Gymnasium-5 guardsmen for 24 hour coverage
 - Valley City Auditorium-5 guardsmen for 24 hour coverage
 - Valley City Recreation Center-5 guardsmen for 24 hour coverage
 - ACCEPTED – NDNG (#187)

N.D. Department of Transportation

- 50 Cots for the DOT section building at 15482 37th St SE Casselton, ND. The section building in Casselton is going to be used as a shelter for DOT volunteers traveling to the Fargo area to help. (#179)
 - COMPLETED -NDDHS

N.D. State Water Commission

- Aerial reconnaissance to verify report of an ice jam on Beaver Creek downstream from the city of Linton. (#211)
 - ACCEPTED – SEOC Air Operations Branch

Cass County

- Requesting 64 cots for the Casselton shelter housing residents from Bethany Homes (#212)
 - ACCEPTED – ND Department of Human Services
- 200 feet of Jersey barrier needed at I-94 and 5th street bridge area in Fargo. (#215)
 - ACCEPTED -- NDDOT
- Assistance through the St. Paul Animal Control for 150 to 200 large collapsible kennel cages, bowls, cat boxes, etc., as well as animal control officers and vehicle with trailer. The request is to augment the existing emergency animal shelter at the Fargo fairgrounds serving Fargo and Moorhead Humane Societies. (#216)
 - ACCEPTED -- EMAC

- Request a salt drop from Air National Guard on the ice jam at intersection of County Road 20 and County Highway 17. (#218)
 - ACCEPTED/IN PROGRESS – SEOC Air Operations Branch
- Commodity supplies for Fargo shelters include meals, water, cots, and blankets. (#209)
 - ACCEPTED - FEMA
- Legal assistance regarding ND Century Code sections addressing open records law during the state disaster. (#207)
 - ACCEPTED – ND Attorney General (NDAG)
- Six personnel to patrol levees and 10 personnel to man pumps in Fargo. (#176)
 - ASSIGNED - NDNG

Trail County

- 1,900 cots and blankets to supply sheltering needs at the Hillsboro (600) and Mayville (1,300) Armories in support of potential Cass County evacuations. (#141)
 - ASSIGNED – NDDHS

Walsh County

- Aerial photography and reconnaissance along the Red River from the city of Oslo to N.D. Highway 17. (#206)
 - ACCEPTED – SEOC Air Operations Branch

Detailed Reports

Refer to previous Incident Summaries, as necessary.

Local

Cass County

- Primary dikes are being monitored; efforts are focused on contingency dikes – March 28
- The city of Fargo has teams in place to react to dike breaches. Once breached the team will issue a mandatory evacuation order for the area and the response team will assess the damage. Residents will be allowed back after repairs are complete – March 28
- Schools in the cities of Fargo and Moorhead are cancelled for the next week – March 28
- The County/City Emergency Operations Center is staffed 24 hours a day by the Emergency Services Regional Coordinator and county personnel until further notice – March 28

Grand Forks County

- Sandbag Central in Grand Forks will worked through the night with sandbags ready for disbursement at 7:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed and should call Grand Forks County Flood Hot line at 787-8052.

McLean County

- A boiling water advisory continues for the city of Washburn until further notice – March 28
- 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

State

N.D. Forest Service (NDFS)

- NDFS provided 20 portable radios with batteries to the Casselton, ND bus staging area. – March 27
- Providing staff to the SEOC – March 26

N.D. Health Department (NDDoH)

- NDDoH is coordinating sheltering at the University of Mary in Bismarck for approximately 400 skilled and assisted living residents from Fargo.– March 27

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

- One USAF UH-1 Rescue Helicopter is available for rescue operations from the Hillsboro Airport in Traill County. Dispatch requests are to be made through the SEOC Air Operations Branch. – March 28
- 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

- Two NDNG Quick Response Force teams are deployed in Cass County:
 - Staged at Bennett School are available to the Crisan neighborhood south of Fargo;
 - Staged at a lift station on County Road 16 to sandbag and protect a lift station.
- More than 2,000 National Guardsmen are actively combating flood conditions throughout North Dakota – March 28
- The NDNG instituted 24 hour flood operations at Guard Headquarters and Area of Operations - West (AO-West) in Bismarck, and established a Joint Task Force - East (JTF-E) in the Fargo, N.D., area to command, coordinate, and manage the ND National Guard's main flood response efforts in the Red River Valley – March 28

N.D. State Electrical Board

- The Board reported Friday that inspectors evaluated 91 residences and 8 businesses in the city of Linton impacted by flood waters in Emmons County. Conditions are: 15 buildings have power restored; 38 homes had electrical service panels needing replacement – March 28

Federal

U.S. Customs and Border Patrol

- Customs Border Search and Rescue Teams (BORSTAR) will have 6 Rescue boats (3 in Fargo and 3 in Grand Forks) operational by Monday 3/30/2009. BORSTAR teams are swift water rescue trained – March

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; 2 helicopters are on location in Fargo. USCG will be staging resources in the city of Fargo for mission response as needed.

U.S. Air Force

- Two UH-1 USAF Rescue Aircraft from Grand Forks Air Force Base will be prepositioned at Hillsboro Airport for continuous rescue coverage. Additional aircraft will be prepositioned in Hillsboro as they arrive in the state – March 26

Federal Emergency Management Agency

- FEMA Director Nancy Ward visited the Cass County/Fargo EOC this morning to meet with local officials and staff to observe efforts – March 28
- FEMA's Incident Management Assistance Team is coordinating with the State Emergency Operations Center.

Voluntary Agencies

American Red Cross

- Saturday the Grand Forks ARC announced meals will be served to all displaced residents in the Red River Valley at the Alerus Center, 1200 42nd St. S. for the following dates and times : March 28 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and March 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. – March 28

WalGreens

- Fargo Walgreens donated a semi-truck of water, Gatorade, and snacks to the effort in Fargo – March 28

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