



**09-003, Spring Flooding
March 29, 2009
7:00 a.m. CDT
Incident Summary Report #25**

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,

➤ **Ice Jams**

➤ **Evacuations/Sheltering**

Cass County

- American Red Cross Shelters as of Saturday evening:
 - 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;
- 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

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

- **A dike breach was reported on the west side of the Oak Grove School Campus, near 7th Ave N. in Fargo. Two Quick Response Teams were deployed along with an Evac Team. Police and Fire Departments were on the scene. Air assets were on standby. Twelve people were evacuated from a building on campus. The secondary HESCO barrier dike on Short Street North is intact. At the time of the report, there were three homes affected. Potential homes that may be affected number less than 200. The secondary dike is being evaluated by on-scene engineers to determine its strength and if it needs additional shoring up. Campus buildings have been flooded. – March 29**
- 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

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

➤ **Electrical Outages**

➤ **Roads**

- **Highways currently closed due to water over the roadway: March 29**
 - I-29 at Exit 69 (County Road 20) to Exit 100 (Jct ND 200A). Northbound and southbound traffic uses same detour: I-94 to ND-18 to ND-200A.
 - ND-54 from I-29 to the Red River near Oslo, MN.
 - US Business Highway 2 – Sorlie Bridge in Grand Forks.
 - ND-17 Bridge over Red River east of Grafton.
 - ND-13 west of Wahpeton, eastbound lane use detour at County 81 North to County 10, then east to County 87, the south at ND 210, westbound use detour at ND 210 to County 87, to County 10 to County 81.
 - ND-200 from Junction ND-200 A to Junction ND-1806, use alternate routes ND-1806 or US-83.
- **Other highways that have water on the road but remain open to traffic: March 29**
 - I-29 intermittent spots on both northbound & southbound lanes approximately 10 miles north of Manvel, ND, near Oslo, MN.
 - I-94 eastbound lane near Mapleton, exit ramp also narrow.
 - I-29 northbound lane near Great Bend.
 - I-29 southbound near Davenport.
 - I-29 northbound near Horace Exit, exit ramp also narrow
- **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
- **Grand Forks County**
 - Sixty county and township roads have been closed due to flooding – March 28
- **McLean County**
 - **Saturday night the ND Department of Transportation opened ND Highway 200A from Washburn to ND Highway 200 and US Highway 52 near Buchanan – March 29**
- **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**

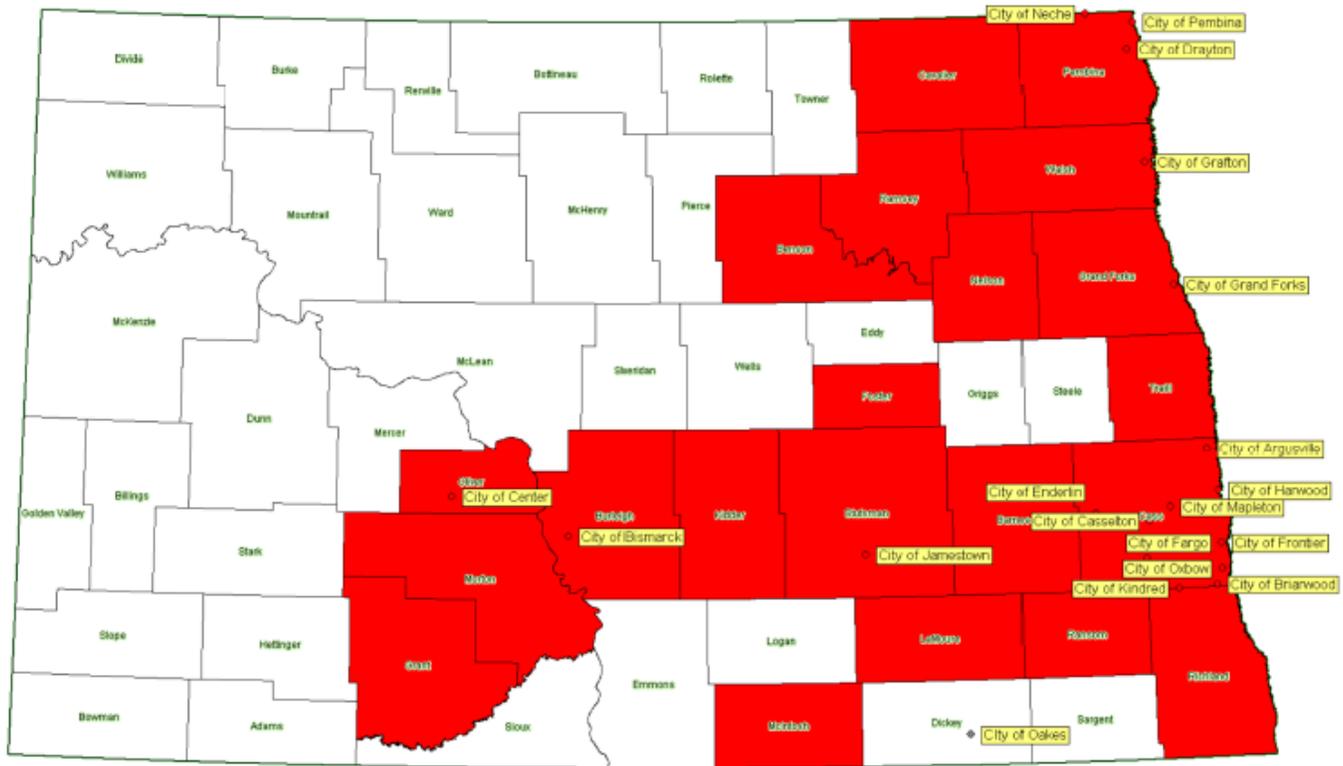
McLean County

- 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 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 Warning: for Adams, Billings, Bowman, Golden Valley, Slope and Stark Counties. A blizzard warning is in effect from noon today to 6:00 p.m. MDT Monday. Moderate to heavy snow accumulations are likely, in addition to strong winds of 30 to 50 mph resulting in near zero visibilities.

Blizzard Warning: for Kidder, Logan and McIntosh Counties. A blizzard warning is in effect from 1:00 a.m. CDT Monday, to 7:00 a.m. CDT Tuesday. Moderate to heavy snow

accumulations are likely, in addition to strong winds of 30 to 45 mph resulting in near zero visibilities.

Blizzard Watch: A blizzard watch has been issued for Sunday afternoon through Monday night for southwest and south central North Dakota. Snow will develop over southwest North Dakota this morning then spread east into south central North Dakota later today and tonight. Snow is then expected to continue through much of Monday. Moderate to heavy snow accumulations are likely along the Interstate-94 corridor and points south. In addition, very strong winds of 25 to 45 mph are forecast to develop this afternoon and tonight and continue into Monday. These strong winds will cause considerable blowing and drifting snow with blizzard conditions likely. Current indications are that the heaviest band of snow will stretch from Bowman and Hettinger east through Fort Yates, Linton, Edgeley and Ellendale. Total accumulations should be 8 to 14 inches. Expect 6 to 12 inches along the Interstate-94 corridor including the cities of Dickinson, Bismarck and Steele. A **Blizzard Warning** will be in effect for these areas. Lesser accumulations are expected north where a winter weather advisory will be in effect for snow accumulations up to five inches and areas of blowing snow. A winter storm watch has been issued for the Jamestown area where some uncertainty remains in regards to winds and snowfall amounts.

Flood Warning: 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 at LaMoure. At 10:00 a.m. Saturday the stage was 16.4 feet. The river will continue to fall to below flood stage by Monday morning.

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
15.5	14.0	10.9	10.1	9.6

Flood Warning: Continues for the James River near Ludden Dam. At 4:30 p.m. 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 a.m. 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.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
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 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:

Flood Warning: for urban areas, rivers and small streams in Barnes, Cass, Grand Forks, Pembina, Ransom, Richland, Traill and Walsh counties. Flooding is still ongoing for most locations on the North Dakota tributaries of the Red River. With recent colder weather, snowmelt runoff has been reduced slowing the rivers response. Additional precipitation forecasted over the next week and a return to slightly warmer temperatures will cause runoff to begin again and may cause the rivers to rise again.

Flood Warning: Continues for the Red River at Fargo. At 2:15 a.m. Sunday the stage was 40.3 feet. Record flooding is occurring and record flooding is forecast. River levels are still expected to remain below 41.0 feet. A storm system will influence the area Monday through Tuesday. Easterly winds associated with this storm may cause waves of up to two feet on top of the crest which will impact the western dikes along the Red River. There is still a possibility that the river could rise again.

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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
40.5	40.0	39.7	39.4	39.2	38.7	38.5

Flood Warning: Continues for the Sheyenne River at West Fargo Diversion. At 2:15 a.m. Sunday the stage was 22.7 feet. Major flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast. The river will fluctuate around 22.5 feet through Sunday.

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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
22.6	22.6	22.5	22.4	22.3	22.3	22.1

Flood Warning: Continues for the Red River at Wahpeton. At 4:00 a.m. Sunday the stage was 14.5 feet. Major flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast. The river will continue to recede to around 13.5 feet Tuesday morning then rise to around 14.0 ft Thursday afternoon.

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

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

Flood Warning: Continues for the Sheyenne River near Kindred. At 3:00 a.m. Sunday the stage was 21.2 feet. Moderate flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast. The river will continue rising to near 22.0 feet by tomorrow morning.

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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
21.9	21.9	21.7	21.3	20.6	19.6	18.8

Flood Warning: Continues for the Sheyenne River at Harwood. At 12:00 a.m. Sunday 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 afternoon.

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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
892.0	892.1	892.1	892.1	892.1	891.9	891.6

Flood Warning: Continues for the Maple River near Mapleton. At 2:15 a.m. Sunday the stage was 908.7 feet. Moderate flooding is occurring and moderate flooding is forecast. The river will continue to fall to a stage of 908.1 feet by tomorrow morning.

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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
908.2	907.6	907.0	906.6	906.2	905.8	905.5

Flood Warning: Continues for the Maple River near Enderlin. At 3:00 a.m. Sunday the stage was 11.4 feet. Minor flooding is occurring and minor flooding is forecast. The river will continue to fall to below flood stage by tomorrow morning.

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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
9.9	8.6	7.7	7.0	6.4	6.0	5.8

Flood Warning: Continues for the Wild Rice River at Abercrombie. At 2:15 a.m. Sunday the stage was 25.3 feet. Major flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast. The river will continue to fall to a stage of 24.2 feet by tomorrow morning.

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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
24.4	23.4	22.4	21.5	20.6	19.8	18.7

Flood Warning: Continues for the Red River at East Grand Forks. At 3:30 a.m. Sunday the stage was 48.3 feet. Major flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast. The river will continue rising to a crest between 50 to 52 feet between Tuesday and Saturday.

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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
48.7	49.6	50.3	50.7	50.9	50.8	50.4

Flood Warning: Continues for the Red River at Oslo. At 4:15 a.m. Sunday the stage was 38.0 feet. Major flooding is occurring. The river will rise to a crest between 38 and 39 feet between Tuesday and Saturday. There is a very large ice jam in place at the bridge in Oslo.

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

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

Flood Warning: Continues for the Red River at Pembina. At 1:00 a.m. Sunday the stage was 41.8 feet. The river is expected to continue rising and crest between 52 and 56 feet in mid April.

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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
43.0	44.2	45.5	46.6	47.7	48.7	49.3

Flood Warning: Continues for the Red River at Drayton. At 4:00 a.m. Sunday the stage was 37.7 feet. Minor flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast. The river will continue rising to near 43 feet by next Sunday.

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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
38.5	39.6	40.6	41.6	42.2	42.7	43.2

Flood Warning: Continues for Sheyenne River at Valley City. At 3:00 a.m. Sunday the stage was 12.4 feet. The river will rise above flood stage by this evening then crest near 15.9 feet early Tuesday morning.

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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
15.4	15.9	15.8	15.7	15.5	15.5	15.4

Resource/Assistance Requests

U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)

- 2 cars for USCG personnel in Bismarck, ND for flood fight support. (#220)
 - ACCEPTED - NDDOT

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

- Two security officers for security at the Cheney Middle School shelter in West Fargo. (#223)
 - ACCEPTED - NDNG

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. Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI)

- Install phone and data lines for three computers at Cheney Middle School in West Fargo. (#222)
 - ASSIGNED – N.D. Information Technology Division (ITD)

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.

N.D. JOC

- Requests are as follows: (#224)
- MN - Six UH60 helicopters with crew and 2 - CH47 helicopters with crew.
- WI - Three UH60 helicopters with crew.
- IA - Two CH 47 helicopters with crew and two UH60 helicopters with crew.
- MO - 20 maintenance personnel - Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot (AVCRAD).
- SD – One UH60 helicopter with crew.
- MT - 2 CH 47 helicopters with crew.
 - ACCEPTED -- EMAC

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

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)

Cass County

- 10 drivers, 10 attendants and one staging officer for Special Needs Transportation Branch for staged Fargo City Transit Buses located at the Red River Valley Fairgrounds. A training component would be required. Mission - Transport evacuated (and/or those that need to be evacuated) special needs individuals as needed. Transit will need to be staffed 24/7. Communications will need to be set up between Transit Branch and NDDoH EOC. (#225)
 - ACCEPTED - NDNG
- 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
- 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

Grand Forks County

- Four Certified Respiratory Therapists to work 12-hour shifts for one week due to an influx of patients received at Altru Hospital Grand Forks due to closure of Meritcare Hospital in Fargo. Altru will arrange housing. (#226)
 - ASSIGNED - NDDoH

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

Detailed Reports

Refer to previous Incident Summaries, as necessary.

Local

Cass County

- Volunteers for sandbag filling will be requested through the media for 8:00 a.m. Sunday Morning. Volunteers are to report to the Fargo-dome. –March 29
- Cass/Fargo emergency management reported ham radio operators are staged at the Red River Valley Fairgrounds, the Casselton shelter, and the Cass/Fargo emergency operations center to aid in operations and coordination – March 29
- 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 work through the night with sandbags ready for disbursement at 7:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed and should call Grand Forks County Flood Hotline at 787-8052.

State

N.D. Department of Agriculture (NDDoAg)

- West Fargo - Red River Valley Fairgrounds (RRVFG) Animal Shelter:
 - Managed by local a local veterinarian and the Fargo-Moorhead Humane Society with assistance from the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and Code 3.
 - There are 147 animals on sight; cats are in one room and dogs in another. New drop offs are slowing down.
 - There are 67 horses at RRVFG and between 200 and 300 horses at the NDSU Horse Park; Additional horses are being located at Central Livestock in West Fargo. - March 29
- Valley City - Winter Show Building Animal Shelter:
 - The Minnesota Veterinary Medical Assistance Team (VMAT), consisting of two veterinarians and six veterinary technicians, is in place.
 - 40 kennels are in-place that were loaned from local sources.
 - 500 kennels and 2 pallets of food from pet smart charities being unloaded this evening.
 - No animals yet. No kitty litter, but we do have sand for litter boxes. – March 29
- Bismarck - Former Cedric Theel Car Dealer building:
 - No VMAT Team
 - Noah's Wish sheltering team in place.
 - 500 cages in place
 - 300 cages enroute from IA - estimated time of arrival is 3:00 a.m., March 29.
 - No animals on sight yet. No pet food, but NDBoAH is making arrangements. –March 29
- Emmons County - several places reported loss of livestock. Cattle and horses stranded and injured. The County Extension Agent reported most of the stranded cattle have been moved. Friends and neighbors helped. Arrangements are being made by another producer to relocate herd of 200 cattle inaccessible by road. A Veterinarian is assessing the conditions of some horses rescued from cold, wet, and icy corrals. Cattle which were negatively assessed were euthanized on Thursday and were to be disposed of and buried Saturday. The burial site has been appraised by the NDDoH.
- McLean County - Report of animals surrounded by water, which the rancher still can access by driving through four feet of water. There will be no access after the ground thaws. – March 29

N.D. Division of Homeland Security

- A Federal-State Interagency Air Operations Branch is established at Fraine Barracks. A written search and rescue (SAR) Incident Management Plan is under development for SAR operations in the Red River Valley and interface with the Incident Management Team in Casselton – March 28
- An Airspace Coordination Plan was developed by Department of Defense and is pending Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approval. FAA is also developing a communications plan for SAR operations. An IFR-capable mobile control tower has been requested to be placed at Hillsboro.– March 28
- 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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