



**09-003, Spring Flooding  
March 29, 2009  
7:00 p.m. CDT  
Incident Summary Report #26**

**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**
  - Deaths – 2
  - **Injuries – 62**
  - Illnesses - 11

Cass County

- Citizen volunteer was injured while directing traffic in Fargo – March 28

➤ **Ice Jams**

Walsh County

- **Minnesota officials planned to drop water on an ice jam in the Red River north of Oslo on Sunday afternoon. They are considering ice remediation options at south bridges at Oslo, MN. – March 29**

➤ **Evacuations/Sheltering**

- **Sunday afternoon U.S. Coast Guard HH65 Rescue aircraft launched on a search and rescue (SAR) to pick up 2 people and 2 dogs trapped by flood waters in the vicinity of lat 47-08"N by long 96-49"W – March 29**

Cass County

- American Red Cross Shelters as of Sunday morning:
  - **Casselton: Central Cass School.**
  - **West Fargo: Supported Care Shelter - Cheeney Middle School, 825 17th Ave. East**
  - Fargo: Agassiz Middle School, 1305 So 9th Ave
  - Grand Forks: Alerus Center, 1200 42nd St S.

- Mayville: Mayville State University (Fieldhouse)
- 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:
  - A temporary shelter at Our Lady of Peace Church in Mayville is closed. Resources were consolidated with Mayville State University - Field House. - March 29
  - Thirty-five evacuees were relocated by bus from the Mayville State University shelter to the Cheeney Middle School shelter in West Fargo – March 29
  - The Mayville State University shelter remains open and is ADA-wheelchair compliant. Nine hundred cots, 500 barrels of blankets, sandwiches, and comfort kits are available – Mar 29
  - Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) reception center is open at the Ag Building, Red River Valley Fairgrounds – March 29
  - The city of Fargo Police Department requested release of 20 buses held at the Casselton Shelter. Valley Bus Company vehicles will be prepositioned for use in the event of a Fargo evacuation – Mar 29
  - 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. – Mar-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
- Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) operations are located at Cheeney Middle School in West Fargo, and Mayville State University. – March 29

##### 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

#### Walsh County

- **At least two residents along the Red River near Oslo continue to have problems with their levees and have been aided by neighbors and the Oslo Fire Dept. – March 29**

#### ➤ **Electrical Outages**

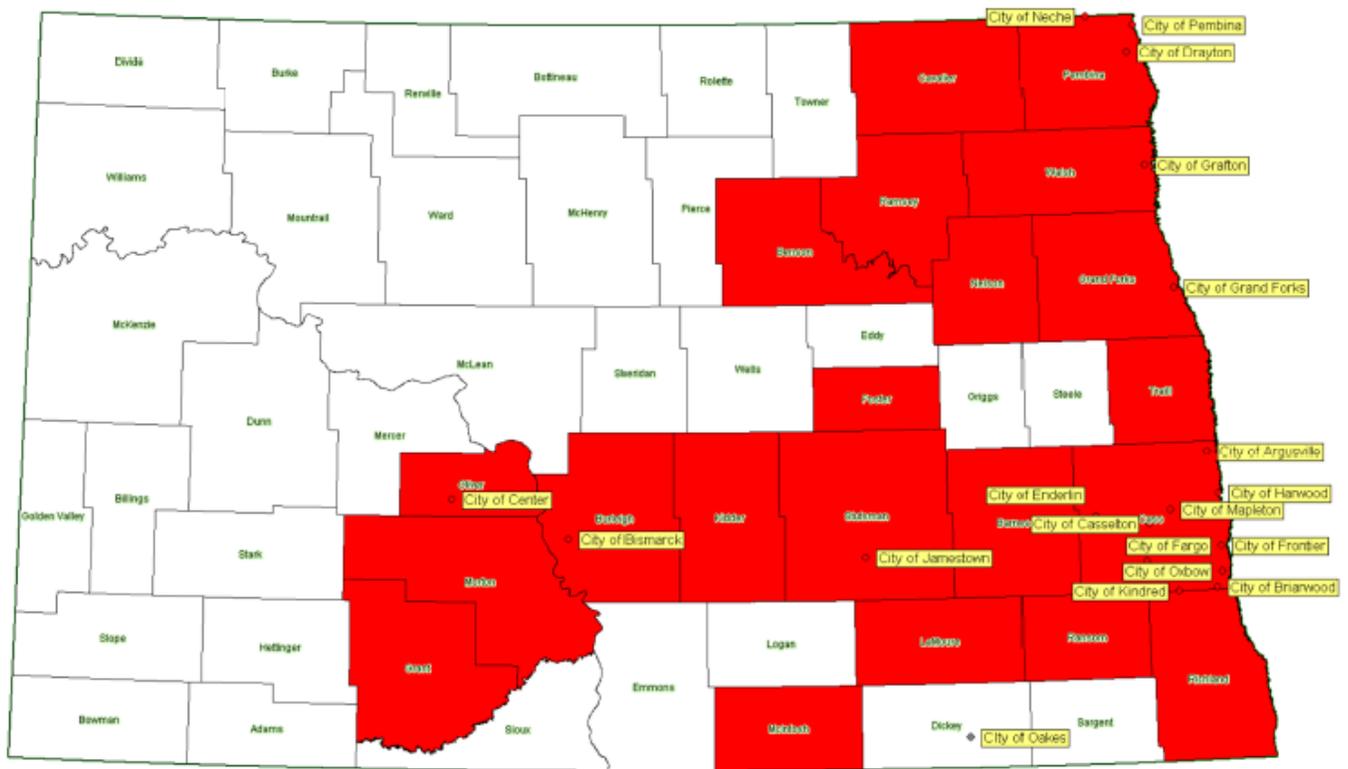
#### Traill County

- **On Sunday there were reports of power fluctuations in the cities of Portland, Mayville, and Hillsboro. The east part of the city of Hillsboro lost power for a half-hour – March 29**

#### **Roads**

- **The following highways are closed due to water over the roadway: - March 29**
  - **I-29 at Exit 69 (Cass County Road 20) to Exit 100 (junction at ND-200A). Northbound and southbound traffic detoured to I-94 via ND- 18 and ND-200A.**
  - **ND-54 from I-29 to the Red River at Oslo.**
  - **US Business-2, Sorlie Bridge in Grand Forks.**
  - **ND-17 bridge over Red River east of Grafton at MM-138.**
  - **ND-13 at MM-384.5. Eastbound traffic use detour at Richland County Road north to Richland County Road 10, then east to Richland County Road 87, then south at ND-210; Westbound traffic use reverse detour.**
  - **ND-200 from the junction at ND-200A to the ND-1806 junction. Use alternate route ND-1806 or US-83.**
- **The following highways have water over the roadway with traffic allowed.**
  - **I-29 northbound and southbound lanes - intermittent spots between MM-159 and MM-164 near Oslo.**
  - **ND-66 in Walsh County from the junction of US-81 to the Red River.**
- **The following highways have water on one lane of the roadway. Traffic control is in place:**
  - **I-94 eastbound near Mapleton MM 338, the exit ramp is also narrow.**
  - **I-29 northbound driving lane near Great Bend MM-17.**
  - **I-29 southbound near the Davenport Exit MM-54**
  - **I-29 northbound near the Horace Exit MM-56.**
- **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
  - Walsh County
    - **County personnel responded to a rural home north of Grafton when two sump pumps failed. One pump was brought on line. The house had 6 - 8 inches of water in their basement – March 29**
    - **Prairie Public Radio has been notified of immediate flooding danger to its radio tower – March 29**
- 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 Dickey, Emmons, Foster, Grant, Lamoure, Logan, McIntosh, Sioux, Stutsman counties.

**Flood Warning:** Continues for the Pipestem Creek near Pingree. At 9:15 a.m. Sunday the stage was 11.3 feet.

Pipestem Creek near Pingree - - Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 9.0 feet.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
10.6	9.6	8.5	7.1	6.2

**Flood Warning:** Continues for the James River at LaMoure. At 9:00 a.m. Sunday the stage was 16.1 feet.

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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
15.5	14.7	12.6	10.9	10.3

#### 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:

**Winter Storm Watch:** in effect from Monday afternoon through Tuesday evening for the following counties: Barnes, Cass, Ransom, Richland and Sargent. More than six inches of snowfall accumulation are possible along with gusty winds which could produce reduced visibilities in blowing and drifting snow.

**Flood Warning:** 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. 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 11:15 a.m. Sunday the stage was 40.05 feet.

Red River at Fargo- - Stage Forecast- - flood stage is 18.0 feet

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
39.7	39.2	38.7	38.2	37.7	37.2	36.8

**Flood warning:** Continues for the Sheyenne River near Kindred. At 10:00 a.m. Sunday the stage was 21.4 feet.

Sheyenne River near Kindred- - Stage Forecast- -Flood Stage is 18.0 feet

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
22.0	22.0	21.5	20.9	20.1	19.4	19.0

**Flood warning:** Continues for the Sheyenne River at Harwood. At 8:00 a.m. Sunday the stage was 891.7 feet.

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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
891.8	891.9	892.0	891.9	891.8	891.7	891.6

**Flood warning:** Continues for the Maple River near Mapleton. At 10:15 a.m. Sunday the stage was 908.6 feet.

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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
908.1	907.6	907.1	906.7	906.3	905.9	905.5

**Flood warning:** Continues for the Maple River near Enderlin. At 10:00 a.m. Sunday the stage was 11.1 feet.

Maple River near Enderlin- - Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 9.5 feet

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
10.4	9.8	9.2	8.6	8.0	7.4	6.7

**Flood warning:** Continues for the Red River at Drayton. At 10:00 a.m. Sunday the stage was 37.9 feet.

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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
38.8	39.9	40.9	41.7	42.3	42.9	43.2

**Flood warning:** Continues for the Red River at Pembina. At 9:00 a.m. Sunday the stage was 42.1 feet.

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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
43.2	44.4	45.5	46.5	47.5	48.4	49.2

**Flood warning:** Continues for the Red River at Oslo. At 10:15 a.m. Sunday the stage was 38.0 feet.

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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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38.2 38.4 38.5 38.7 38.8 38.8 38.6

**Flood warning:** Continues for the Red River at East Grand Forks. At 10:30 a.m. Sunday the stage was 48.2 feet.

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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
48.8	49.4	50.0	50.6	50.9	50.9	50.7

**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 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 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 \(USCG\)](#)

- Two 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. Department of Agriculture (NDDoAg)
  - 950 animal crates (#202)
    - ASSIGNED - EMAC
- N.D. Board of Animal Health (NDBoAH)
  - Forklift and operator needed to lift pallets of pet cages. (#219)
    - ASSIGNED -- NDDOT
- N.D. Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI)
  - Three additional NDNG soldiers for security at Cheney Middle School Shelter. (#238)
    - ASSIGNED - NDNG
  - 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. Forest Service (NDFS)
  - Twenty-five vehicles to support additional air support tasking in Casselton at the Cass Central School. Vehicles include: seven 4x4 vehicles (5 SUV's, 2 pickups), 18 vehicles (prefer 4x4s) (#228)
    - ACCEPTED – NDDOT
- N.D. Department of Health (NDDoH)
  - Twenty-seven ambulances (#239)
    - ASSIGNED – EMAC
  - Forklift and operator to unload semi at University of Mary. (#234)
    - ACCEPTED - NDDOT
  - 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. Department of Human Services (DHS)
  - Assist ND in implementing Aid Matrix for volunteers and Donations Management. (#230)
    - ASSIGNED - EMAC
- N.D. State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)
  - The city of Fargo Police Department has requested the release of 20 buses held at the Casselton Shelter site. Valley Bus Company equipment is needed for repositioning in the event of a Fargo evacuation (#233)
    - ACCEPTED – NDFS
  - Twenty portable radios with batteries for communications for the bus staging area at Casselton, ND (#231)
    - ACCEPTED - NDFS
  - 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. Highway Patrol (NDHP)

- 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. National Guard (NDNG)

- Two helicopters to return 10 National Guard soldiers and equipment to Bismarck from Fargo no later than 1600 hours March 29. Equipment includes an auger and approximately 900 lbs of C4. (#229)
  - COMPLETED – Air Operations Section SEOC
- Air support 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

#### Cass County

- One hundred FEMA blankets to be utilized in Guard Equipment in the event of an evacuation. (#232)
  - ACCEPTED - FEMA
- 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

- 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](#)

#### Pembina County

- [Four to five 3-inch pumps, a 100kw generator for the storm sewer and a 40kw generator for the command center at the city of Pembina; a steamer to clear drains/culverts. \(#237\)](#)
  - [ACCEPTED - USACE](#)

#### Trails 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

- [Approximately 50 volunteers were needed to fill sandbags in the city of Manvel. Volunteers were requested to meet at the Manvel Co-op beginning at 1 p.m., Sunday. – March 29](#)

- Residents, for their own safety, were reminded to stay off the flood protection system – March 29
- 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.

#### Stutsman County

- Stutsman County and the City of Jamestown report a total of 35,000 sandbags and requested an additional 200,000 sandbags from the USACE to be located in Jamestown for use by local and regional jurisdictions – March 29

#### Walsh County

- The county highway department proposed opening some roads that were previously covered by flood waters. River ice on the roads may delay a decision – March 29

#### 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. Department of Health (NDDOH)

- Relocation of the pre-hospital stabilization/staging equipment and supplies from Casselton to the West Fargo Fairgrounds began on Sunday – March 29 (NOTE: this was placed on hold)

#### N.D. Department of Transportation (NDDOT)

- On Sunday the NDDOT provided the North Dakota National Guard five 15-passenger vans for transporting troops at Fargo – 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 (NDNG)

- 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

- Following increased releases from Garrison Dam the Great River Energy power plant has restarted and is operating at full capacity. Leland Olds Station Unit 1 is operating at half capacity and Unit 2 is expected to be operating at half capacity by Monday – March 29
- 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 (USCBP)

- 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)

- On Sunday the USCG established a safety zone on the Red River from Wahpeton to Pemina restricting all traffic to search and rescue, and to law enforcement – March 29
- 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)

- 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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