



**09-003, Spring Flooding
March 31, 2009
7:00 a.m. CDT
Incident Summary Report #29**

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 – 50
- Illnesses - 11

Cass County

➤ **Ice Jams**

Walsh County

- **On Monday, St. Joseph Township officials reported a 2 mile stretch of ice on the Pembina River between Walhalla and Neche – March 31**

➤ **Evacuations/Sheltering**

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:
 - Thirty-five evacuees were relocated by bus from the Mayville State University shelter to the Cheney 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 in the Agriculture Building at the Red River Valley Fairgrounds – March 29

Grand Forks

- Monday afternoon, following a power outage, some residents of the Manvel area were evacuated by a U.S. Border Protection Helicopter. Additional evacuations may take place – March 31

N.D. Department of Human Services (NDDoH)

- NDDoH update on the Casselton sheltering:
 - Twenty-three people are scheduled to be moved to Cheney Middle School from the Red Cross shelter in Casselton
 - Ten people have departed from the Red Cross Shelter
 - Two private shelters in Casselton housed memory impaired patients and are developing plans to return them to Bethany and Rosewood nursing homes.

Animal Shelters

- Animal Shelters reported open on Monday evening:
 - Prairie Paws Animal Rescue Group, Jamestown
 - Wag N Train, Grand Forks
 - Circle of Friends Humane Society, Grand Forks
 - Luther Kennel, Casselton
 - Casselton Veterinary Clinic, Casselton
 - Old Cedric Theel Building, Bismarck
 - Valley City Winter Show Building, Valley City
 - Red River Valley Fairgrounds, West Fargo (note: large animal section is full)
 - Total # of animals sheltered is 256

➤ Flooding

Barnes County

Cass County

- Sunday, the United States Coast Guard reported two 500-pound propane tanks floating in the Red River at 2611 Northwood Drive in Fargo – March 30
- Schools will remain closed in Fargo this week – March 30
- Monday, the city of Fargo announced residents may be allowed to return to threatened low areas of the city when the river reaches 36 ft. and is within permanent flood protection structure – March 30
- As of Monday, 3.5 million sandbags have been filled in Fargo – March 30
- The Meritcare Hospital Emergency Room continues to operate and began admitting patients Monday. The Innovis Hospital is operating and will return to full service Tuesday – March 30
- The Cass County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) reports the county is planning to resume county services – March 30

- Monday, the county sheriff advised individuals who think they may need to evacuate should do so immediately to avoid difficulty associated with the advancing snow storm – March 30
- On Monday the North Dakota State University campus remained closed – March 30
- Cass County/Fargo EOC shortened operation hours, which now extend from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. until circumstances change – March 30

Steele County

- The city of Hope reported several basements were flooded and one basement wall cave-in – March 30
- Preliminary assessment of county and township roads indicate more than 100 roads are water damaged – March 30

Walsh County

- **On Monday, Oslo and Minto fire departments assisted in re-enforcing a dike at a farm along I-29 – March 31**

Ward County

- Ward County officials activated the local American Red Cross call center to monitor flooding reports and dispense sandbagging operations information – March 30

➤ Electrical Outages

Oslo, MN, Fire Department

- Oslo Fire Dept. transported two Nodak Electric technicians to reroute electricity to the farms without power – March 30

Traill County

Grand Forks County

- Ice from the Red River severed power poles on Saturday leaving about 20 rural residents from I-29 east to the Red River and from US Highway 54 north through Walshville township without power – March 30
- A power outage occurred in Manvel – March 30

Roads

- The following highways are closed due to water over the roadway: - March 30
 - 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.
 - ND-66 in Walsh County from the junction of US-81 to the Red River.

➤ 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

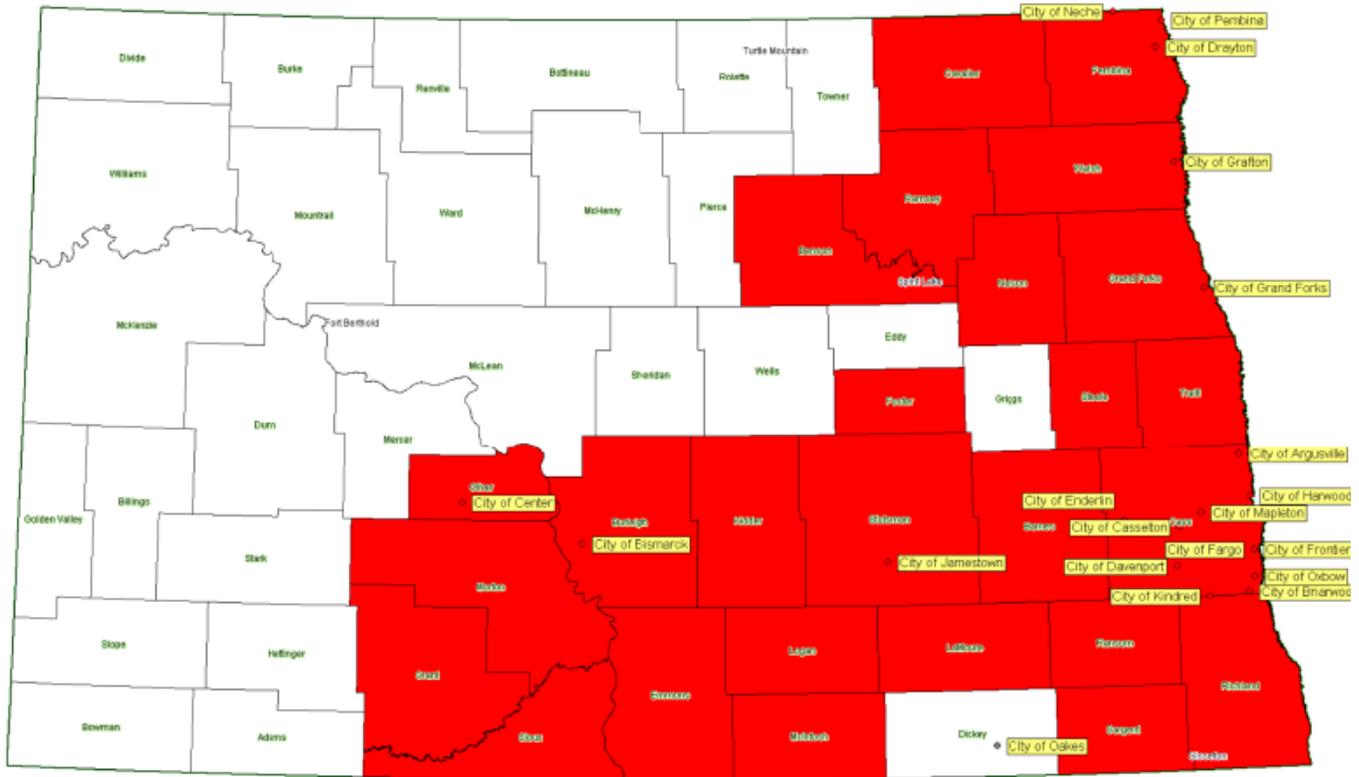
➤ Damages to Homes/Businesses

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, Steele, Stutsman, Traill, Walsh, Ward.
- City Declarations – Argusville, Briarwood, Casselton, Center, Davenport, Drayton, Enderlin, Kindred, Fargo, Frontier, Grafton, Grand Forks, Harwood, Jamestown, Mapleton, Oakes, Oxbow, Nече and Pembina.



[Weather Forecast: WESTERN AND CENTRAL NORTH DAKOTA:](#)

Another spring storm is blanketing parts of the state with a fresh layer of snow today. Heavy accumulations up to 16 inches are possible across southern North Dakota...where snow is expected to continue into the evening. While winds have yet to gust as high as expected...they are still sufficient to blow snow and reduce visibilities to at or below one quarter of a mile. Blizzard warnings are in effect for parts of southwestern and south central North Dakota...while winter weather advisories are posted in areas to the north where accumulations are forecast to be less. An assortment of flood warnings are still in effect.

Tonight: Snow and widespread blowing snow before 1am, then snow likely and areas of blowing snow after 1am. Low around 19. Blustery, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 28 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches possible.

Tuesday: Areas of blowing snow and a chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 30. North wind between 15 and 17 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Tuesday Night: Areas of blowing snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 15. North wind between 9 and 14 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 30. Northwest wind between 9 and 11 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 38.

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

[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. Monday the stage was 10.9 feet.

Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 9.0 feet.

TUE	WED	THU	FRI
10.4	9.5	8.3	7.1

Flood Warning: Continues for the James River at LaMoure. At 9:00 a.m. Monday the stage was 15.9 feet.

Stage Forecast- -Flood Stage is 14.0 feet

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
15.6	15.3	14.8	13.9	12.2

Flood Warning: Continues of the James River near the Ludden Dam. At 8:30 a.m. Monday the stage was 14.9 feet.

Stage Forecast – Flood Stage is 12.0 feet

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
15.9	16.9	17.4	17.5	17.4

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

A major winter storm will affect the region Monday into Wednesday. Snow accumulations in southeast North Dakota and west central Minnesota will range from 7 to 14 inches along and south of Interstate-94, including the Fargo area. Further north, snow accumulations will decrease. Winds will increase Monday and Tuesday and produce considerable blowing and drifting snow along with reduced visibilities, with near blizzard conditions possible from Fargo to Wahpeton Monday night into Tuesday. Strong north to northeast winds gusting over 30 mph at times Monday night and Tuesday could also cause some minor wave action near larger bodies of water. Significant flooding continues over much of the area. Refer to the latest flood warnings and flood statements for details.

Tonight: Snow and widespread blowing snow. The snow could be heavy at times. Low around 25. North northeast wind around 18 mph, with gusts as high as 28 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New snow accumulation of 2 to 4 inches possible.

Tuesday: Snow and widespread blowing snow. The snow could be heavy at times. High near 29. Blustery, with a north northeast wind between 20 and 24 mph, with gusts as high as 37 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New snow accumulation of 2 to 4 inches possible.

Tuesday Night: Snow and widespread blowing snow. Low around 21. Blustery, with a north northwest wind between 14 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

Wednesday: A 50 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 30. North northwest wind between 14 and 17 mph, with gusts as high as 26 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 35.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 20.

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

Winter Storm Warning: for heavy snow and blowing snow remains in effect from 1:00 p.m. this afternoon to 7:00 p.m. CDT Tuesday. This includes the Fargo and Wahpeton areas.

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 12:15 a.m. Monday, the stage was 39.1 feet.

Stage Forecast – Flood Stage is 18 feet.

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
38.6	38.2	37.7	37.2	36.7	36.2	35.7

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

Stage Forecast- -Flood Stage is 10.0 feet

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
21.5	21.0	20.3	19.3	18.5	18.0	17.9

Flood warning: Continues for the Sheyenne River at Harwood. At 8:00 a.m. Monday the stage was 891.6 feet.

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

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
891.5	891.4	891.4	891.3	891.2	891.1	890.9

Flood warning: Continues for the Maple River near Mapleton. At 10:15 a.m. Monday the stage was 908.2 feet.

Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 905.0 feet

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
907.7	907.2	906.8	906.3	905.9	905.4	905.0

Flood warning: Continues for the Maple River near Enderlin. At 10:00 a.m. Monday the stage was 10.7

Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 9.5 feet

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
10.2	9.7	9.1	8.7	8.2	7.7	7.3

Flood warning: Continues for the Red River at Drayton. At 11:00 a.m. Monday the stage was 39.4 feet.

Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 32.0 feet

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
40.1	41.0	41.7	42.3	42.7	43.1	43.4

Flood warning: Continues for the Red River at Pembina. At 9:00 a.m. Monday the stage was 43.0 feet.

Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 42.0 feet

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
43.9	45.2	46.2	47.3	48.3	49.1	49.7

Flood warning: Continues for the Red River at Wahpeton. At 11:00 am Monday the stage was 14.0 feet.

Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 10.0 feet

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
13.5	13.5	13.6	13.6	13.5	13.4	13.4

Flood warning: Continues for the Red River at Oslo. At 11:15 a.m. Monday the stage was 38.0 feet.

Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 26.0 feet

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
38.1	38.3	38.6	38.7	38.7	38.6	38.4

Flood Warning: Continues for the Wild Rice River at Abercrombie. At 10:15 a.m. Monday the stage was 24.4 feet.

Stage Forecast- -Flood Stage is 10.0 feet.

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
23.6	22.5	21.5	20.5	19.3	18.3	17.5

Flood Warning: Continues for the Red River at East Grand Forks. At 10:30 a.m. Monday the stage was 48.8 feet.

Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 28.0 feet.

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
49.1	49.8	50.4	50.6	50.3	50.0	49.6

Flood Warning: Continues for Sheyenne River at Valley City. At 10:00 a.m. Monday the stage was 14.8 feet.

Stage Forecast- - Flood Stage is 12.4 feet

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
14.7	14.7	14.7	14.8	14.9	14.8	14.8

Resource/Assistance Requests

U.S. Army CORP of Engineers (USACE)

- The USACE is requested helicopter support on Wednesday to fly the Missouri River from the ice jam south of Bismarck to Double Ditch (263)
 - ACCEPTED – ND JOC

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)

- Requested a command center to be used as ready room and dispatch point for pilots doing evacuation/medevac within eastern ND (#261)
 - ASSIGNED -- FEMA
- Twenty-five vehicles for 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
- Requested two Air Tactical Group Supervisors or helicopter coordinators, two heli base manager, two air base radio operator, and one air cost unit leader in Cass County. (#254)
 - ASSIGNED- EMAC
- Requesting one mobile command center. (#257)
 - ASSIGNED- ND JOC

N.D. Department of Health (NDDoH)

- Twenty-seven ambulances (#239)
 - ASSIGNED – EMAC

- Forklift and operator to unload supplies from a 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](#)
- 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 \(DHS\)](#)

- Aerial reconnaissance and damage assessments (#244).
 - [ASSIGNED – NDCAP](#)
- Aid Matrix advisor for Volunteers and Donations Management. (#230)
 - [ASSIGNED - EMAC](#)

[N.D. State Emergency Operations Center \(SEOC\)](#)

- Twenty portable radios with batteries for communications for the bus staging area at Casselton, ND (#231)
 - [ACCEPTED – NDFS](#)
- Five portable radios for the Fargo area. (#259)
 - [ASSIGNED – ND Forest Service](#)
- Fifteen member Incident Management Team to assist flood operations in the SEOC. (#201)
 - [COMPLETED - EMAC](#)
- 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. 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 \(NDNG\)](#)

- 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

Burleigh County

- City of Bismarck Emergency Management requested planning assistance (#234)
 - ACCEPTED -- USACE - Omaha District

Cass County

- The Fargo Police Department has requested the use of 10 us border patrol 4 wheel drive units.(#252)
 - ACCEPTED/ ASSIGNED-USCBP
- The city of Fargo Emergency Management is requesting assistance with dike removal. (#248)
 - AWAITING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -USACE - St. Paul District
- Requesting coe assistance in the removal of the temporary levees constructed for protective measures. (#251)
 - ASSIGNED- USACE - St. Paul District
- One hundred FEMA blankets to be utilized in Guard Equipment in the event of an evacuation. (#232)
 - ACCEPTED - FEMA
- Ten 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 will be required. Mission – Provide transport resources for evacuating special needs individuals or others as needed. Transit will need to be staffed 24/7. Communications will be needed 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
- Requested 400 feet of hesko barrier, four 4" floating pumps, one 6" trash pump and 40 rolls of poly. (#253)
 - ASSIGNED- USACE - St. Paul district

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

Adams County

- Adams County emergency manager requested 50,000 USACE sandbags. (#255)
 - ASSIGNED- USACE - Omaha district

Ward County

- Ward County emergency manager requested two flat-bottomed boats. (#256)
 - Awaiting Additional Information- Game and Fish Dept.

Nelson County

- Nelson County emergency manager requested 400 feet of 4" hose for the city of Pekin. (#258)
 - Awaiting Additional Information-Nelson County EM

Detailed Reports

[Refer to previous Incident Summaries, as necessary.](#)

Local

Cass County

Pembina County

- The county emergency manager reported that arrangements are underway to stage large equipment at the Joliette Truck Stop, I-29 exit 203 and ND Highway 5 – March 31

Stutsman County

Walsh County

State

N.D. Department of Agriculture (NDDoAg)

- West Fargo - Red River Valley Fairgrounds (RRVFG) Animal Shelter:
 - Managed by 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 site; 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 arrived.
 - No animals yet. No kitty litter, but we do have sand for litter boxes. – March 29
- Bismarck - Former Cedric Theel Car Dealer building:

- o No VMAT Team
- o Noah's Wish sheltering team in place.
- o 500 cages in place
- o 300 cages enroute from IA - estimated time of arrival is 3:00 a.m., March 29.
- o No animals on site yet. No pet food, but NDBoAH is making arrangements. –March 29

N.D. Department of Health (NDDOH)

- NDDoH reported Monday that a pre-hospital stabilization and staging area for up to 100 people in need of immediate emergency care was established at the Casselton School – March 31

N.D. Department of Transportation (NDDOT)

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
- 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:
 - o Staged at Bennett School are available to the Crisan neighborhood south of Fargo;
 - o 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

Federal

Transportation Safety Administration (TSA)

- The TSA has been evaluating the condition of railroads in North Dakota:
 - o The Amtrak Empire Builder is detoured via the Burlington Northern Sante Fe (BNSF) KO Subdivision through at least April 9.
 - o The BNSF, Grand Forks Subdivision at rail mile post 107 is closed.
 - o The BNSF, Hillsboro Subdivision (Fargo to Grand Forks Line) is closed.
 - o The BNSF Jamestown Subdivision main line open to Driscoll, rail mile post 161.9 siding closed and underwater.

- The Northern Plains Railroad, Oslo, MN. railroad bridge is impacted by a ice dam and there is an embargo on all rail traffic through this area.
- An attempt Monday to break up the Oslo bridge ice dam by dropping 3,000 pound sandbags on the ice from a Chinook helicopter failed. Currently they have placed planking on the top and excavators are breaking ice and pushing it under the decking. Explosives are being considered but may be problematic.

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 29

U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)

- **The USCG will stage an air boat in Grand Forks County once the weather clears – March 31**

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 preposition in Hillsboro as they arrive in the state – March 26

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

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

Voluntary Agencies

American Red Cross

**Division of Homeland Security
Greg M. Wilz, Director**

**Division of State Radio
Mike Lynk, Director**