



**09-003, Spring Flooding
April 24, 2009
1:00 p.m. CDT
Incident Summary Report #55**

Incident Overview

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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, Sheyenne and Missouri River Basins.

State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Activation – Level I (Full Activation)

Significant Events

- **Deaths/Injuries – as reported by the N.D. Department of Health**
 - Deaths – 2
 - Injuries – 235
 - Illnesses – 67
- **Rescues**
 - Rescues – 139
 - Animal Rescues – 135
- **Livestock Losses – estimated losses reported by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) County Emergency Boards.**
 - Calves – 71,823
 - Cattle – 19,107
 - Horses – 180
 - Other Livestock – 2,948
 - 390 producers may be requesting assistance with carcass disposal. (Some producers may not meet eligibility – above normal death loss - for assistance requests) –April 19

Confirmed livestock loss reports received from County Extension agents in 22 of 53 counties. – April 24

 - **Calves – 18,555**
 - **Cattle – 4,012**
 - **Horses – 27**
 - **Other Livestock - 120**
- **Carcass Removal**
 - No recent updates.
- **Evacuations/Sheltering**
 - Stutsman County

- The Buffalo Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC) has placed shelter on standby at the Jamestown High School. The ARC has stationed a semi on the school grounds with equipment to open an 800 bed shelter. Also on standby are 23 medical cots in the event they are needed.
- The shelter will be a “shelter within a shelter,” defined as a community shelter and vulnerable population shelter. Community shelter staffing will be the responsibility of the ARC and the vulnerable population staffing will be the responsibility of agencies such as Public Health, South Central Human Service Center, and Social Services.
- The Jamestown YMCA has been designated as the shelter registration center. Registrations will be processed by agencies providing services for vulnerable populations. The ARC will provide food and hydration support and assist with registering community populations.
- The First Assembly of God Church, located near the intersection of I-94 and Highway 281, has been designated as a second location for registration and back up shelter.
- Both registration and shelter locations are also near gas stations in the event individuals leave the area. –April 24
- Valley City – 250 Evacuees
- Local shelters on stand by - April 23
 - Oriska School
 - Sacred Heart Church, Sanborn
 - Lisbon School (independent shelter)
 - Jamestown High School
- State Shelters on stand by -April 20
 - Horizon Middle School
 - Charity Lutheran Church
 - Century High School
 - Hughes Administration Building
 - Simile Middle School
 - Bismarck High School
 - Mandan Jr. High School
 - Mandan High School
- State Reception Center on Stand-By – April 17
 - NDDoH Environmental Health Training Facility, Bismarck
- Pet Shelters
 - Forty-nine pets are currently being sheltered.
 - Five animal shelters are open. – April 24
- Sewage System Failure
 - No recent updates.
- Dike Reports
 - Stutsman County
 - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and N.D. National Guard (NDNG) continue to monitor the city of Jamestown levee system and the James River. – April 23.
- Flooding
 - Billings County
 - Significant bank erosion is occurring along a 10-acre stretch of the Little Missouri River five miles south of Medora. The Southwest Water Pipeline could suffer impacts from continuing erosion in this area. County officials are identifying the need for bank stabilization in several different locations. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

(USACE) will assess mitigation needs in the area. The State Water Commission (SWC) will send a project engineer to evaluate the situation. – April 23

- Bowman County
 - Scranton City has significant water flow through the city limits within the dike along Buffalo Creek. Floodwaters are impacting a residence on the south side of town where inadequate drainage is trapping water between the dike, a new road overpass and railroad tracks.
 - Overland flooding is spreading across the golf course before entering into the dike system in the northwest part of town. The water has moved walking bridges at the golf course and spread debris into this area. – April 23
- Ransom County
 - The city of Lisbon has reported sagging in a 20-foot by 4-foot section of the city's northwest dike. USACE officials have assessed the situation and are transporting 20 unfilled 1-ton sandbags from Barnes County to reinforce the dike. – April 23
- Stutsman County
 - The James River is over topping its banks affecting the safety of seven homes in Jamestown. – April 23
 - McElroy Park located in the southeast part of Jamestown is flooding. City employees and National Guard soldiers are responding. – April 22

➤ Dams

- Cottonwood Creek Dam (LaMoure County) and Claussen Springs Dam (Barnes County)
 - The State Water Commission reported pools for both dams are receding and discharges are flowing through the primary outlets. The emergency spillways are unserviceable. – April 24
- Jamestown – Pipestem Dams (Stutsman County)
 - The USACE and the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), in cooperation with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department (NDGF), announced today the temporary closure of boat traffic at Jamestown and Pipestem Reservoirs until further notice. Officials cite underwater hazards, floating debris, sandbagged homes along the water's edge, environmental damage caused by rutting and continued release of water from the reservoirs, as factors in the decision. The USACE and BOR will continue to permit shore fishing along the reservoir's edge.
 - Jamestown Dam Road continues to be closed to both vehicle and pedestrian access as emergency vehicles and heavy equipment use the roadway. – April 24
 - Releases from Jamestown Reservoir have been reduced by 100 cfs from 1,800 cfs to 1,700 cfs. The decision to reduce the flow occurred as high winds created wave action causing minor spillway discharges. Reservoir water levels had increased 0.6 feet to 1,454.1 feet as a result of the high winds. The spillway crest is 1,454 feet. This is the first time the water has gone over the spillway. – April 23
- Baldhill Dam (Barnes County)
 - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, reduced water discharge to 4,600 cubic feet per second (cfs) today at Baldhill Dam. Discharges will be evaluated on a daily basis by USACE water control hydrologists. – April 23
- Cedar Dam (Slope County)
 - A North Dakota Game and Fish Warden notified Slope County officials that Cedar Dam may be eroding; water was flowing over the southern part of the dam on April 18. Officials notified the Adams County Emergency Manager for down-stream resident notification. – April 23

- The USACE decreased releases from Jamestown Dam by 600 cfs at 11 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, to help city of Jamestown crews repair a section of storm sewer. They were returned to 1,800 cfs at 4 a.m. on Thursday, April 23. Releases are expected to increase to 2,000 cfs this afternoon.
- The USACE increased releases from at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, April 23, from 800 cfs to 1,000 cfs. The total from the two dams will be 3,000 cfs.
- With inflows slowing into Jamestown, the start of spillway flows are now expected to begin Monday, April 26. The reservoir is forecast to peak at 1,455 feet on May 2, 1 foot above the spillway crest. – April 23

➤ Roads

- **ND Department of Transportation road report as of April 24:**
- The following highways are closed due to water damage:
 - ND-8 between the junction of US-12 and ND-21 at mile post 16.
 - ND-9 nine miles west of Kensal.
 - ND-200 near Hazen from the junction of ND-200A to the junction of ND-1806.
 - ND-46 one mile west of Kindred at mile marker 110.
- The following highways are closed due to water over the roadway:
 - ND-27 directly east of the junction of ND-32 in Lisbon.
 - ND-66 from ND-44 to the Red River crossing.
 - ND-54 from I-29 to the Red River.
 - ND-17 bridge over the Red River east of Grafton at mile post 138.
 - ND-5 from I-29 to the Red River east of Joliette from mile post 332 to 335.
 - ND-1 at the South Dakota border.
 - ND-18 from the junction of ND-5 to the Canadian border.
 - ND-20 one-half mile south of Webster.
- The following highways have water over the roadway, traffic is allowed.
 - ND-9 mile post 35 one mile west of Wimbledon.
 - ND-14 from the junction of US-2 to the junction of US-52.
 - ND-1 one-half mile west of Ludden.
 - I-29 southbound lanes at exit 215 near the Pembina interchange.
 - ND-13 three miles west of Verona.
 - I-29 southbound lanes at mile post 72 south of Harwood.
- The following highways have water in one lane reducing the roadway to one lane of traffic.
 - I-29 southbound lane from Manvel exit 152 to the Grafton interchange.
 - ND-9 at mile post 41 south of Wimbledon.
 - ND-46 westbound lane at mile post 6, four miles west of Gackle.
 - US-52 twelve miles east of Velva at mile post 129.5.
 - ND-18 four miles south of the junction of ND-46.

➤ Damages to Homes/Businesses

- No recent updates.

➤ Railroads

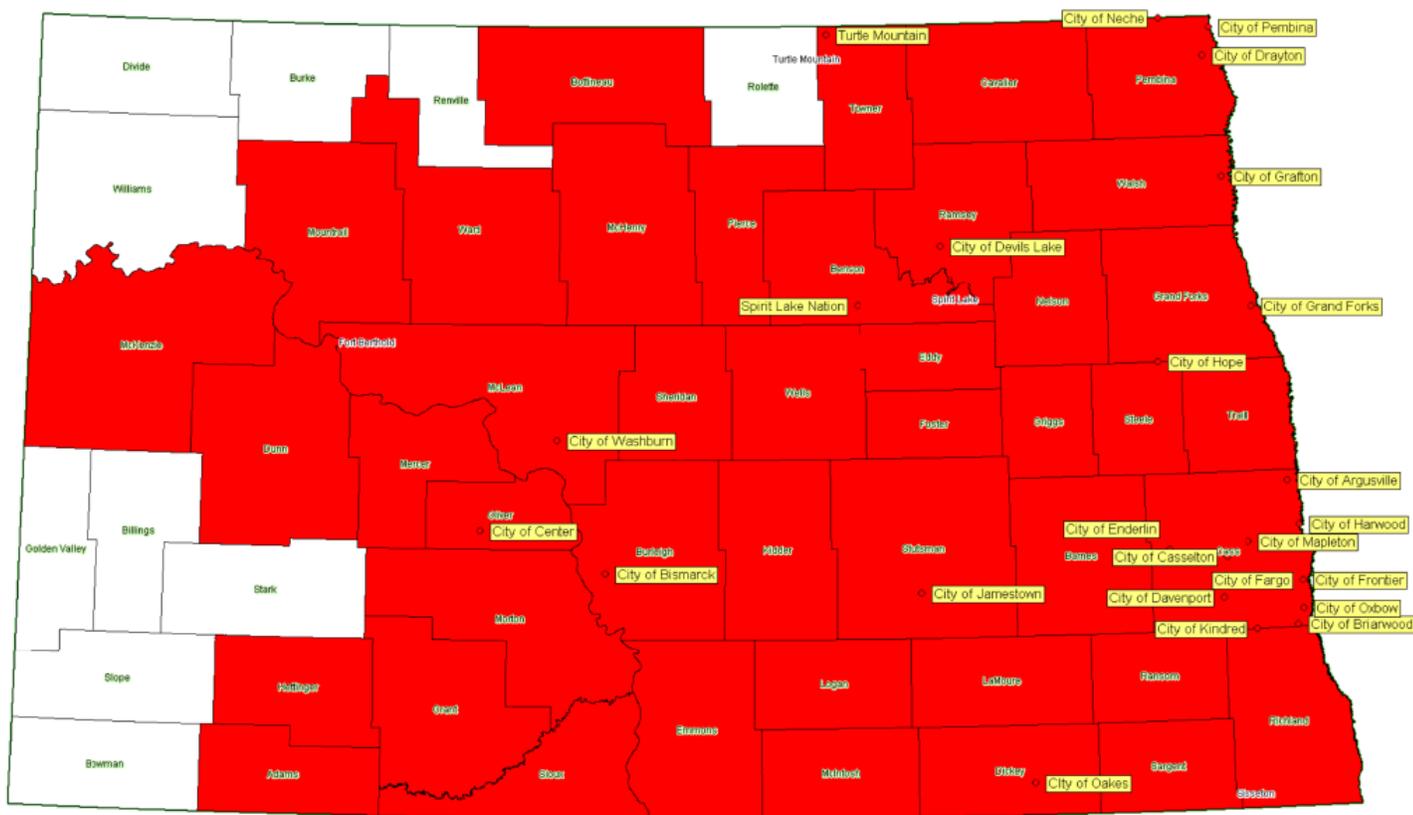
- No recent updates.

➤ Declarations (See map)

- Governor John Hoeven issued a statewide emergency declaration on March 13.
- The state was granted a Presidential Disaster Declaration for 34 counties and two Tribal Nations in North Dakota. – March 25
- The Presidential Disaster Declaration, issued March 24, has been expanded to include FEMA Individual Assistance (IA) for eligible applicants in the following counties: Adams, Barnes,

Billings, Burleigh, Cass, Dickey, Emmons, Foster, Grand Forks, Griggs, Hettinger, Kidder, LaMoure, Logan, McIntosh, Mercer, Morton, Nelson, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele, Stutsman, Towner, Traill and Williams. Other counties may be added for Individual Assistance after further evaluation. – April 10

- An additional 22 counties were added to the Presidential Disaster Declaration on April 10, 2009. Griggs, Steele, Towner and Traill were also added for Individual Assistance only. – April 22
- County Declarations – Adams, Barnes, Benson, Bottineau, Burleigh, Cass, Cavalier, Dickey, Dunn, Eddy, Emmons, Foster, Grand Forks, Grant, Griggs, Hettinger, Kidder, LaMoure, Logan, McHenry, McIntosh, McKenzie, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Mountrail, Nelson, Oliver, Pembina, Pierce, Ramsey, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Sheridan, Sioux, Steele, Stutsman, Traill, Walsh, Ward and Wells.
- City Declarations – Argusville, Bismarck, Briarwood, Casselton, Center, Davenport, Devils Lake, Drayton, Enderlin, Frontier, Fargo, Frontier, Horace, Grafton, Grand Forks, Harwood, Hope, Jamestown, Kindred, Leonard, Mapleton, Napoleon, North River, Prairie Rose, Oakes, Oxbow, Neche, Pembina, Reiles Acres, Towner, Valley City, Wahpeton, Great Bend, Mooreton, Walcott, Barney, Fairmount, Dwight, Wyndmere, and Lidgerwood.
- Tribal Declarations - Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and Standing Rock Indian Reservation.



Weather Forecast: WESTERN AND CENTRAL NORTH DAKOTA:

Today: A chance of snow before 1:00 p.m. then a chance of rain and snow and a high near 41. Expect a north wind between 11 and 14 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent. Expect a total daytime snow accumulation of less than a half inch.

Tonight: A chance of rain and snow showers before 1:00 a.m. then a chance of snow showers

with a low around 27. Expect a north wind between 5 and 8 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent. Snow accumulation of less than a half inch is possible.

Saturday: A slight chance of rain showers after 1:00 p.m. and mostly cloudy, with a high near 50. Expect a west wind 6 to 14 mph becoming south. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30 and a south wind between 9 and 13 mph.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 48 and a southeast wind 7 to 9 mph becoming northeast.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 50.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 54.

Weather Forecast: EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA:

Today: Showers likely, mainly before 1:00 p.m. with a high near 44. Expect a north wind between 11 and 14 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. Rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch are possible.

Tonight: Scattered rain and snow showers before 1:00 a.m. then a slight chance of snow showers and a low around 29. Expect a north wind between 6 and 9 mph becoming calm and a 50% chance of precipitation. Snow accumulation of less than a half inch is possible.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 49 and a south wind 5 to 13 mph becoming west.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33 and a west southwest wind 6 to 9 mph becoming southeast.

Sunday: A 50 percent chance of showers with a high near 52. Expect an east southeast wind between 8 and 16 mph, with gusts as high as 21 mph. Rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch are possible.

Sunday Night: A chance of rain and snow showers with a low around 30 and a 50 percent chance of precipitation. Expect precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch.

Monday: A slight chance of rain showers and mostly cloudy, with a high near 54.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 53.

River Forecasts

Rising= Steady= Falling=

Major Flood Stage

Red River Basin

- Red River at Fargo  — 30.45 ft—Flood Stage 18 ft—Crested 34 ft on Apr 16
- Sheyenne River at W.F. Div  — 22.32 ft—Flood Stage 18 ft—Crested 22.54 ft on Apr 13
- Red River at Oslo  — 36.28 ft— Flood Stage 26 ft—Crested at 37.4 ft on Apr 13
- Pembina River at Neche  — 21.44 ft—Flood Stage 18 ft—Crest 21.6 ft on Apr 22.

Sheyenne River Basin

- Sheyenne River at Valley City  — 17.76 ft—Flood Stage 15 ft—Crested at 20.58 ft Apr 17
- Sheyenne River at Lisbon  — 19.94 ft—Flood Stage 15 ft—Crested at 22.84 ft on Apr 16

James River Basin

- James River at Kensal  — 15.90 ft—Flood Stage 9 ft—Crest (no forecast)
- Pipestem Dam  — At Record Stage—1,492.18 msl
- Jamestown Dam  — At Record Stage—1,453.57 msl

Devils Lake Basin

- Devils Lake  — 1,449.20 ft — continuing a steady rise—Record is 1449.2 ft
- Stump Lake  — 1,448.49 ft — continuing its record rise.

Moderate Flood Stage

Red River Basin

- Red River at Drayton ↓ — 41.92 ft—Flood Stage 32 ft—Crested at 43.09 ft Apr 16
- Red River at Harwood ↓ — 890.99 msl—Flood Stage 884 msl—Crested 891.25 Apr 13
- Red River at Pembina ↓ — 51.63 ft—Flood Stage 42 ft—Crested at 52.57 ft Apr 16
- Red River at Wahpeton ↓ — 12.17 ft—Flood Stage 10 ft—Crested 15.2 ft on Apr 12
- Red River at Grand Forks ↓ — 40.52 ft—Flood Stage 28 ft—Crested 44.27 ft on Apr 13

Souris River Basin

- Souris River at Bantry ↓ — 13.31 ft— Flood Stage 11 ft—Crest 14.4 ft Apr 21
- Souris River at Towner ↓ — 55.50 ft— Flood Stage 52 ft—Cresting today
- Souris River at Westhope ↑ — 14.56 ft—Flood Stage 10 ft—Crest 16.1 ft on Apr 22

Sheyenne River Basin

- Sheyenne River at Kindred → — 21.27 ft—Flood Stage 16 ft—Steady at 21 ft thru Apr 24

James River Basin

- James River at Ludden Dam ↓ — 16.19 ft—Flood Stage 12 ft—Crest 18.2 ft on Apr 24

Minor Flood Stage

Red River Basin

- Maple River at Mapleton ↓ — 907.53msl —Flood Stage 905 msl—Crested at 908.54 Apr 17
- Wild Rice River at Abercrombie → — 11.36 ft—Flood Stage 10 ft—Crested 20.32 ft on Apr 13
- Pembina River at Walhalla ↓ — 14.08 ft—Flood Stage 11 ft—Crest today at 16.9 ft

James River Basin

- Pipestem Creek at Pingree ↓ — 9.07 ft—Flood Stage 9 ft — Crested Apr 15 at 13.41 ft
- James River at Jamestown ↓ — 13.81 ft—Flood Stage 12 ft—Crest (no forecast)
- James River at LaMoure ↓ — 14.95ft—Flood Stage 14 ft—Crested at 17.3 ft on Apr 16

Souris River Basin

- Wintering River at Karlsruhe ↓ — 7.00 ft—Flood Stage 7ft—Crested at 9.19 ft on Apr 17
- Willow Creek at Willow City ↓ — 11.64 ft—Flood Stage 10 ft—Crested at 13.97 ft on Apr 16

Missouri River Basin

- Apple Creek at Menoken ↓ — 15.16 ft— Flood Stage 15 ft—Crested at 17.23 ft on Apr 14
- Little Missouri at Medora ↓ — 13.89 ft—Flood Stage 15 ft —Crest 17 ft on Apr 19

Near Flood Stage

Red River Basin

- Maple River at Enderlin ↓ — 9.26 ft —Flood Stage 9.5 ft—Crested 13.02 ft on Apr 14
- Park River at Grafton ↓ — 9.04 ft—Flood Stage 12 ft— Crested 15.85 ft. on Apr 16.

James River Basin

- James River at Grace City ↓ — 10.51 ft —Flood Stage 12 ft—Crested at 17.47 ft on Apr 17

Resource/Assistance Requests

Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA)

- Transport of personnel from Bismarck to Fargo on April 24. (#587)
 - ACCEPTED – SEOC AIR OPERATIONS

United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

- Provide air support for five personnel in Jamestown to conduct aerial reconnaissance of Pipestem Dam and the Jamestown area. – (#585)
 - ASSIGNED – SEOC AIR OPERATIONS

N.D. Board of Animal Health

- One backhoe and one truck for carcass burial in Oliver County. Carcasses include: one horse, 18 dairy/beef cows, 20 dairy calves, 8 Yearlings, and 14 Bred Heifers. (#582A)
 - ASSIGNED - NDNG

- One backhoe and one truck for carcass burial in Cass County. Carcasses include: 12 beef cows, 3 calves and 5 yearlings. (#582B)
 - ASSIGNED - NDNG
- Collect and dispose of deceased animals. Life saving and property protection efforts will be accomplished before animal recovery.(#470)
 - ACCEPTED – NDNG

N.D. Department of Homeland Security

- Transport recovery operations official to Fargo. (#586)
 - ACCEPTED – SEOC AIR OPERATIONS
- Aerial reconnaissance and photography in Pembina County and Renwick Dam. (#559)
 - ACCEPTED – SEOC AIR OPERATIONS

N.D. State Water Commission

- ASSIGNED – NDNG
- Operators for county equipment at Lake LaMoure. (#522)
 - ACCEPTED – NDNG

Barnes County

- Four ambulances have been requested to be added to a resource list. The ambulances are not needed at present, but must be able to respond immediately if requested. Barnes County Ambulance has requested a list of available ambulances throughout the region. (#548)
 - ACCEPTED – NDDoH
- Emergency repairs to several Valley City streets. (#532)
 - ACCEPTED - NDDOT
- NDNG mobile shower (bathing) unit for residents. (#530)
 - ACCEPTED – NDNG

Benson County

- Transfer two truck loads of filled sandbags from Jamestown to Leads. (#573)
 - ASSIGNED - NDDOT

Cass County

- Demobilize all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service assets in Cass County.(#581)
 - COMPLETE - SEOC
- USACE assistance to remove temporary levees and dikes in the city of Harwood. (#557)
 - ASSIGNED - USACE, St. Paul District
- The city of Argusville requested USACE assistance in the removal of temporary levees and dikes. (#554)
 - ACCEPTED – USACE, St. Paul District

Grand Forks County

- Requested Army Corps of Engineer assistance to remove temporary levees and dikes in the city of Grand Forks. (#572)
 - ASSIGNED - USACE, St. Paul District
- The city of Grand Forks is requesting technical assistance to evaluate the means and methods of clay removal and disposal from the levee. (#568)
 - ASSIGNED - USACE, St. Paul District
- Requested assistance from the USACE to remove temporary levees and dikes.(#553)
 - ACCEPTED – USACE, St. Paul District

LaMoure County

- 200 1-ton sandbags to be used at Lake LaMoure. (#549)
 - ACCEPTED – ND NDNG
- Blackhawk to place 1-ton sandbags at LaMoure Lake spillway. (#541)

- ASSIGNED - NDNG
- Assistance from the USACE at Lake LaMoire emergency spillway. (#526)
 - ASSIGNED -- USACE - Omaha District

Morton County

- Conduct an engineering estimate to obtain access to an isolated farmstead. (#576)
 - ASSIGNED - NDNG

Pembina County

- Retain the 10 soldiers and equipment presently on site in the city of Pembina until the river level drops below 48 feet.
 - ASSIGNED - NDNG
- Release of soldiers and equipment working on mission 536 in Neche. (#583)
 - ASSIGNED - NDNG
- Transfer of a 6 inch pump from the Pembina City Shop to the south side of Pembina. (#569)
 - ASSIGNED -- USACE - St. Paul District
- 125 gpm pump in Neche to be moved one mile west of town to prevent flooding near a local residence. (#558)
 - ASSIGNED - NDNG
- Dozer and operator to repair the city of Neche dike. (#555)
 - ACCEPTED – NDNG
- Ten to 12 soldiers to patrol dikes surrounding the city of Neche. (#552)
 - ASSIGNED - NDNG
- Two trucks from the National Guard to assist with dike re-enforcement. (#536)
 - ASSIGNED - NDNG
- Three 3-inch pumps and one, 4-inch pump to the city of Neche. (#533)
 - ACCEPTED - NDNG
- Ten soldiers for Quick Response Force; three soldiers for traffic control points; and twelve soldiers for dike patrol. (#524)
 - ACCEPTED – NDNG

Ramsey County

- Aerial photos of Ramsey County. (#580)
 - ASSIGNED - CAP
- Ransom County
- Removal of clay, sandbag levees and woody debris that was cut down at the City of Fort Ransom. (#578)
 - ASSIGNED - USACE, St. Paul District
- Removal of clay, sandbags, and HESCO levees at the City of Lisbon. (#577)
 - ASSIGNED - USACE, St. Paul District
- A mobile FEMA Assistance Unit to assist elderly and citizens unfamiliar with FEMA processes. (#561)
 - ASSIGNED – DES RECOVERY GROUP

Stutsman County

- Six soldiers that can drive tanker trucks to haul waste water in the city of Jamestown. (#579)
 - ASSIGNED – NDNG
- 100 soldiers for 1.5 to 2 days for dike construction and 2 to 3 months for dike inspection. (#574)
 - ON STAND BY - SEOC
- Transportation of 27,000 sandbags from Minot to Jamestown (#550)
 - ACCEPTED – ND DOT
- Two state epidemiologists and one public information officer to the city of Jamestown. (#546)

- ACCEPTED – REGIONAL COORDINATOR
- Thirty 2-inch water pumps to the city of Jamestown. (#544)
 - ACCEPTED - NDNG
- National Guard to preposition 12 one-ton sandbags at the Jamestown Municipal Airport (#535)
 - ASSIGNED – NDNG
- Four public information officers to assist the County Public Information Center. (#525)
 - ACCEPTED - FEMA
- National Guard to assist in various aspects of the flood fight to include: dike patrol, liaison, traffic control, and a quick reactionary force. (#519)
 - ASSIGNED – NDNG

Detailed Reports

Refer to previous Incident Summaries, as necessary.

LOCAL

Barnes County

- The county EOC will be closed as of 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 24. The flood hotline will ring into the Office of City-County Health. – April 23
- The city of Valley City has decided to allow businesses to open contingent on alternate methods of water use by the businesses. A sewer bypass project has been completed. – April 22

Benson County

- The Maddock city auditor reports excessive water and frost damage to streets causing soft spots and holes throughout the city. – April 23

Bowman County

- McGee and Bagley crossings on the Little Missouri River remain closed. – April 23

Cass County

- The southern part of the Fargo is in the recovery process and area clay dikes have been removed. – April 24
- Sheyenne River breakout west of Kindred is still active. – April 24
- Sink holes have been reported at the railroad tracks over drain 34. A needle dam is being constructed to protect drain 34 from failing and the railroad tracks from being washed out. – April 23
- The county sheriff's office is releasing the remaining 8 personnel from the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol. The operations center will be relocated to the jail on April 24. – April 23
- Cass County Highway Department officials continue to monitor county road 16. – April 23
- Eight to nine Oxbow residents have agreed to a buy-out process. The contract has been signed by the county with Lake Agassiz Regional Council to assist the county through the acquisition process. – April 23
- A press conference was held by the mayor of Fargo to address public questions regarding clean up. Dike clean up will start on April 23 and continue for 21 days. The plan is to refill the borrow pits at Centennial and Discovery Schools first. Signed release of information forms are needed from residents to allow the USACE access to private property. The mayor warned there is no reimbursement if a resident contracts privately for clean-up work. There will be a \$25 charge for sandbags brought to landfill by residents. –April 23

- The mayor reminded residents the South Side Project was only meant to protect those in the Wild Rice area. Two permanent plans have been submitted to the USACE. – April 23

Dickey County

- National Guard personnel and equipment currently assigned to Oakes will be released no later than April 24. – April 23

LaMoure County

- Lake LaMoure water levels were slightly down. A controlled access day has been scheduled for April 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for residents to examine damages. A rule sheet will be distributed to residents when they enter the area and National Guard and local law enforcement will control and monitor access. Entry to the lake will remain closed for at least two weeks. – April 22
- The majority of dikes will remain in place until the major water releases have concluded or it can be ascertained there no further negative impact on cities. – April 22

Logan County

- National Guard equipment currently assigned to Gackle will be released no later than April 24. – April 23

Pembina County

- A military generator being utilized in the city of Pembina will be released back to N.D. National Guard personnel on April 28. – April 23
- A resident of Pembina Township requested information regarding FEMA reimbursement of gravel purchased for a township road. The resident was advised to talk to township officials and the local County Extension Agent. – April 23
- A log jam is reported near a residence located 1 mile south of county road 55 on 106th St. The emergency manager is waiting confirmation from township officials. – April 23
- The cities of Neche and Pembina are prepared to release soldiers and equipment presently stationed in their communities. - April 23

Ramsey County

- ND Hwy 20 south of Webster remains closed. A highway department official reports numerous township road closures. Devils Lake elevation is at 1448.64 feet and rising, 1449.2 feet is the record high. – April 22

Ransom County

- National Guard equipment currently assigned to Lisbon will be released no later than April 24. – April 23
- Leakage problems continue in the catch basin on Fifth Avenue, Lisbon. The Hesco contingency dikes are complete and approximately 45 unused Hescos remain on site. The Corp of Engineers has reduced their force in Lisbon and recommended pump crews remain until the river level is reduced to 19 feet. It is recommended the guard retain an emergency crew until the river level is reduced to 20 feet. Plans are beginning for flood clean up; however, cleanup will not start until the river is at the 19-foot level. – April 23

Slope County

- Overland and isolated flooding occurred on March 15. A Bowman resident reported water in the basement and requested sandbags.
- Bowman and Slope County Emergency Board officials met on April 14 to determine a preliminary Livestock Loss Assessment Report.
- Bowman Hospital sent an ambulance and crew to Fargo to assist with potential needs. – April 23

Stutsman County

- A public information announcement is forthcoming to inform residents to plug their floor drains and sanitary lines. This applies to residents living south of the railroad tracks, west of the James River and north of Pipestem Creek. – April 22

Towner County

- Water flowing from Hurricane Lake in Towner County is threatening to flood a residence. A temporary fix was implemented; however, homeowner is asking for sandbagging of his home. – April 23.

Walsh County

- Search efforts continue for a man who was reported missing on April 12 when the vehicle in which he was traveling stalled at a low water crossing. The U.S. Border Patrol conducted a search and rescue flight yesterday. Officials are continuing ground searches. – April 23

STATE

Civil Air Patrol

- Images taken of the borrow pits in Fargo, northwest Pembina County, of a farmstead near Lehr and Cottonwood Creek Dam at Lake LaMoure are available at <http://tinyurl.com/nd09flood>. – April 23

N.D. Board of Animal Health

- Morton County officials report roads and a bridge washed out and a farmer who is unable to get feed to his cattle. – April 25

N.D. Department of Emergency Services (ND DES)

- The North Dakota Homeland Security Director approved the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) for a capabilities drawdown. Five aircraft remain available in North Dakota.
 - Phased reductions are as follows:
 - April 23-30: Support a minimum of 2 sorties per day.
 - May 1-5: Provide standard on-call coverage, 2 hrs from call to launch.
 - May 5 and beyond: Readiness level normal, with new missions run at 2 hours from a call to launch.

N.D. Department of Health

- The North Dakota Department of Health is encouraging residents who have experienced flooding in their homes to take steps to prevent the growth of mold. Mold can grow quickly in homes and other buildings following a flood. When airborne mold spores are present in large numbers, they can trigger allergic reactions, asthma episodes, infections and other respiratory problems. In addition, exposure can cause development of an allergy to mold, resulting in long-term health problems. – April 23

N.D. National Guard (NDNG)

The following is a summary of recent activities:

- Upon request from Stutsman County, the National Guard will provide additional National Guard personnel for evacuation purposes if the original Quick Reaction Force (QRF) members are overwhelmed with response. – April 22
- Released the Minnesota National Guard and associated equipment from flood operations in Jamestown as of April 24. – April 22
- Released the Minnesota National Guard and associated equipment from flood operations in Fargo as of April 24. – April 22.
- Released one UH-60 assigned to the rescue standby mission. – April 22
- Released one CH-47 from flood operation mission requirements. –April 22
- National Guard resources will be re-deployed from the Cottonwood Dam on April 25th. – April 23

N.D. State Emergency Operation Center (SEOC)

- The Governor sent a letter to FEMA requesting public assistance in categories A thru G to 12 counties and an Indian Reservation. In addition, the letter requests public assistance in categories A and C through G for 31 counties and 2 Indian Reservations. The letter also includes requests for individual assistance for 7 counties and 2 Indian Reservations. – April 24
- The LaMoure County Emergency Manager and the NDNG have agreed resources will be released for demobilization or reassignment on April 25. – April 23

N.D. State Tax Commission

- Tax Commissioner Cory Fong announced today that townships and cities affected by the spring flooding have extra time to conduct their board of equalization meetings. State law requires township boards of equalization to provide the assessments to the county auditor by the fourth Monday in April. Cities have ten days after completion of equalization to deliver their assessments to the county auditor – April 23

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U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)

- With the concurrence of the Homeland Security Director, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) was authorized to release its last DART team based on timelines worked out between Cass County, State Air/ Marine Operations, and USCG Liaison officers. – April 23

VOLUNTARY AGENCIES

No recent updates.

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