



**09-003, Spring Flooding
June 10, 2009
12:00 p.m. CDT
Incident Summary Report #77**

Incident Overview

Summaries are published after 12:00 p.m. every Wednesday until further notice.

Updated information is in red.

The following is a summary of key issues related to the 2009 spring flood of the Red River of the North, Souris, Devils Lake, James and Sheyenne River Basins.

State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Activation – Level III (Monitoring Activation). N.D. Division of Homeland Security (NDHLS) personnel staff the SEOC daily from 8:00 a.m. until to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The NDHLS Duty Officer has responsibility for incident-related calls between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. and on weekends and holidays.

Significant Events

- **Deaths/Injuries/Illnesses** – as reported by the N.D. Department of Health (NDDoH) and the N.D. Highway Patrol (NDHP)
 - Deaths – 3;
 - Injuries – 252
 - Illnesses – 71
- **Dams** – June 2
 - **Pipestem and Jamestown Dams** – June 9
 - Combined releases into the James River are currently 1,900 cfs
 - Current reservoir level along with inflow and outflow rates can be found at the following website: www.usbr.gov/gp/lakes_reservoirs/north_dakota_lakes.htm
 - **Baldhill Dam** – June 9
 - Releases from the Baldhill Dam reservoir are currently at 490 cfs.
 - Current reservoir level along with inflow and outflow rates can be found at the following website: www.mvp-wc.usace.army.mil/bulletins/reservoir_bulletin.shtml
- **Roads**

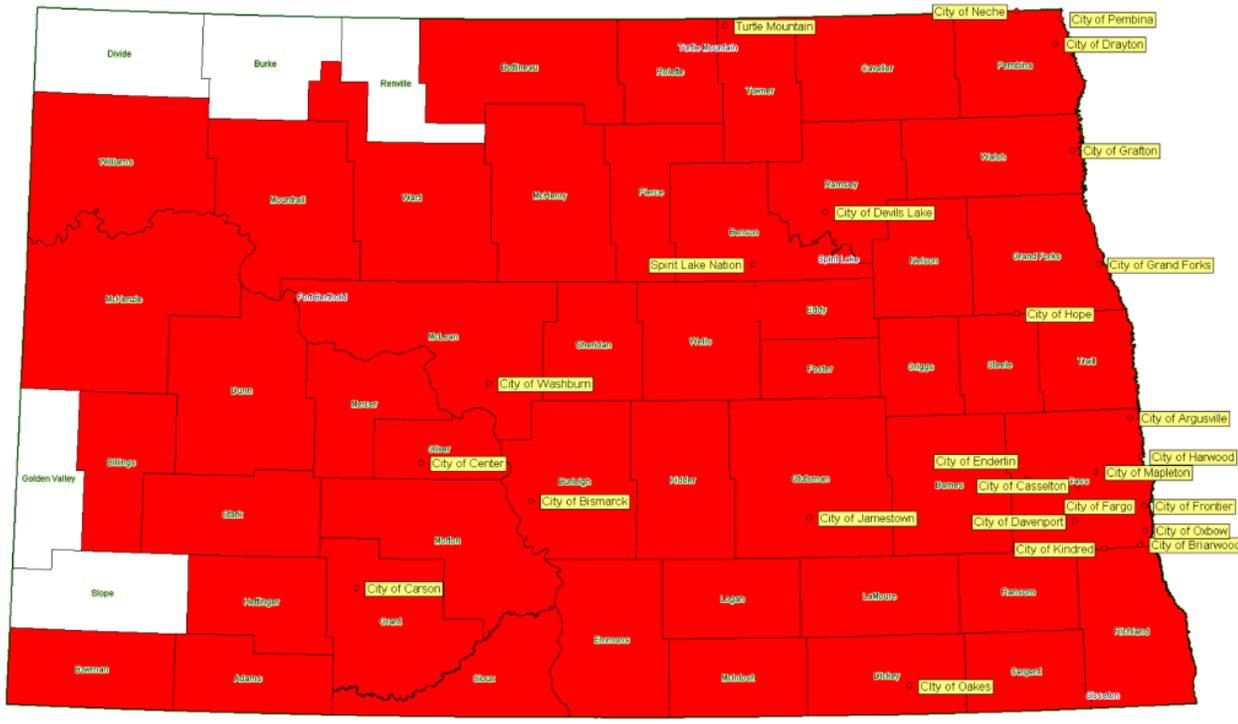
The following is the ND Department of Transportation road report as of June 9.

 - The following highways are closed due to water damage:
 - ND-9 nine miles west of Kensal.
 - The following highways have water over the roadway but traffic is allowed.
 - ND-13 one mile east of Lehr and five miles east of Lehr.

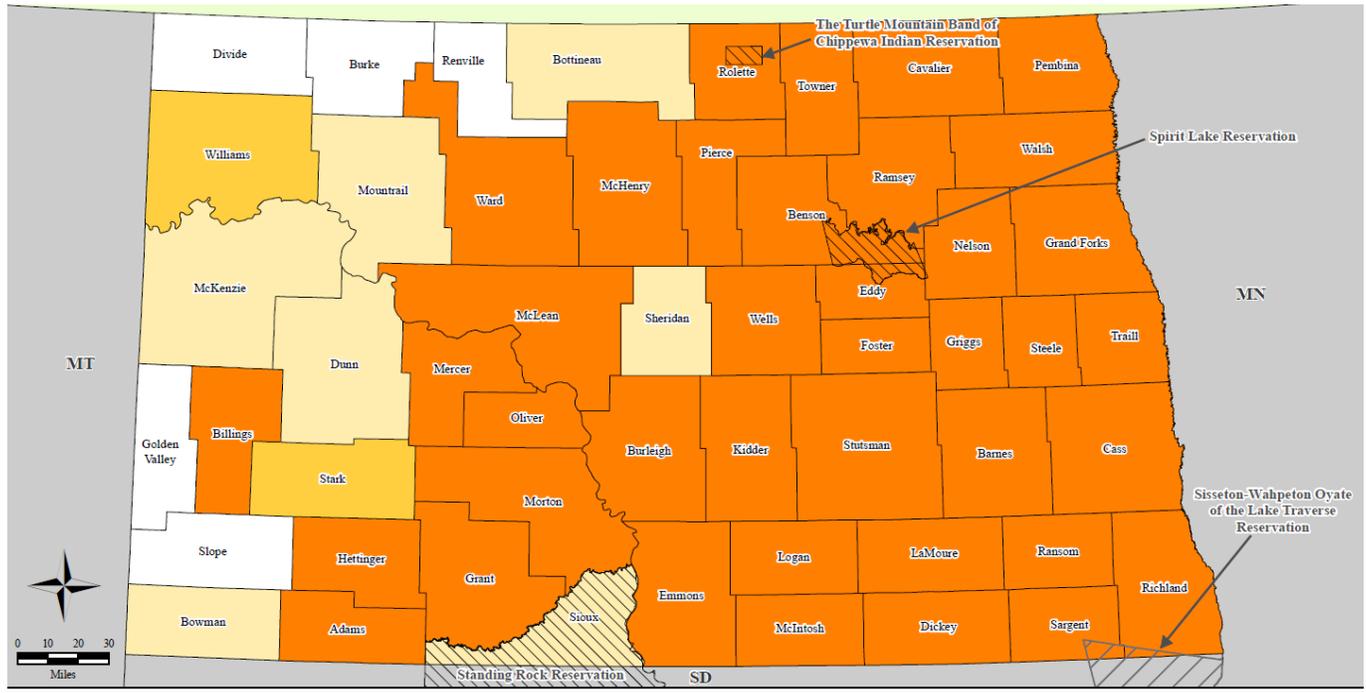
➤ [Declarations \(See map\)](#)

- 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 on March 24.
- Public Assistance: The declaration was subsequently amended and now includes 48 counties and 4 tribal reservations
- Individual Assistance: 41 counties and 3 tribal reservations.
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP): All declared counties and tribes are eligible
- County Declarations – 48 counties
- City Declarations – 41 counties
- Tribal Declarations - 2 tribal nations

[Current County Declaration Map](#)



[Current FEMA-DR-1829-ND Declaration Map](#)



Legend

Designated Counties	Designated Reservations
No Designation	Public Assistance
Public Assistance	Individual Assistance and Public Assistance
Individual Assistance and Public Assistance	
Individual Assistance and Public Assistance (Category B)	

All counties are eligible for Hazard Mitigation

Weather Forecast: WESTERN AND CENTRAL NORTH DAKOTA:

Today: Isolated showers after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. Northwest wind between 3 and 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers before 1:00 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42. Light and variable wind.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1:00 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 70. Calm wind becoming south around 6 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. South wind between 3 and 7 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 76. Calm wind becoming southwest between 7 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Monday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77.

Monday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Tuesday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 76.

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

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers after 11:00 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61. Northwest wind between 7 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. North northwest wind between 6 and 9 mph becoming calm.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1:00 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. Calm wind becoming west northwest around 6 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. West wind 5 to 7 mph becoming south southeast.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1:00 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 71. Southwest wind between 5 and 9 mph.

Friday Night: A slight chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74.

Sunday Night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Monday: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 78.

Monday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Tuesday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 75.

[River Forecasts by River Basin – Listing Includes Rivers Above Flood Stage](#)

Rising= Steady= Falling=

James River Basin

- James River at Jamestown—has dropped below the 12 foot flood stage
- James River at Ludden Dam— 14.67 ft—Flood Stage 12 ft—Crest 18.2 ft on Apr 24

Devils Lake Basin

- Devils Lake— 1,450.47 ft — continuing its record rise.
- Stump Lake—1,450.35 ft — continuing its record rise.
- Devils and Stump Lakes long-range probabilistic outlook valid June 1, 2009 - September 30, 2009. Chances of Devils and Stump Lakes rising above the given lake levels.

	90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	10%
Creel Bay	1450.8	1450.9	1450.9	1451.0	1451.0	1451.0	1451.1	1451.2	1451.5
Stump Lake	1450.8	1450.9	1450.9	1451.0	1451.0	1451.0	1451.1	1451.2	1451.5

Resource/Assistance Requests

- The State Emergency Operations Center has processed 622 requests for assistance since March 12, 2009. There have been no additional requests for assistance since May 22.

Detailed Reports

Refer to previous Incident Summaries, as necessary.

LOCAL

LaMoure County

- On June 6, city of LaMoure officials requested assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Omaha District, to remove more temporary levees. The city also requested the plastic and sandbag removal from all remaining sections of the levees.

Stutsman County

- The operational problems of two water wells in the city of Jamestown have been resolved, and water usage restrictions have been lifted. – June 5
- Four lift stations in the city of Jamestown continue to pump “highly” diluted sewage directly into the James River. The amount has been reduced due to improved conditions. – June 5
- City of Jamestown officials met with the National Guard on Wednesday, June 3, to discuss a plan to reduce operation staffing in Jamestown. After reviewing the plan, officials agreed to the following:
 - Eliminate all current missions including the 74 soldier forces staffing those missions. The staff numbers and missions include:
 - 8 Public Works Support
 - 52 Dike Patrol/Quick Reactionary Force/Evacuation
 - 8 Logistical Support
 - 6 Traffic Control
 - Create a single new short-term mission and staff it with 24 soldiers:
 - 24 City Support
 - The change in missions and the reduction in soldiers will occur no later than June 12. This single new mission will result in reducing the operation in Jamestown from 74 soldiers to a total of 24 soldiers, a reduction of 50 soldiers.
- A meeting with the NDNG has been scheduled for Monday, June 15, to review any events that may have occurred since the anticipated June 10 flow adjustment to 1,800 cfs and to consider a plan for a final demobilization of the National Guard in Jamestown.

STATE

N.D. Division of Homeland Security (NDHLS)

- State Emergency Operations Center efforts continue in support of flood response and recovery operations across the state in coordination with local, state and federal agencies.
- The Levee Expert Team led by Brig. General Terry Robinson and consisting of a panel of state and federal subject matter experts have met with local officials in Valley City and Lisbon to present information to help them in making decisions regarding removal of temporary levees. Another meeting is scheduled Friday, June 12 in Fargo.

Job Service North Dakota

- Deadlines are approaching to apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) for individuals whose employment or self-employment was lost or interrupted due to severe storms and flooding. Deadlines are as follows:

- Individuals affected in **Ramsey County** and the **Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indian Reservation** need to apply before **June 15, 2009**.
- Individuals affected in **Benson, Cavalier, Eddy, McLean, Pembina, Rolette** and **Wells** counties were more recently added to the Presidential Disaster Declaration and need to apply before **June 17**.

To file for DUA, claimants may apply online at www.jobsnd.com or call Job Service.

FEDERAL

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

- Clay Products, Inc., of East Grand Forks, Minn., was awarded a \$144,800 contract to remove 1,750 Rapid Deployment Flood Wall (RDFW) units, remove and dispose of 2,000 sandbags and 28,000 square feet of plastic sheeting, and 3,500 cubic yards of compacted clay in LaMoure County. The work is slated to begin June 5 and be finished in five days.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- A series of mitigation workshops have been scheduled around the state to help North Dakotans protect their homes and property against future disasters. Federal, state and local officials will be on hand to discuss flood maps, flood-fighting home improvement projects, benefits of flood insurance, possible funding sources and other issues. Meetings are scheduled as follows:

City	Date	Location
Grafton	June 10	TBA
Mayville	June 11	Mayville Armory: 332 Center Ave. S.

- North Dakota residents affected by the flooding that began on March 13 can now visit a Disaster Recovery Center in Belcourt, where representatives are available to help answer questions about assistance. The center is operated by the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services (NDDDES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Turtle Mountain Reservation Disaster Recovery Center's operational hours will be Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and closed on Sundays. The center is located at the Turtle Mountain Manufacturing Corporation, ND Highway 5 West, Belcourt, ND. – June 5
- The Fessenden, Jamestown and Valley City Disaster Recovery Centers will close at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, June 13.
- DRC Locations:
 - **Barnes County**, Barnes County Courthouse, 230 4th St. NW, Valley City;
 - **Pembina County**, Emergency Operations Center, 308 Courthouse Drive, Cavalier
 - **Stutsman County**, Buffalo Mall, 2400 8th Ave. SW, Suite B, Jamestown;
 - **Turtle Mountain Reservation**, Turtle Mountain Manufacturing Corp., ND Hwy 5 west, Belcourt, ND;
 - **Wells County**, Fessenden-Bowden School Gymnasium, 500 North 2nd Street, Fessenden
- Federal aid in housing grants, disaster loans and direct federal assistance mission assignments now stands at **\$47 million**. FEMA has obligated **\$24.66 million** in 47 Mission Assignments to other federal agencies, including **\$15 million** to the USACE for removal of temporary flood protection (clay dikes, Hesco Bastions and sandbags).

- As of close of business June 6, **5,568** North Dakotans have registered for disaster assistance in the **41** counties designated for Individual Assistance. Some **4,378** home inspections have been completed.
- A National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) team continues to validate repetitive loss structures, with 155 Repetitive Loss Claims and 308 Single Loss Claims validated as of June 5. Community Assistance Visits are being conducted in NFIP communities where substantial damage has been reported, with 753 claims totaling \$8.3 million dollars. The Community Education Outreach teams have counseled a total of 1,453 individuals at the DRCs and a total of 3,036 individuals at the home improvement stores. Community Mitigation Workshops staff held three local meeting with a total of 52 participants.
- FEMA Cumulative Individual Assistance Registrations: 5,639 – June 9
 - Small Business Administration Approvals: 223
- Disaster Unemployment Assistance Claims received: 1,524
- Dollar Amounts Approved: - June 9
 - Individual and Household Program: \$6,119,522
 - Disaster Unemployment Assistance: \$287,028
 - SBA Applications: \$8,112,800
 - Public Assistance Obligated: \$8,284,637
- Eligible Requests for Public Assistance: 318

VOLUNTARY AGENCIES

Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)

- No recent updates

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