



**09-003, Spring Flooding
July 15, 2009
12:10 p.m. CDT
Incident Summary Report #82**

Incident Overview

Summaries are published after 12:00 p.m. every Wednesday until further notice. Information related to the Dickinson tornado is recorded in the 09-025, Statewide Summer Storms, Incident Summary.

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.

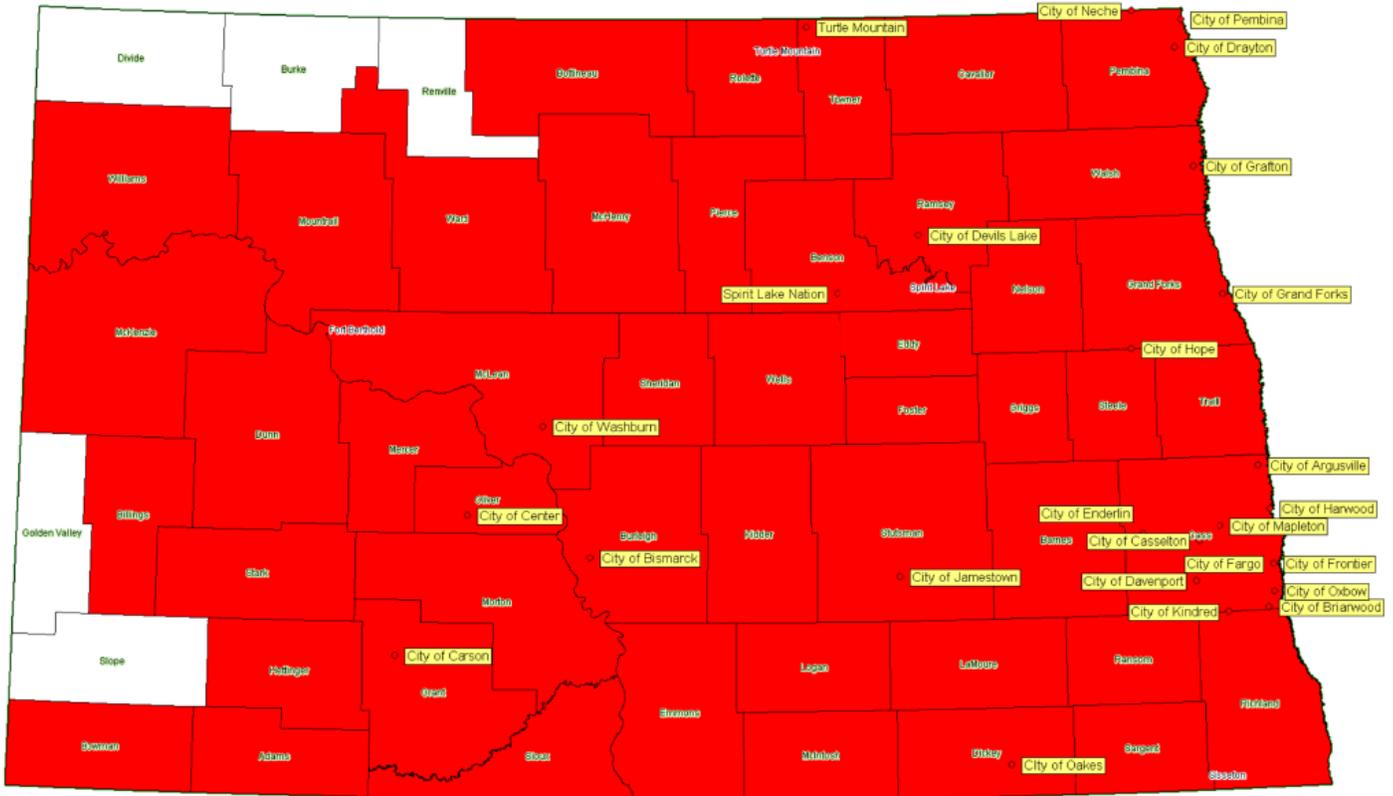
State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Activation – Level III (Monitoring Activation). N.D. Division of Homeland Security (NDHLS) personnel staff the SEOC daily from 8:00 a.m. until to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The NDHLS Duty Officer has responsibility for incident-related calls between 5:00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

Significant Events

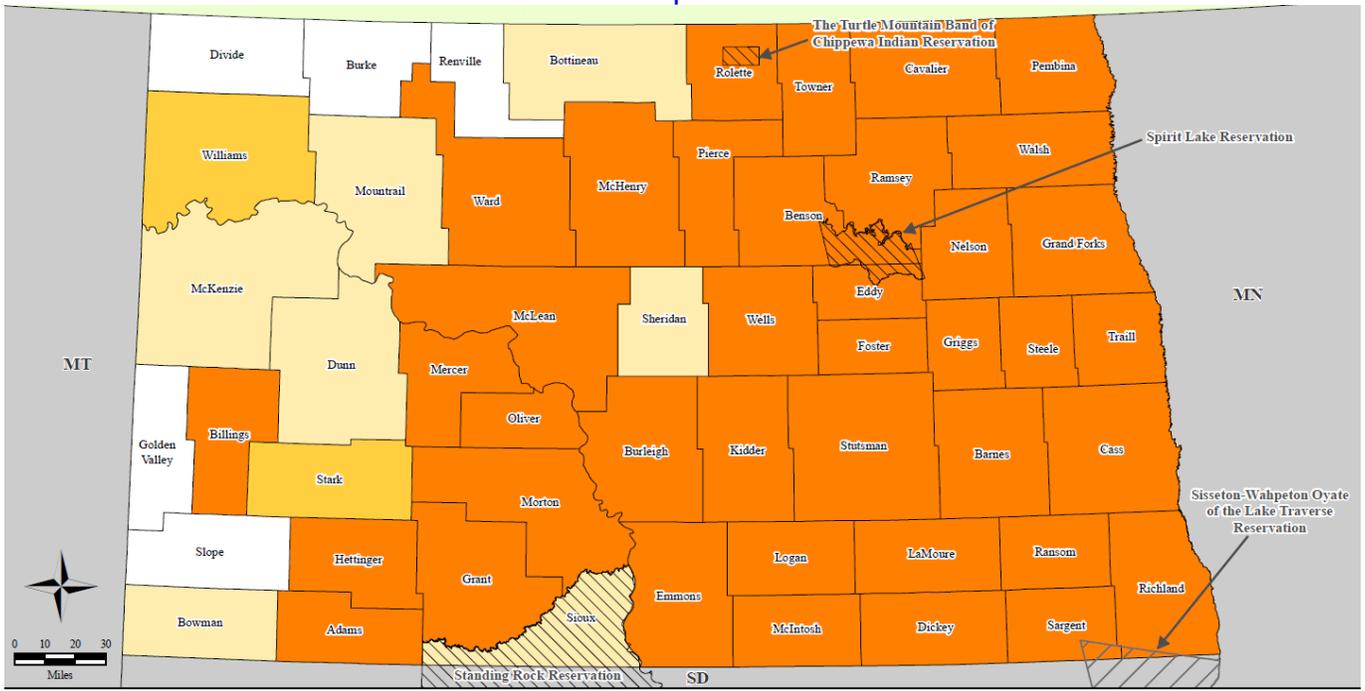
- **Deaths/Injuries/Illnesses** – as reported by the N.D. Department of Health (NDDoH) and the N.D. Highway Patrol (NDHP)
 - Deaths – 3
 - Injuries – 252
 - Illnesses – 71
- **Dams** –June 2
 - **Pipestem and Jamestown Dams – July 13**
 - Combined releases into the James River are currently at 1,000 cubic feet per second (cfs). Releases at Jamestown Reservoir were reduced by 100 cfs to 650 cfs on July 13; Pipestem Reservoir releases remain at 350 cfs. The next change in releases takes place, Thursday, July 16.
 - 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
- **Transportation**
 - On June 26, Northern Plains Railroad reported its rail line in Lankin (Walsh County) experienced a washout of bedding material under the tracks due to severe thunderstorms. The rail line has been repaired and is back in service. – July 15
- **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

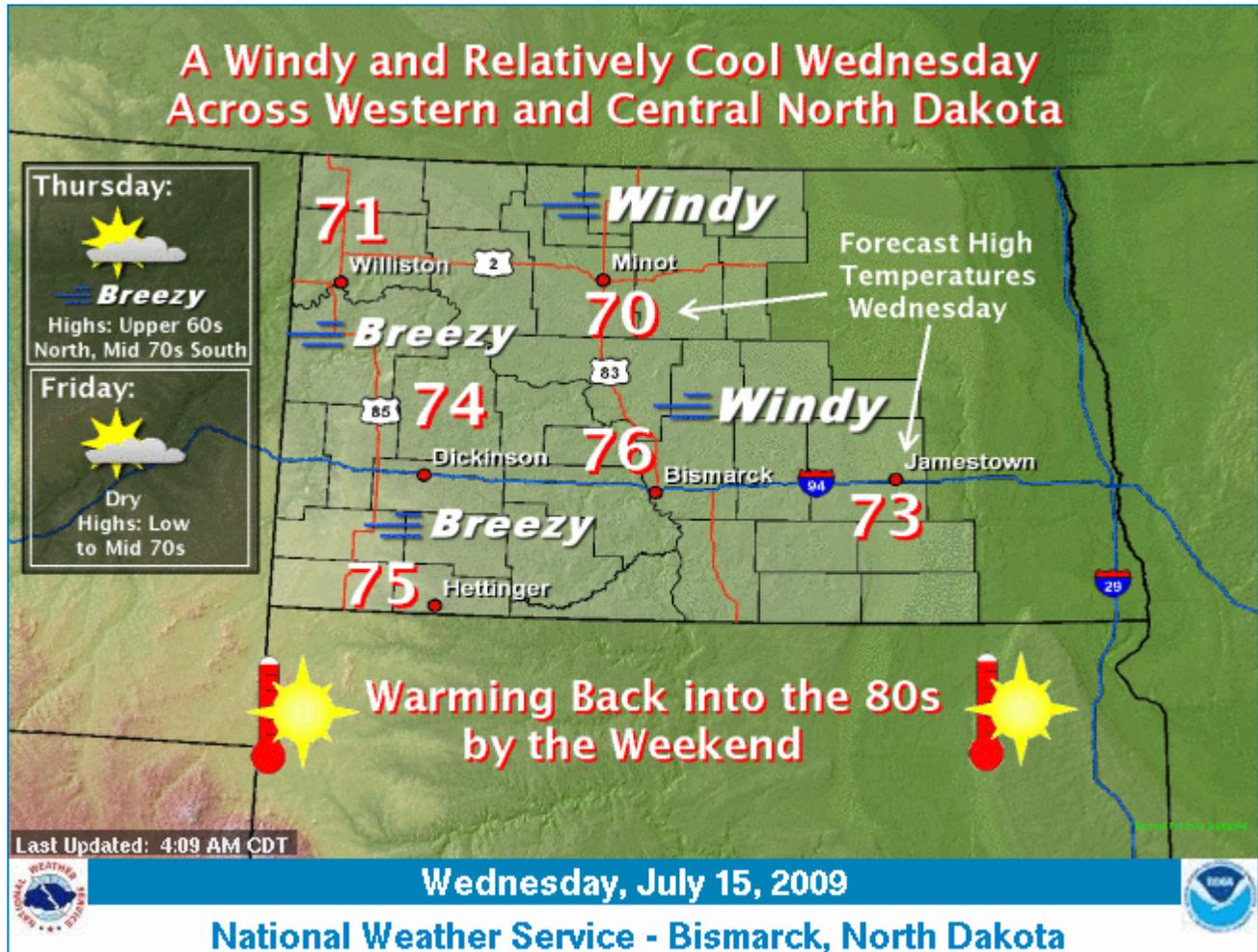


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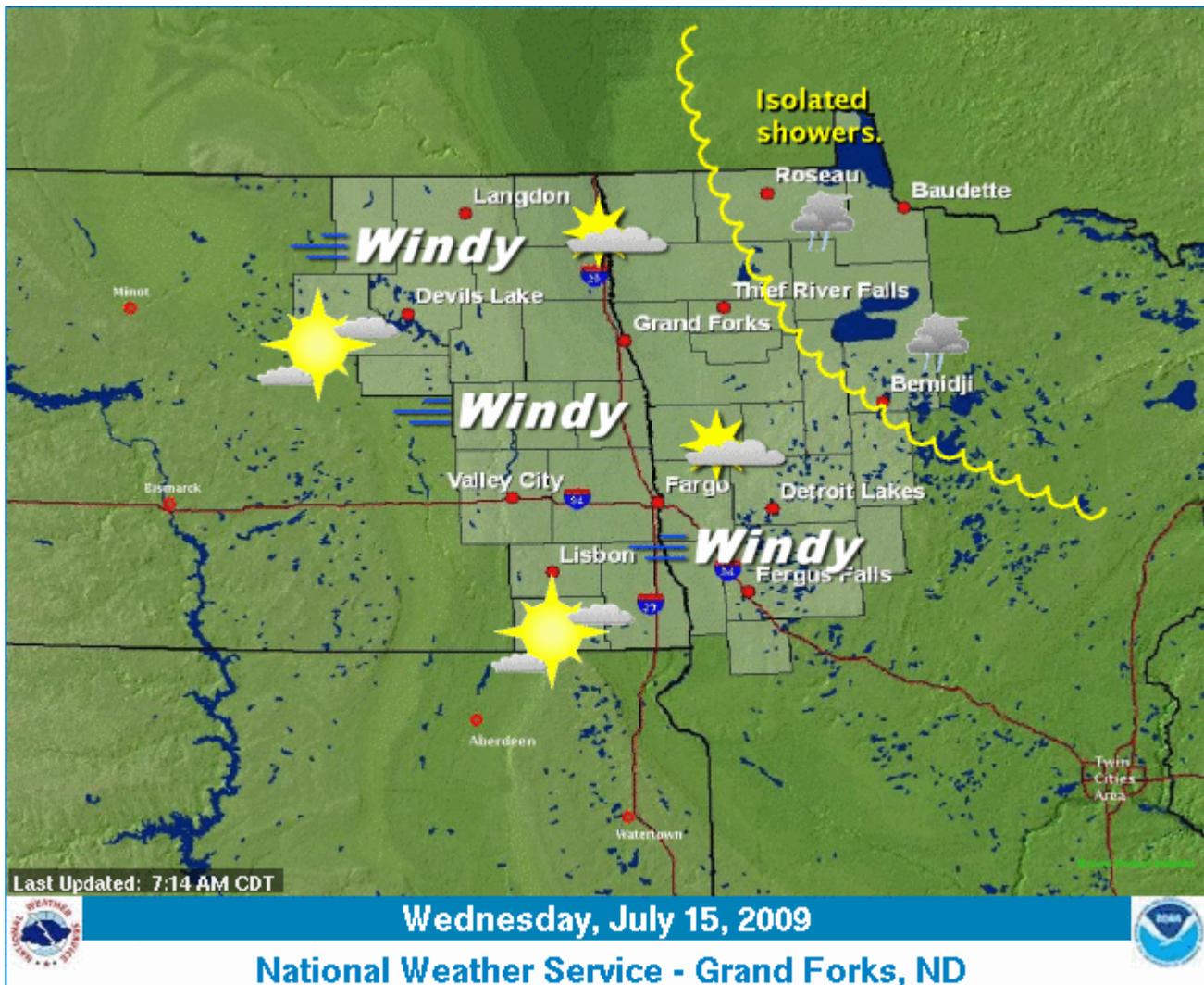
Designated Counties	Designated Reservations
No Designation	Public Assistance
Public Assistance	Individual Assistance and Public Assistance
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Individual Assistance and Public Assistance (Category B)	

All counties are eligible for Hazard Mitigation

Weather Forecast for WESTERN North Dakota: A windy Wednesday is forecast across western and central North Dakota. Winds will be from the west northwest at 25 to 30 mph with gusts to 35 mph in the Turtle Mountains and James River Valley, with weaker winds of 15 to 20 mph with gusts to 25 mph in the southwest. Temperatures will remain below average in the upper 60s to mid 70s through the end of the work week, with a warming trend into the 80s by the weekend. Dry weather is also forecast through the weekend.



Weather Forecast for EASTERN North Dakota: Unseasonably cool air will spread across the region and continue for the remainder of the work week. Moderating temperatures are expected for the upcoming weekend.



River Forecasts by River Basin – Listing Includes Rivers Above Flood Stage

Rising= Steady= Falling=

Red River Basin

- All reporting points have dropped below flood stage.

James River Basin

- Ludden Dam—13.61 ft—Flood Stage is 12 ft.

Devils Lake Basin

- Devils Lake— 1,450.65 ft.
- Stump Lake—1,450.54 ft.

- 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 626 requests for assistance since March 12, 2009.



Refer to previous Incident Summaries, as necessary.

LOCAL

- No recent reports have been submitted to the SEOC over the past week. – July 15

STATE

Office of the Governor

- On July 14, Governor John Hoeven announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture is making available more than \$5.5 million in conservation funds to aid farmers and ranchers affected by flooding in North Dakota this spring. The Emergency Conservation Program funds will be distributed by USDA's Farm Service Agency to repair agriculture land damaged by flooding. The money can be used to remove debris, rebuild fences, repair conservation structures damaged by floods, and other recovery activities.
- The announcement coincides with the sign-up period for the Livestock Indemnity Program, which began this week. The program can help eligible producers with compensation for livestock deaths attributable to the severe winter and flooding disasters. Hoeven requested implementation of these programs and additional help from USDA in conversations with and letters to USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack in April during the height of this year's flooding.

N.D. Department of Emergency Services (NDDDES)

- NDDDES and FEMA Region VIII will be co-hosting community workshops explaining property acquisitions under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The following is a schedule of workshops slated through the end of the week:

Date	Locations
July 15, 2009	Fargo/Cass County - 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. CDT - Cass County Annex, Basement Conference Room, 1010 2 nd Avenue S, Fargo
	Traill County - 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. CDT - Traill County Courthouse Community Meeting Room, 145 W. Caledonia, Hillsboro
July 16, 2009	Grand Forks County - 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. CDT - Grand Forks Office Building, 151 S. 4 th Street 6 th Floor Meeting Room B and C, Grand Forks
	Devils Lake Area - 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. CDT - Devils Lake Armory Memorial Wing Meeting Room, 524 4 th Avenue NE, Devils Lake
July 17, 2009	Hettinger County - 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. CDT - Mott Armory, 507 Brown Avenue, Mott

- SEOC continues operations in support of flood response and recovery operations across the state in coordination with local, state and federal agencies.

N.D. Department of Transportation (NDDOT)

- The NDDOT has submitted a Request for Assistance to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for HESCO barrier flood protection at ND-20 (Geske Curve) south of the city of Devils Lake. A contractor has completed a cofferdam and is pumping water down in this area to an elevation of 1,442 msl and will continue until it is down to 1,435 msl. This significantly reduces but does not eliminate the risk of Roads Acting As Dams (RAAD) failure in this area.
– July 13

FEDERAL

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- Localized flooding impacts caused by recent heavy rain storms in Walsh and Grand Forks Counties may require re-inspection and additional damage assessments. – July 7
- Residents may register for assistance by calling FEMA toll-free at **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **TTY 1-800-462-7585** for the speech- or hearing-impaired. The registration line is open daily from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. CDT until further notice. Registration may be completed online at www.disasterassistance.gov.
- Homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes may also be eligible for Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest disaster loans. For more information, call SBA at **1-800-659-2955**, or **TTY (1-800-877-8339)**, e-mail disaster customerservice@sba.gov, or visit the Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance>.
- **FEMA Cumulative Individual Assistance Registrations: 6,847 – July 15**
 - **Small Business Administration (SBA) Approvals: 344**
 - **Disaster Unemployment Assistance Claims received: 1,722**
 - **Eligible Requests for Public Assistance: 365**
- **Dollar Amounts Approved: - July 15**
 - **Individual and Household Program: \$7,163,992**
 - **Disaster Unemployment Assistance: \$873,963**
 - **SBA Applications: \$11,661,000**
 - **Public Assistance Obligated: \$10,530,153**
- **Floodplain Management and Insurance:**
 - **Insurance Claims: 1,037 for a total of 11.3 million dollars.**
 - **Total flood insurance policies in effect in-state: 8,768**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

- The USACE awarded a \$1.8 million contract on July 7 to remove temporary flood protection measures. Guthmiller Earthmoving, Inc. of Medina, N.D., was awarded a contract to remove 350 Hesco Bastions units, 600 Rapid Deployment Flood Walls, 5,250 sandbags and more than 70,000 cubic yards of clay and rock within 30 days.

VOLUNTARY AGENCIES

Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)

- The World Church Service is inviting pastors, lay leaders, and persons involved in flood recovery efforts to a dinner and after dinner forum in the city of Linton on Tuesday, July 28, at 5:30 p.m. Contact Val Reinhiller at vreinhiller@msn.com or at 701-222-3236 to for further information and to reserve a meal.
- The Northern Plains Conference UCC Disaster Ministry is hosting a special gathering on Friday, July 31st from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CDT at the Congregational United Church of

Valley City for clergy, lay leaders, and others involved in recovery efforts. Participants are instructed to bring a brown bag lunch. Contact Lindy Holt at uccdisaster@polarcom.com or at 701-788-3755 to register.

- The Church World Service has scheduled two Emotional and Spiritual Care Workshops. These workshops will give pastors, long term recovery committee members, community caregivers and mental health workers additional tools to meet the needs of their friends and neighbors who are still coping with flooding and its emotional and spiritual aftermath. The workshops will be held at the following locations, dates and times:
 - July 30, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CDT at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1000 5th Ave. NE, Jamestown, ND.
 - August 4, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Olivet Lutheran Church, 1330 South University, Fargo, ND.
 - To register or for additional information contact Lindy Holt at uccdisaster@polarcom.com or 701-788-3755.

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