Northern Wisconsin Flooding Impacts
Updated 8/26/16 at 9:30 a.m.

Saxon Harbor Closed

WIS 13 Detour Route:
CAR: County C

CR 505 Closed
No access to Michigan border

WIS 169 Detour Route:

Updates will be provided as they become available.
For local roadway closures, please contact your county department. The following counties have posted local road closures online:

Ashland County Road Closures  
[hyperlink](http://www.co.ashland.wi.us/RoadClosures.pdf)

Bayfield County Road Closures  
[hyperlink](http://bayfieldcounty.org/934/2016-Flood)

Washburn County Road Closures  
[hyperlink](http://www.co.washburn.wi.us/news/7-12-16-flooding)
For release: August 12, 2016 3 p.m.

WIS 169 from Mellen to Gurney has reopened to traffic in Ashland and Iron Counties. WIS 169 from Gurney to US 2 remains closed.

The following traffic impacts are ongoing:

Ashland County

- WIS 13 corridor is closed between Mellen and WIS 112.
  - A detour **for car traffic** only is available on County C.
  - Truck traffic will still need to follow WIS 77, US 51, and US 2.

Iron County

- WIS 122 is open north of US 2 to the Michigan State line.
  - There is still no access to Michigan from WIS 122.

  - Installation of a temporary culvert at the South Tributary to Vaughn Creek, located one-half-mile north of Gurney (between Cameron Road and Jensen Road) was completed on July 20. The highway is open at this location to local traffic only. Project completion is scheduled for August 31.
  - Work to replace the Vaughn Creek culvert is scheduled to start August 22, with project completion by September 30.

Motorists are advised to use caution in these areas and adhere to signed closures. For up-to-date closures and detour information visit the flood section on 511 Wisconsin at [http://bit.ly/29MlexL](http://bit.ly/29MlexL), download the free mobile app or follow @511WI on Twitter.

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NORTHERN WISCONSIN TOURISM WELCOMES VISITORS
Local lodging, attractions, campgrounds open for business after severe flooding

MADISON, Wis. (July 20, 2016) – Tourism businesses in Northern Wisconsin remain open to visitors as the area continues to clean up and repair after last week’s flood damage. The Department of Tourism encourages travelers to call individual tourism businesses or visitor centers to confirm conditions rather than cancel vacation or travel plans.

Travelers can check road closures and detours at www.511wi.gov/Web/, and state park and trail conditions continue to be updated on the Department of Natural Resources website. Below is a list of local tourism organizations and visitor centers; additional information may be available on each destination’s website and social channels.

**Ashland County**
Ashland Chamber of Commerce, [www.visitashland.com/ashchamb@centurytel.net](http://www.visitashland.com/ashchamb@centurytel.net); 715-682-2500

Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce, [www.madelineisland.com/vacation@madelineisland.com](http://www.madelineisland.com/vacation@madelineisland.com); 715-747-2801

**Bayfield County**
Barnes Tourism Committee, [www.barnes-wi.com/tom.krob@msn.com](http://www.barnes-wi.com/tom.krob@msn.com); 715-795-2782

Bayfield Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Bureau, [bayfield.org/chamber@bayfield.org](http://www.bayfield.org/chamber@bayfield.org); 715-779-3335

Cable Area Chamber of Commerce, [cable4fun.com/chamberdirector@cable4fun.com](http://cable4fun.com/chamberdirector@cable4fun.com); 715-798-3833

Bayfield County Tourism, [www.bayfieldcounty.org/35/Visitors/MMotiff@bayfieldcounty.org](http://www.bayfieldcounty.org/35/Visitors/MMotiff@bayfieldcounty.org); 1-800-472-6338

National Park Service / Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, [www.nps.gov/apis/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/apis/index.htm); 715-779-3397

Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, [www.nglvc.org/info@nglvc.org](http://www.nglvc.org/info@nglvc.org); 715-685-9983
**Burnett County**
Siren Chamber of Commerce, [www.visitsiren.com/chamber@visitsiren.com](http://www.visitsiren.com/chamber@visitsiren.com); 715-349-8399

**Douglas County**
Superior-Douglas County Chamber of Commerce, [www.superiorchamber.org/chamber@superiorchamber.org](http://www.superiorchamber.org/chamber@superiorchamber.org), 715-394-7716

**Iron County**
Hurley Chamber of Commerce, [www.hurleywi.com/hurley@hurleywi.com](http://www.hurleywi.com/hurley@hurleywi.com); 715-561-4334
Mercer Chamber of Commerce, [mercercc.com/info@mercercc.com](http://mercercc.com/info@mercercc.com); 715-476-2389

**Polk County**
Polk County Information Center, [www.co.polk.wi.us/tourisminfo@polkctytourism.com](http://www.co.polk.wi.us/tourisminfo@polkctytourism.com), 715-483-1410

**Sawyer County**
Hayward Lakes Convention & Visitors Bureau, [www.haywardlakes.com/info@haywardlakes.com](http://www.haywardlakes.com/info@haywardlakes.com); 715-634-4801
Hayward Chamber of Commerce, [haywardareachamber.com/info@haywardareachamber.com](http://haywardareachamber.com/info@haywardareachamber.com), 715-634-8662

**Washburn County**
Washburn County Tourism, [www.washburncounty.org/TourWashburnCounty@centurytel.net](http://www.washburncounty.org/TourWashburnCounty@centurytel.net), 800-367-3306
Spooner Chamber of Commerce, [www.spoonerchamber.org/spoonerchamber@spoonerchamber.org](http://www.spoonerchamber.org/spoonerchamber@spoonerchamber.org), 715-635-2168

**Travel Wisconsin Welcome Centers**
Travel Wisconsin Welcome Centers are also located at key entry points to the state and can assist with statewide travel planning and answer questions visitors may have.

- **Beloit Travel Wisconsin Welcome Center** on I-39/90; 608-365-8344
- **Kenosha Area Visitor Information Center** on I-94; 262-857-7164
- **Menomonie Area Travel Wisconsin Welcome Center** on I-94; 715-379-8689
- **Marinette Travel Wisconsin Welcome Center** on US Hwy 41; 715-732-4333
- **Platteville Travel Wisconsin Welcome Center** on US Hwy 151; 608-348-8888
- **Superior- Douglas County Welcome Center** on US Hwy 53; 715-392-2773

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URGENT UPDATE ON OSOW PERMIT SUSPENSIONS IN NORTHERN WIS COUNTIES

(August 25, 2016)

In response to the heavy rainfall and flooding in the North Central and Northwest part of the state, travel restriction on OSOW are in place. See below for current notices and restrictions.

The system restoration needs currently defined in our NW & NC regions will take weeks/months to complete. As a result, new system updates in those affected areas will be reduced from weekly, to every other week starting immediately. We will continue to accept single trip permit applications in these affected areas and review them on a case by case basis. Permit applicants should clearly identify any requests involving the transport of materials and/or equipment destined for system/rail restoration projects as those will be given priority. Always look at our 511 system for updates.

1) Repairs to local and county roads will take longer to complete than repairs to state/federal roads. Carriers may not be able to access job sites and equipment from the local system until repairs are complete, which may take weeks or months.
   a. Carriers will be required to obtain local permit authorizations on routings on those systems. State permits issued will only pertain to state/federal roads. This applies to all permit types in the affected counties.

2) Carriers are still required to comply with signed postings and restrictions.

3) The following are updated restrictions for the affected counties:

   Ashland County – WIS 13 is closed from the City of Mellen to WIS 112 in Ashland County.
   - Light trucks can follow car detour on CTH C if they are 6 ton single axle, 10 ton tandem or under 24 ton max gross weight. Trucks without a permit from Ashland County are to use WIS 77, US 51 and US 2 detour route.

   Bayfield County – No Restrictions

   Burnett County – No Restrictions

   Douglas County – No Restrictions

   Iron County – WIS 169 is closed from US 2 to Gurney.
   - Detour in place using WIS 13, WIS 77, US 51, and US 2

   - WIS 122 from US 2 to Michigan State Line
     - Open to Multi-Trip Permits
     - Open to Single-Trip Permits less than or equal to 125’ Long, 12’ Wide, 13’6” High, and/or 120,000 lbs. GVW

   Sawyer County – No Restrictions

   Washburn County – No Restrictions

All permits which need to travel outside of the aforementioned limits and are responding to NW Region and NC Region flood relief efforts will be reviewed on an individual basis by WisDOT region staff.

We fully appreciate and recognize the operational and financial impacts on your business as a result of the decision to suspend OSOW permits in several northern Wisconsin counties as a direct result of recent storms and related flooding. This action was fully warranted given the extensive and severe damage caused to state and local roads, bridges, and culverts. The Department’s region engineers have been working extensively to conduct evaluations of the system to verify integrity for public safety and protection of these resources. Until their evaluations are completed and in conjunction with currently known system restrictions and closures, we are not in a position to allow full reinstatement of permits in these affected counties. This
will continue to be an ongoing evaluation process warranting future adjustments to use/access our system as repairs are made and new findings are demonstrated. WisDOT will continue to communicate with industry in a timely manner as these adjustments transpire. We continue to recommend carriers routinely monitor the WisDOT website, the 511 system, and these communications for updates.