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Governor Walker Requests Federal Disaster Aid for Northern Wisconsin Areas Due to June Flooding

Request covers Ashland, Douglas, Bayfield Counties and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Madison—Governor Scott Walker today requested a federal disaster declaration for three northwest Wisconsin counties hit hard by last month's flooding. The request is for federal assistance to help local governments recover from the disaster.

"Last month's flash flooding damaged hundreds of roads and culverts, as well as the UW-Superior campus," said Governor Walker. "The financial impact is a huge burden on many of these towns and villages."

Governor Walker requested federal disaster assistance for Ashland, Bayfield and Douglas Counties as well as the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. The Public Assistance Program would help communities recover some of the costs incurred through fighting the floods, protecting citizens and repairing infrastructure. The program is not for businesses or homeowners as the level of damage in these areas unfortunately does not currently meet requirements for federal relief.

On June 19-20, a severe thunderstorm dumped 8-10 inches of rain over northwestern Wisconsin causing significant damage to homes, businesses and roads. The University of Wisconsin-Superior was hit particularly hard sustaining water damage to 14 buildings including the library and power plant.

Last week, officials with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, WI Department of Transportation and WI Emergency Management conducted damage assessments with local officials in the impacted communities. They verified more than \$8.6 million in damage to the public infrastructure. If the federal declaration is approved, FEMA provides 75 percent of eligible costs.

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