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Event

Base date: 16-APR-2002

Event Name: N.W. MI & N. WI Flood

Event Type: Flood

Org Name: LRE

State Coverage: N.W. MI & N. WI

Officers

Field Officer: Al Klein, CELRE Duluth Area Engineer (218) 720-5260.

Liaison Officer: Jerry Doline, CELRE District EM & Chief, Readiness Branch (313) 226-5789.

Geolocate

Latitude:

Longitude:

Description

NWS has issued flood warnings for parts of N.W. Michigan and N. Wisconsin, until 1:00 P.M., CDT, on 17 April '02, due to sudden, near record, high temperatures, heavy rain and rapidly melting snow. These include Dickenson Iron, Gogebic, and Menominee Counties, in Michigan. And, Ashland, Price, Florence, Forest and Marinette Counties, in Wisconsin. CELRE-EOC is in direct contact/communication with both the Michigan State EOC and the Wisconsin State EOC, as well as the Gogebic County EM. To date, no requests have been received by either the Wisconsin State EM/EOC or CELRE, from Wisconsin counties and/or local communities, experiencing flooding. WI State EOC indicates that WI Hwy-13 has been shut down in Glidden (Ashland County), as has Hwy-169 between Mellen & U.S.-2 (also in Ashland County). Gogebic County, MI, EM indicates that his county has exhausted its supply of sandbags and that prison labor trustees, on work detail, are now sandbagging various flood prone areas in/near the City of Ironwood, with additional bags provided by the neighboring counties of Ontonagon, MI, and Iron, WI. He also reports that two of the three bridges in Ironwood are presently under water; with only 18 inches of space separating the rising Montreal River & the bottom (low steel) of the U.S.-2 hwy bridge, in Ironwood. MSPD-EM District 8 Coordinator is in Ironwood, meeting with community/County leaders/EM officials & emergency responders. MSPD-EM/EOC to contact MI National Guard re: seeking additional resources (sandbags). Although a large ice jam that formed over the past few days, on the Montreal River, one mile upstream of Ironwood, has broken, significant out of bank flows still threaten Ironwood. This has prompted Gogebic County EM to consider requesting additional, supplemental sandbags & poly sheeting from CELRE/CELRE's Duluth Area Office, through the MI State EM/EOC. Duluth Area Engineer, CELRE District leadership & CELRD-EM have been informed of this possibility. CELRE-EM/EOC will request Class/Code 200 funds, if needed, in response for any requests received to supplement Ironwood/Gogebic County, State of MI, flood fight efforts.