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# Fact Sheet

### Event

**Base date:** 16-APR-2002

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

**Event Type:** Flood

**Org Name:** US Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District

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

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### Description

- The National Weather Service issued flood warnings for parts of N.W. Michigan and N. Wisconsin, April 16, due to sudden, near record, high temperatures, heavy rain and rapidly melting snow.
- Affected counties included Dickenson, Iron, Gogebic, and Menominee Counties, in Michigan. And, Ashland, Price, Florence, Forest and Marinette Counties, in Wisconsin.
- Detroit District Emergency Operations Center, EOC, is in direct contact/communication with the Michigan State EOC and the Wisconsin State EOC, as well as the Gogebic County Emergency Manager, EM. To date, Detroit provided 14,000 sandbags to Gogebic County, with an additional 50,000 sandbags and 50 rolls of poly sheeting on the way from our Duluth Area Office. The Detroit District has received no requests for supplemental assistance from Wisconsin.
- Wis. State EOC indicates that Wis. Hwy-13 has been shut down in Glidden (Ashland County), as has Hwy-169 between Mellen and U.S.-2 (also in Ashland County). Gogebic County, Mich. EM indicates that his county exhausted its supply of sandbags and they are now sandbagging various flood prone areas in/near the City of Ironwood, with additional bags provided by the neighboring Ontonagon and Iron counties, and the Michigan National Guard.
- 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 and the bottom (low steel) of the U.S.-2 hwy bridge, in Ironwood.
- 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. The Corps is on standby to hear if Gogebic County EM will request additional, supplemental sandbags and poly sheeting from the Detroit Corps' Duluth Area Office. Detroit District is ready to respond with all available help if further requests are received to supplement flood fight efforts.