

RIVER FLOODING | NEXT

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River Flooding Midwest

- Several rounds of torrential rain and thunderstorms in the Upper Midwest over the weekend created significant flash flooding and river flooding, with several rivers reaching their all-time high crests, and another swollen river breaking a levee in lowa that forced hundreds of people from their homes.
- Rain gauges and radar estimates showed many areas picked up 8-18 inches of rain in parts of South Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota, and that ground didn't have enough time to absorb all the water. That led to rapidly rising rivers and streams.
- River basins in Iowa and southeastern South Dakota are seeing the worst of it as they sit
 downstream of the heaviest rain, with the Big Sioux, Little Sioux, Ocheyedan, and Des
 Moines rivers among those forecast to exceed their record flood stage or have already done so.
- Flooding along the Big Sioux River at Hawarden exceeded its record by 4 feet and caused mandatory evacuations in the town. City officials say power was turned off to parts of town that are underwater, and the water and sewer treatment plant shut down due to inundation.
- Over 2,000 properties impacted by flooding with an estimated 1,511 residential properties inundated with flood waters.
- Evacuations reported in six counties.
- The West Fork Des Moines River basin is of most concern, according to the National Weather Service. At some locations, the expected river flooding will approach the flood of record and will exceed the levels seen in 1993.
- Other rivers over record flood stage included the Rock River and Floyd River in Iowa and the Vermilion River in South Dakota.

Disaster Declaration Request lowa

- On June 23, Gov. Kim Reynolds has requested an expedited Presidential Disaster Declaration for Iowa counties where significant damage was sustained from severe storms and widespread flooding that occurred on June 21 and continuing.
- The letter requests activation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Individual Assistance Program for the following nine (9) counties: Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Plymouth, and Sioux.





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- Already-swollen rivers and heavy rain caused a levee to break along the Rock River in Rock Valley, lowa, early Saturday morning, leading to urgent evacuations and a Flash Flood Emergency.
- City officials even took to sounding tornado sirens to get the town's attention to the urgent situation at hand.
- Rock Valley city officials have been posting updated maps on their town's social media feeds, showing growing areas of evacuation orders as waters rise.
- The sheriff's office reported at least two bridges and roads had washed out.
- lowa's Gov. Kim Richards issued an emergency disaster proclamation for Sioux County, directing state resources to help Rock Valley and other flooded communities in Iowa.

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request									
State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes					
MI*	Severe Storms and Tornadoes	June 6	Pending	4 Counties					
PR	Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides and Mudslides	June 11	Pending	34 Municipalities					
MO*	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes and Flooding	June 12	Pending	10 Counties					
NM*	Wildfires and Flooding	June 19	Approved	1 County/1 Tribe					
IA	Severe Storms, Flooding, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes	June 23	Pending	9 Counties					

^{*}Award of task order to contractor pending

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters								
Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline				
4757 MI	Flooding	9 Counties	132	5/8/2024				
4781 TX	Severe Storms & Flooding	35 Counties	35	7/16/2024				
4783 WV	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, Flooding, Landslides/ Mudslides	8 Counties	30	7/22/2024				
4788 AR	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes and Flooding	8 Counties	23	7/30/2024				



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4790 MS	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	6 Counties	12	8/09/2024			

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