

PRESS RELEASE

DATE: June 9, 2008 Afternoon report
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SUBJECT: Flooding update– Fillmore County

Road updates:

- *County #17 in Preston is expected to be open by the evening commute
- *County #12 in Preston remains CLOSED
- *County #8 west of Fillmore remains CLOSED for about 2.5 miles
- *County #118 in Forestville State Park (gravel) is closed pending a bridge inspection
- *County #30 (gravel) east of Granger remains CLOSED for about 3.5 miles
- *County #13 (gravel) closed from Choice on MN #43 to Houston County
- *County #15 (gravel) closed in Section 26, Carimona Twp. pending a bridge inspection

Several county and township roads have experienced washing due to the heavy rains so drivers should proceed carefully on gravel roads throughout the County.

People have been allowed to go back to their homes in Lanesboro and Preston.

Waste water systems update: The system in Lanesboro is not functioning, but operators are working to get it back on line as soon as possible. Preston is partially back on line. Both cities are working with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

The City of Preston Council has declared an emergency. The City of Lanesboro Council will meet tonight to determine emergency status. Fillmore County Board of Commissioners will consider the declaration tomorrow at their Board meeting.

Many communities in Fillmore County received several inches of rain over the weekend. Residents and basements have water in their basements and should proceed with caution in pumping them out to avoid collapse. Rural and city residents with private wells should not drink the water if there has been standing or flowing water either over the well head or within 50 feet. Private septic systems which meet the same criteria should be pumped prior to use to avoid septic system failure.

Residents who have been affected by the recent flooding, can contact the Red Cross at 507.287.2200.

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