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Governor Walker's Cabinet to Meet with Local Government Officials, Emergency Managers in Ashland

MADISON – On Tuesday, Governor Walker toured northern Wisconsin to assess storm damage from heavy rains and declared a State of Emergency for eight counties. Following a situation briefing yesterday, Governor Walker directed state agencies to provide assistance in the flooding situation. State officials are heading to Ashland this afternoon to receive an update on damage assessment and receive feedback on the immediate and long-term needs of communities affected by heavy rains earlier this week.

Representatives from Department of Administration (DOA), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Department of Transportation (DOT), Public Service Commission (PSC), and Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) will take this opportunity to hear the needs communities have at this time. State officials will meet with city and village officials, county board chairs and administrators, highway commissioners, emergency management staff, tribal members, and local health officials. Members of Wisconsin's federal delegation will attend as the state continues to coordinate the effort to seek federal assistance.

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