



July 5 Blowdown

Daily Update

July 8, 2016
10:00 AM

<p>Storm Information</p>	<p>Straight line winds registering 60-70 MPH referred to as a “Bow Echo” entered Southwest Itasca County at approximately 5:30 PM, July 5, 2016. Wide spread power outages occurred in the City of Deer River and intermittently throughout Itasca County. The community of Ball Club suffered storm damage and local residents responding had mostly completed cleanup activities by night fall July 6th. A public meeting was held at the Deer River High School Wednesday evening, July 6th. Salvation Army and the Red Cross provided food and water at the Deer River High School. Services at the Deer River School were terminated at 8PM on Thursday, July 7th. Thursday – Saw crews and FireWise removed debris from approximately 100 residences in the city of Deer River and 20 plus in the McCavity Lake/ Crooked Lake area.</p>
<p>Power Restoration</p>	<p>Lake Country Power and Minnesota Power and Light have completed clearing debris from power lines. Customers of all power companies are reminded that damage to power supply inside of residences and structures and to the mast is the responsibility of the homeowner. Final power connection cannot be completed by power companies until power repairs from the mast to and into the structure are completed.</p>
<p>Resources Assigned</p>	<p>Type 3 MNICS Incident Management Team is assigned to assist the Itasca County Sheriff, City of Deer River and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. 20 person MNICS Interagency saw crew Itasca Fire Wise project crew</p>
<p>Cooperating Agencies</p>	<p>Itasca Sheriff Minnesota DNR City of Deer River Itasca FireWise Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe</p>
<p>Today’s Plan</p>	<p>McCavity/Crooked Lake area - Two five person Chain saw crews will be assigned City of Deer River –One five person Chain saw crew and the FireWise crew will be assigned to Deer River city wide clean up. Saw crews will be tasked with storm damaged Vegetation removal within 120 feet around structures and within 20 feet of structure access drives. Curbside. Storm vegetation pickup by FireWise was discontinued in the city of Deer River Thursday evening. Citizens may still bring tree and brush debris to the city brush disposal site. No building/construction demolition may be delivered to this site.</p>
<p>Recovery Assistance Available</p>	<p>Itasca FireWise Will pick up storm damaged vegetation that is piled near access points and that originated within 120 feet of structures and 20 feet of access driveways, in communities designated as a FireWise community. Itasca County Landfill is accepting storm damaged vegetation free of charge from Itasca County residents.</p>

	<p>Residents of Deer River are encouraged to call city hall for a list of certified tree removal specialists.</p> <p>Individuals in need of financial assistance with electrical power reconnection should call 211 at 218-326-8565.</p> <p>Residents with damage to homes and other out buildings should contact the Itasca County Assessor's office (218-327-2861).</p> <p>Itasca County Commissioners have approved a "Declaration of a State of Emergency" in Itasca County.</p> <p>DNR open burning permits will be written from 7/7 through 7/11 that will allow daytime burning. A burning permit and the activation of that permit is still required.</p> <p>Storm Relief fund raiser – Spaghetti dinner at the Grand Rapids Eagles on July 15th, 2016.</p>
Plans for Friday	<p>Continued chainsaw work and debris removal.</p> <p>Local authorities will resume management of the incident at 6 PM tonight.</p>
Points of Contact	<p>Ron Sanow , Incident Management Team PIO, 218-839-1504</p> <p>Marlyn Halvorson, Itasca County Emergency Manager, 218-910-0546</p> <p>Mark Box, Deer River City Administrator, 218-244-9509</p>

This will be the last update provided by the Incident Management Team