

Storm Damage Update – 7:00 AM July 22, 2016

Superior National Forest Crews, Lake and St. Louis County crews, and power company crews across the forest are working towards clearing power lines, debris, accesses, roadways and portages. St. Louis County Search and Rescue, Lake and St. Louis County Sheriffs, and Forest Service personnel have mobilized resources to help.

Kawishwi Ranger District

Flights over the area yesterday afternoon did not find any signs of anymore distressed campers.

Yesterday's Objectives – 1) look for distressed campers, 2) conduct reconnaissance for north/west extent of storm damage

- Helicopter: Big Moose Lake area
- Helicopter: Alice/Fire/Bridge/Insula
- Fixed wing: North of the Gunflint trail past mid-trail

Caution: At this time there are no official closures in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. However, as visitors choose campsites they are cautioned to take extra care when choosing a place for their tents. Look up for hanging tops or leaning trees. Assess root systems for weaknesses. We will not be able to clear all campsites of hazardous trees for some time.

Closed and Impassable Roads

- Public Burntside Assess on Van Vac Road (Downed Power line)
- [Downed powerline over Snowbank Road one half mile before public landings.](#)

Impassable Portages that we know of today (we are still assessing areas):

- Wood Lake Portage from parking lot to lake
- Pipestone Portage
- Bass Lake Trail Portage
- Lake 2 Portage
- Clear Lake Portage to North Kawishwi River Portage
- Little Rice to Slim Lake
- Crab Lake
- Fall Lake to Newton
- Tin Can Mike to Sandpit to Mudro
- Snowbank to Disappointment and beyond
- Snowbank to Parent

Passable Roads and Portages

- Fernberg to Lake 1
- Echo trail to Big Lake - beyond unknown
- Hwy 1 (Finland to Ely)
- Hwy 169
- Hwy 21
- Kawishiwi trail to White Iron
- Spruce Road Passable, 1 lane
- North Grassy Road to Mudro

- Nels Lake Road
- Twin Lake Road
- Newton Portage
- Prairie Portage
- Sim Lake
- North Arm Road
- Hanson Lake Road
- Portages on Horse River and Horse Lake
- Little Isabella Portage/parking lot empty

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Impassable Roads

- 272 FS Road
- 273 FS Road
- 274 FS Road

East Side

The Gunflint Trail is clear.

Most roads are passable with some downed trees.