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# State of emergency now covering 32 more counties amid floods

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Wednesday declared a state of emergency in 32 additional counties as severe weather hits across the state causing rising water levels, flooding, straight-line winds and tornadoes.

Whitmer declared a state of emergency in Alcona, Allegan, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Barry, Benzie, Charlevoix, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Gratiot, Iosco, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Menominee, Missaukee, Montcalm, Montmorency, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Osceola, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Saginaw, Shiawassee and Wexford counties.

"Today, I'm declaring a state of emergency for 32 additional counties following severe weather," she said in a statement. "Significant snowmelt, record rain, flooding, straight-line winds and tornadoes have damaged homes, roads and businesses. This emergency declaration will help the state deploy additional resources to help local officials and first responders protect Michiganders and their property. The state will continue to coordinate with local governments and monitor the situation. I encourage everyone to stay updated and follow guidance from your local emergency manager. We will get through this together."

Last week, Whitmer declared a state of emergency for Cheboygan County due to the threat of overtopping at the Cheboygan Lock and Dam Complex, which remains in effect.

On Tuesday, Whitmer activated the State Emergency Operations Center statewide to monitor weather-related events. Also on Tuesday, the governor declared an energy emergency statewide due to a disruption of gasoline supply at the U.S. Energy Cheboygan terminal on the Cheboygan River.

By declaring a state of emergency, the governor has authorized the use of all available state resources to assist local response and recovery operations in the affected counties.

The declaration also allows eligible communities to seek financial assistance, which can help local governments cover emergency response costs and repair public infrastructure damaged by the storms.

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