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More than 140 Soldiers and Airmen are conducting flood fight operations in the Red River Valley, and are prepared to stand up additional forces if necessary.

Minnesota National Guard **by county**

Clay County: 88 personnel and 114 vehicles



Water levels continue to decline. Although operations ended in Clay County, Soldiers will conduct vehicle and equipment maintenance operations from the Moorhead Training and Community Center.

Norman County: 10 personnel and 4 vehicles



Norman County Task Force is providing dike patrols and monitoring and securing pumps within the city of Halstad. Conditions continue to improve as water levels continue to decline.

Polk County: 27 personnel, 9 vehicles

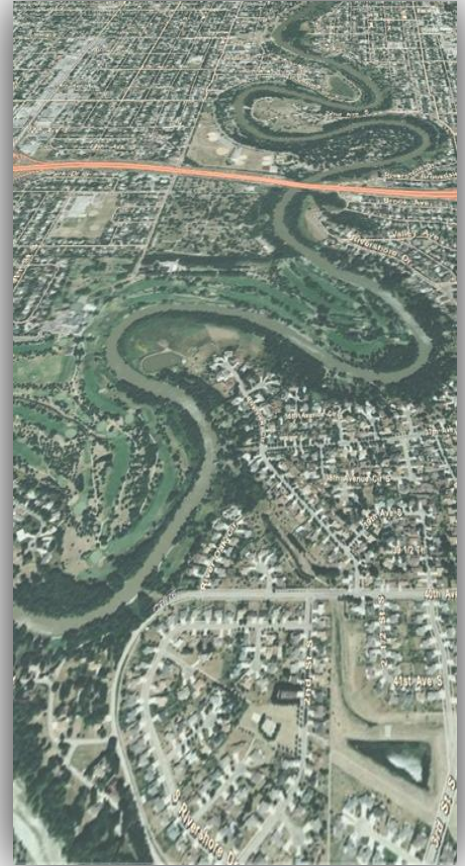


Polk County Task Force is conducting route observation patrols in support of the city of Oslo in Marshall County. Overland flooding continues to be the primary issue with flooding moving from east to west. Polk County Task Force expects this mission, in support of Polk County, will end within the next 24 hours pending meeting with the Polk County Sherriff.

Marshall County: 16 personnel, 5 vehicles



Marshall County Task Force is conducting dike monitoring patrols and traffic control points in the city of Oslo. Overland flooding has caused the road to wash out east of Oslo, closing it to all military and civilian traffic.



The Minnesota National Guard, under the direction of the Governor, will continue to provide assistance to civil authorities in support of flood fighting efforts.



Minnesota National Guard **equipment in use**

- 3– UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters
- 2– CH-47 Chinook helicopters (Both have hoist capabilities)
- 2 – forklifts
- 32 – generators
- More than 100 military vehicles

Minnesota National Guard **in the next 24 hours**

The 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 136th Infantry Regiment, or 2-136 IN (CAB), continues to standby to support **Clay County** with a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) with capabilities to respond to citizen evacuation and dike breaches.

Soldiers from 2-136 IN (CAB) will continue to support **Norman County** with dike patrols and the monitoring of pumps within the city of Halstad.

Soldiers from 2-136 IN (CAB) will continue to support **Polk County** and is providing route reconnaissance over 62 miles of Polk County. Operations are expecting end of mission in support of Polk County within the next 24 hours pending a meeting with Polk County Sherriff.

Soldiers from 2-136 IN (CAB) will continue to support **Marshall County** by conducting dike patrols and traffic control points in the city of Oslo.

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