

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



MARK DAYTON
GOVERNOR

Emergency Executive Order 12-08

Declaring a Peacetime Emergency in Carlton and St. Louis Counties

I, Mark Dayton, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

Whereas, from Wednesday, May 23 through Monday, May 28, 2012 severe thunderstorms produced rainfall amounts in excess of seven inches in Carlton and St. Louis Counties. This heavy and persistent rainfall caused major damage to Trunk Highway 210;

Whereas, compromised drainage and washouts have damaged the roadway and reduced traffic to one lane with total road closure possible as erosion continues. This road segment is approximately nine miles long from Thompson, Minnesota to Trunk Highway 23. The road winds along the St. Louis River valley. The road provides access to the Minnesota Power Dam at Fond du Lac and Jay Cooke State Park;

Whereas, the extensive road damage undermines safe transportation and has created a danger to persons utilizing this state highway that runs through these recreational areas and into the State of Wisconsin;

Whereas, the resources of the State of Minnesota are inadequate to meet the demands generated by the damage; and the Minnesota Department of Transportation intends to apply for emergency funding from the Federal Highway Administration for assistance with repairs;

Now, Therefore, I hereby order that:

1. A peacetime emergency pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 12.31 exists in the Counties of Carlton and St. Louis.
2. The Minnesota Department of Transportation, in cooperation with appropriate federal agencies, is directed to provide the assistance necessary to respond to and recover from this emergency.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 4.035, subdivision 2, this Emergency Executive Order is effective immediately and must be filed with the Secretary of State and published in the State Register as soon as possible after its issuance. This peacetime emergency can be extended by the Executive Council or the legislature in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 12.31, subdivision 2.

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand on this 8th day of June 2012.



Mark Dayton
Governor

Filed According to Law:



Mark Ritchie
Secretary of State