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A line of severe weather swept across central and east central Wisconsin Tuesday afternoon, bringing with it heavy rain, strong winds, and possible tornadoes. The strongest storms were in west central Wisconsin in an eastern line stretching from Waushara County to Manitowoc County.

The storms also produced strong winds that downed trees, power lines, and caused damage to several structures. The National Weather Service will have a team in the region on Wednesday to survey the damage and determine whether tornadoes touched down.

Governor Scott Walker on Tuesday declared a State of Emergency in Fond du Lac, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Vernon, and Washington counties. The declaration directs state agencies to assist local governments in their response to the flooding and allows the Wisconsin National Guard to be called to active duty by the adjutant general if requested.

Flood warnings remain in effect for southwest Wisconsin. The next weather system is Friday thru Saturday, however, the National Weather Service does not expect these storms to be severe.

Several roads throughout the state are closed due to standing water or because of damage caused by flooding. Drivers are urged to check 511wi.gov for current road closure information. If drivers encounter a closed route or standing water on a roadway, turn around and find another route. Do not drive around barricades or through water.

The Statewide Emergency Operations Center is currently elevated as the state is monitoring the situation and providing assistance to local emergency responders as requested.