



## TOWN OF LINCOLN

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Damage Assessment and Ongoing Conditions From 08/28/11 Flooding Event**

Lincoln, NH (August 29, 2011 - 9AM) - On August 28 the Lincoln area experienced extreme flash flooding caused by rainfall from the remnants of Hurricane Irene. The rainfall caused major flooding along both the Pemigewasset River and East Branch Pemigewasset River in Lincoln. Emergency workers from the Lincoln Police, Fire and Public Works Departments, and the NH Department of Transportation responded to the situation beginning at 1PM on Sunday and continuing throughout the night and into Monday morning.

No loss of life or serious injury due to the flooding event has been reported as of this morning. Flood damage to private properties has been reported, including the following areas: Riverfront Condominium, Fairways Condominium, Links Condominium, private homes along Bunker Lane, and Rivergreen Resort. Damage from other more localized flooding was seen in smaller pockets throughout Town.

As of 9AM on Monday 08/29/11 the following closures and outages are in effect:

#### **Road Closures:**

- 1) The Kancamagus Highway is closed between Lincoln Woods and Bear Notch Road in Albany due to washouts. NH Department of Transportation officials estimate the closure may be in effect for 3-4 weeks. Route 302 is also closed through Crawford Notch so travelers are advised to take Rt. 25 through Meredith if they need to travel to Conway or any other points east of Lincoln.
- 2) The Loon Mountain International Bridge was closed to all traffic on recommendation of NH Department of Transportation Officials at 9PM on August 28 due to damage to the north bank abutment. The closure is indefinite at this time. Updates on repair and re-opening will be provided by the Town once an engineering assessment has been performed. Essential traffic should use the South Mountain Bridge on Cooper Memorial Drive to access Loon Mountain and the Landing, Beechwood, Westwood, Ramshorn, and South Peak Neighborhoods.

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**Water Outage:**

Due to a water main break along and possibly under the East Branch Pemigewasset River portions of town are experiencing a water outage at this time. The Public Works Department has located and isolated the break, however erosion and damage from the flooding is making access to the break difficult. Residents of the Pollard Brook, Coolidge Falls, Village of Loon, and Clearbrook neighborhoods may continue to experience water outages for the next several days. Bottled drinking water is available at the Police Department for any residents affected by the outage.

Residents with any questions are asked to call the Police Department Communications Center's non-emergency line at (603) 745-2238. More information will be made available as it is received.