Joint Statement from Menominee Indian Tribe & Menominee County

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State Highway 47 Closes due to Flooding

(Keshena, WI) – On December 16, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. (Noon), Menominee County Highway Commissioner ordered the closure of State Highway 47/55 at the intersection of County Highway VV (East) in Keshena, WI. Traffic in the downtown Keshena area will be open only to local traffic, but the intersection at STH 47/55 at CTH VV (East) will be completely closed. Motorists are asked to obey the traffic signage indicating detour routes. Additionally, motorists are asked to plan their commutes accordingly.

Floodwaters have covered most of the intersection in that area for the past 24 hours and have steadily risen since then. Although the water is not very deep, smaller vehicular traffic has begun driving down the centerline creating additional hazards. In addition, we have observed larger vehicles (e.g., pickup trucks, vans, and commercial motor vehicles) enter the flooded roadway and splash smaller vehicles, thereby completely obscuring the vision for the smaller vehicles. Engineers from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation were on-site this morning conducting an evaluation of the situation.

Updates will be provided as the situation warrants.

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