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Grand Traverse County Open for Business, Post-storm

Grand Traverse County – With individuals penciling in last-minute summer vacations, Grand Traverse County Emergency Management and Homeland Security reminds citizens and visitors that the county and its communities are open for business.

According to Grand Traverse County's Emergency Management Coordinator Gregg Bird, "We are back to business as usual. We have been aggressively cleaning up our communities after the severe storms, and our roads, parks, hotels, wineries, and attractions are open."

Brad Van Dommelen, President/CEO of Traverse City Tourism, said he is pleased with the swift response by the city, the county, and state emergency response teams. "The storm created some short-term disruption, but the majority of the Traverse City area was very quick to return to normal operations, as soon as the power was restored," said Van Dommelen. "The Traverse City area offers great experiences, and while we still have some summer season remaining, visitors should come and enjoy the area to the full extent that the region offers."

Since the damaging thunderstorms struck on August 2, emergency responders and volunteers have been working to ensure that tree debris is cleared from the area's right-of-ways and trails.

Citizens interested in enjoying all that Grand Traverse County has to offer are encouraged to visit the website <http://www.traversecity.com>.

About the Disaster

Governor Rick Snyder declared a "state of disaster" on August 10 in Grand Traverse County. By declaring a "state of disaster," the state of Michigan has made available all state resources, in cooperation with local response and recovery efforts in the disaster area.

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