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Michigan Army National Guard Soldiers Continue Operations in Houghton County

LANSING, MICH. The Michigan National Guard remains in Michigan's Upper Peninsula assisting with repair operations following severe rain that caused extensive washouts. The deployment has been extended to Tuesday, July 3, to help with projects to make the roads passable.

Approximately 70 Soldiers from armories in Kingsford, Iron River, Calumet, Sault Ste. Marie and Montague were activated in response to the emergency declaration issued by Governor Snyder June 18. The Soldiers are members of 107th Engineer Battalion headquartered in Ishpeming and the 507th Engineer Battalion headquartered in Kalamazoo.

The Soldiers have been moving gravel to repair affected areas. The temporary repairs allow stranded residents avenues of entry and exit that have been destroyed by the floodwaters; also improving the public health capabilities allowing for passage by emergency medical services.

"Our Soldiers have made progress, but more work needs to be done. They stand ready to help and remain committed to completing their mission," said Maj. Gen. Greg Vadnais, adjutant general of the Michigan National Guard and director of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. "The men and women I work with never fail to impress me. I hope we have been able to provide comfort to our Michigan residents who will be dealing with the aftermath of this destructive flooding for quite some time."

About the Michigan National Guard

The Michigan National Guard's 10,000 Soldiers and Airmen stand ready to serve both state and nation. With operations at three airfields, two major training bases and more than 40 armories around the state, Michigan National Guard Soldiers and Airmen are ready to provide a wide-range of disaster response and other support to civil authorities, while maintaining a high degree of combat readiness. For more information about the Michigan National Guard check out the Michigan National Guard website, www.minationalguard.dodlive.mil or call the Michigan Army National Guard recruiting office at 1-888-906-1636. The Michigan Air National Guard Web address is www.goang.com or 1-800-864-6264.

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