

Michaud Statement on Flooding in Aroostook County

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"I stand ready to help in any way that I can. Rivers all across Maine are at high levels and some have already flooded. The situation in Aroostook is particularly worrisome due to the potential for bridge and community damage due to high water caused by rain and melting snow.

"I have been in touch with the Maine Emergency Management Agency to offer any assistance that I can provide in advocating for federal relief. If this disaster is beyond the capabilities of our state and local governments to respond, I will work with the Governor to ensure that the Federal Emergency Management Agency steps up and provides needed assistance.

"Currently, Governor Baldacci's appeal of FEMA's decision not to grant Maine assistance due to the massive snow falls in Aroostook County is still pending. I hope that FEMA takes notice of what is now going on and finds in the state's favor. Maine needs help now."