

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, March 1, 2024

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Wildfires – Southern Plains

Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy Snow – Pacific Northwest and California to the Central Rockies
- Freezing Rain – West Virginia to North Carolina

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Wildfires – Southern Plains



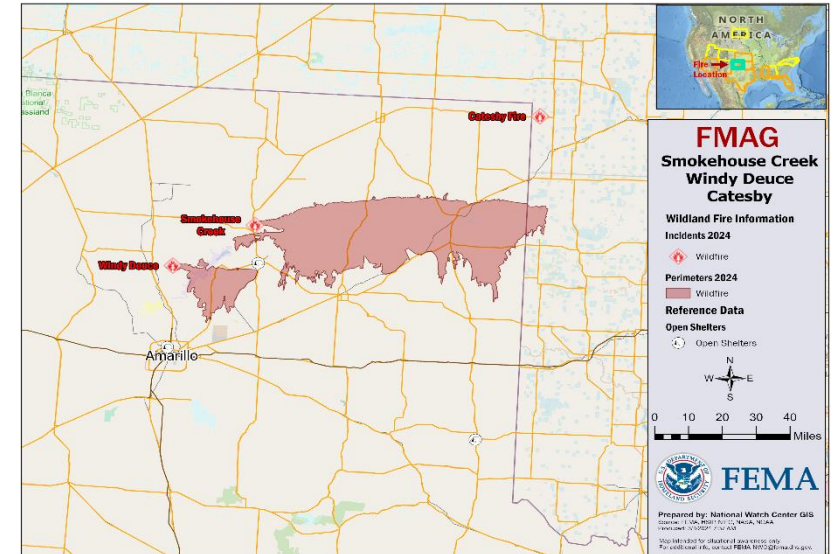
Situation: (Region 6 SLB as of 4:00 p.m. ET Feb 29) Multiple wildfires have been burning since Feb 27 across the Southern Plains due to dry, windy conditions. Wildfire activity is concentrated in the Texas panhandle and western Oklahoma. As of 11:45 p.m. ET, Feb 29, these three fires have burned a combined total of 1.3m (Smokehouse Creek 1,075,000, Windy Deuce 142k, and Catesby 90,570) acres of public and private land. Fire weather will continue through the weekend. Incident response remains within the capability of the state, tribal, and territorial partners.

Lifelines

- **Safety and Security:** (ICS-209 as of 11:45 p.m. ET Feb 29)
 - TX: Windy Deuce Fire: Mandatory evacuations: 2,300
 - TX: Smokehouse Creek: Mandatory evacuations: 3,000
 - OK: Catesby Fire: Mandatory evacuations: 0
- **Food, Hydration, Shelter:**
 - American Red Cross shelters
 - TX: 1 (-1) shelters open; 2 (-2) occupants (Red Cross Shelter Reports, as of 6:54 a.m. ET)
- **Health and Medical:** OK: Catesby Fire: 8 Injuries
- **Energy:** Minimal power outages across the affected area
- **Communication:** T-Mobile Support Teams deployed to assist and support displaced survivors with supplies

State / Local Response:

- TX: EOC remains at Partial Activation (Ongoing Threats)
 - TX Gov declared State of Emergency
 - TX deployed 638 total responders across all incidents
 - Texas Task Force 1&2 deployed conducting SAR operations
 - 5 TIFMAS Strike Teams deployed consisting of 95 Firefighters and 25 Fire Apparatus
- OK EOC at Partial Activation (Fire Weather)



FEMA / Federal Response:

- National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) deployed 600 personnel to support
- FMAGs approved Feb 27: 5487-FM-TX (Windy Deuce); 5488-FM-TX (Smokehouse Creek); 5489-FM-OK (Catesby)
- FEMA Region VI: RWC: Monitoring; RRCC: activated to Level III; FEMA HQ: NWC: Monitoring; NRCC: Activated (Sustained Ops)
- FEMA RVI IMATs 1/2 placed on Alert
- The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region VI and Denton MOC; the next update will be in the NSR at 5:00 p.m. ET



Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Smokehouse Creek (Hutchinson, TX)	5488-FM-TX	1,075,000 (+225,000)	3%	M: 3,000	H: 0 (-700)	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0 (-1)	
Windy Deuce (Moore, TX)	5487-FM-TX	142,000	50% (+20)	M: 2,300	H: 250	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Catesby (Ellis, OK)	5489-FM-OK	90,570	29% (+11)	M: 0	H: 0	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 8
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

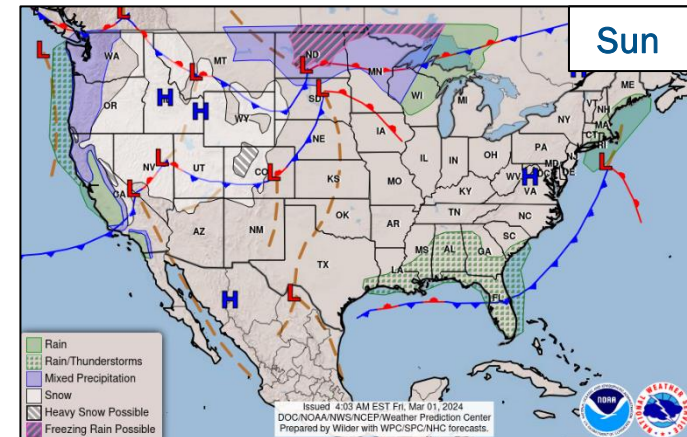
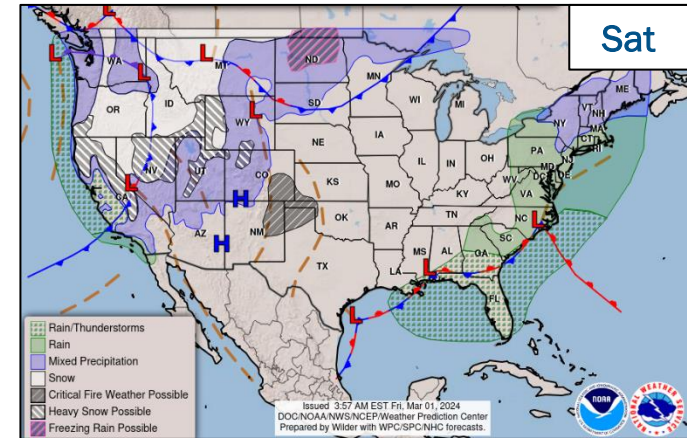
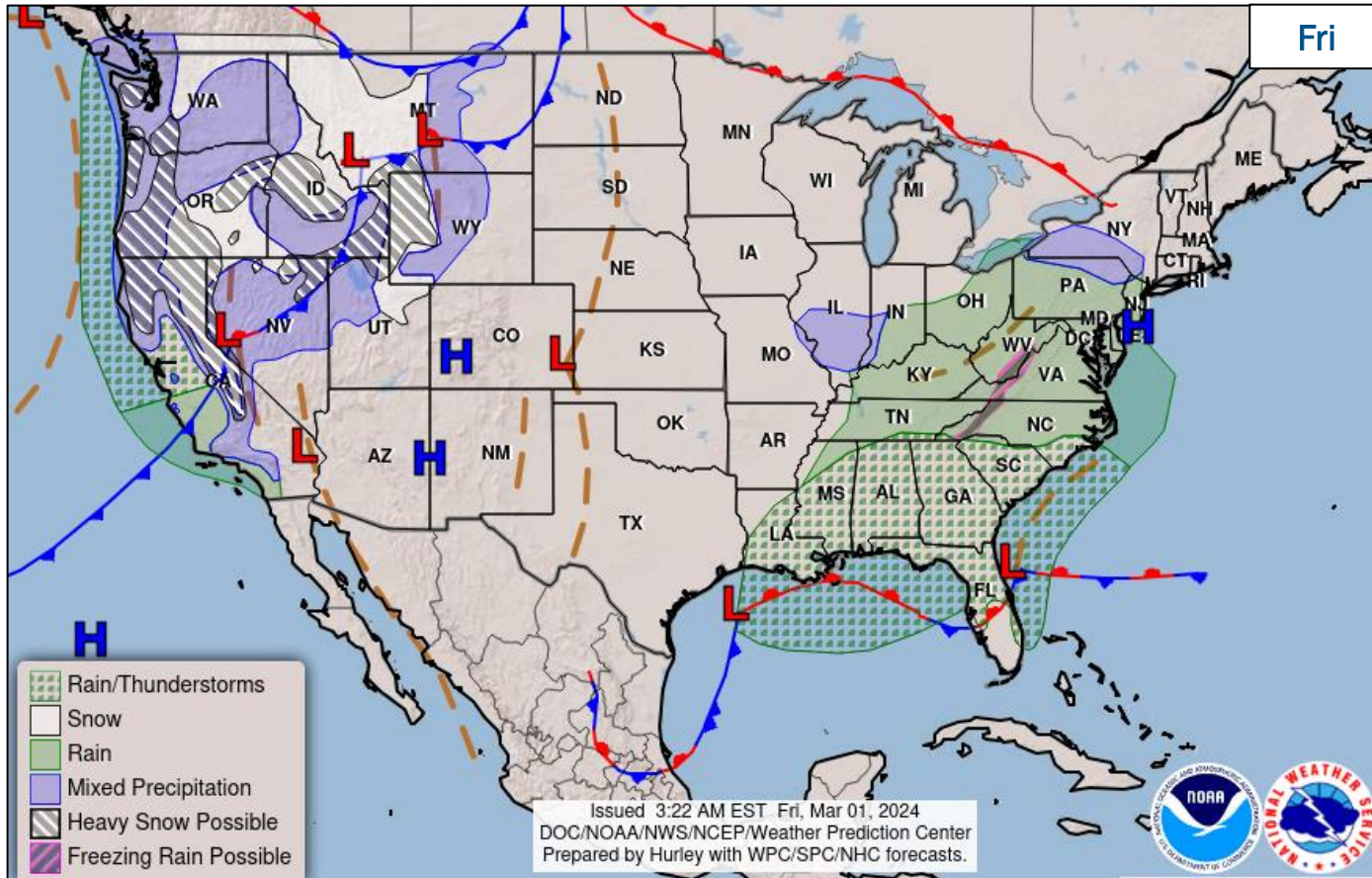
ICS - 209: (Evacuations: M = Mandatory / V = Voluntary; Structures: H = Homes and Mixed Commercial/Residential / O = Non-residential Commercial/Other Minor Structures)



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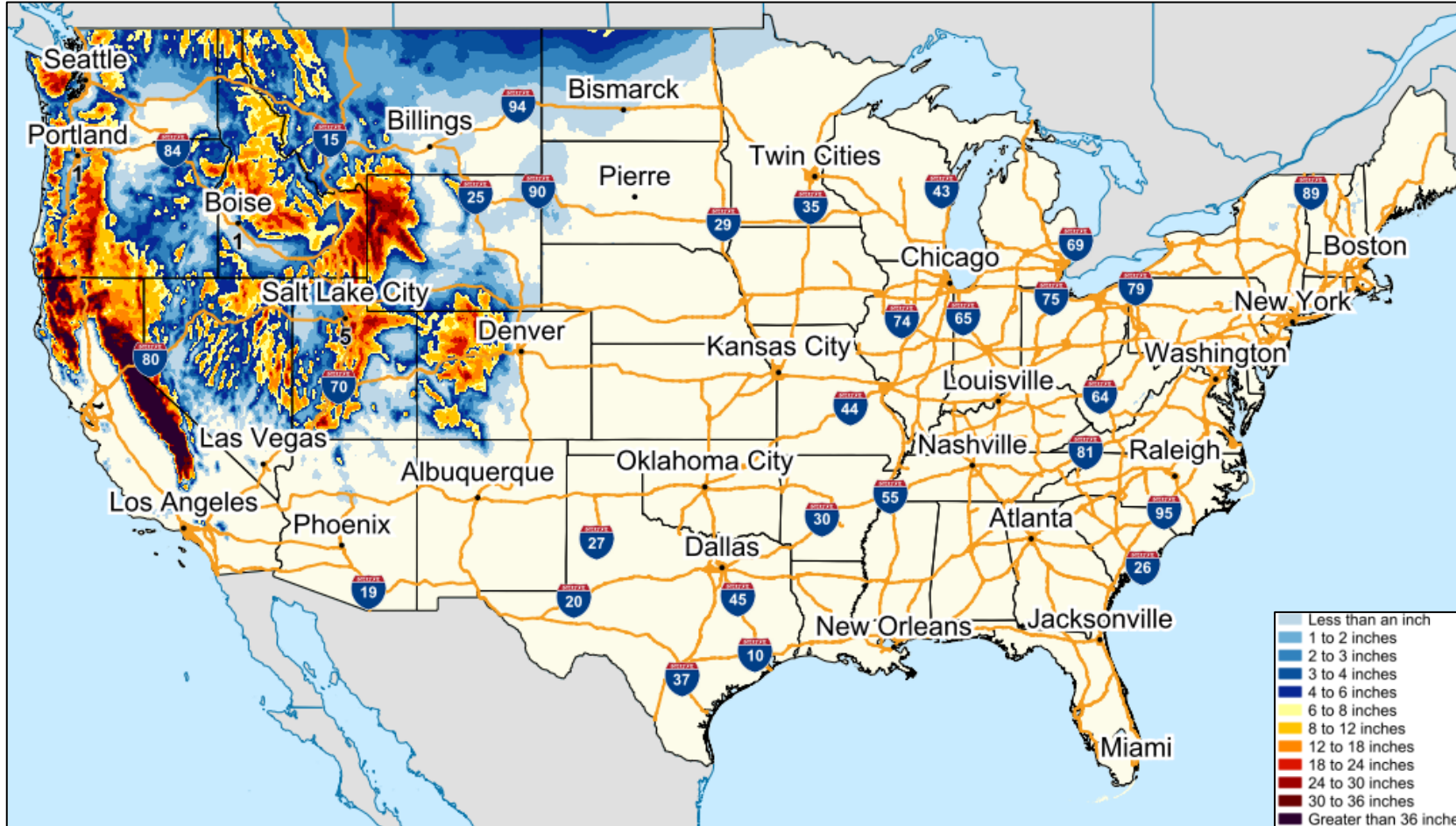
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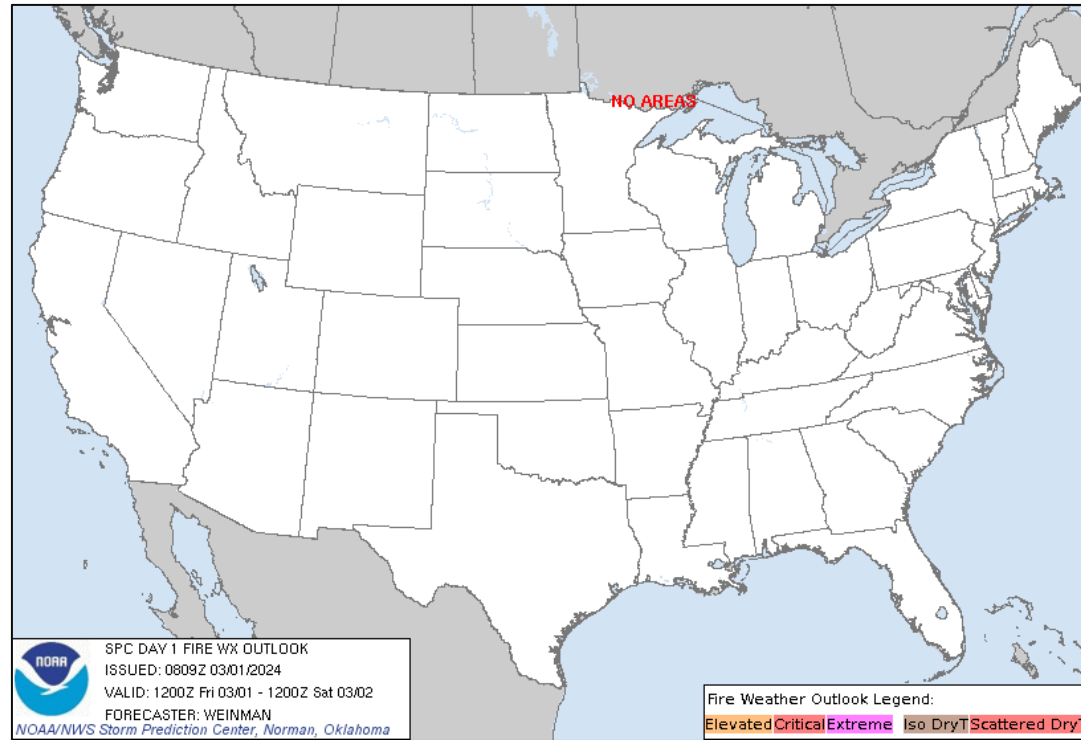
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Snowfall Forecast

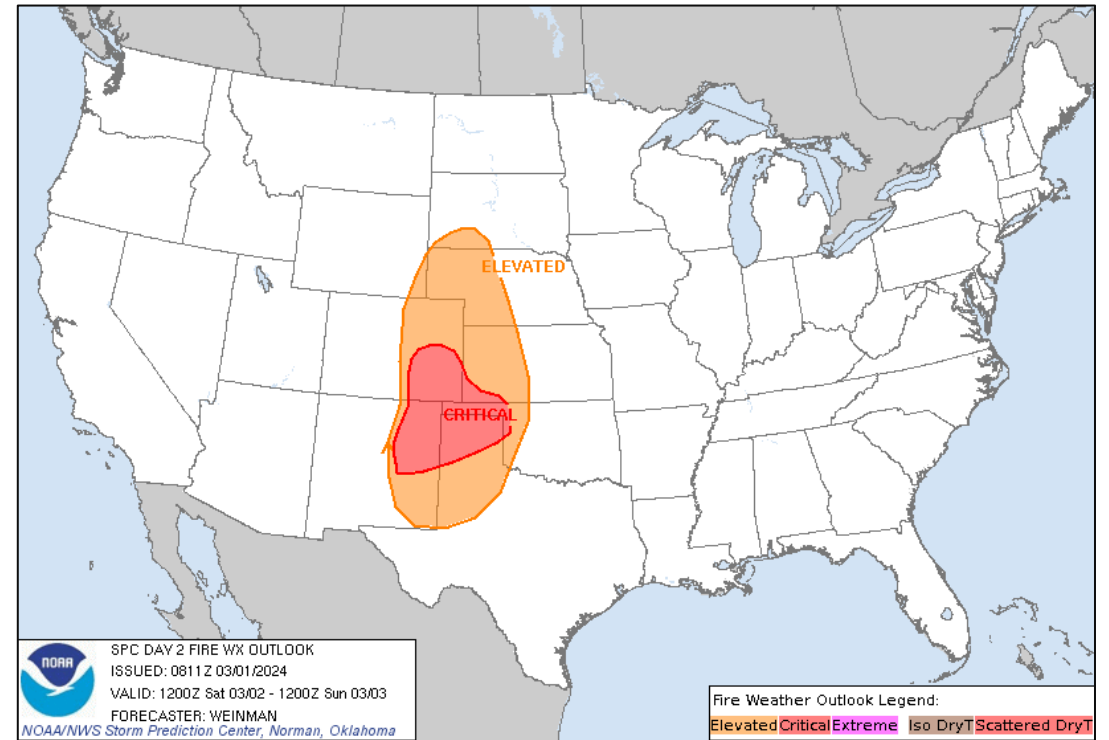


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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



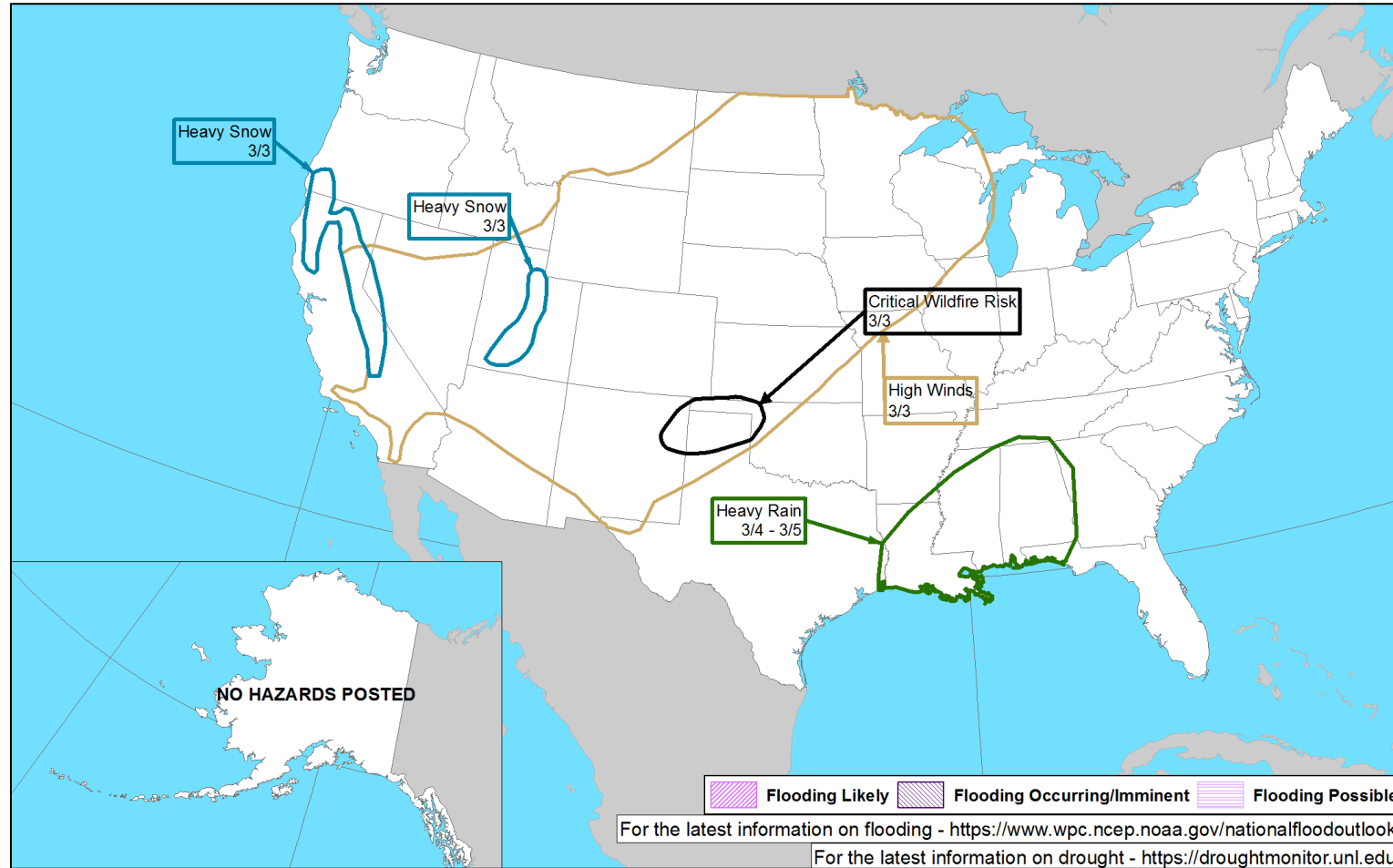
Tomorrow



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Hazards Outlook – Mar 3-7



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

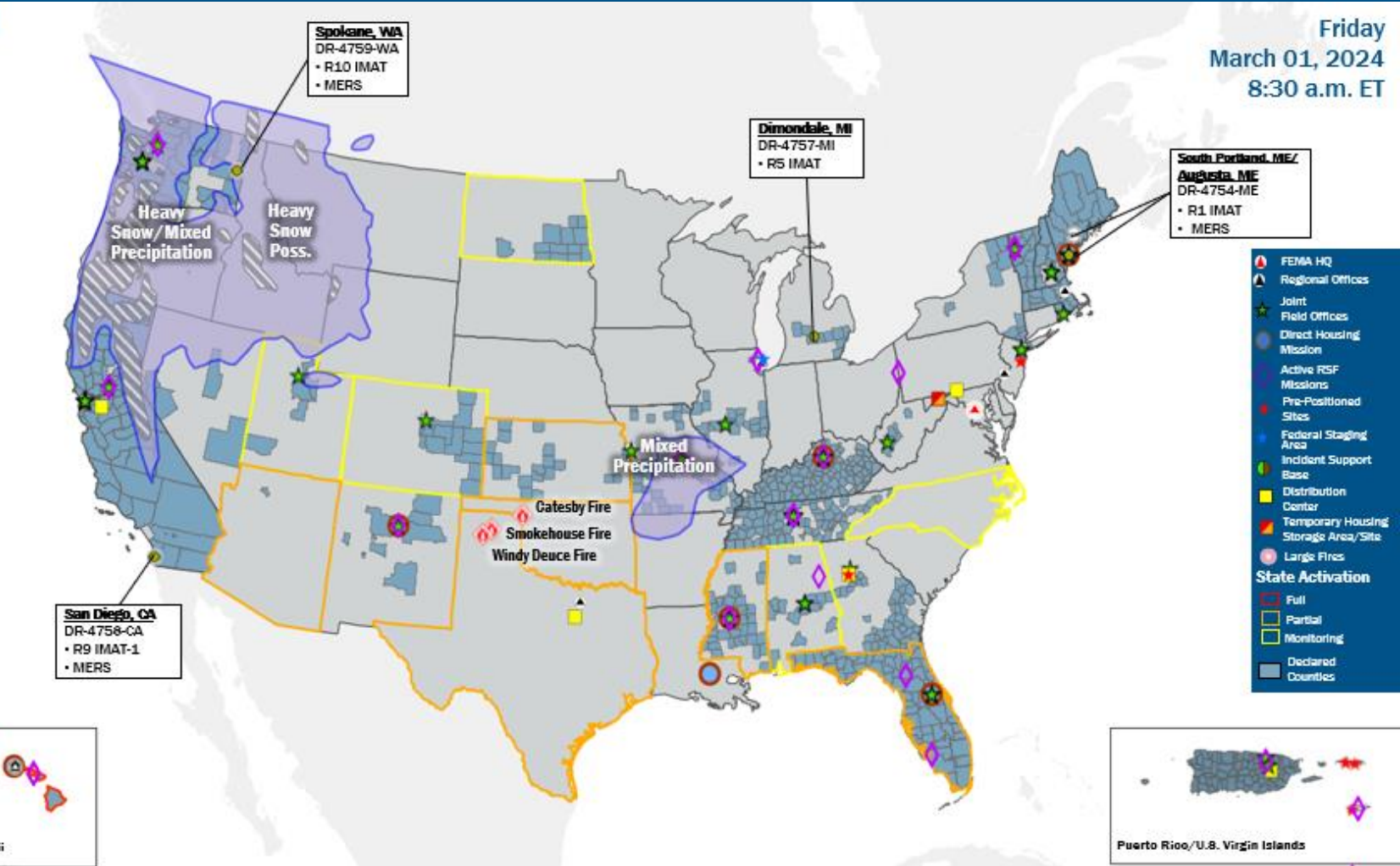
21 + 5 Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices Supporting
72 + 4 Major Disasters Emergency Declarations
12 Direct Housing Missions **31** RSF-Supported Disasters

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FEMA HQ	
NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Activated
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Monitoring	I Rostered
Monitoring	II Rostered
Monitoring	III Rostered
Monitoring	IV Rostered
Monitoring	V Rostered
Monitoring	VI Level III
Monitoring	VII Rostered
Monitoring	VIII Rostered
Monitoring	IX Rostered
Monitoring	X Rostered
Notes:	
RWCs/RRCCs/IMATs:	STATE EOCs:
NRCC: Sustained Ops	FL/MS/AL/ND: Severe Weather
RVI RRCC Activated to Level III (Wildfires)	TX: Ongoing Threats
	AZ/CO/UT: SW Border
	HI/TX: Wildfires
	NC: Elections
	OK/KS: Fire Weather
Volunteer Force	
Rostered 7,698 (+3)	Deployed 109 (+9)
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 8,388	Deployed 63 (+3)

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	
Blue	
Gold	
HS	
R-IMATs	
≥ 7 Teams Available	
I	ME
II	
III	
IV-1	1
IV-2	
V	MI
VI-1	(2) On Alert
VI-2	On Alert
VII	
VIII	3
IX-1	CA
IX-2	Personnel
X	WA

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN			
JFO/VJFO	DR	EM	
I	4/0	12	3
II	2/1	4	0
III	1/0	1	0
IV	5/1	20	1
V	1/0	3	0
VI	1/0	1	0
VII	2/0	2	0
VIII	2/0	2	0
IX	1/1	15	0
X	2/2	9	0



FEMA HQ
Regional Offices
Joint Field Offices
Direct Housing Mission
Active RSF Missions
Pre-Positioned Sites
Federal Staging Area
Incident Support Base
Distribution Center
Temporary Housing Storage Area/Site
Large Fires

State Activation
 Full
 Partial
 Monitoring
 Declared Counties

IM Workforce

13,798 Assigned
 4,013 (-47) Unavailable
 5,432 (-11) Deployed

32% (+1) / 4,353 (+58) Available

IM Cadre Availability

9 (+1) Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Disability Integration: 25% (13/52); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 21% (166/801); Field Leadership: 20% (29/148); Hazard Mitigation: 24% (294/1,234); Operations: 19% (63/333); Public Assistance: 19% (408/2,197); Planning: 10% (45/459); Safety: 12% (10/83); Security: 24% (32/136)

MERS

> 66%

36 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 1 Deployed

35 Available

US&R

> 66%

28 Assigned
 2 Unavailable
 0 Deployed

26 Available

FCO

≤ 1 Type I

50 Assigned
 7 Unavailable
 37 (-1) (23 FCOR) Deployed

6 (+1) Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
I	RI	Flooding Jan 8-17	IA	3	3	2/15 - 2/22
			PA	4	0	TBD - TBD
	MA	Flooding Jan 10-13	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	4	0	2/15 - TBD
	NH	Flooding Jan 9 and continuing	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	10	0	2/20 - TBD
VI	CNO*	Severe Winter Weather Jan 12-16	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	TBD - TBD
IX	CA	Atmospheric River Jan 31-Feb 9	IA	6	6	2/13 - 2/23
			PA	15	0	2/13 - TBD
X	OR	Winter Storms Jan 12-20	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	11	0	2/12 - TBD
	CTSI**	Winter Storms Jan 12-20	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	2/12 - TBD
	WA	Winter Storms Jan 5-22	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	17	0	2/26 - TBD

*Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

**Confederate Tribes of Stiletz Indians



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Declaration Requests in Process – 10

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
OH – Train Derailment	DR	X	X	X	Jul 3
AK – Severe Storms, Flooding, and Landslides	DR	X	X	X	Jan 8
PA – Severe Storms and Flooding (Appeal)	DR		X		Jan 20
AK – Permafrost Degradation	DR		X	X	Jan 24
SC – Severe Storm and Tornadoes	DR	X			Feb 2
FL – Severe Storm, Straight-Line Winds, and Tornadoes	DR	X	X	X	Feb 5
IA – Severe Winter Storms and Snowstorm	DR		X	X	Feb 13
VT – Severe Storm and Flooding	DR		X	X	Feb 14
WCA* – Severe Storm, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR	X	X	X	Feb 18
ME – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Feb 26

*Wrangell Cooperative Association



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