

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Monday, March 3, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Ops / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Wildfires – Carolinas

## Hazard Monitoring

- Critical/Extreme Fire Weather – Southwest and Southern Plains
- Severe Thunderstorms – Southern Plains
- Heavy Snow – California and the Central Great Basin

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## Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

## Event Monitoring

- Presidential Address to a Joint Session of Congress – Washington, DC



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# Wildfires – Carolinas

**Situation:** Multiple brushfires and wildfires are burning in North and South Carolina. The most significant wildfire impacts are being observed in South Carolina, near the coast in Horry, Georgetown, and Berkeley counties. *(FEMA Region IV SPOTRep as of 6:21 p.m. ET, Mar 2)*

**South Carolina:** As of Mar 2, 176 wildfires were burning across the state, with one wildfire near Myrtle Beach in Horry County. It is estimated to be approximately 1,600 acres in size and 30% contained, according to the South Carolina Forestry Commission. The response to this incident has involved approximately 410 personnel. *(horrycountysc.gov 3/2/2025 @1954)* Additionally, wildfire activity has been reported in Spartanburg and Pickens counties in the northwest part of the state. At this time, the wildfire response is being effectively managed within the state's capabilities. There is no request for federal assistance. *(FEMA RIV SPOTRep, as of 6:21 p.m. ET, Mar 2)*

**North Carolina:** As of Mar 2, the U.S. Forest Service reported multiple wildfires burning across four national forests. The largest, in Uwharrie National Forest, located 50 miles east of Charlotte, has burned approximately 400 acres and is approximately 30% contained. Further west, a brush fire near the town of Tryon threatened communities in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The fire has consumed 400-500 acres with zero containment, forcing evacuations that remained in effect overnight. Fire officials will use controlled burns later today to slow its spread before deciding whether to lift evacuation orders. *(Media, as of 8:00 p.m. ET, Mar 2)*

## Lifelines:

Food, Hydration & Shelter: *(ARC midnight shelter count as of Mar 3)*

- 1 shelter / 1 occupant

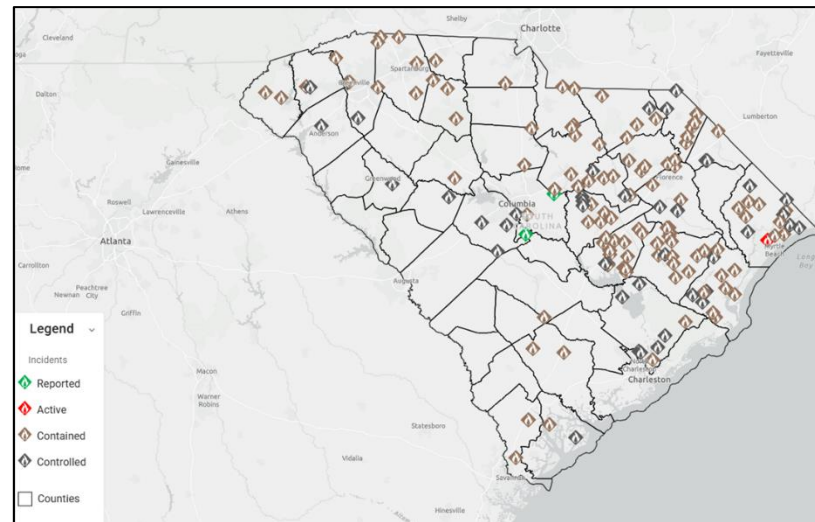
## State / Local Response:

### South Carolina

- SC EOC at Partial Activation (Wildfire) with selected ESFs
- Gov declared State of Emergency Mar 2 *(Executive Order 2025-10, as of Mar 2)*
- National Guard activated Mar 2
- No reported impacts to Tribal Territories

### North Carolina

- NC EOC at Monitoring (TC Helene/Winter Weather)



*(SC Forestry Commission as of 2:00 a.m. ET on Mar 3)*

## FEMA / Federal Response:

- FEMA Region IV:
  - RWC is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered; R-IMAT 1 (Deployed to GA); R-IMAT 2 (Deployed to KY); FIT LNO on standby
- NWC is Monitoring; NRCC at Steady State

NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region IV; the next update will be in the 5:00 p.m. ET National Situation Report



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# Presidential Address to a Joint Session of Congress – Washington, DC

**Current Situation:** On March 4, the President of the United States will address a joint session of the 119th Congress in the Chamber of the House of Representatives at the U.S. Capitol. The Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has designated the event as a National Special Security Event (NSSE). FEMA will serve as the lead federal agency responsible for consequence management.

## State / Local Response:

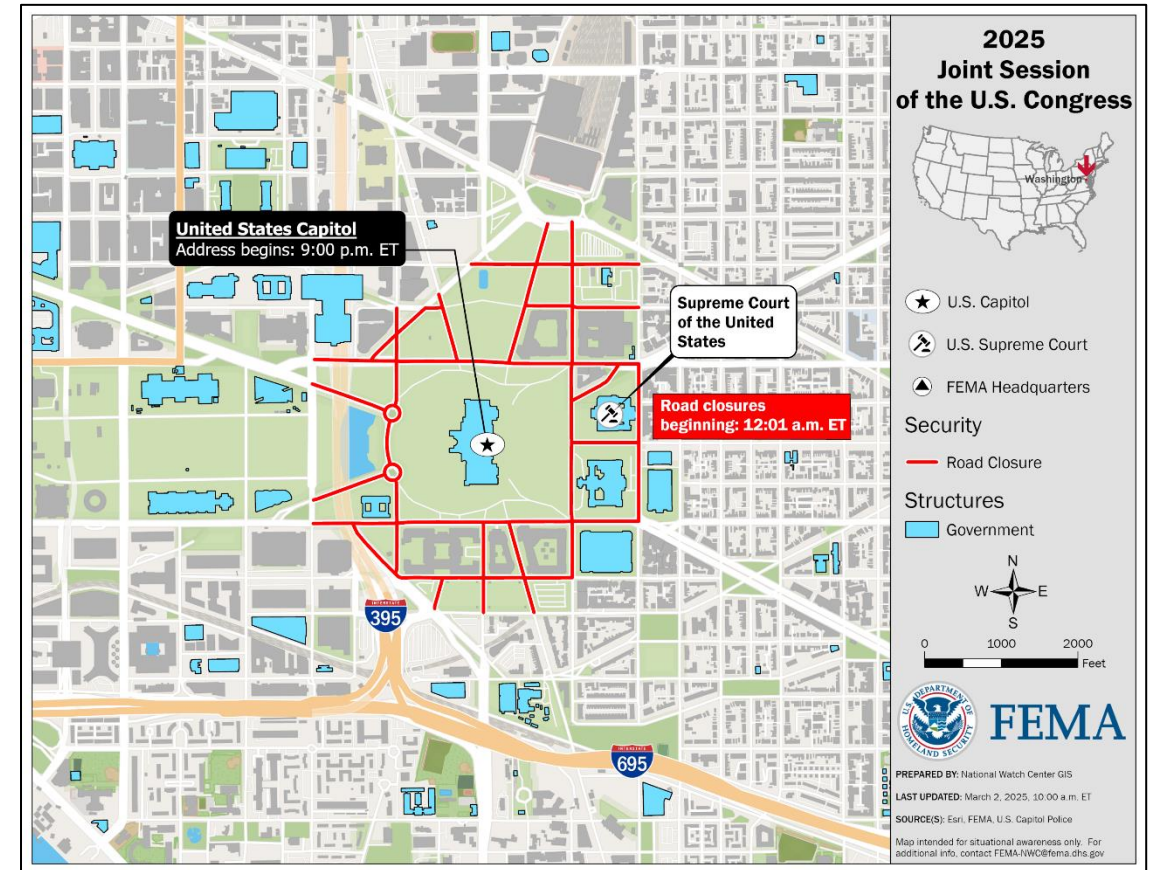
- DC HSEMA will go to Full Activation TBD

## FEMA Region III Response:

- R3 RRCC is at Enhanced Watch with previously identified R3 personnel deployed to the event; will activate to Level III on TBD
- R3 IMAT will deploy to DC HSEMA
- LNOs are stationed at DC HSEMA
- Secret Service stationed at the MACC along with US Capitol Police

## FEMA HQ Response:

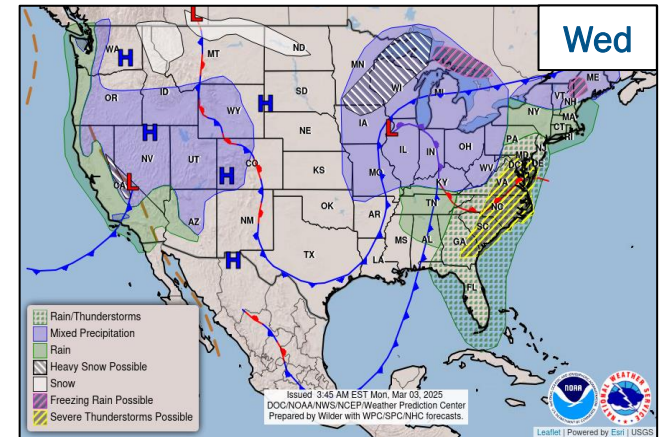
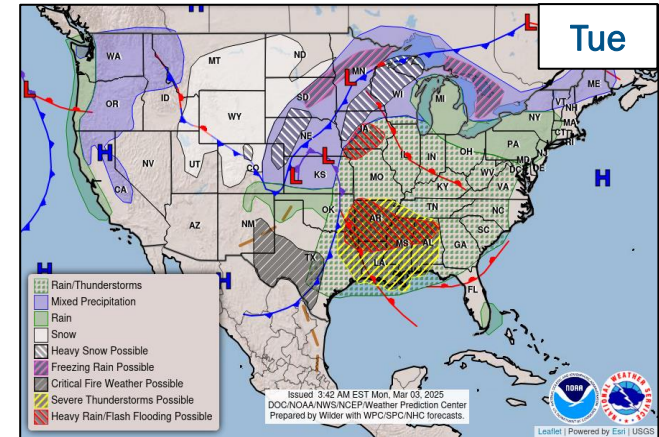
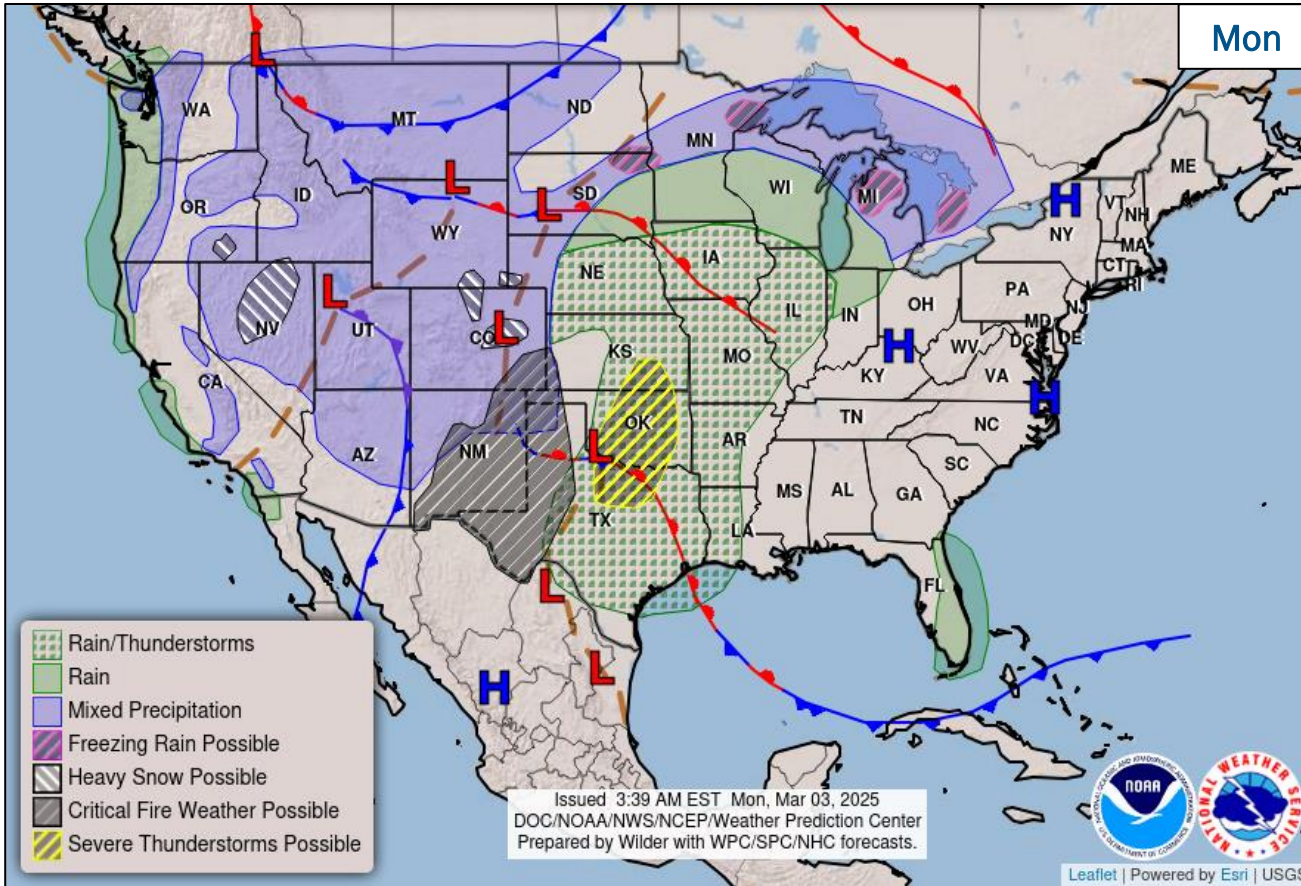
- NWC will be at Enhanced Watch; TMT is on Alert
- NRCC GOLD Team is on Alert
- N-IMAT Blue, CMCU, DEST on Alert
- US&R will issue ESF#9 Advisory
- Frederick MERS will provide communications and mobile command post functions to Region III and other federal agencies (or as required)



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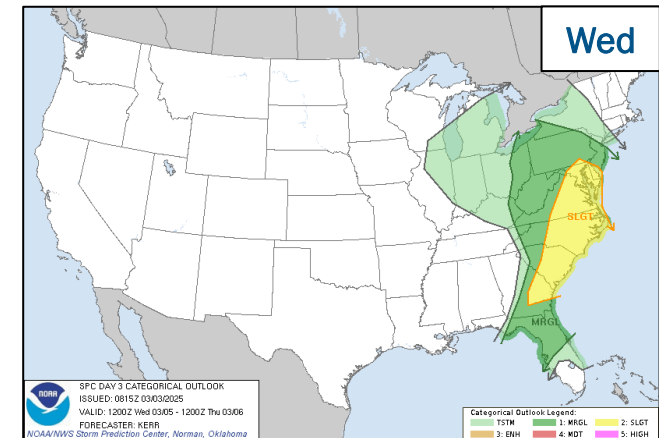
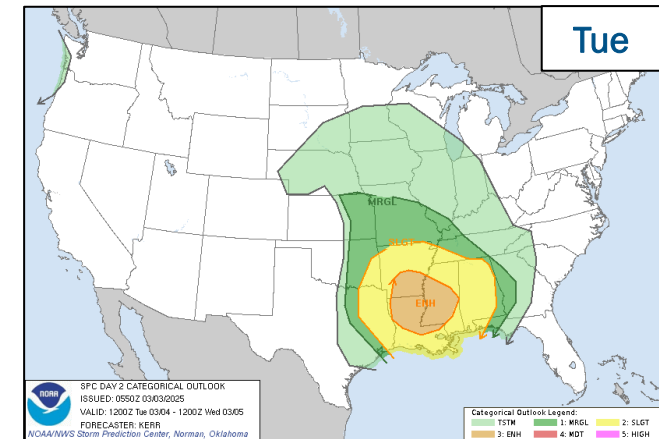
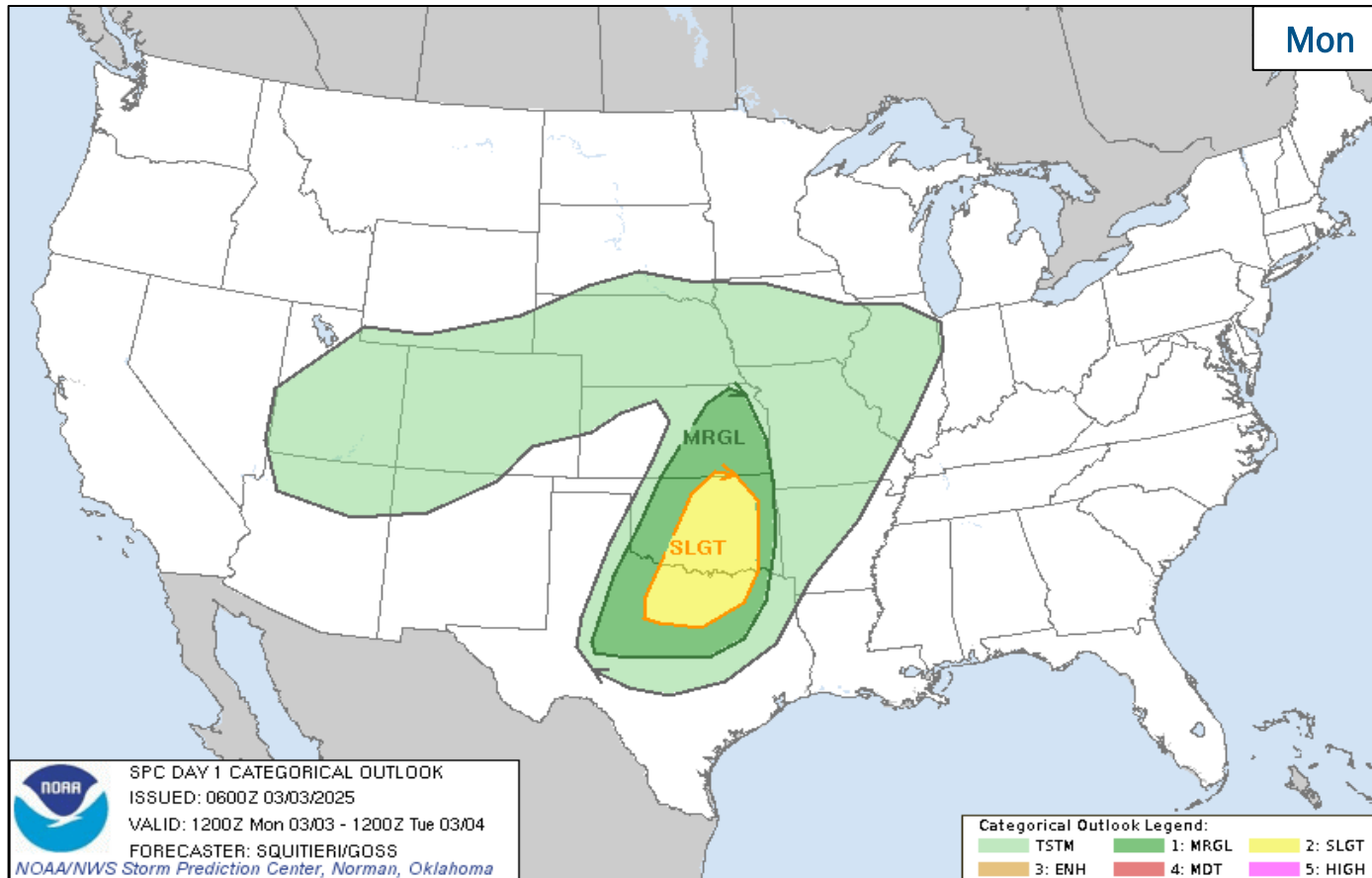
# National Weather Forecast



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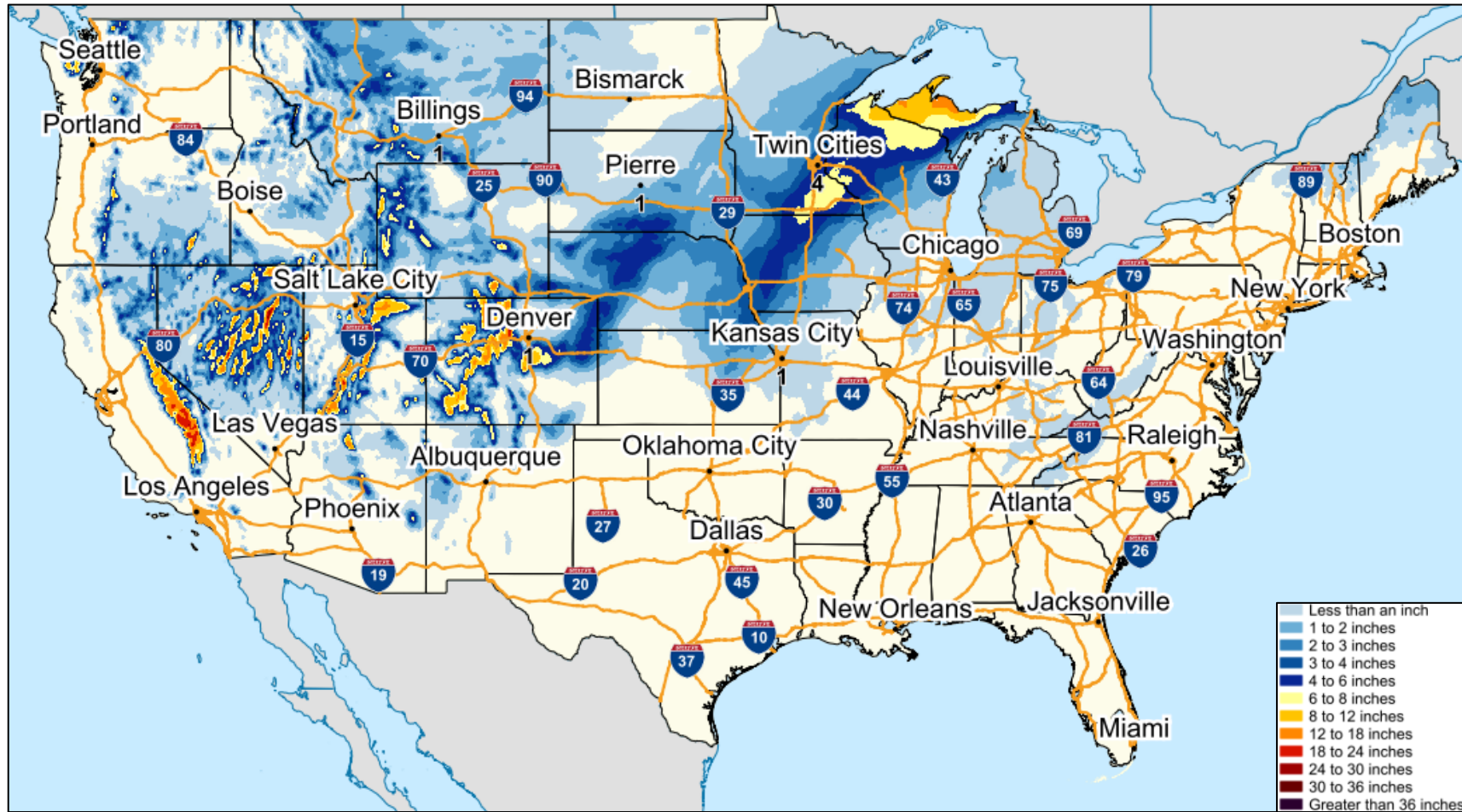
# Severe Weather Outlook



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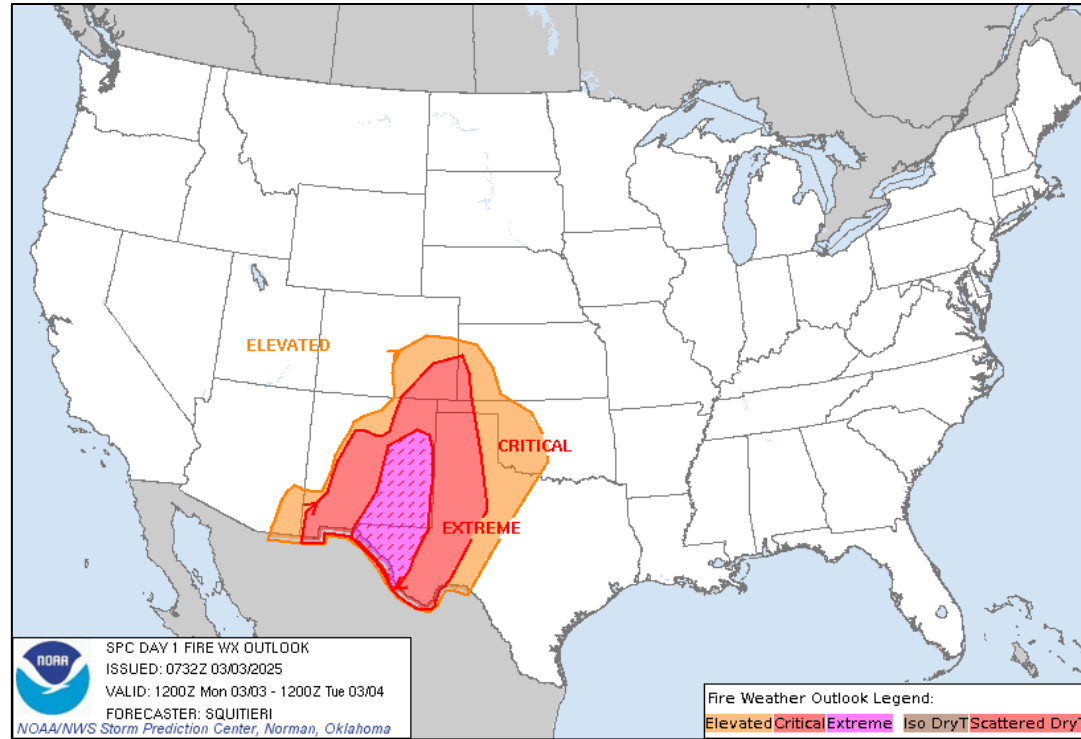
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# Snowfall Forecast

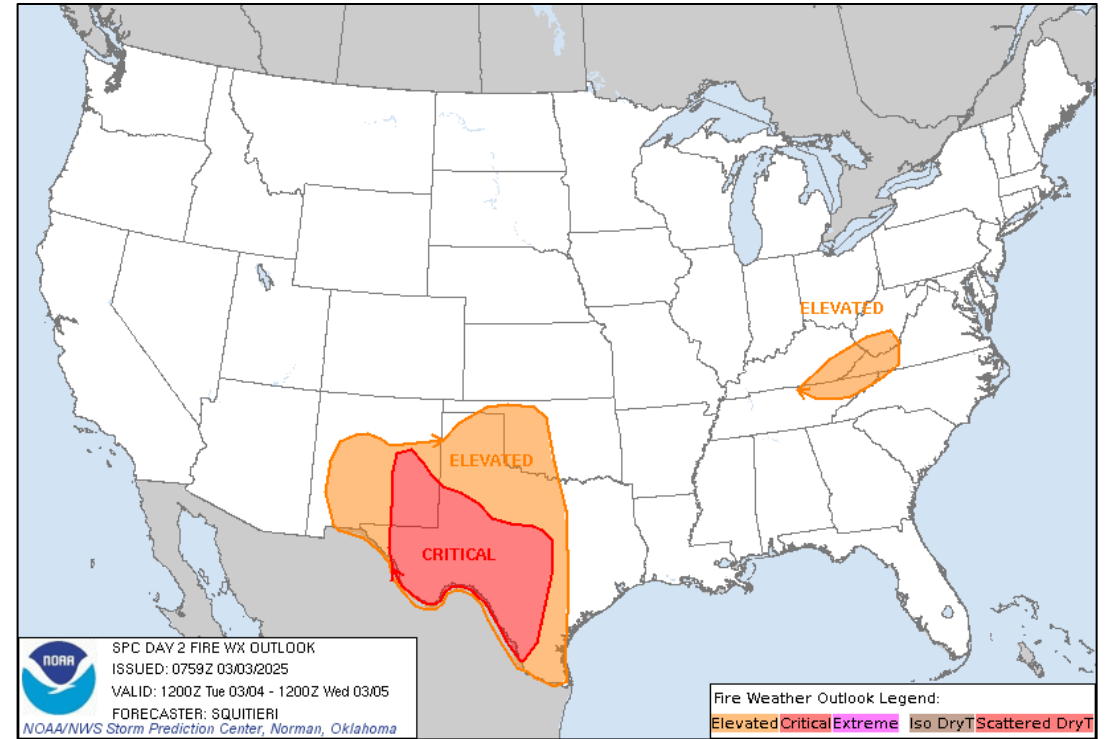


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# Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



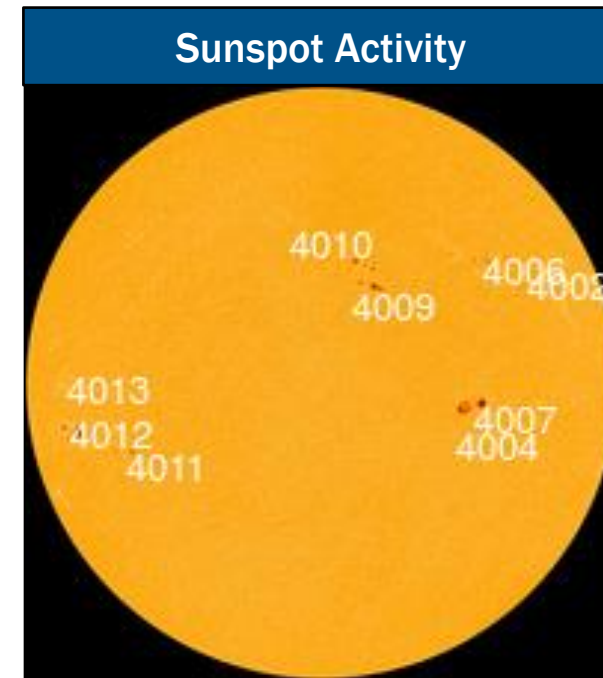
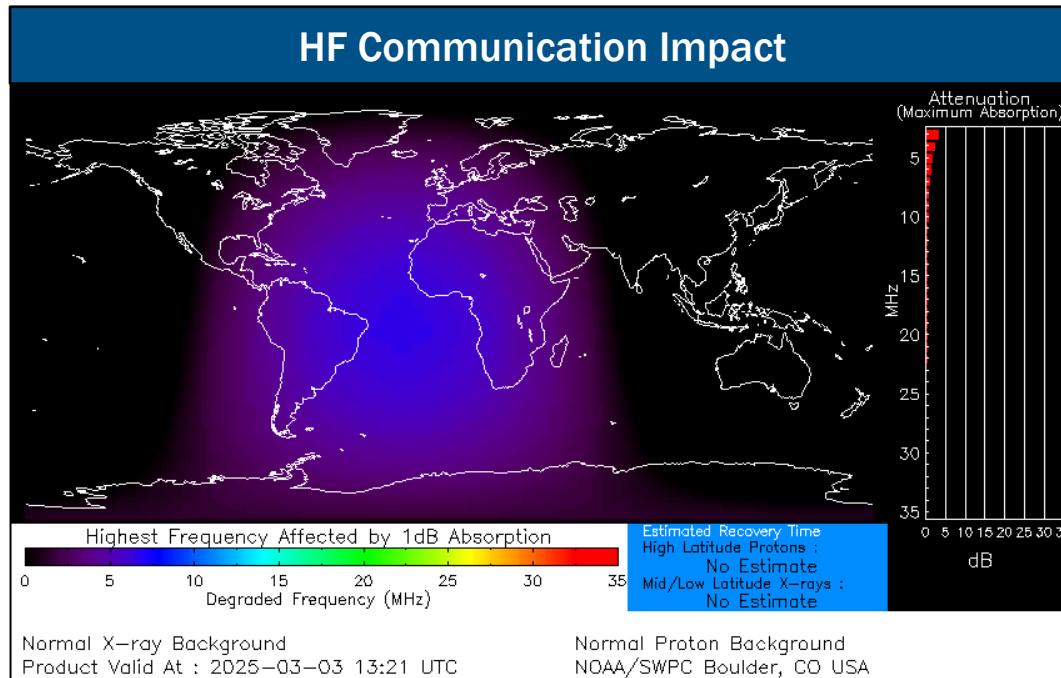
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# Space Weather Outlook

Minor	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	None	None	None	None
Next 24 Hours	None	None	None	None

For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to: <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation>  
 For further information on Sunspot Activity refer to: <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/phenomena/sunspotssolar-cycle>



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# FEMA Common Operating Picture

**33** Joint Field Offices    **Supporting**    **93 + 9** Major Disasters    Emergency Declarations    **16** Direct Housing Missions    **29** RSF-Supported Disasters    **6** Joint Recovery Offices

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## FEMA HQ

NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Steady State

## FEMA REGIONS

Watch	RRCC	
Monitoring I	Rostered	
Monitoring II	Rostered	
Monitoring III	Rostered	
Monitoring IV	Rostered	
Monitoring V	Rostered	
Monitoring VI	Rostered	
Monitoring VII	Rostered	
Monitoring VIII	Rostered	
Monitoring IX	Rostered	
Monitoring X	Rostered	

### Notes:

<b>NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:</b>	<b>State EOCs:</b>
• NSTR	• HI/SC: Wildfires
	• NC/TN/TX/VA/WV: Winter Storms
	• NC: TC Helene
	• AL/KY/OK: Severe Weather
	• FL/TN: Previous Incidents
	• MT: Flood Risk

### Volunteer Force

Rostered	Deployed
7,959	1

### Surge Capacity Force

Rostered	Deployed
8,935	3

## N-IMATs

2-5 Teams Available

Red	
White	
Blue	
Gold	
HS	DC (Jan 28)

## R-IMATs

4-6 Teams Available

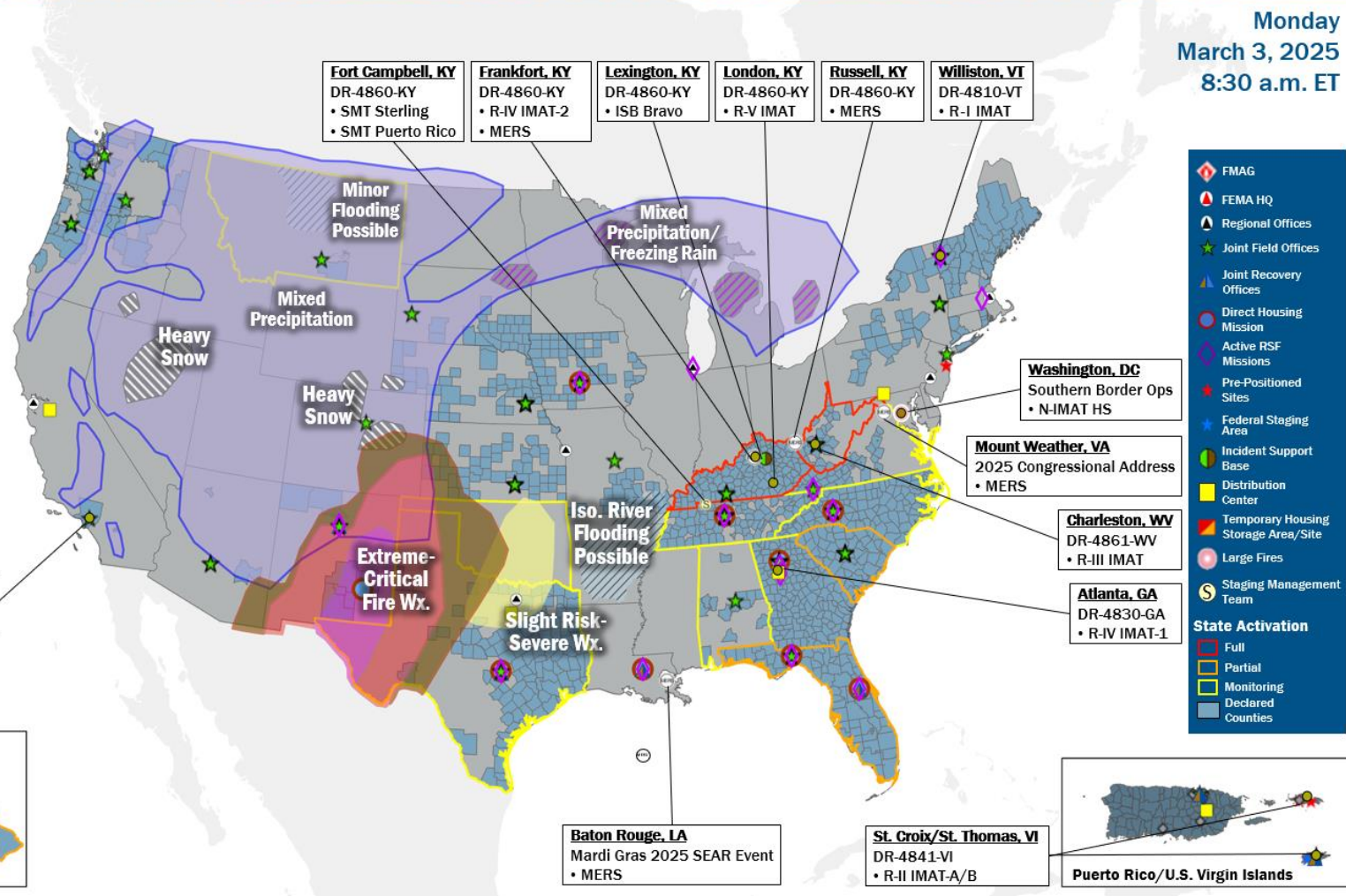
I	VT (Jan 6)
II	3 / VI (Oct 30)
III	WV (Feb 28)
IV-1	GA (Oct 5)
IV-2	KY (Feb 16)
V	KY (Feb 18)
VI-1	
VI-2	Personnel
VII	Personnel
VIII	2
IX-1	CA (Jan 8)
IX-2	
X	1

Fully Mission Capable (FMC)	
Partially Mission Capable (PMC)	
Not Mission Capable (NMC)	
Deployed	

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
I	3	12	1	0
II	4	6	0	2
III	2	7	1	0
IV	7	29	7	1
V	0	0	0	0
VI	2	5	0	3
VII	4	14	0	0
VIII	3	3	0	0
IX	3	6	0	0
X	5	11	0	0



**Pasadena, CA**  
DR-4856-CA  
• R-IX IMAT-1



**Legend:**

- FMAG
- FEMA HQ
- Regional Offices
- Joint Field Offices
- Joint Recovery 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
- Staging Management Team
- State Activation**
  - Full
  - Partial
  - Monitoring
  - Declared
  - Counties

## IM Workforce

14,202 Assigned  
4,876 Unavailable  
7,023 Deployed

16% / 2,303 Available

## IM Cadre Availability

19 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 18% (32/179); Disaster Field Training Operations: 23% (23/98); Disability Integration: 13% (5/39); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 22% (288/1,303); External Affairs: 7% (26/396); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 13% (114/883); Field Leadership: 13% (20/149); Financial Management: 22% (50/230); Hazard Mitigation: 11% (129/1,224); Human Resources: 14% (26/184); Individual Assistance: 13% (342/2,652); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 23% (79/342); Information Technology: 19% (138/713); Logistics: 10% (174/1,675); Operations: 16% (60/372); Public Assistance: 13% (292/2,308); Planning: 8% (39/470); Safety: 15% (14/94); Security: 10% (13/136)

## MERS

≥ 66%  
36 Assigned  
0 Unavailable  
2 Deployed  
**34 Available**

## US&R

≥ 66%  
28 Assigned  
2 Unavailable  
0 Deployed  
**26 Available**

## FCO

≤ 1 Type I  
56 Assigned  
9 Unavailable  
44 (27 FCOR) Deployed  
**3 Available**

# Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
III	VA	Flooding, Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Winter Storms Feb 10 and continuing	IA	11	11	2/18 - 2/28
			PA	12	0	TBD - TBD
VI	LA	Winter Weather January 20-23	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	22	0	2/12 - TBD
	MCN*	Winter Weather and Freezing Temperatures Feb 19-21	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	2/26 - TBD
IX	HI	Heavy Rain and Flooding Jan 29-31	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	2/23 - TBD

\*Muscogee (Creek) Nation



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# Declaration Requests in Process – 6

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
NY – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	EM		X		Jul 20
CA – Park and Borel Fires (Appeal)	DR	X	X	X	Dec 2
OK – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X		X	Dec 20
WA – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	Jan 14
KY – Severe Winter Storms and Snowstorms	DR		X	X	Jan 30
VA – Severe Winter Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Feb 26



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