

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Ops / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Severe Weather – Southern U.S.

## Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy Snow – Great Basin and Mississippi Valley
- Severe Thunderstorms – Mid-Atlantic

## Disaster Declaration Activity

- One Amendment issued
- FMAG Approval: Welder Fire – TX
- FMAG Approval: Duke Fire – TX

## Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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# Severe Weather – Southern U.S.

**Situation:** Overnight, six tornadoes were reported in Oklahoma and Louisiana. Severe thunderstorms continue today, causing threats of damaging winds and tornadoes along the East Coast. A Severe Thunderstorm Watch is currently in effect for parts of Georgia and Florida until 10:00 a.m. ET and a Tornado Watch is in effect for the Carolinas until 1:00 p.m. ET. (SPC, as of 7:45 a.m. ET)

## Impacts:

**Safety & Security** (SPC, as of 6:45 a.m. ET)

- Damage to homes (unknown total) reported near Henryetta, OK (pop. 5k) and Ada, OK (pop. 16k)

**Energy** (Eagle-I, as of 6:45 a.m. ET)

- Region IV: 164k customers without power region-wide (0.5%), down from a peak of 217k (0.7%) at 2:15 a.m. ET
  - AL: 54k customers without power (2.5%)
  - TN: 42k customers without power (1.5%)
  - Other states have <1% of customers without power
- Region VI: 146k customers without power region-wide (0.7%), down from a peak of 466k (2%) at 5:00 p.m. ET, Mar 4
  - All states have <1% of customers without power; the highest is Texas at 109k (0.8%)

## State/Local Response:

Region IV:

- KY EOC is at Full Activation (Severe Weather/Flooding)
- SC EOC are at Partial Activation (Wildfires)
- FL EOC is at Partial Activation (Previous Incidents)
- AL EOC is at Monitoring (Severe Weather)
- NC EOC is at Monitoring (TC Helene/Winter Storms)
- TN EOC is at Monitoring (Previous Incidents/Winter Storms)

Region VI:

- OK EOC is at Monitoring (Severe Weather)
- TX EOC is at Monitoring (Winter Storms)

## FEMA / Federal Response:

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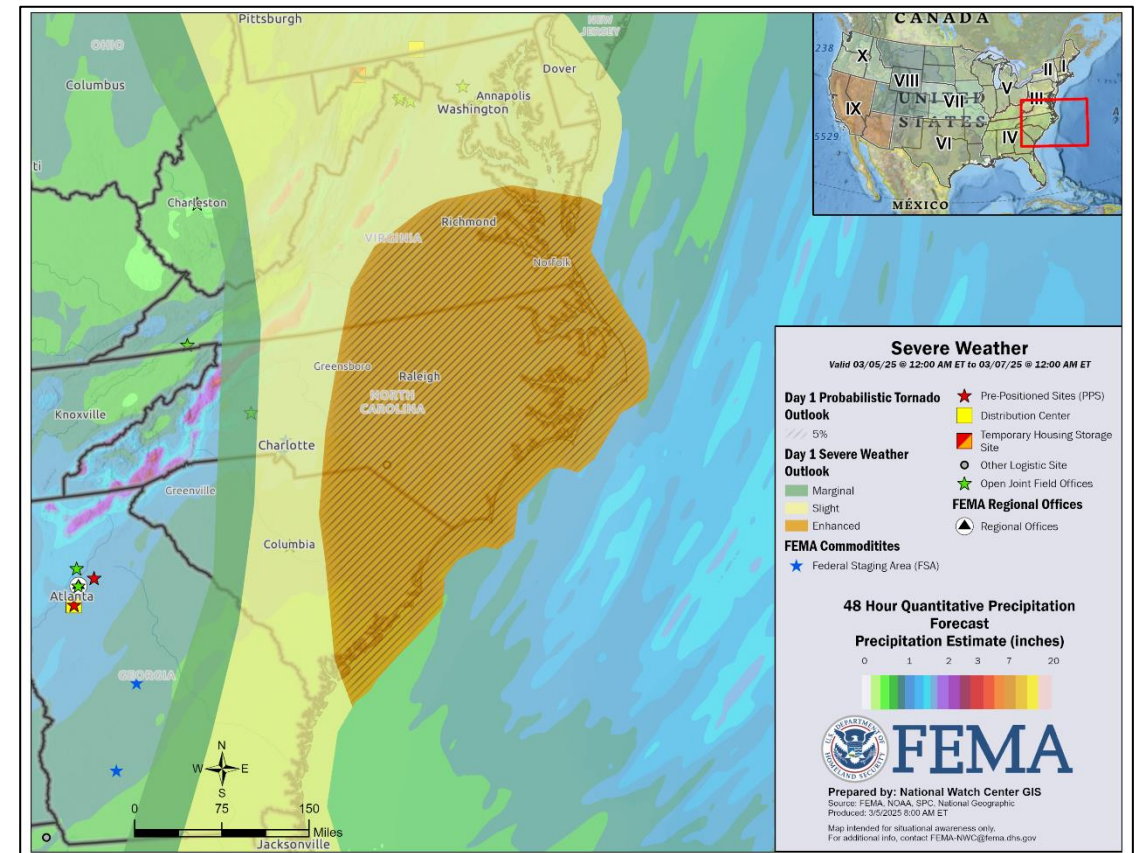
- RWC at [Enhanced Watch](#) (Severe Weather); RRCC is Rostered

Region VI:

- RWC at [Monitoring](#) (Severe Weather); RRCC is Rostered

HQ:

- NWC is at [Monitoring](#)



Source: NWC GIS

The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with the FEMA Regions IV and VI, reporting will continue twice daily in the FEMA National Situation Report (5:00 p.m./3:00 a.m. ET) and the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET)



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# Welder Fire – San Patricio County, TX

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Welder Fire (San Patricio, TX)	xxxx-FM-TX	200	0%	M: 0	H: 935	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 400	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

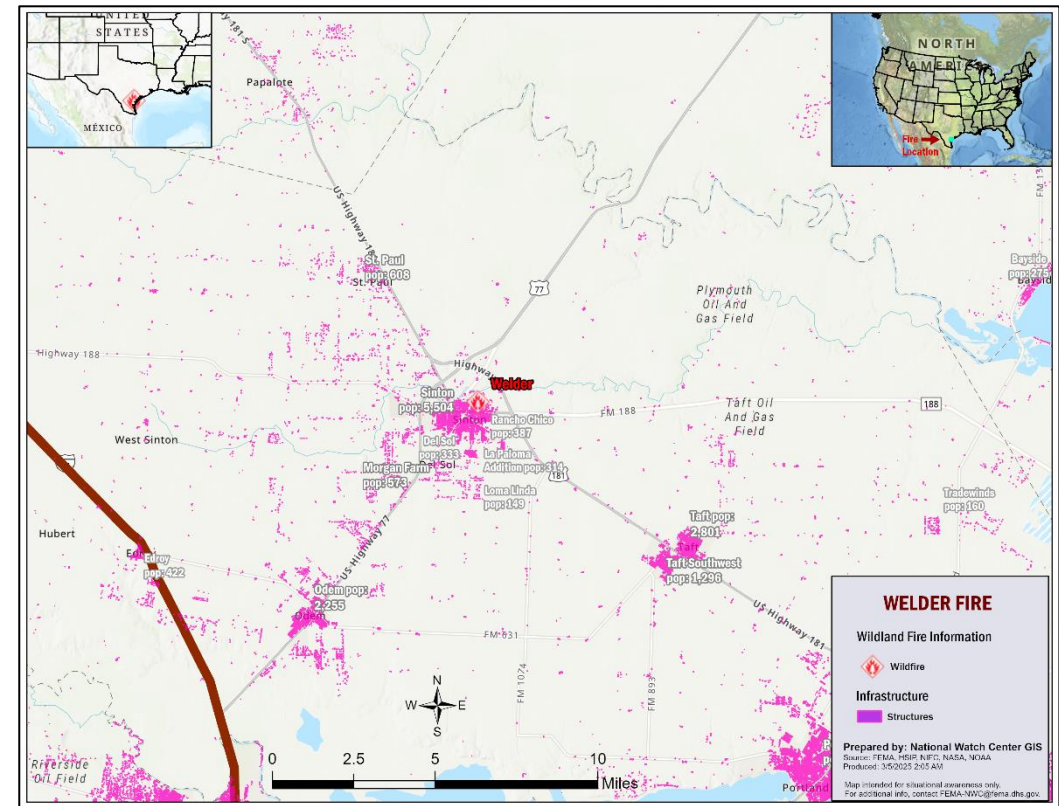
**Situation:** The Regional Administrator for FEMA Region VI approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Welder Fire threatening the community of Sinton, TX (pop. 5.5k).

**State / Local Response:**

- TX SEOC at Monitoring (Winter Storms)

**FEMA / Federal Response:**

- FMAG approved Mar 4
- FEMA Region VI: RWC is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- NWC is Monitoring



# Duke Fire – Bexar County, TX

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Duke Fire (Bexar, TX)	xxxx-FM-TX	150	20%	M: 0	H: 607	H: 0	H: 12	0 / 0
				V: 575	O: 0	O: 50	O: 0	

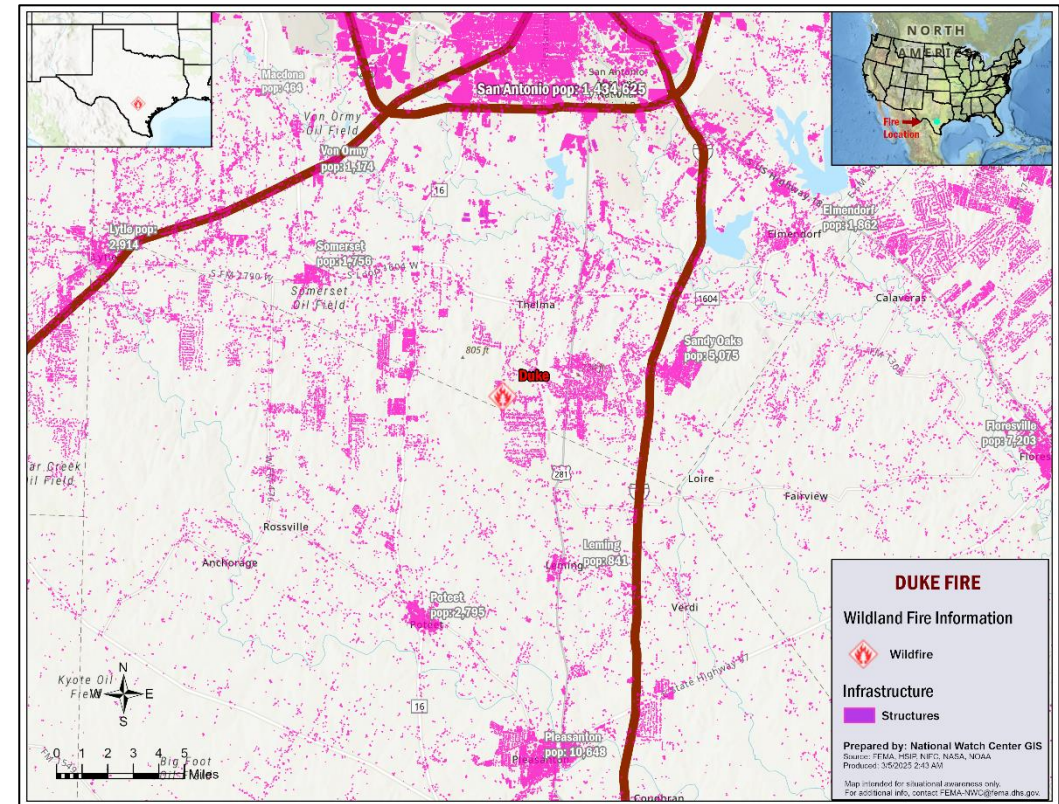
**Situation:** The Regional Administrator for FEMA Region VI approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Duke Fire threatening the Pleasanton Subdivision (pop. 1.5k) of San Antonio.

**State / Local Response:**

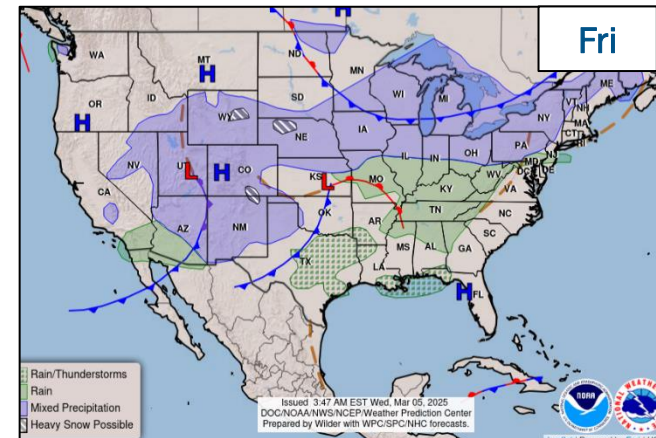
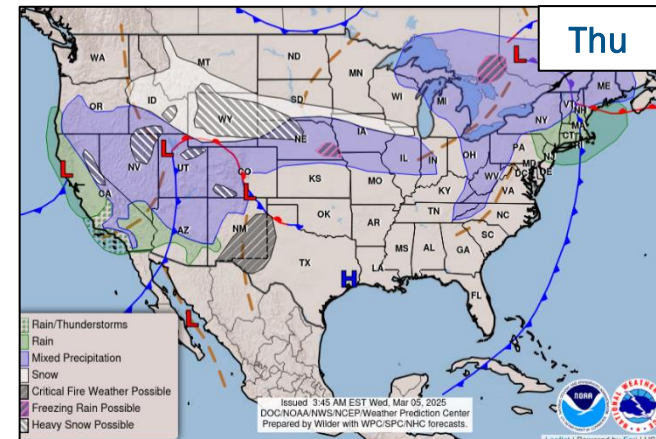
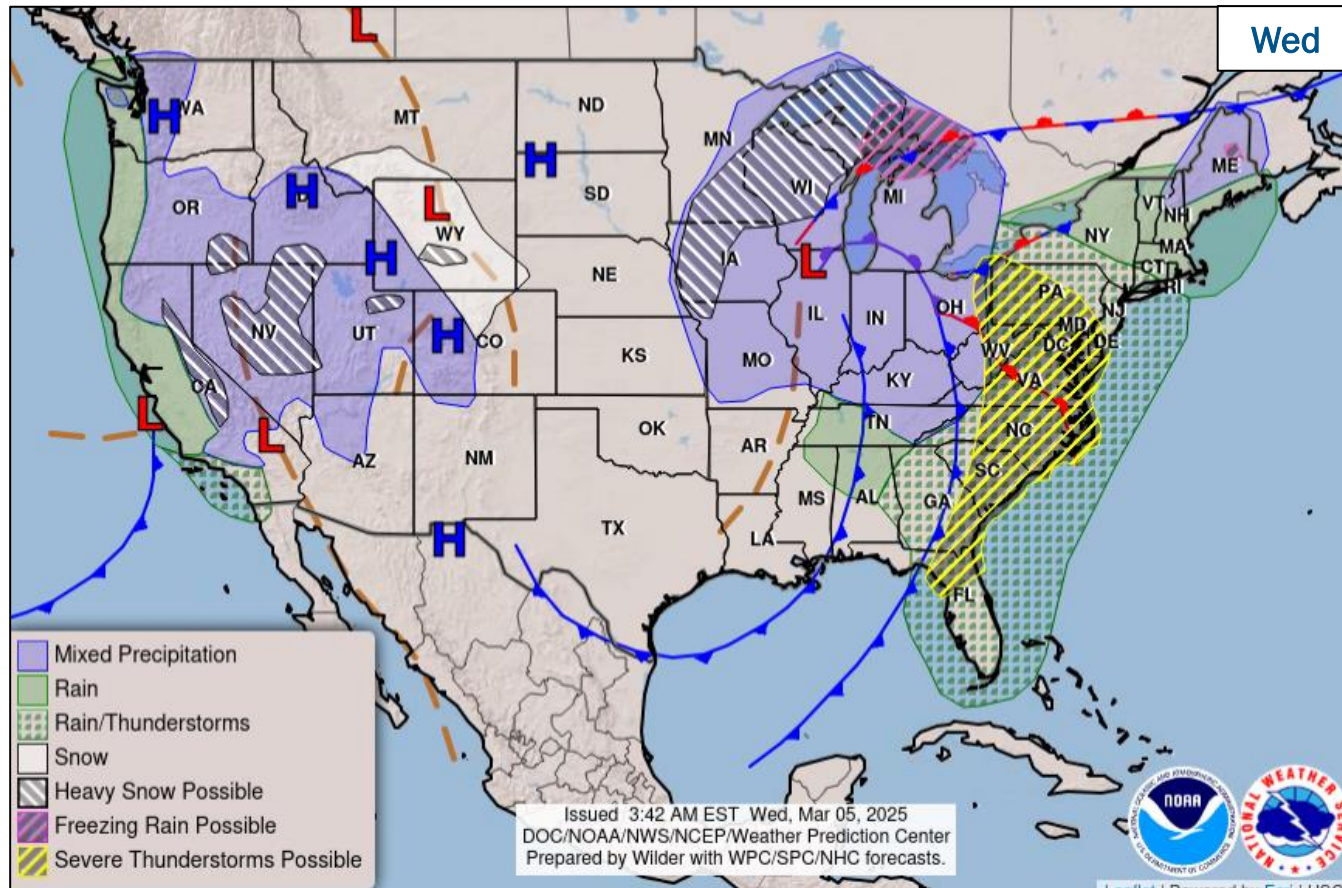
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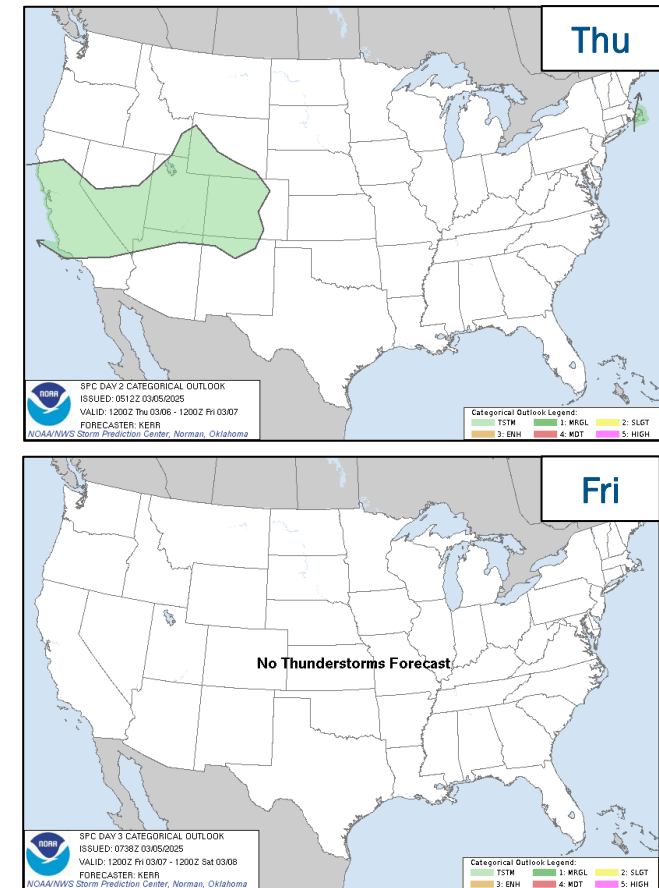
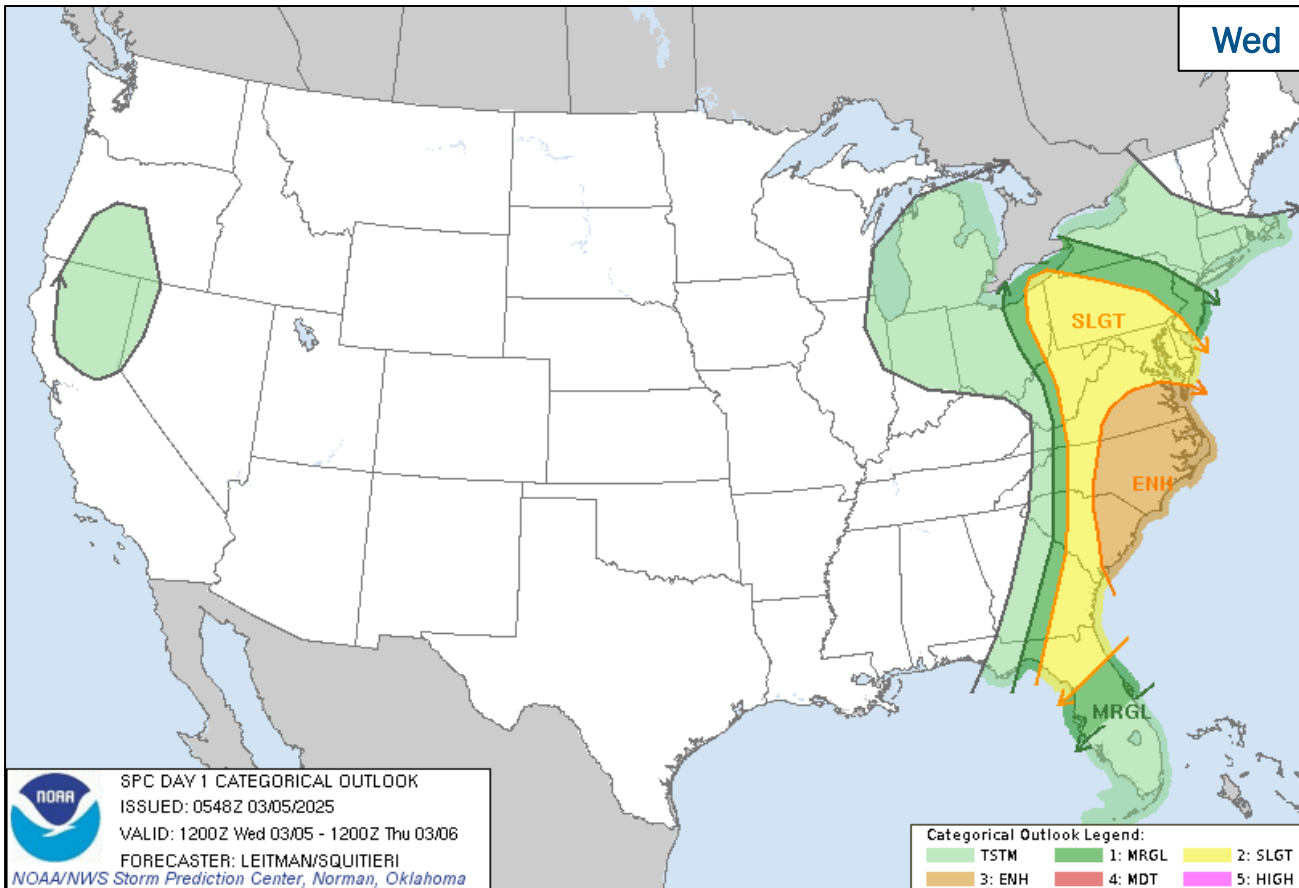
# National Weather Forecast



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# Severe Weather Outlook

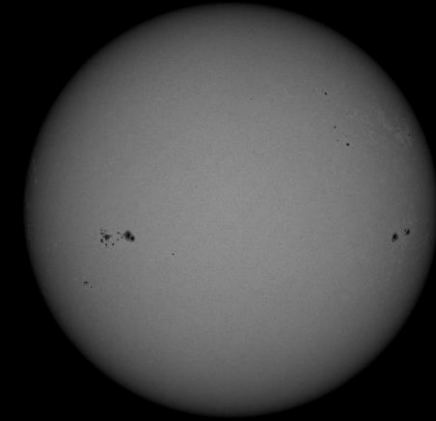


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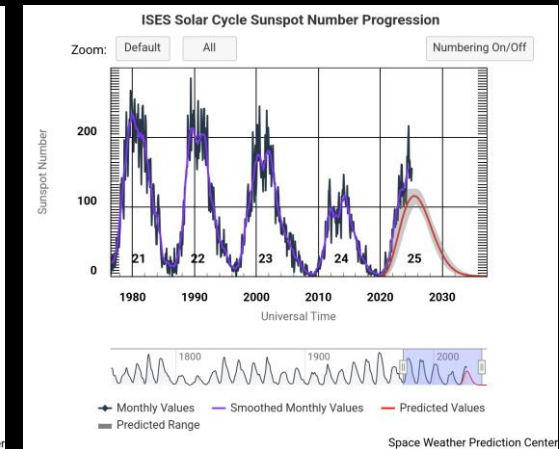
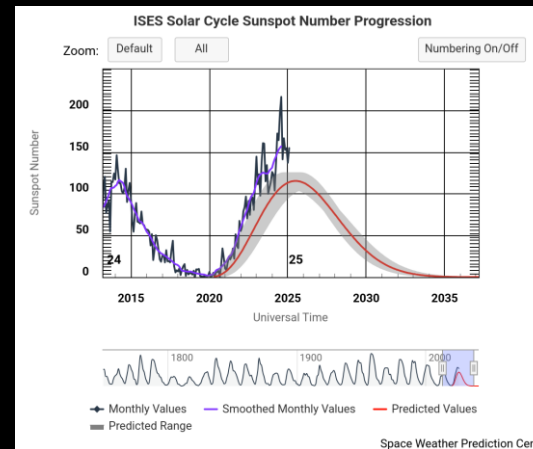
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# Space Weather Summary/Outlook

	Past 24 Hours	06 Mar	07 Mar
Solar Flare (Radio Blackout)   <b>R Scale (R1-R2 / R3+)</b>	None	40% / 5%	40% / 5%
Solar Radiation Storms   <b>S Scale</b>	None	1%	1%
Geomagnetic Storms   <b>G Scale</b>	None	10%	5%



- **KEY MESSAGE:** No solar events are expected to reach FEMA thresholds at this time.
- **OUTLOOK:** The current solar cycle is predicted to **PEAK between now and mid-2025**, but significant activity is still possible well after the peak.



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# FEMA Common Operating Picture

**33** Joint Field Offices **Supporting** **93 + 9** Major Disasters Emergency Declarations **12** 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
Enhanced IV	Rostered
Monitoring V	Rostered
Monitoring VI	Rostered
Monitoring VII	Rostered
Monitoring VIII	Rostered
Monitoring IX	Rostered
Monitoring X	Rostered

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

**Notes:**

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:  
• R-IV RWC: Severe Weather

State EOCs:  
• HI/SC: Wildfires  
• NC/TN/TX/VA/WV: Winter Storms  
• NC: TC Helene  
• AL/KY/OK: Severe Weather  
• FL/TN: Previous Incidents

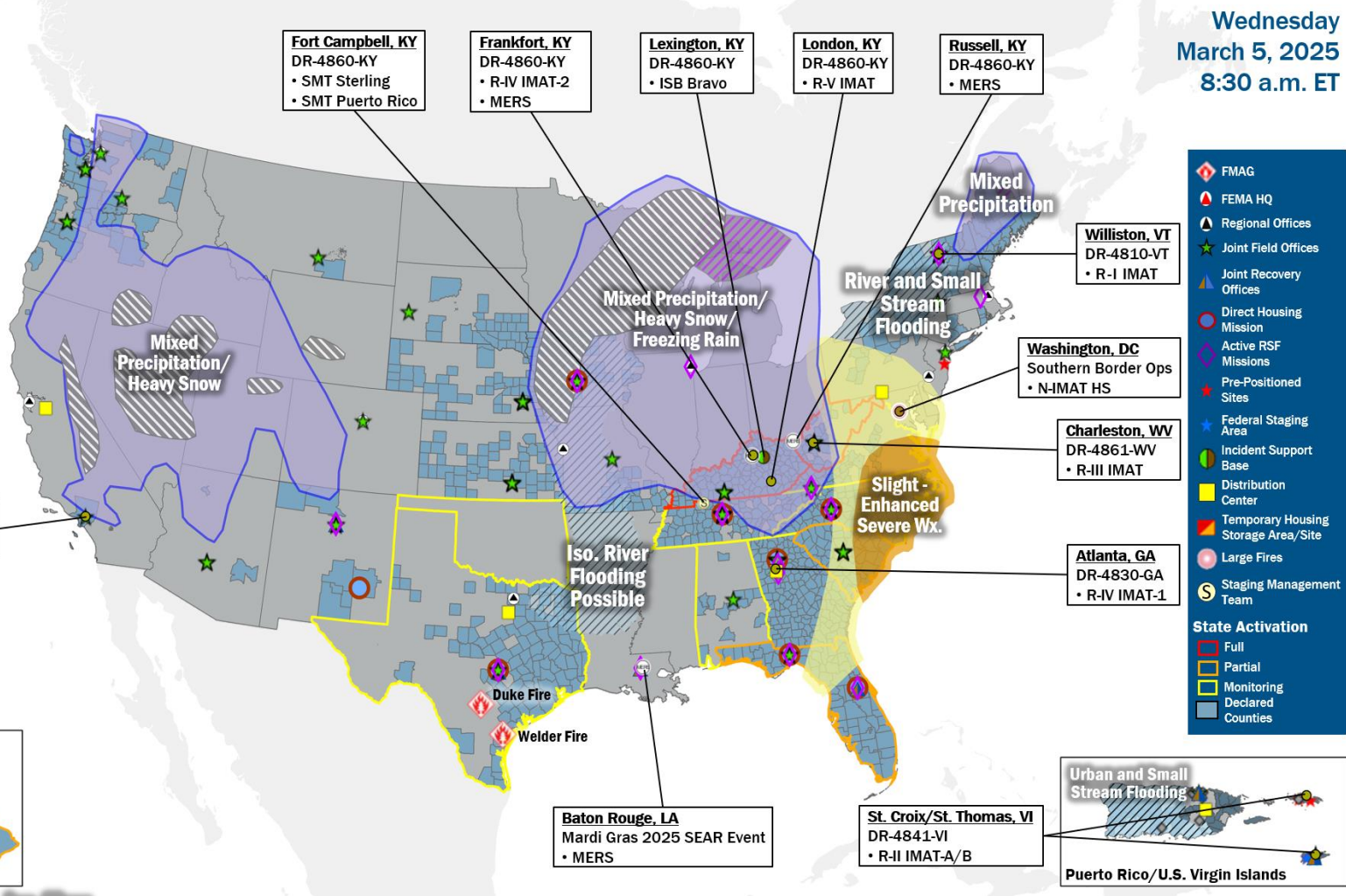
Volunteer Force	
Rostered 7,959	Deployed 1
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 8,935	Deployed 1 (-1)

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

14,227 (+25) Assigned  
4,902 (+26) Unavailable  
7,003 (-20) Deployed

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16% / 2,322 (+19) 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: 16% (23/147); Financial Management: 22% (50/227); Hazard Mitigation: 11% (129/1,224); Human Resources: 15% (27/184); Individual Assistance: 13% (342/2,652); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 23% (79/342); Information Technology: 19% (138/713); Logistics: 11% (183/1,703); Operations: 16% (60/372); Public Assistance: 13% (292/2,308); Planning: 10% (45/472); Safety: 15% (14/94); Security: 10% (13/136)

**MERS**  
≥ 66%

36 Assigned  
0 Unavailable  
3 (+1) Deployed

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33 (-1) Available

**US&R**  
≥ 66%

28 Assigned  
1 Unavailable  
0 Deployed

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27 Available

**FCO**  
≤ 1 Type I

52 (-3) Assigned  
5 (-4) Unavailable  
44 (+1) (27 FCOR) Deployed

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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

\*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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# Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-4860-DR-KY	3	Mar 4	Adds 10 counties for Public Assistance; 4 counties for debris removal (Category A)



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