

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Monday, March 9, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Potomac Interceptor Spill – District of Columbia

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Lower Mississippi Valley to Southeastern U.S.
- Critical Fire Weather – Southern Plains and Central Plains

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Potomac Interceptor Spill – District of Columbia

Situation:

On February 20, 2026, the President approved a Federal Emergency Declaration to provide federal assistance to Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia following the Potomac Interceptor (PI) sewer line collapse on January 19, which discharged 240 million gallons of untreated sewage into the Potomac River. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the designated lead federal agency for response to the PI sewer line collapse.

State and Local Response: (Potomac Interceptor SITREP #17 as of 3:00 p.m. ET, March 8)

DC HSEMA is Monitoring (Potomac Interceptor Sewer Line)

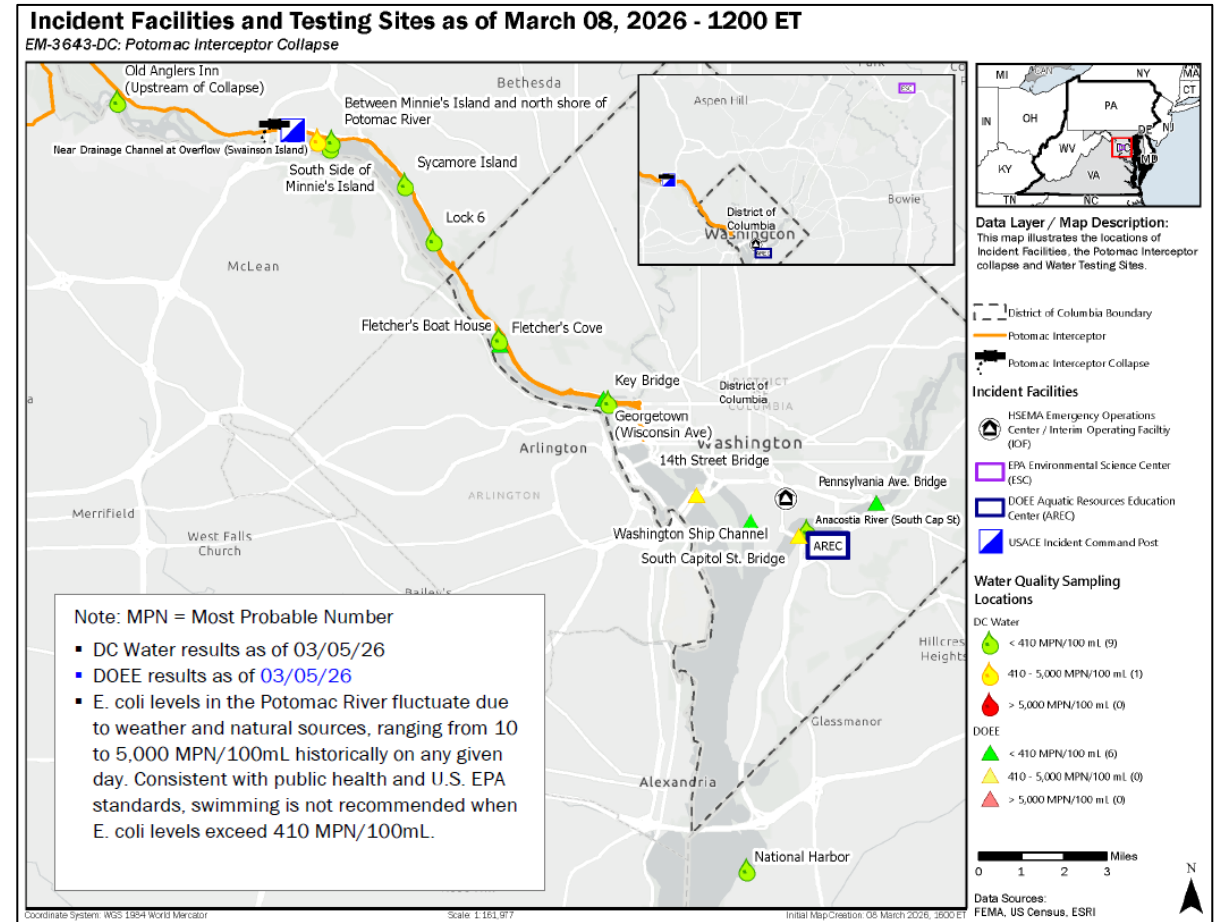
- DC Water will continue daily water sampling efforts at 10 sites along the Potomac
- DC-Water has completed coating the upstream damaged pipe section with geopolymer; geopolymer application has been completed on 300 feet of downstream pipe.
- Cleanup continues adjacent to the collapse site and drainage channel

FEMA / Federal Response:

- EPA sampling will begin on Mar 9.
- Health and Human Services continues to provide technical assistance with testing and monitoring
- NPS, USACE, EPA and DC Water are holding a pre-construction coordination meeting on Mar 9; afterwards, EPA will begin remediation in Area 1E and USACE will begin efforts in Areas 2/3.

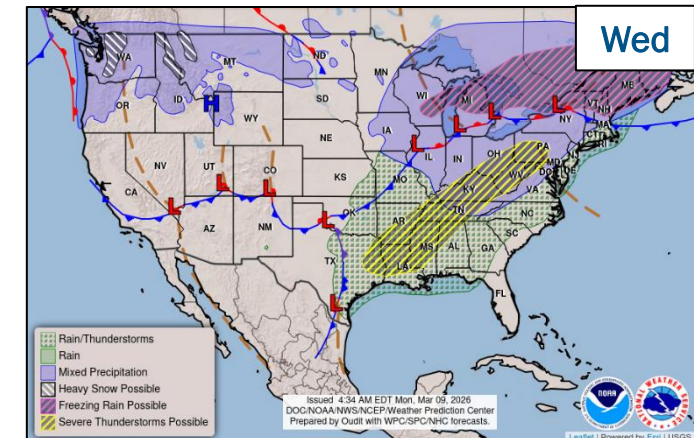
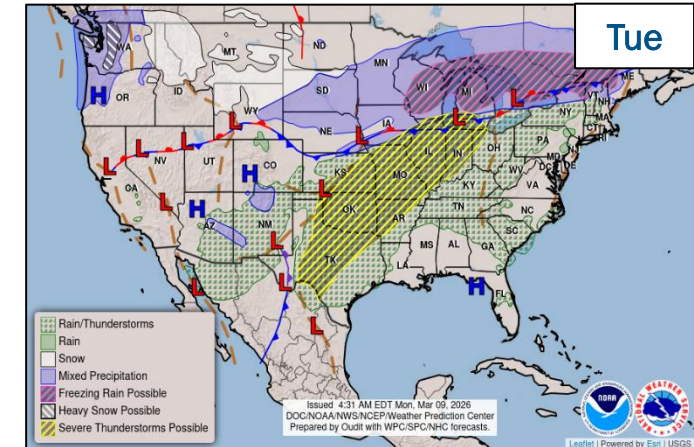
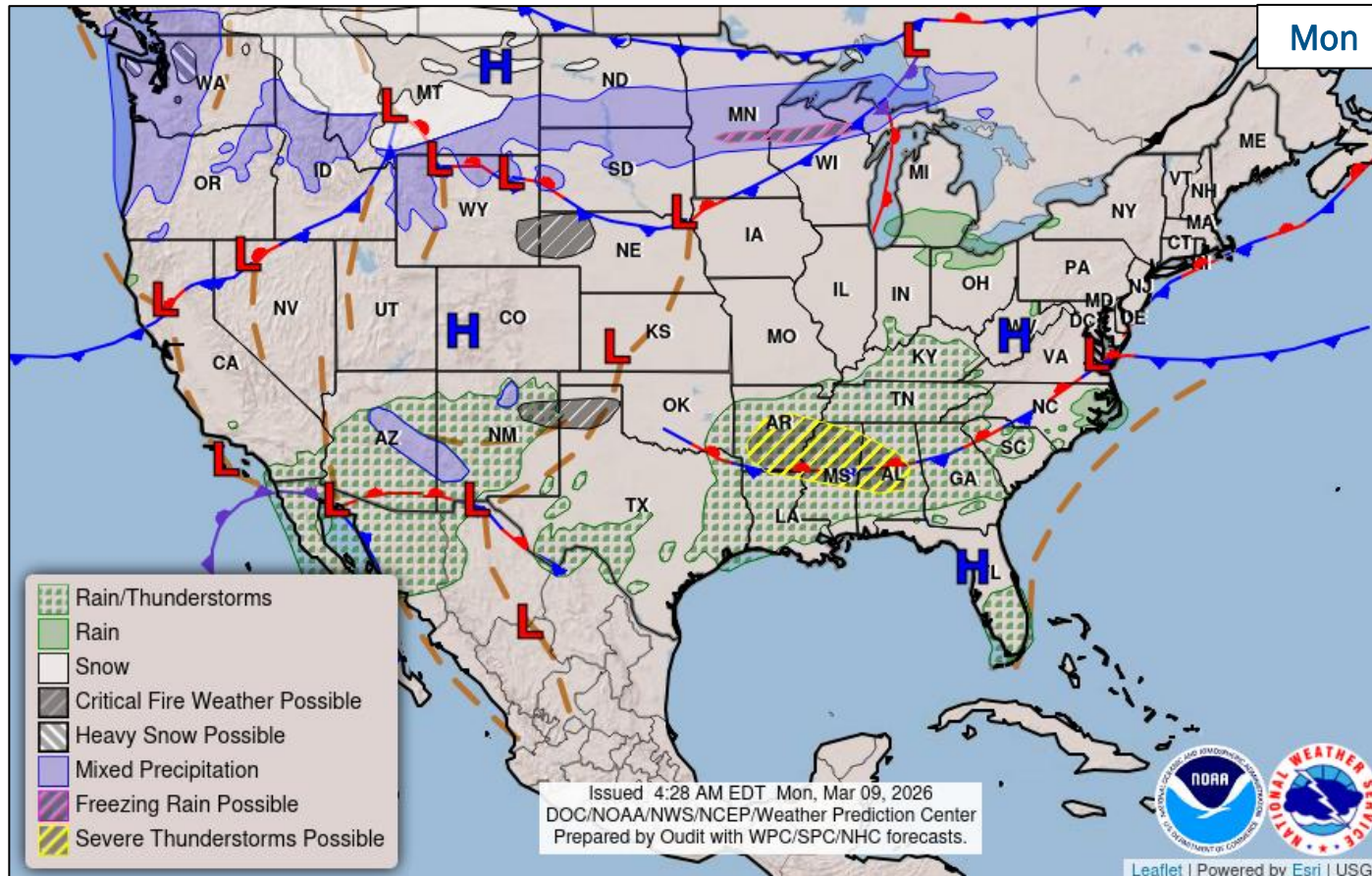
FEMA Region 3: RWC is Monitoring; R3 R-IMAT deployed to DC

HQ: NWC is Monitoring



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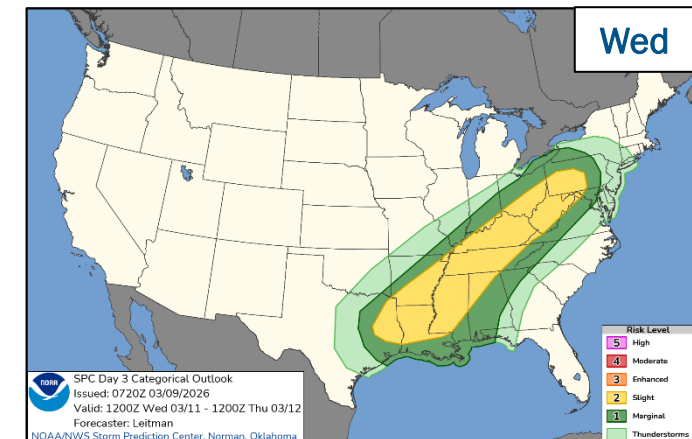
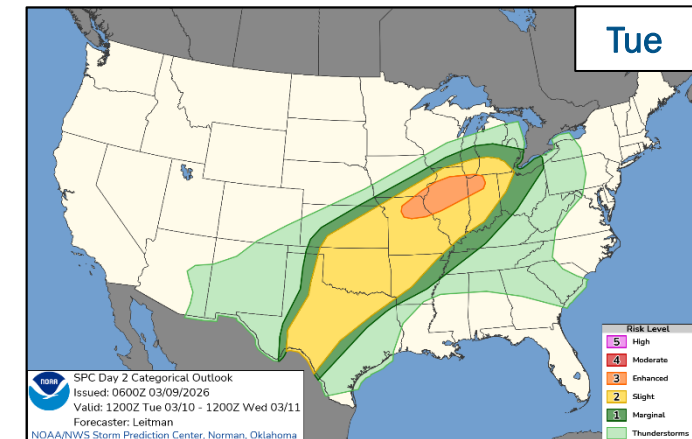
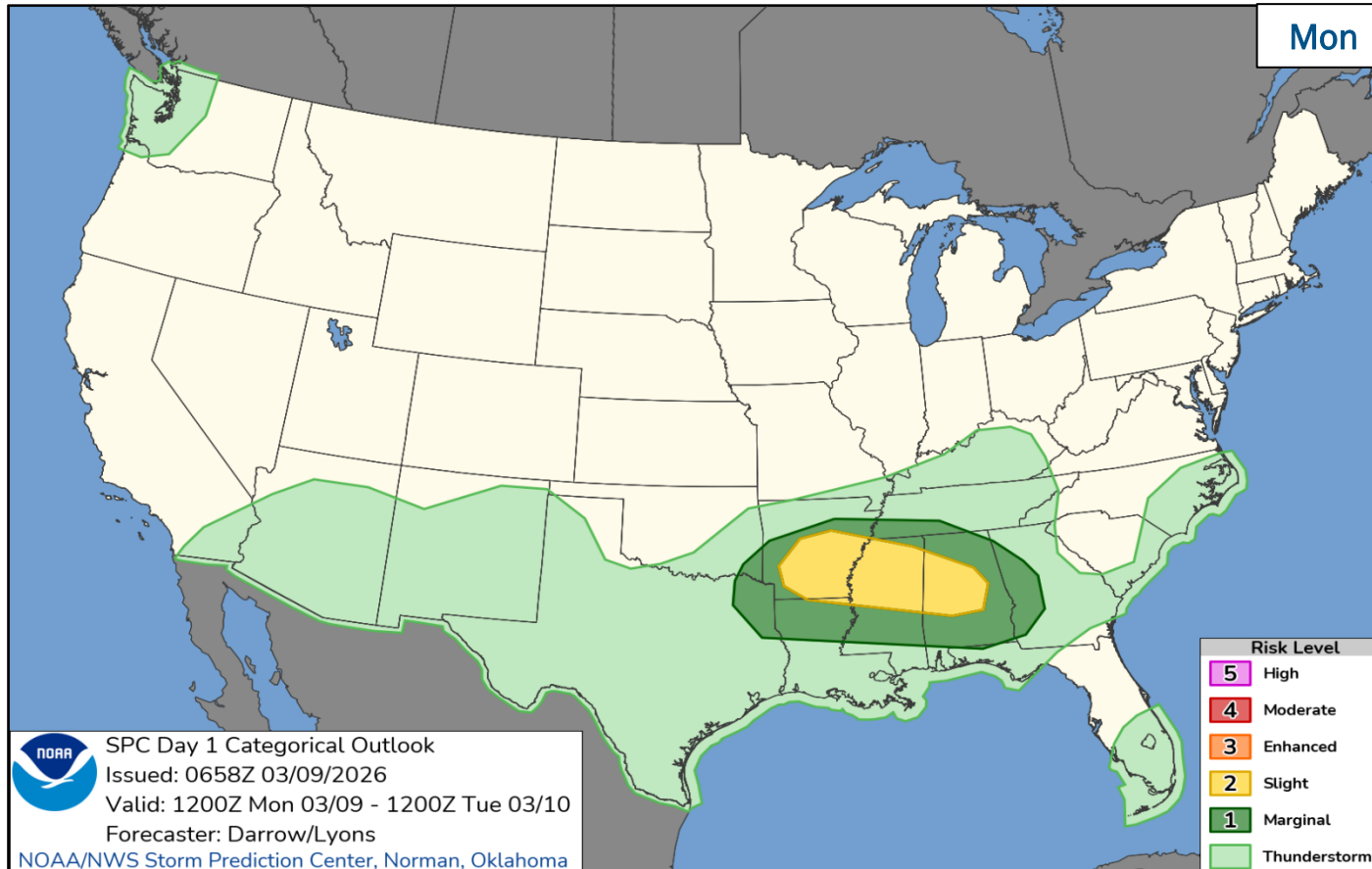
National Weather Forecast



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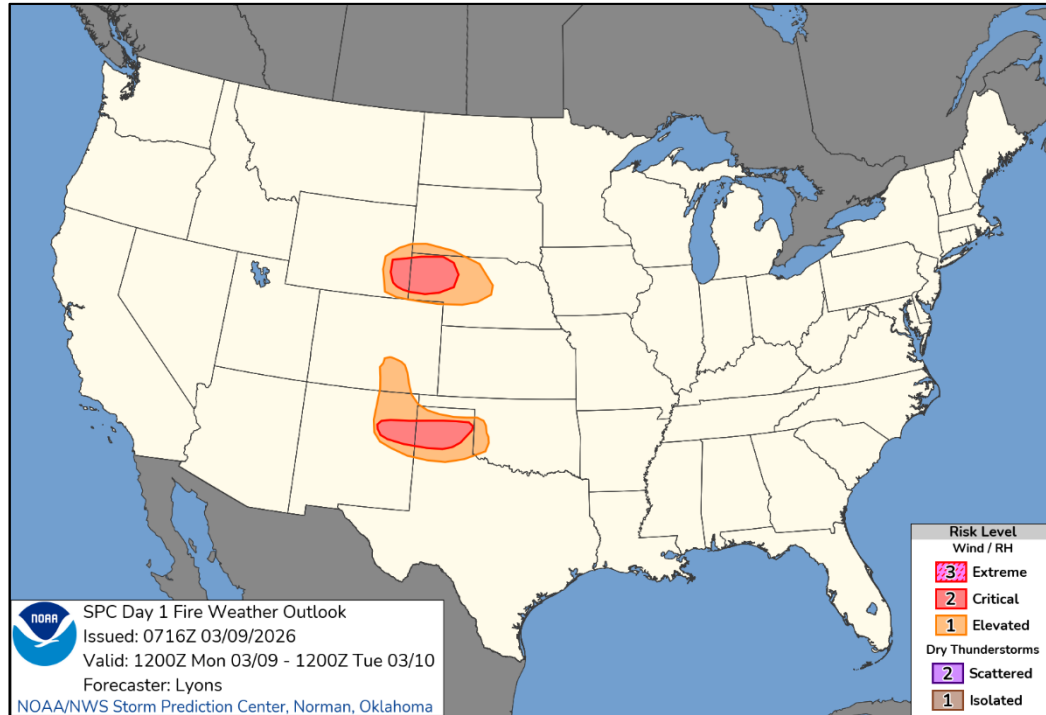
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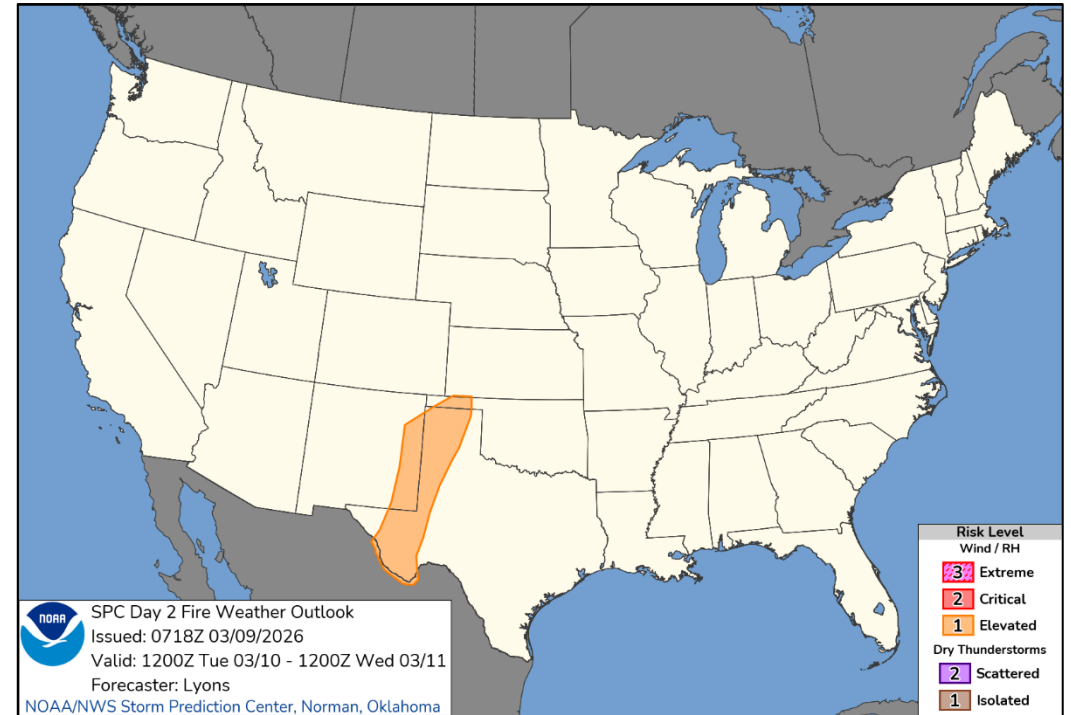
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

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Joint Field
Offices

Supporting

25
Major
Disasters

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Emergency
Declarations

8
Direct Housing
Missions

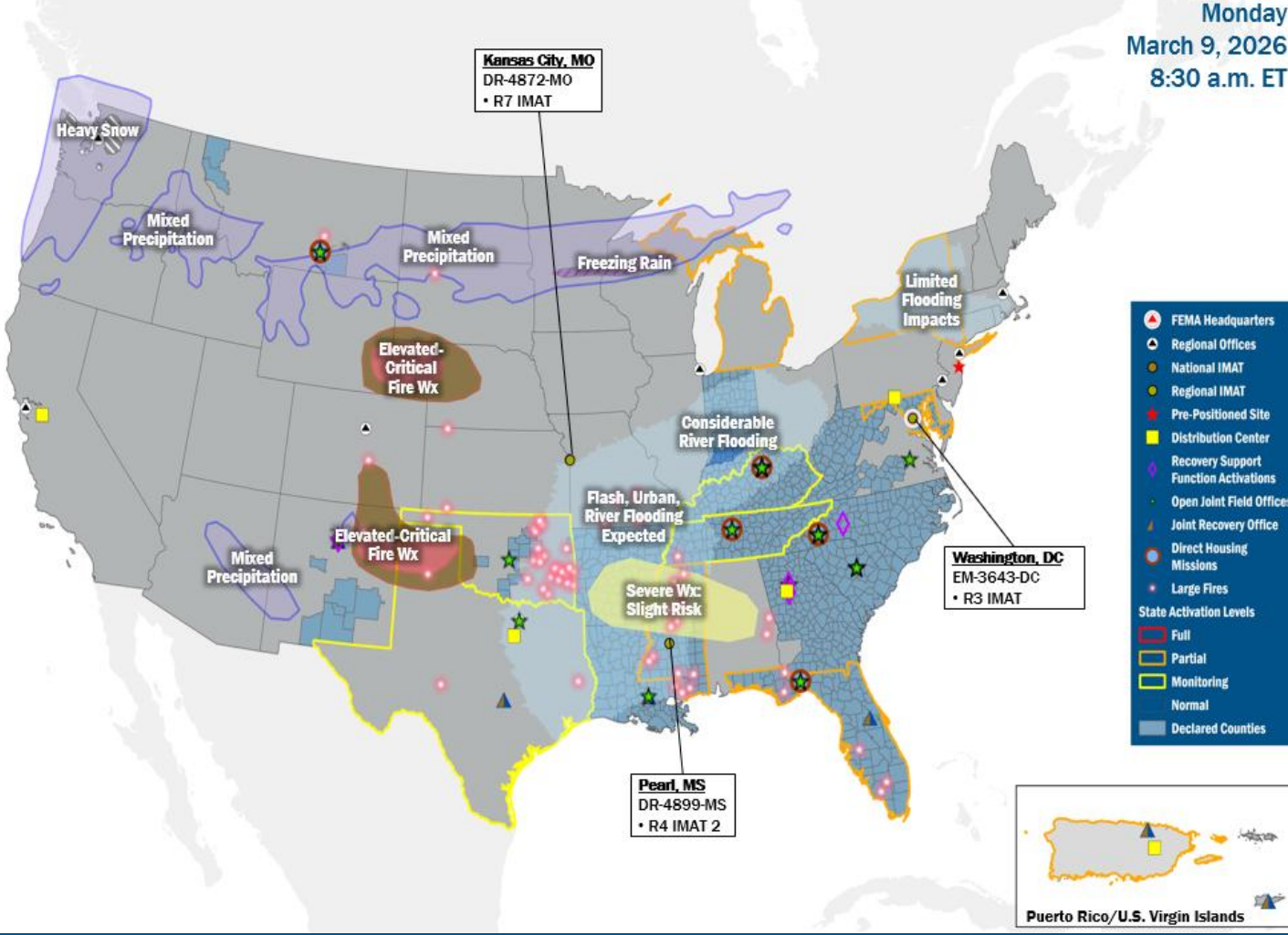
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RSF-Supported
Disasters

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Joint Recovery
Offices

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FEMA HQ				N-IMATs 2-5 Teams Available	
NWC		NRCC		Red	
Monitoring		Steady State		White	
FEMA REGIONS				Blue	
Watch		RRCC		Gold	
Monitoring	R1	Rostered		HS	
Monitoring	R2	Rostered		R-IMATs ≥ 7 Teams Available	
Alt. Location	R3	Rostered			
Monitoring	R4	Rostered			
Monitoring	R5	Rostered			
Monitoring	R6	Rostered			
Monitoring	R7	Rostered		R1	
Monitoring	R8	Rostered		R2	
Monitoring	R9	Rostered		R3	DC (Feb 24)
Monitoring	R10	Rostered		R4 (1)	
Notes:				R4 (2)	MS (Jan 26)
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:		State EOCs:		R5	
• R3 RWC: Alternate location effective Feb 22, 2026, for approximately 4 weeks		• DC: Potomac Interceptor Sewer Line		R6 (1)	
• R5 RWC: Staffing (Dayshift Only)		• HI: Wildfires		R6 (2)	
		• FL: Previous Incidents		R7	MO (Feb 15)
		• MS/TN: Winter Storm		R8	1
		• PR: Influenza Epidemic		R9 (1)	
		• KY: Inclement Weather		R9 (2)	3
		• OK/TX: Wildfires and Severe Weather		R10	2
		• MD/NY: Repatriation		Fully Mission Capable (FMC) Partially Mission Capable (PMC) Not Mission Capable (NMC) Deployed	
		• MI: Severe Weather			
IMATs:					
• NSTR					
Surge Capacity Force					
Rostered		Deployed			
7,980		0			

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	0	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	1	1	3	0
R4	6	17	11	1
R5	0	0	1	0
R6	3	5	3	3
R7	0	0	0	0
R8	1	1	1	0
R9	0	0	0	0
R10	1	1	0	0



IM Workforce

11,320 Assigned
4,156 (+1) Unavailable
2,637 (-3) Deployed

40% / 4,527 (+2) Available

IM Cadre Availability

Civil Rights: 24% (23/96); Disability Integration: 19% (3/16); External Affairs: 24% (65/271); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 18% (117/644); Field Leadership: 19% (22/117); Hazard Mitigation: 20% (155/768); Planning: 18% (62/345)

7 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned
6 Unavailable
0 Deployed

30 Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned
0 Unavailable
0 Deployed

28 Available

FCO

3 Type I

35 Assigned
2 Unavailable
26 (14 FCOR) Deployed

7 Available

Declaration Requests in Process – 20

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
AZ – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Oct 24
IL – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR	X			Nov 21
SCA* – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Nov 26
SCA* – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Dec 15
MT – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jan 10
NVK* – Severe Storms, Flooding, and Remnants of Typhoon Halong	DR		X	X	Jan 11
MT – Severe Winter Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Jan 15
CO – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jan 16
CO – Lee and Elk Fires, Flooding, and Mudslides – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jan 16
WA – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR	X			Jan 21
SD – Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Jan 27
AK – Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Jan 30
KY – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Feb 5
ID – Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Feb 6
FPA & ST* – Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 11

*San Carlos Apache Tribe / Native Village of Kipnuk / Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes



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Declaration Requests in Process – 20 (cont'd)

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
CTM* – Straight-line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 12
FBIC* – Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 13
OR – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	Feb 18
WA – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	Feb 17
SC – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Feb 25

**Crow Tribe of Montana / Fort Belknap Indian Community*



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