

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Sunday, March 15, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Severe Weather (Kona Low) – Hawaii

Hazard Monitoring

- Excessive Rainfall / Flash Flooding – Hawaii
- Severe Weather – Central / Eastern U.S.
- Heavy Snow – Upper Mississippi Valley and Upper Great Lakes
- Fire Weather – Central / Southern Plains

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Severe Weather (Kona Low) – Hawaii

Situation: A powerful Kona Low storm began the evening of March 10 and is expected to last through March 18. Heavy rainfall, especially in southern Maui, has caused road closures, debris flows, and high dam levels. Winds up to 76 mph have downed trees and caused power outages, with one isolated gust of 135 mph on Hawaii. The storm has moved past the western islands and will mainly impact Maui and Hawaii later today. Response activities continue at the State level with no request for Federal response assets; however, the Governor intends to request Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments. (FEMA Region 9 RA Update as of 1:21 a.m. ET)

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA Region 9 RA Update, as of 1:21 a.m. ET)

Safety & Security: Flood damage has been reported to multiple schools

Food, Hydration, Shelter: 24 (-5) shelters open / 199 (+122) occupants

Water Systems: Water is receding at most dams and reservoirs following emergency pumping efforts

Energy: 70k (-62k) / 14 (-12)% customers without power statewide (Eagle-I, as of 7:00 a.m. ET)

- Honolulu County: 34k (-71k) / 11 (-22)% customers affected
- Maui County: 9k (-10k) / 13 (-14)% customers affected
- Hawaii County: 26k (+18k) / 29 (+20)% customers affected

Transportation: Road closures reported across all islands due to flooding, debris flows, and downed trees

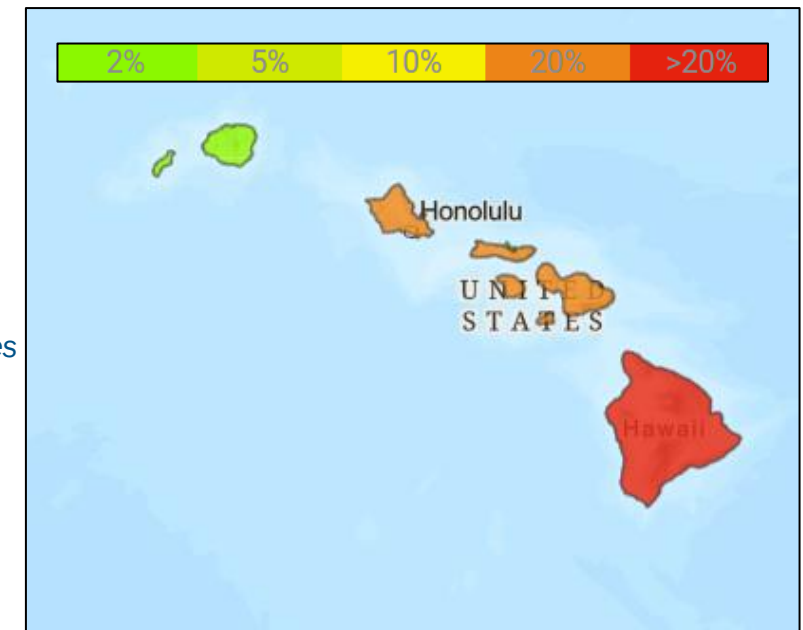
State / Local Response:

- State of Hawaii EOC is at Partial Activation (Wildfire and Severe Weather)
- The Governor of Hawaii has issued 2 Emergency Proclamations

FEMA / Federal Response:

Region 9: RWC is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered; R-IMATs 1 & 2 are [deploying to AL \(Training\)](#)

HQ: NWC is Monitoring

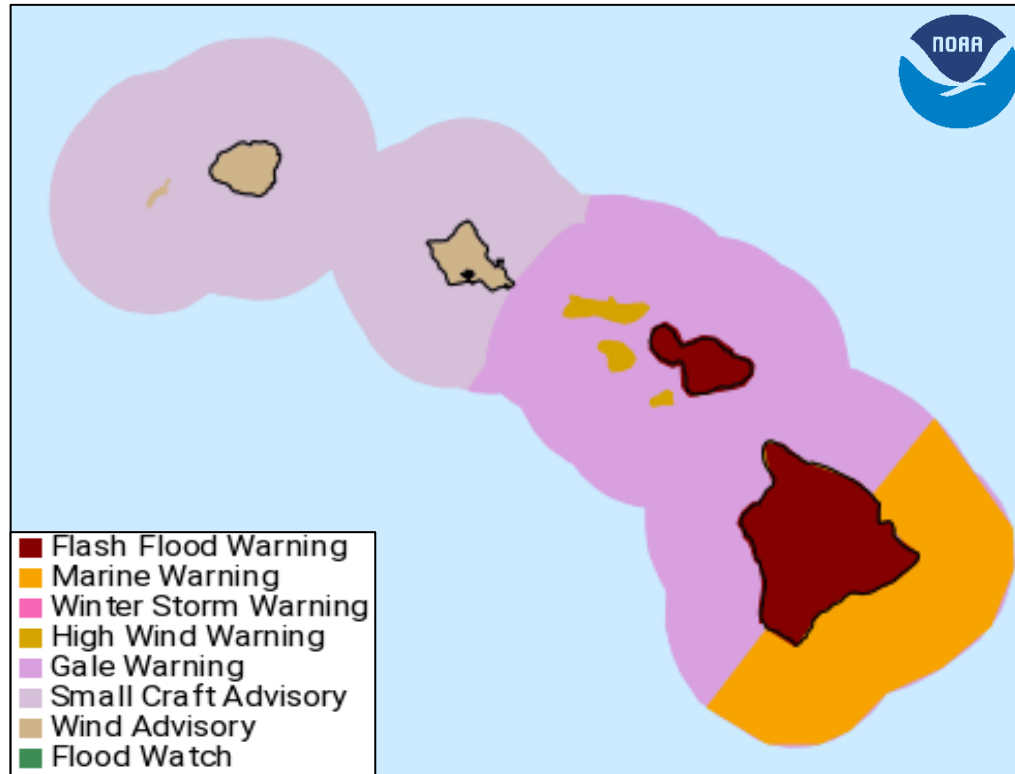


Hawaii Power Outage Map (Eagle-I, as of 7:00 a.m. ET)

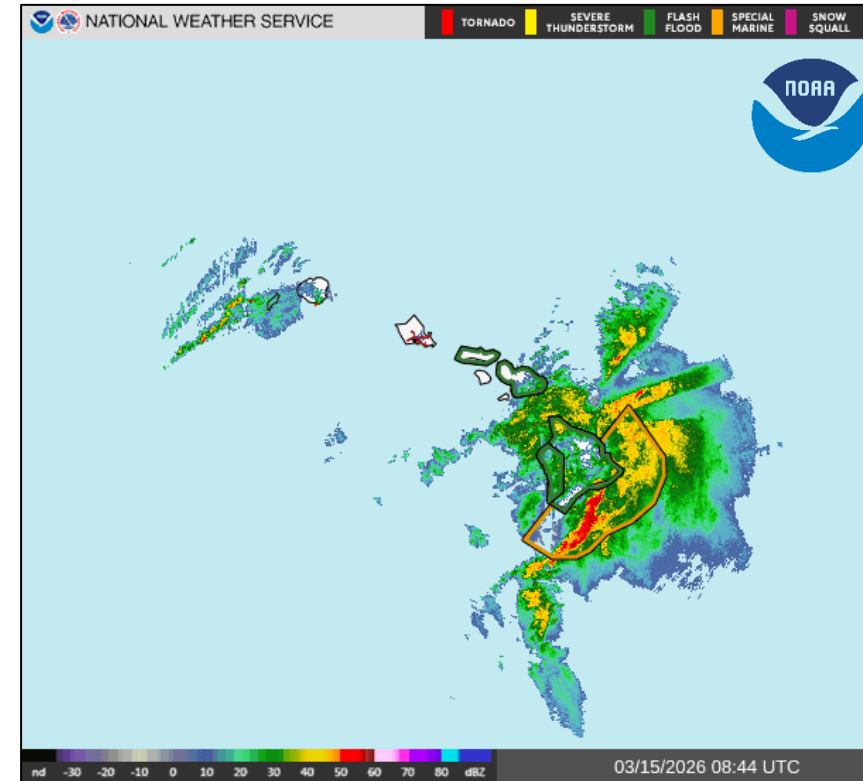
The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 9. The next update will be provided in the 5:00 p.m. ET National SITREP.



Hawaii Weather Outlook



Watches and Warnings

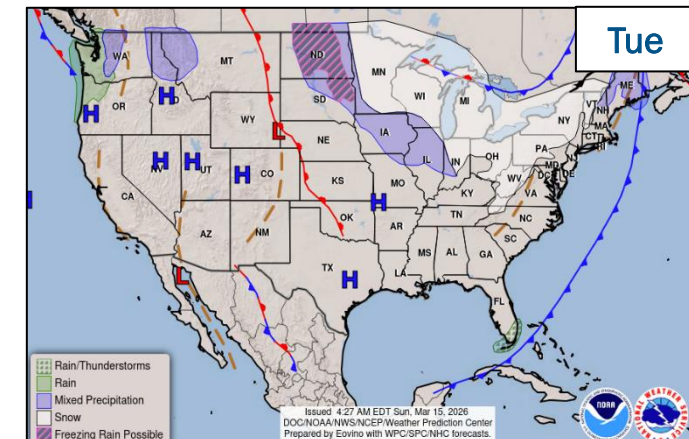
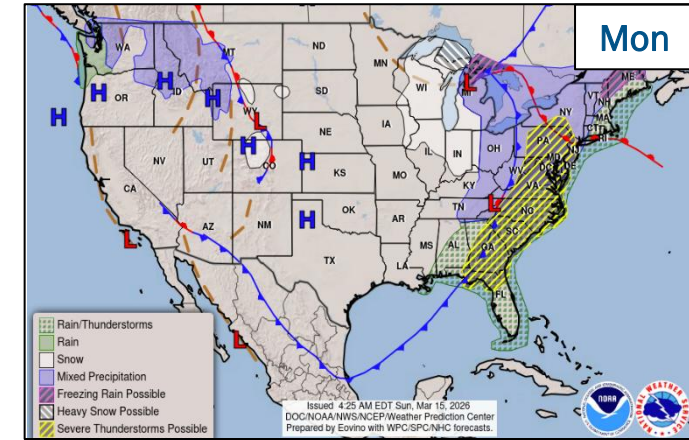
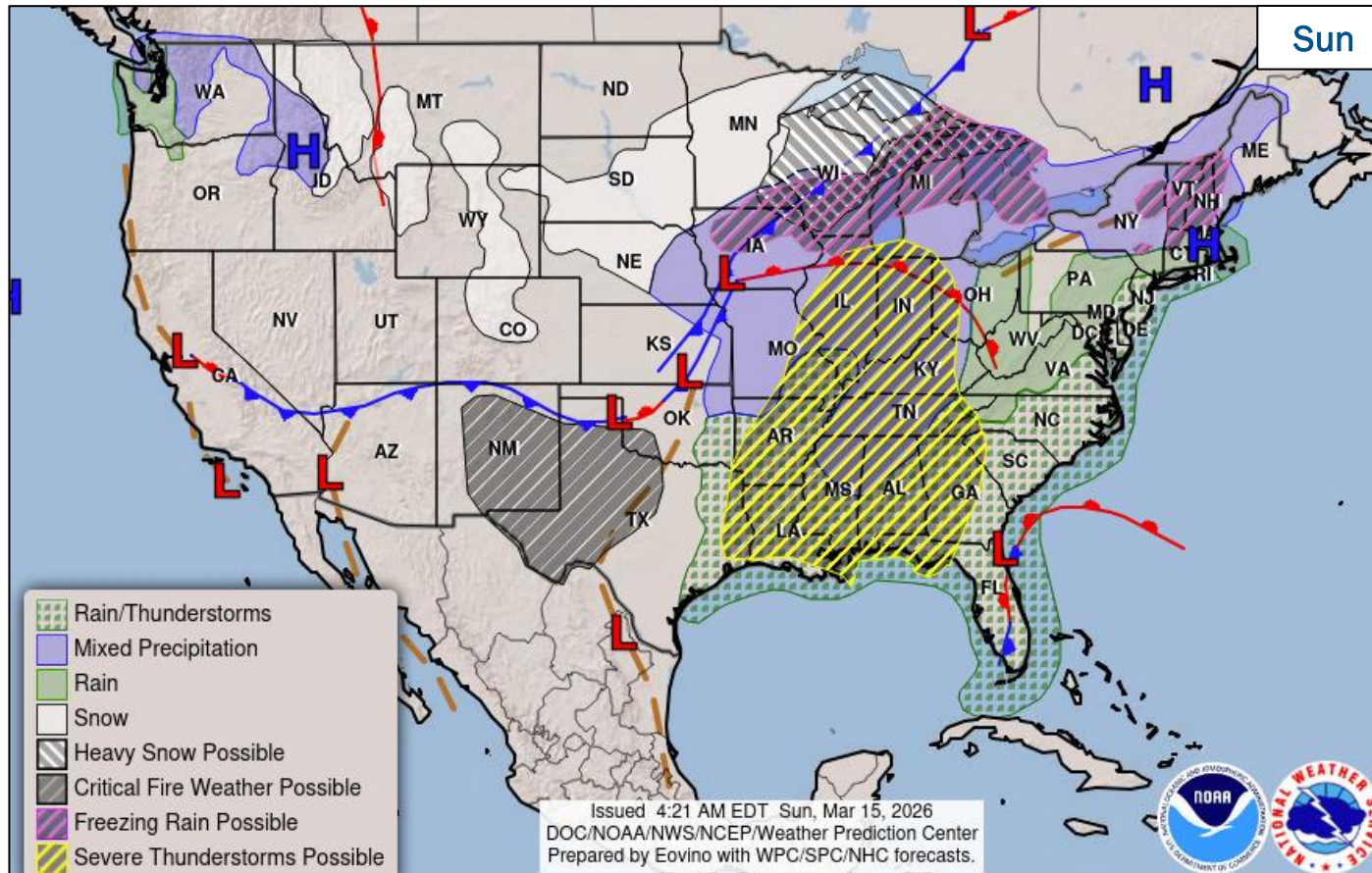


Weather Radar



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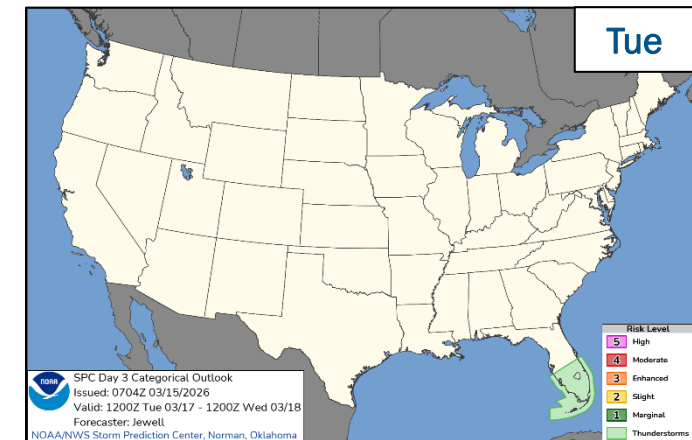
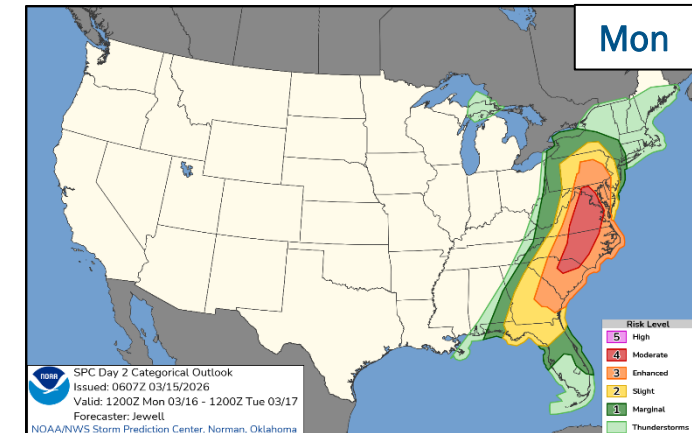
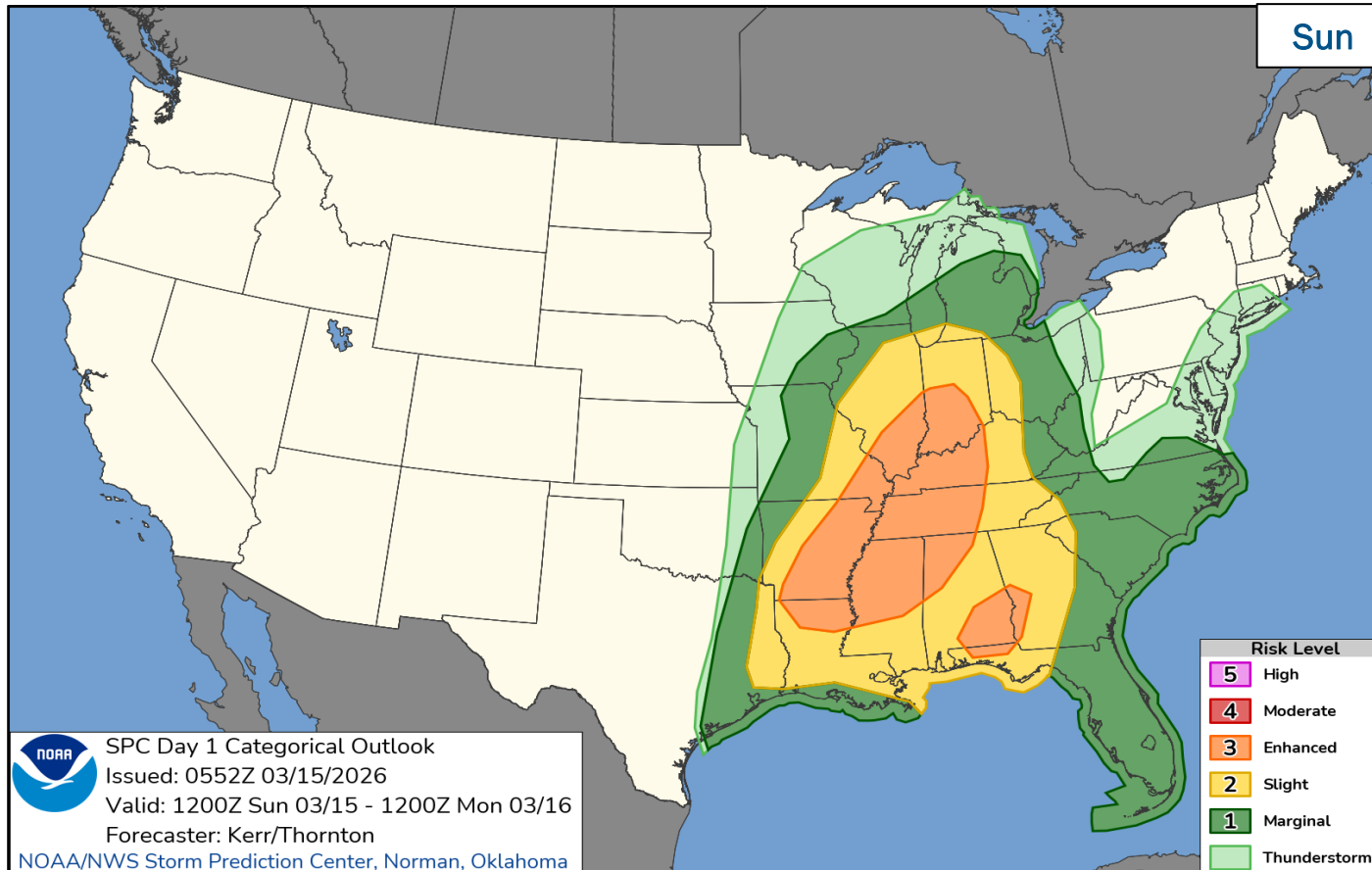
National Weather Forecast



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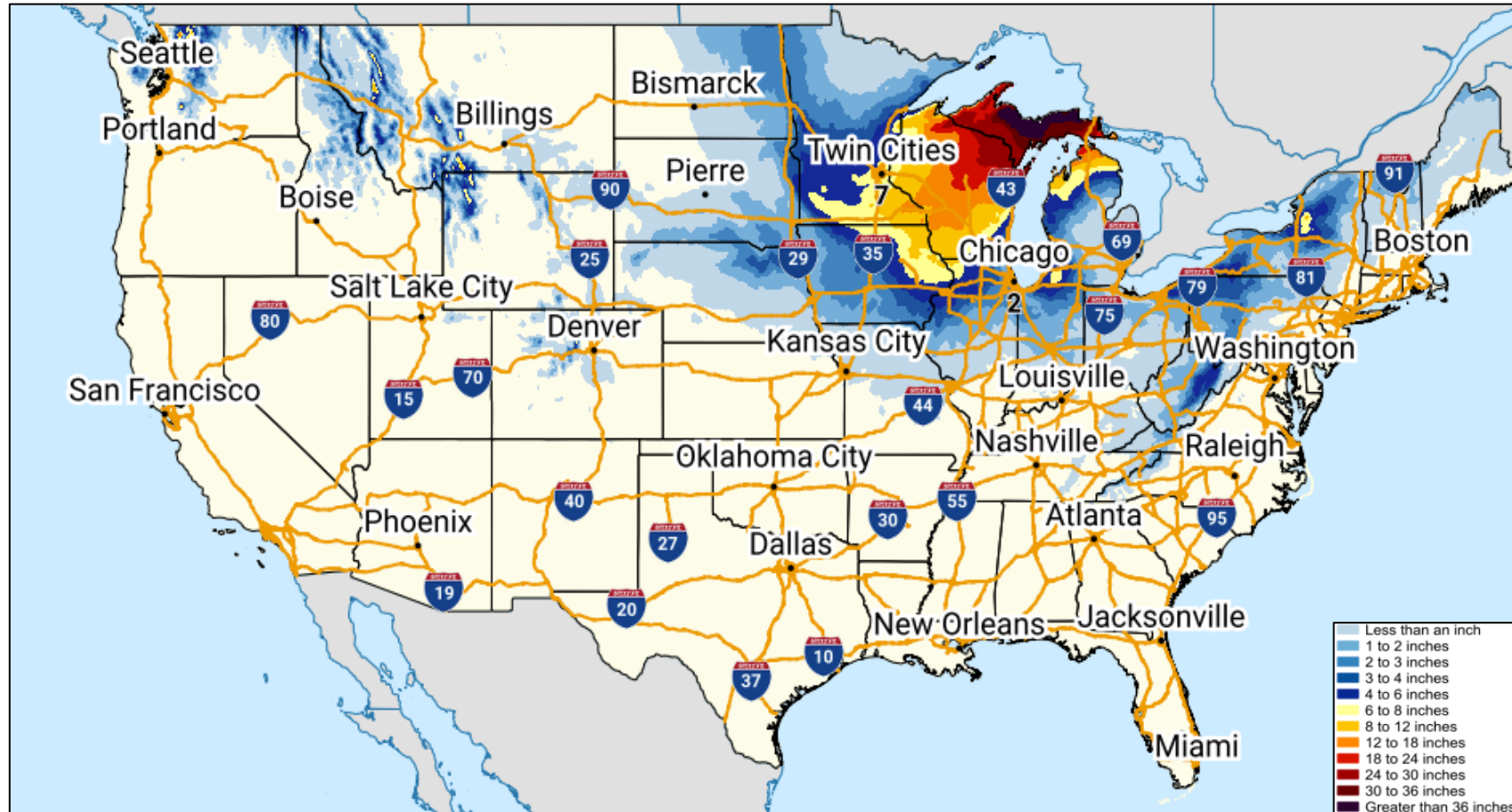
Severe Weather Outlook



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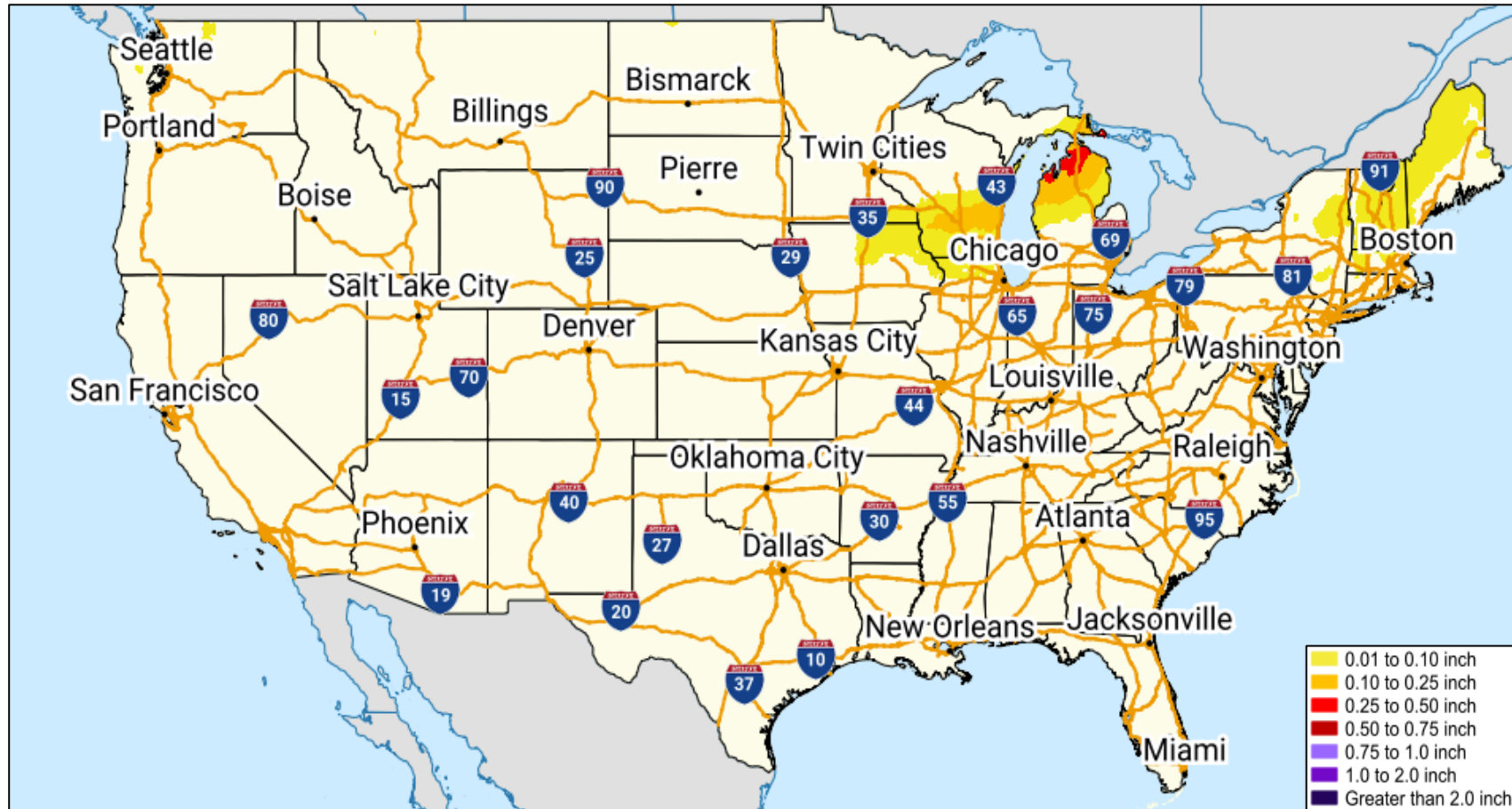
Snowfall Forecast



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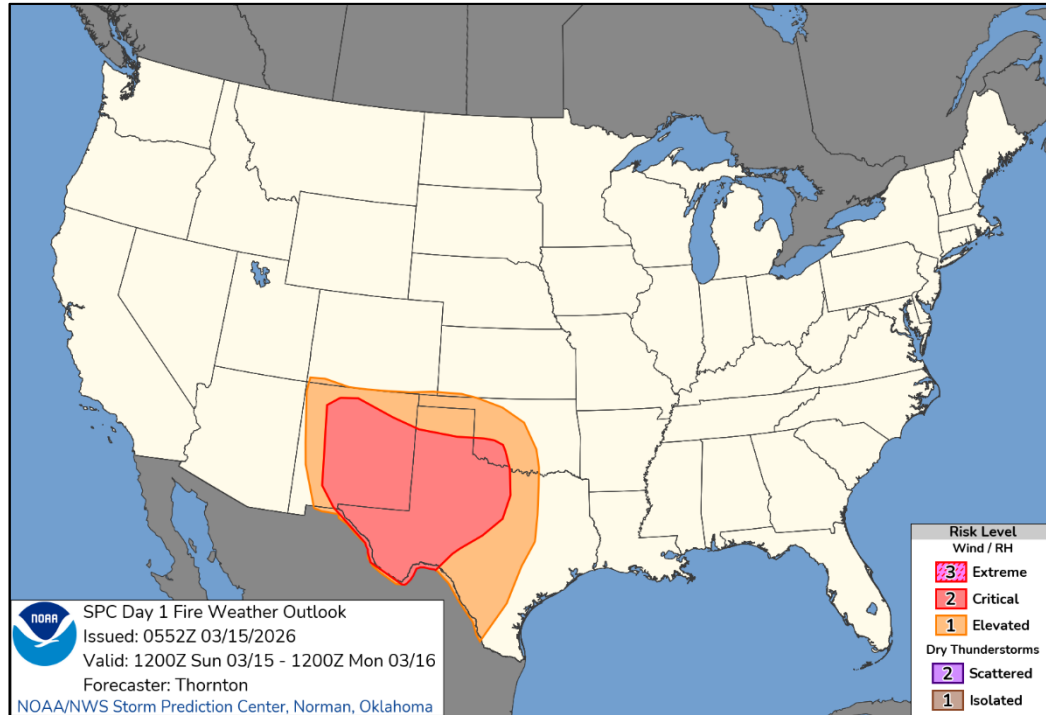
Ice Accumulation Forecast



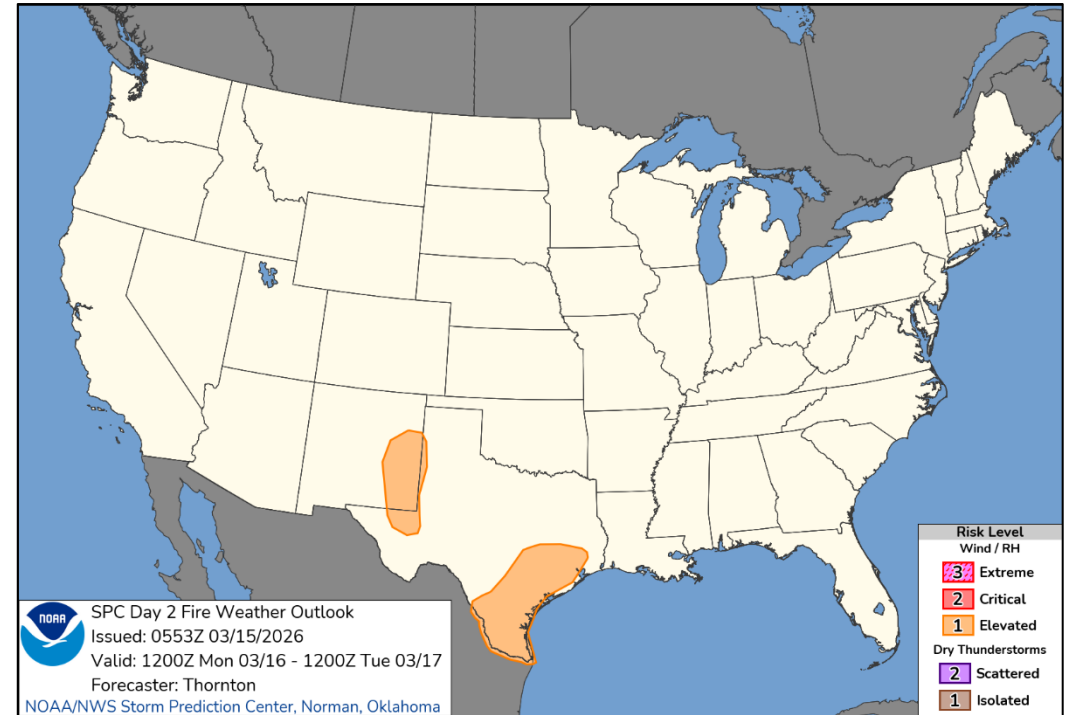
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Qury (Custer, SD)	XXXX-FM-SD	7,200 (+1,829)	2% (+2)	M: 400 (+300)	H: 100	H: 0	H: 6 (+6)	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 50 (+50)	O: 4 (+4)	O: 5 (+5)	
Morrill-Cottonwood (Morrill, Garden, Arthur, Keith, Lincoln, and Dawson, NE)	XXXX-FM-NE	553,299	0%	M: 100+	H: 5,214	H: 0	H: 0	1 / 1 (+1)*
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 12	

(*FEMA Region 7 DSAR as of 2:07 p.m. ET, Mar 14)

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



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

14

Joint Field
Offices

Supporting

24

Major
Disasters

+

10

Emergency
Declarations

8

Direct Housing
Missions

5

RSF-Supported
Disasters

6

Joint Recovery
Offices

FEDERAL HQ

NWC

Monitoring

NRCC

Steady State

FEDERAL REGIONS

Watch

Monitoring

RRCC

R1 Rostered

Monitoring

R2 Rostered

Alt. Location

R3 Rostered

Monitoring

R4 Rostered

Monitoring

R5 Rostered

Monitoring

R6 Rostered

Monitoring

R7 Rostered

Monitoring

R8 Rostered

Monitoring

R9 Rostered

Monitoring

R10 Rostered

Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

• R3 RWC: Alternate location effective Feb 22, 2026, for approximately 4 weeks

• R5 RWC: Staffing (Dayshift Only)

IMATs:

• *R9-1, R9-2 IMAT: Training

State EOCs:

• DC: Potomac Interceptor Sewer Line

• KS/NE: Wildfires

• FL: Previous Incidents

• MS/TN: Winter Storm

• PR: Influenza Epidemic

• HI/OK/TX/WY: Wildfires and Severe Weather

• MD/NY: Repatriation

• AL/KY/IL/IN/MT: Severe Weather

Surge Capacity Force

Rostered

7,972

Deployed

0

N-IMATs

2-5 Teams Available

Red

White

Blue

Gold

HS

R-IMATs

≥ 7 Teams Available

R1

R2

R3

DC (Feb 24)

R4 (1)

R4 (2)

MS (Jan 26)

R5

R6 (1)

R6 (2)

R7

MO (Feb 15)

R8

1

R9 (1)

AL * (Mar 15)

R9 (2)

3 / AL * (Mar 15)

R10

2

Fully Mission Capable (FMC)

Partially Mission Capable (PMC)

Not Mission Capable (NMC)

Deployed

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	0	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	2	1	1	0
R4	6	17	6	1
R5	0	0	0	0
R6	4	4	2	3
R7	0	0	0	0
R8	1	1	1	0
R9	0	0	0	0
R10	1	1	0	0

Alaska

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Guam

American Samoa

Hawaii

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IM Workforce

11,267 Assigned

4,157 (-8) Unavailable

2,539 (-14) Deployed

41% (+1) / 4,571 (+22) Available

IM Cadre Availability

6 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Disability Integration: 19% (3/16); External Affairs: 25% (68/270); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 19% (124/641); Field Leadership: 18% (21/117); Hazard Mitigation: 20% (155/765); Planning: 19% (66/345)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned

6 Unavailable

0 Deployed

30 Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned

0 Unavailable

0 Deployed

28 Available

FCO

2 Type I

35 Assigned

3 Unavailable

26 (14 FCOR) Deployed

6 Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Completed	
R1	MA	Severe Winter Storm Feb 22-23	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	14	0	3/11 – TBD
	MWT*	Severe Winter Storm Feb 22-23	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	TBD – TBD
	RI	Severe Winter Storm	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	5	0	3/12 – TBD
R3	DE	Severe Winter Storm Feb 22-23	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	3	0	3/16 – TBD
R5	MI	Severe Weather and Tornadoes Mar 6	IA	3	0	3/16 – TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A

*Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe



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Declaration Requests in Process – 21

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 – 21 (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
GA – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Mar 12

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



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