

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Sunday, March 16, 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 – Lower Mississippi and Ohio Valleys
- Wildfires – Central and Southern Plains

## Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Weather – Southeast to Lower Mid-Atlantic
- Fire Weather – the Plains
- Heavy Snow – Pacific Northwest to Northern Intermountain

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## Disaster Declaration Activity

- Five FMAG Approvals – OK
- FMAG Approval: Crabapple Fire – TX

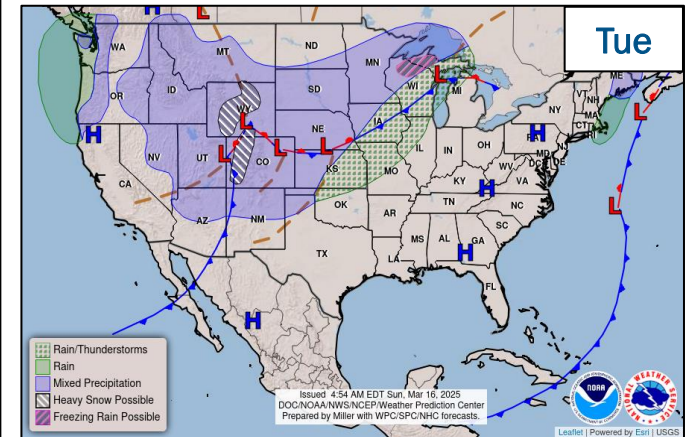
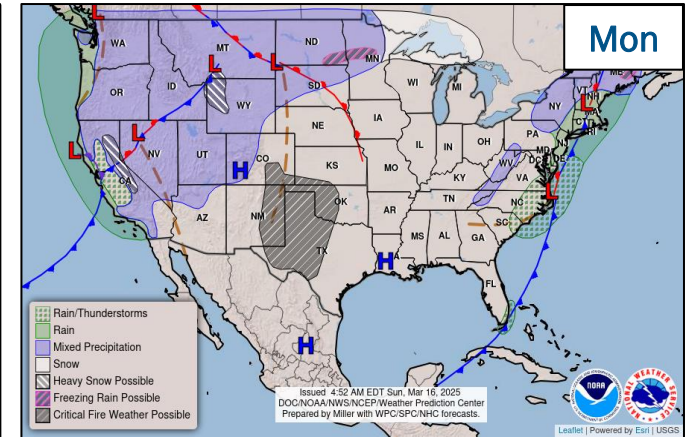
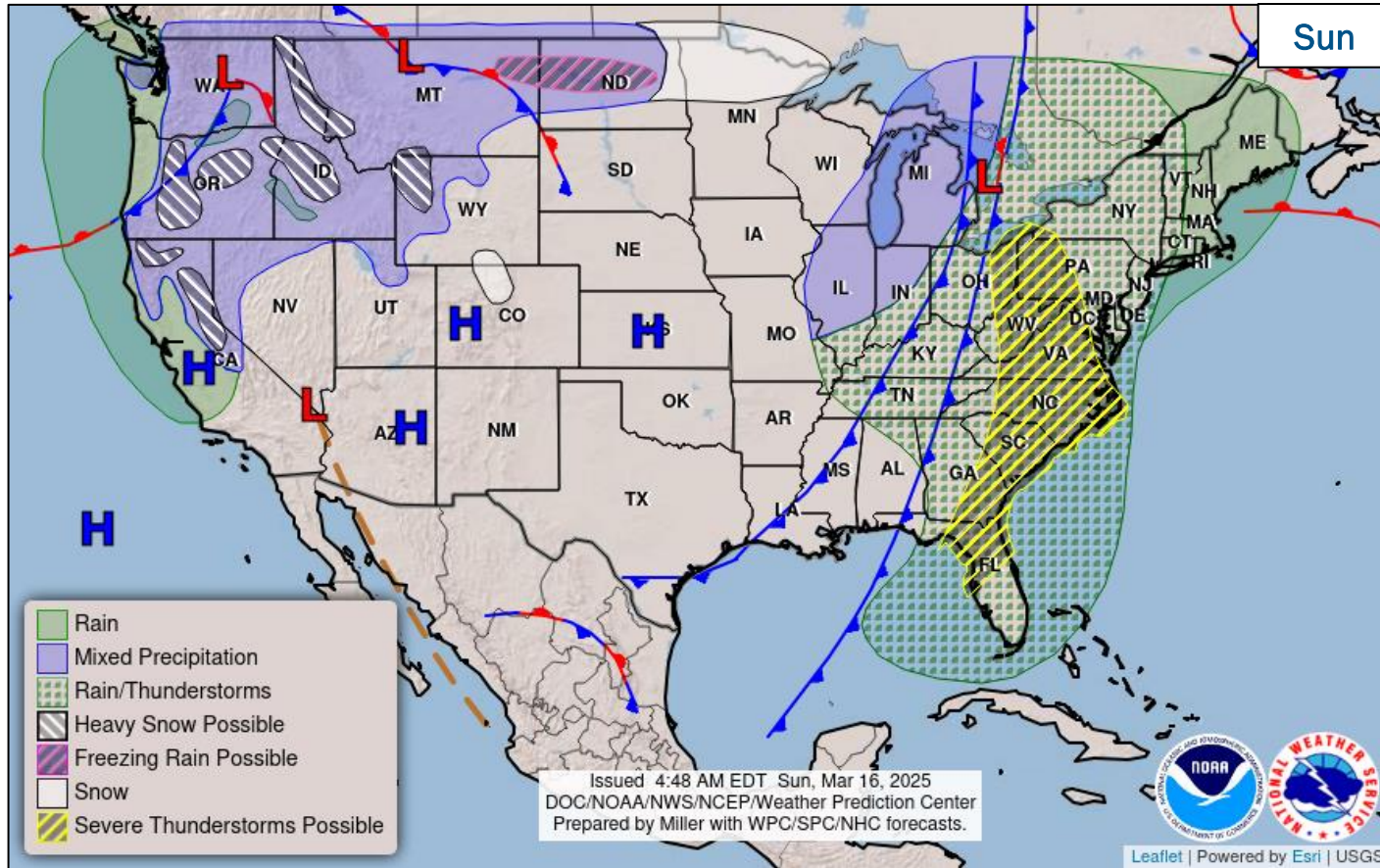
## Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



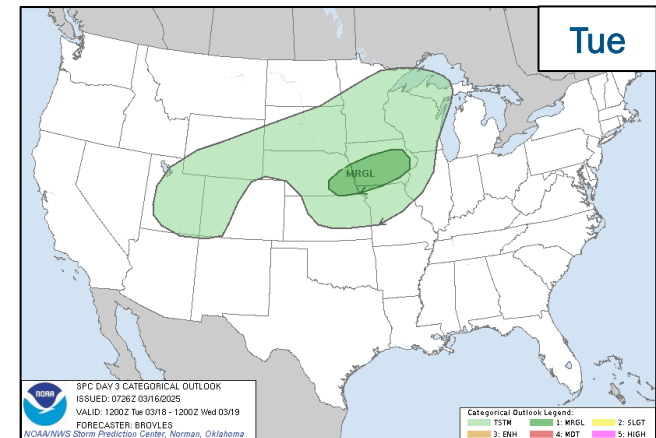
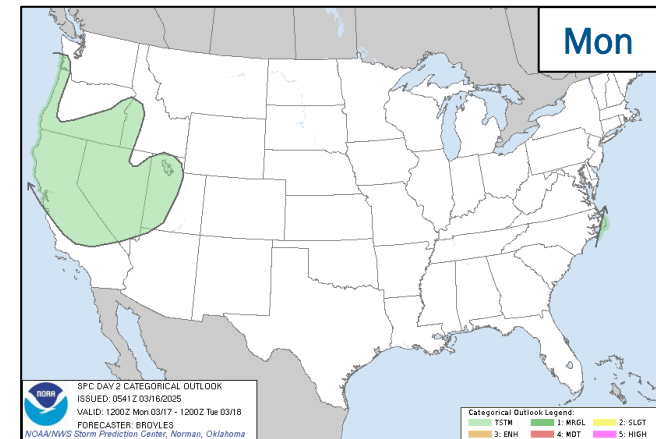
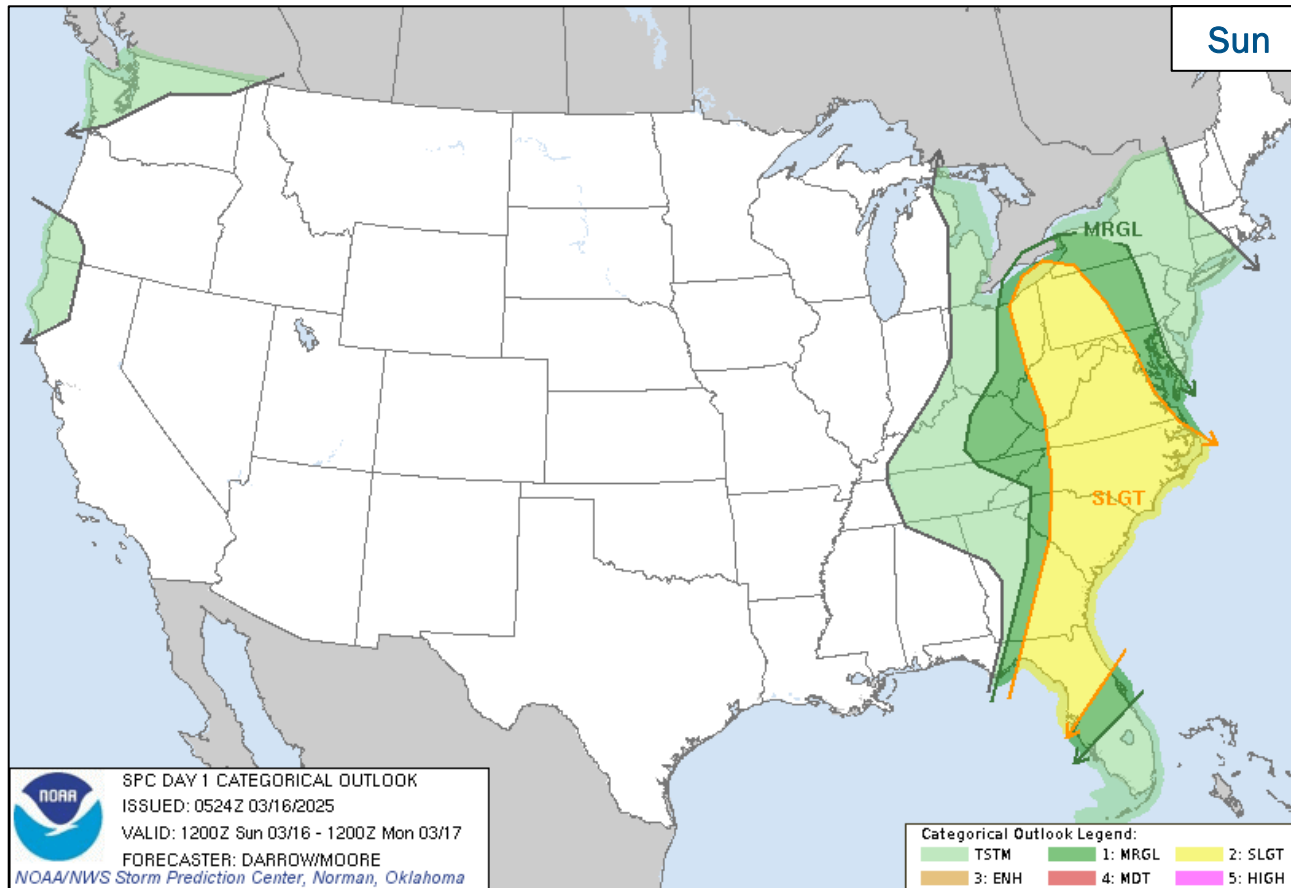
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# National Weather Forecast



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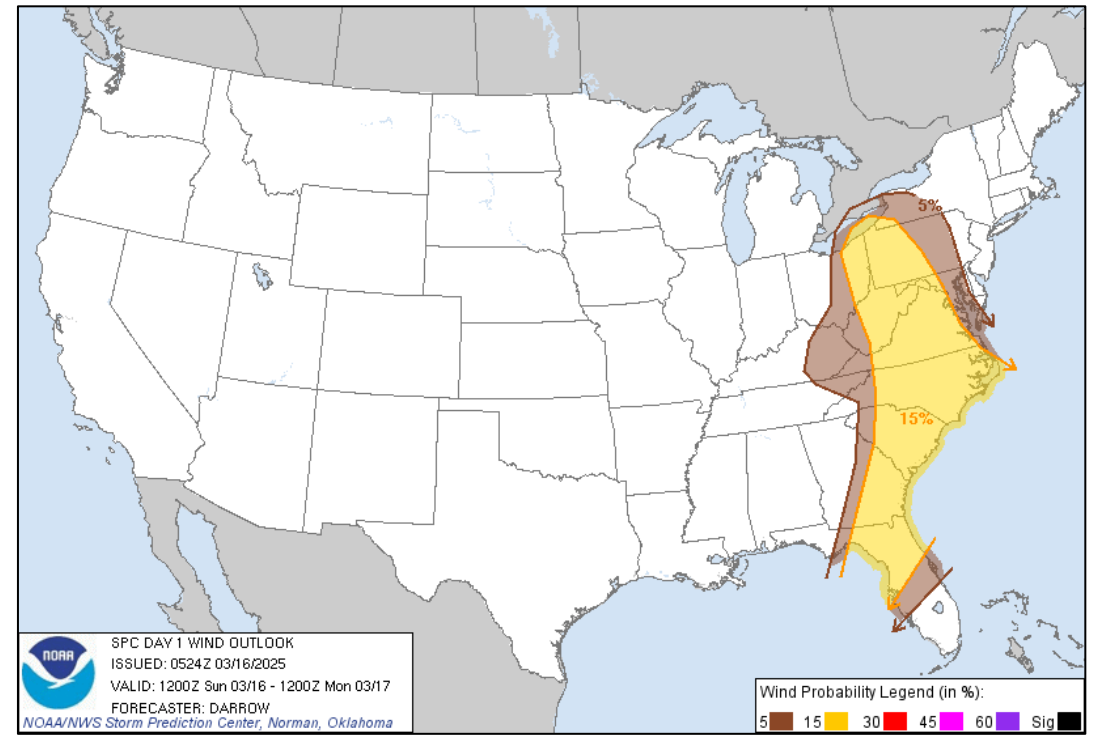
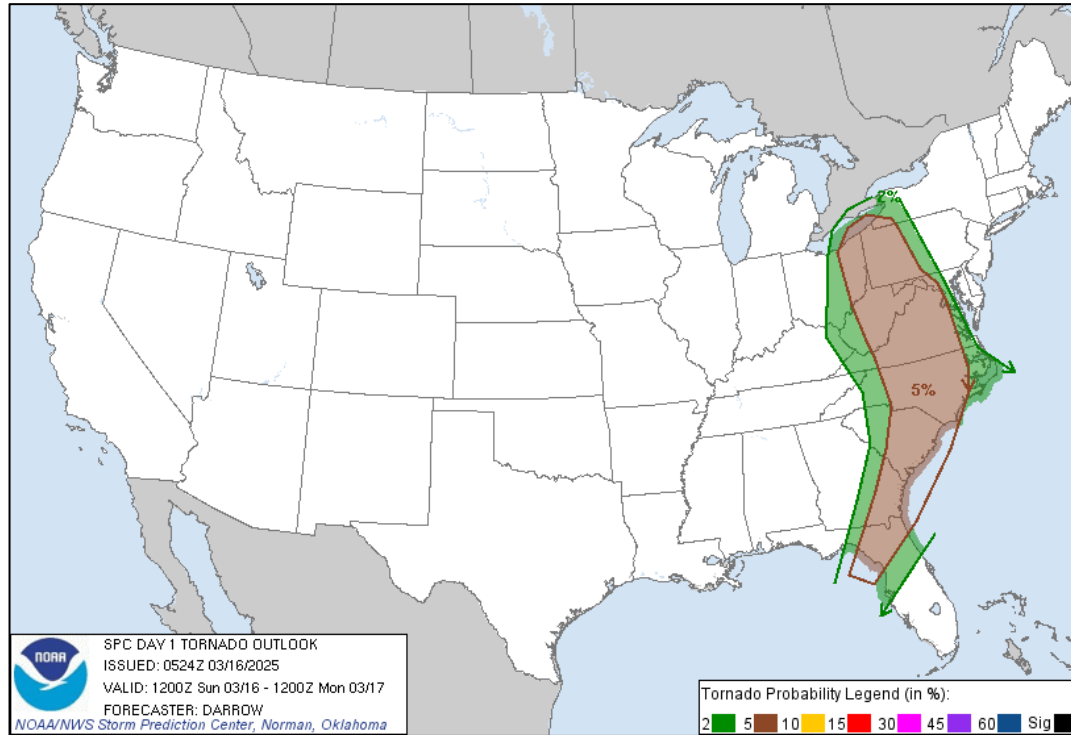
# Severe Weather Outlook



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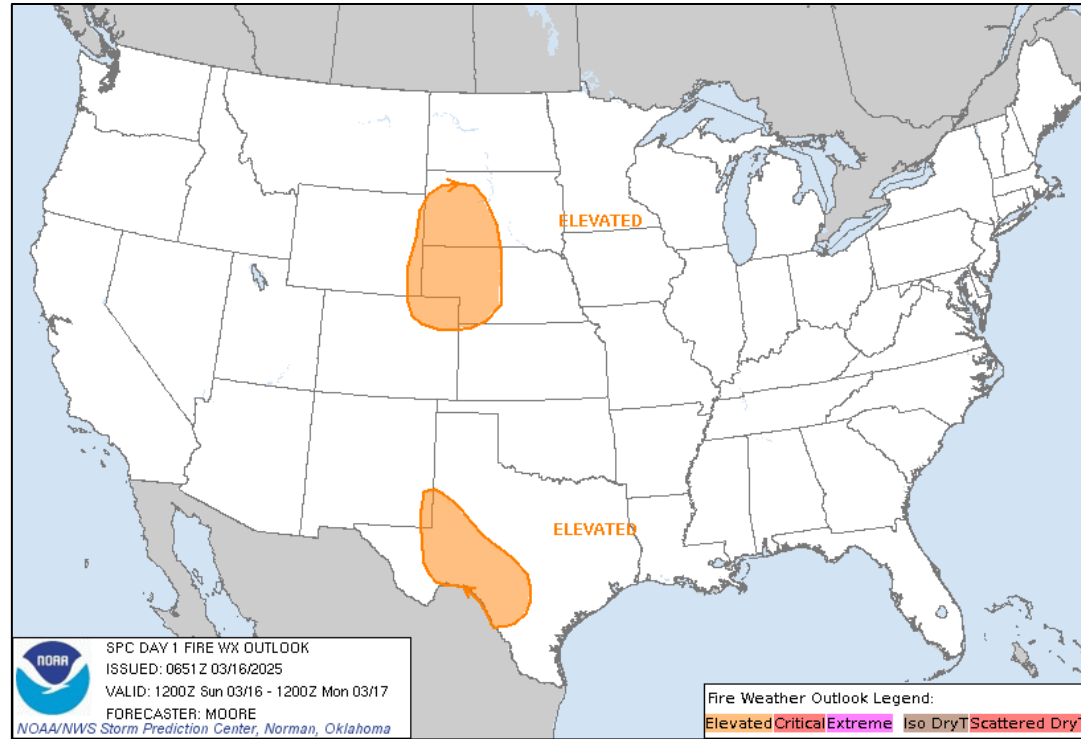
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# Day 1 Tornado and Wind Outlook

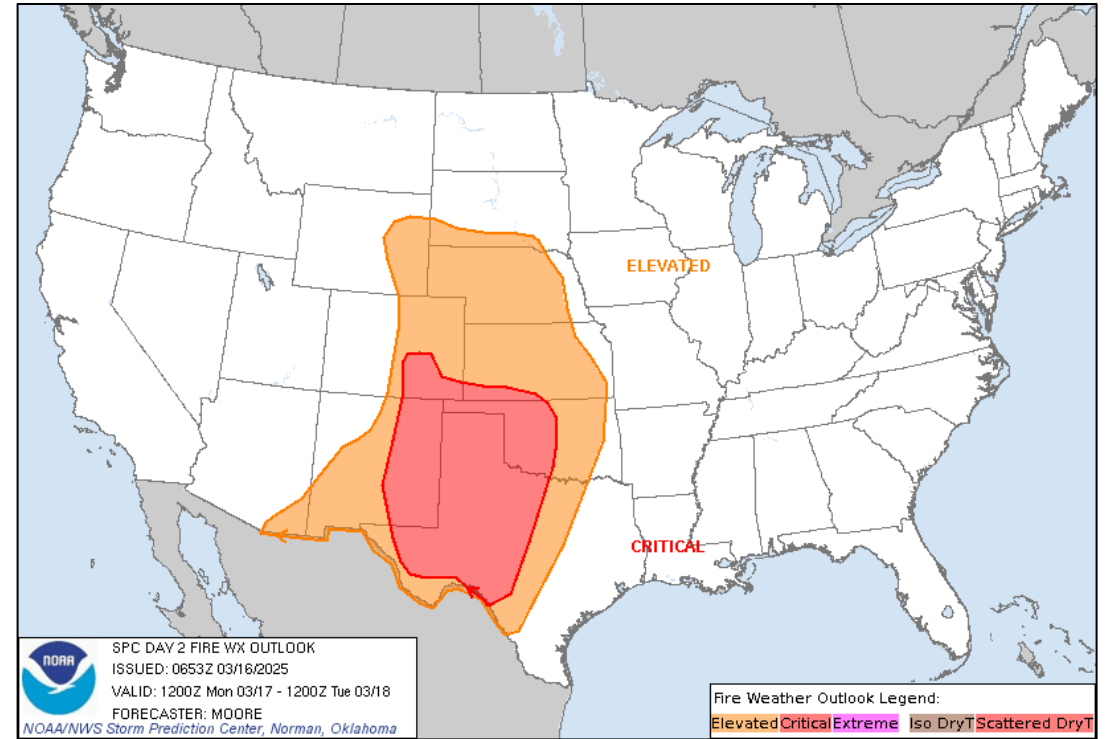


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# Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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# Severe Weather and Wildfires – Southern Plains to Southeast

**Situation:** Severe thunderstorms will bring sporadic reports of damaging winds and a few tornadoes through Sunday across a broad portion of the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast U.S. SPC shows a diminishing weather threat. However, a slight chance of severe weather remains today. Since the onset of severe weather throughout the Southern Plains on March 14, the Storm Prediction Center has received 52 (+29) tornado reports across Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Mississippi, and Alabama, as well as 445 (+190) wind reports with 12 (+1) high wind reports (over 75 mph), and 155 (+49) hail reports with 13 (+9) large hail reports (over 2 inches in diameter) nationwide. (*SPC Filtered Storm Report, as of 5:00 a.m. ET*).

## Lifeline Impacts:

**Safety & Security:** Reports of damage continue into Mississippi and Alabama due to severe weather, damage assessment ongoing.

- **Region IV:** (*Region IV SLB, as of 3:01 p.m. ET, Mar 15 and Region IV SPOTREP, as of 8:48 p.m. ET, Mar 15*)
  - AL: Franklin County (pop.32k), Pickens County (pop. 19k), Walker County (pop. 65k), and Tuscaloosa County (pop. 239k) reported overnight impacts of hail and downed trees
  - MS: 17 (+12) counties reported overnight impacts of downed trees and tornadic activity. Grenada County (pop. 21k) reported injuries. Assessments are ongoing.
- **Region VI:**
  - AR: Damage reported to an unknown number of homes in Black Rock (pop. 590), Smithville (pop. 87), Cave City (pop. 1.9K), Campbell (pop. 232), and IZARD County (pop. 13k) (*Region VI ESAR, as of 12:34 a.m. ET*)
  - LA: Tornado damage to 15-20 houses reported in Tangipahoa Parish (pop. 133k) (*Region VI ESAR, as of 12:34 a.m. ET*)
- **Region VII:**
  - MO: Damage reported to an unknown number of homes in Franklin County (pop. 107K), Jefferson County (pop. 235k), St. Louis County (pop. 993k), Butler County (pop. 41k), Perry County (pop. 19k), Stoddard County (pop. 28k), Scott County (pop.38k), Poplar Bluff (pop. 16k) (*Region VII SPOTREP, as of 11:04 a.m. ET, Mar 15*)

**Food, Hydration, Shelter:** Multiple shelters open across affected regions. (*ARC, as of 6:51 a.m. ET*)

- **Region IV:**
  - KY: 13 (+6) shelters open / 278 (+58) occupants
  - MS: 1 shelter open / 2 occupants
- **Region VI:**
  - OK: 4 (-3) shelters open / 103 occupants
  - TX: 2 (+1) shelter open / 9 (+7) occupants
- **Region VII:**
  - MO: 5 shelters open / 8 occupants
  - KS: 0 (-1) shelter open / 0 (-11) occupants

**Health & Medical:** Multiple weather-related fatalities reported.

- **Region IV:** (*Region IV SPOTREP, as of 8:48 p.m. ET*)
  - MS: 5 unconfirmed fatalities
- **Region VI:** (*FEMA Region VI RA, as of 10:06 p.m. ET*)
  - TX: 4 (+1) fatalities
  - AR: 3 fatalities/29 injuries
  - OK: 1 fatality
- **Region VII**
  - MO: 12 (+11) confirmed fatalities (*FEMA Region VII, as of 5:55 p.m. ET*)
  - KS: 8 Fatalities (*DHS NOC, as of 6:45 p.m. ET*)

**Energy:** Minimal power outages in affected regions. (*Eagle-I, as of 8:00 a.m. ET*)

- **Region IV:** 190k (+173k) customers without power region-wide (<1%)
- **Region VI:** 12k (-27k) customers without power region-wide (<1%)
- **Region VII:** 62k (-92k) customers without power region-wide (<1%) (-1%)



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# Severe Weather and Wildfires – Southern Plains to Southeast

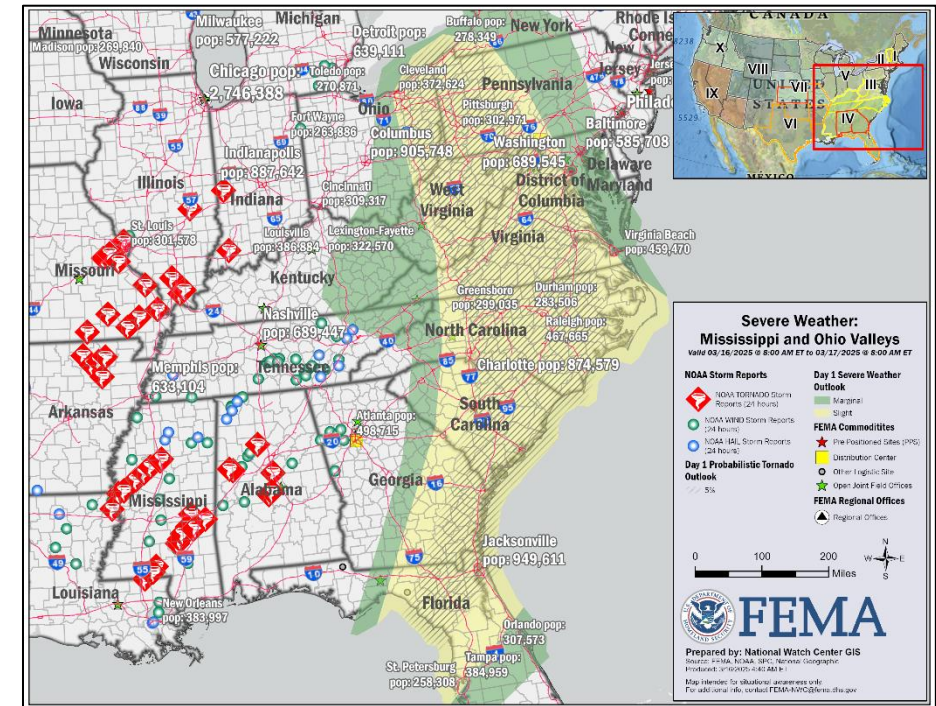
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## State/Local Response:

- **FEMA Region IV:**
  - AL & GA are **Full Activation** (Severe Weather)
  - AL Gov declared state of emergency 3/14
  - MS, KY, TN SEOCs are **Monitoring** (Severe Weather)
- **FEMA Region V:**
  - All SEOCs at Normal Operations
- **FEMA Region VI:**
  - TX SEOC is at Partial Activation (Wildfires)
  - OK SEOC is at Partial Activation (Severe Weather)
    - Gov declared state of emergency 3/15
  - AR SEOC is at **Partial** Activation (Severe Weather)
    - Gov declared state of emergency 3/15
- **FEMA Region VII:**
  - MO SEOC is at Partial Activation (Severe Weather)
  - KS SEOC at Full Activation (Severe Weather)

## FEMA Response:

- **FEMA Region IV:**
  - RWC Enhanced Watch (Severe Weather); RRCC is activated to Level III (day shift)
  - IMAT-1 **deployed** to AL 3/15
- **FEMA Region V:**
  - RWC is **Monitoring** (Severe Weather); RRCC Rostered
  - FIT LNOs available for IN and IL
- **FEMA Region VI:**
  - RWC is **Monitoring** (Severe Weather); RRCC Rostered
  - State LNOs Activated in all states
  - Regional IMAT teams available
- **FEMA Region VII:**
  - RWC Enhanced Watch (Severe Weather); RRCC Rostered
  - State LNOs available for deployment
  - Regional IMAT available
- **HQ:**
  - NWC is Monitoring; NRCC Gold Team is Rostered



The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with the FEMA Regions IV, V, VI, and VII; 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)



# Wildfires – Central & Southern Plains

**Situation** High winds and dry thunderstorms on March 14 and 15 created extremely critical fire weather conditions across the Central and Southern Plains, resulting in widespread wildfires. This led to the approval of **16 (+1)** Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAGs), covering a combined **174,310 (+46k)** acres. The wildfires prompted **16,472 (+1k)** evacuations, destroyed or damaged **300 (+217)** structures, and threatened an additional **22,667 (+2k)** structures. Mandatory evacuations remain in effect throughout the affected areas due to ongoing fire risks. (Region VI ESAR, FMAGs, and RA, as of 12:34 a.m. ET)

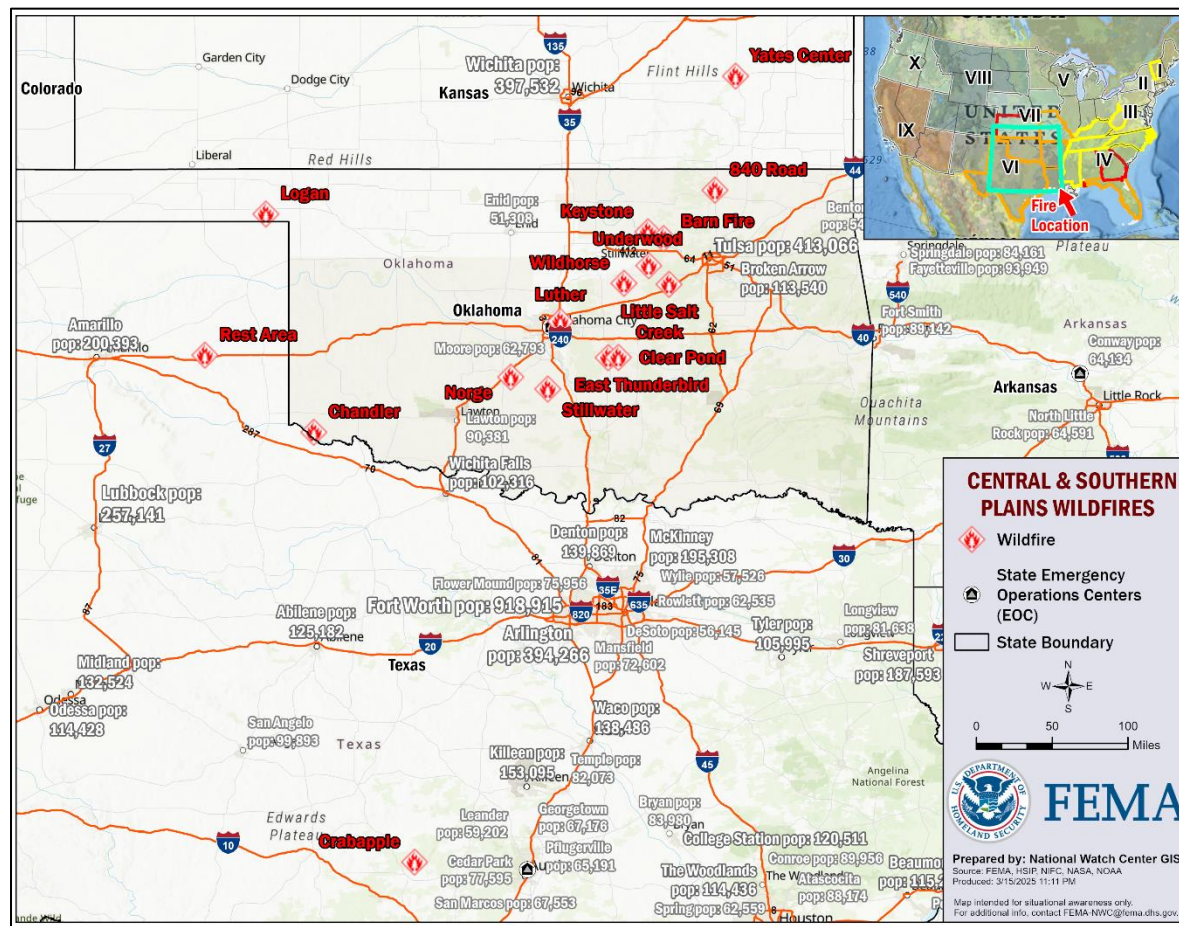
## State/Local Response:

- Region VI:
  - TX SEOC at Partial Activation (Wildfires)
  - OK SEOC at Partial Activation (Severe Weather)
    - Gov declared state of emergency
- Region VII:
  - KS SEOC at Full Activation (Severe Weather)

## Federal / FEMA Response:

- Region VI:
  - RWC is **Monitoring**; RRCC Rostered
  - State LNOs Activated in all states
  - Regional IMAT teams available
- Region VII:
  - RWC Enhanced Watch (Severe Weather); RRCC Rostered
  - State LNOs available for deployment
  - Regional IMAT available

The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with the affected regions, with continued reporting 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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# Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Yates Center (Woodson, KS)	XXXX-FM-KS	UNK	0%	M: 22	H: 550	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Rest Area (Gray, TX)	XXXX-FM-TX	7,931 (+4,745)	50% (+50)	M: Lifted	H: 0 (-1,464)	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 1 (+1)	
840 Road (Dewey, OK)	XXXX-FM-OK	27,025 (-67,975)	20% (+20)	M: 415	H: 420 (+38)	H: 0	H: 2 (+2)	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 1,290 (+1,238)	O: 0	O: 0	
Stillwater (Payne, OK)	XXXX-FM-OK	8,000	0%	M: 1,500	H: 3,500	H: 0	H: 80	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Chandler (Lincoln, OK)	XXXX-FM-OK	3,182	0%	M: 3,000	H: 1,126	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Little Salt Creek (Creek, OK)	XXXX-FM-OK	10,568	0%	M: UNK	H: 811	H: 0	H: UNK	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Logan (Logan, OK)	XXXX-FM-OK	23,000	0%	M: 380	H: 304	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

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



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# Wildfire Summary (con't)

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Luther (Oklahoma, OK)	XXXX-FM-OK	52,908	0%	M: 1,107	H: 593	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
East Thunderbird (Pottawatomie, OK)	XXXX-FM-OK	20,639	0%	M: 375	H: 262	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 8	O: 0	O: 0	
Wildhorse (Stephens, OK)	XXXX-FM-OK	6,500	0%	M: 375	H: 215	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 178	O: 0	O: 0	

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# Clear Pond Fire – Oklahoma

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Clear Pond (Pottawatomie, OK)	XXXX-FM-OK	6,310	0%	M: Unk	H: 320	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

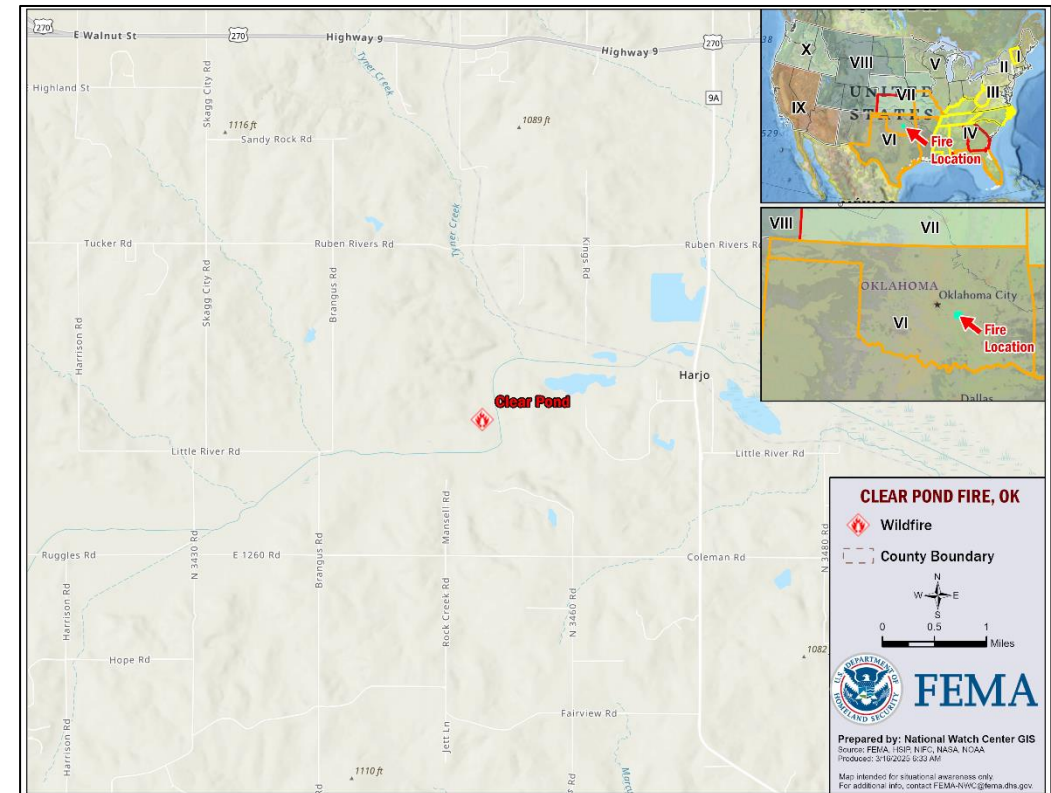
**Situation:** The FEMA Region VI Regional Administrator has approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Clear Pond Fire, which has burned 6,310 acres on state and private land, with 0% containment near the city of Shawnee and the town of Bethel Acres, OK (combined pop. 2,500) At the time of the request, the fire was threatening 320 homes. Evacuations were taking place for portions of Shawnee. Aside from the FMAG approval, no additional federal assistance has been requested.

## State / Local Response:

- OK SEOC at Partial Activation (Severe Weather/Fire Weather)

## FEMA / Federal Response:

- FMAG approved Mar 15
- Region VI RWC is at Normal Operations; RRCC is Rostered
- NWC is Monitoring



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# Underwood Fire – Oklahoma

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Underwood (Payne & Creek, OK)	XXXX-FM-OK	1,418	0%	M: 865	H: 513	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
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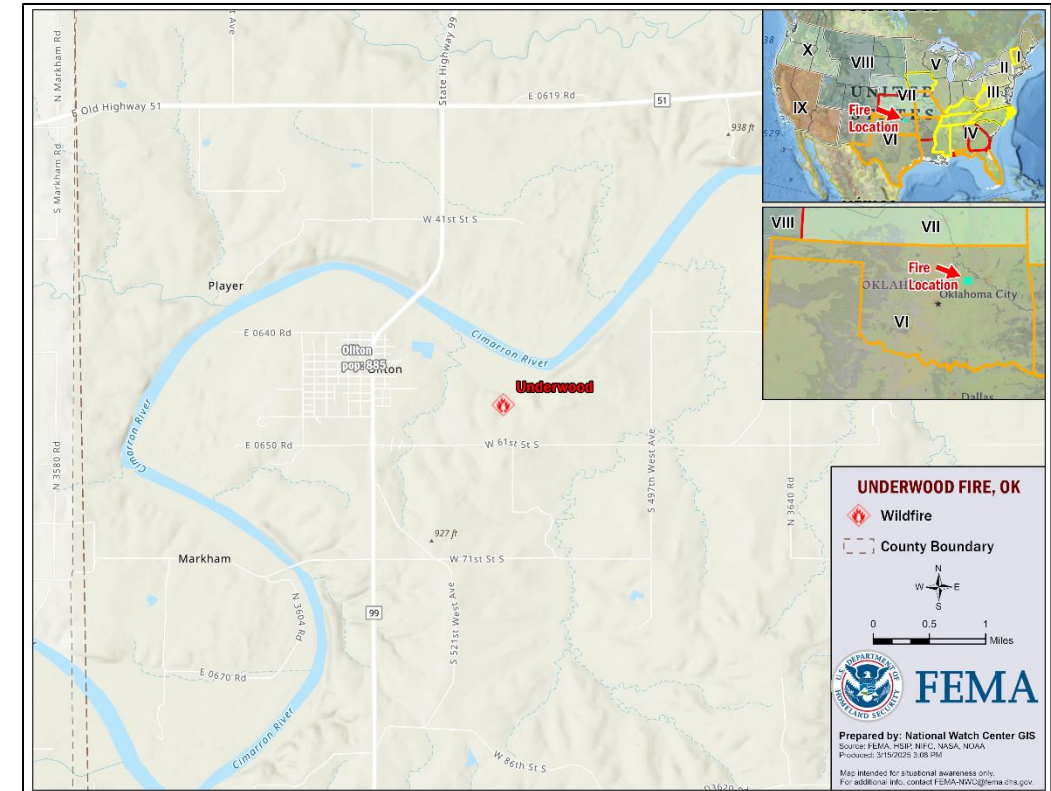
**Situation:** The FEMA Region VI Regional Administrator has approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Underwood Fire, which has burned 1,418 acres on state and private land, with 0% containment in and around the city of Oilton, OK (pop. 1,286) At the time of the request, the fire was threatening 513 homes. Evacuations were taking place for 865 people. Aside from the FMAG approval, no additional federal assistance has been requested.

## State / Local Response:

- OK SEOC at Partial Activation (Severe Weather/Fire Weather)

## FEMA / Federal Response:

- FMAG approved Mar 15
- Region VI RWC is at Normal Operations; RRCC is Rostered
- NWC is Monitoring



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# Keystone Fire – Oklahoma

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Keystone (Pawnee, OK)	XXXX-FM-OK	1,075	0%	M: 865	H: 390	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

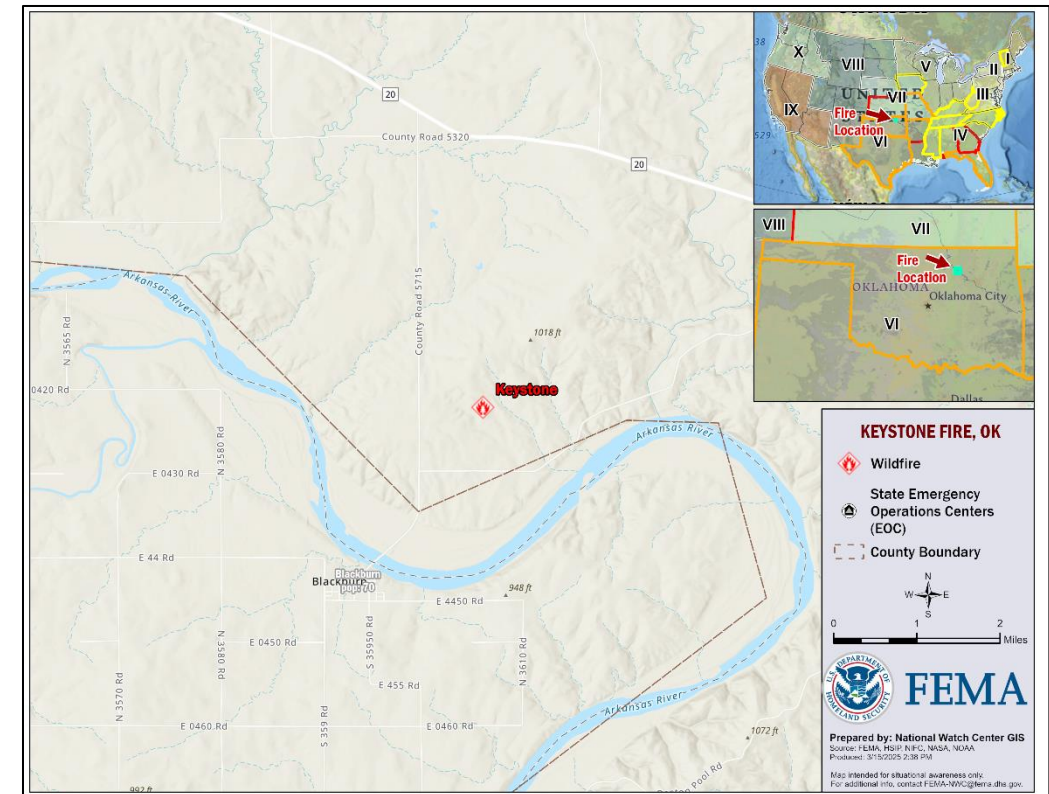
**Situation:** The FEMA Region VI Regional Administrator has approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Keystone Fire, which has burned 3,045 acres on state and private land, with 0% containment in and around the city of Osage, OK (pop. 1,075) At the time of the request, the fire was threatening 390 homes. Evacuations were taking place for 865 people. Aside from the FMAG approval, no additional federal assistance has been requested.

**State / Local Response:**

- OK SEOC at Partial Activation (Severe Weather/Fire Weather)

**FEMA / Federal Response:**

- FMAG approved Mar 15
- Region VI RWC is at Normal Operations; RRCC is Rostered
- NWC is Monitoring



# Barn Fire – Oklahoma

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Barn (Pawnee, OK)	XXXX-FM-OK	500	0%	M: 3,000	H: 3,522	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
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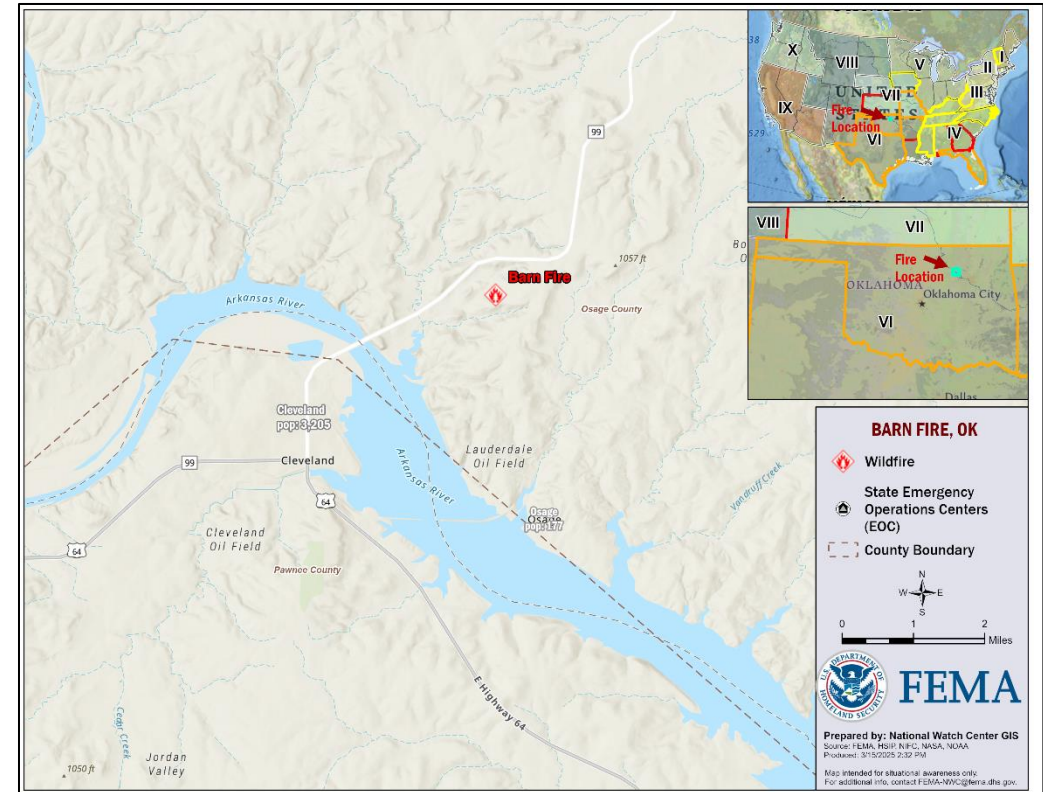
**Situation:** The FEMA Region VI Regional Administrator has approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Barn Fire, which has burned 500 acres on state and private land, with 0% containment in and around Cleveland, OK (combined pop. 3,522) At the time of the request, the fire was threatening 3,522 homes. Evacuations were taking place for approximately 3,000. Aside from the FMAG approval, no additional federal assistance has been requested.

**State / Local Response:**

- OK SEOC at Partial Activation (Severe Weather/Fire Weather)

**FEMA / Federal Response:**

- FMAG approved Mar 15
- Region VI RWC is at Normal Operations; RRCC is Rostered
- NWC is Monitoring



# Norge Fire – Oklahoma

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Norge (Grady, OK)	XXXX-FM-OK	5,828	0%	M: 3,500	H: 7,736	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
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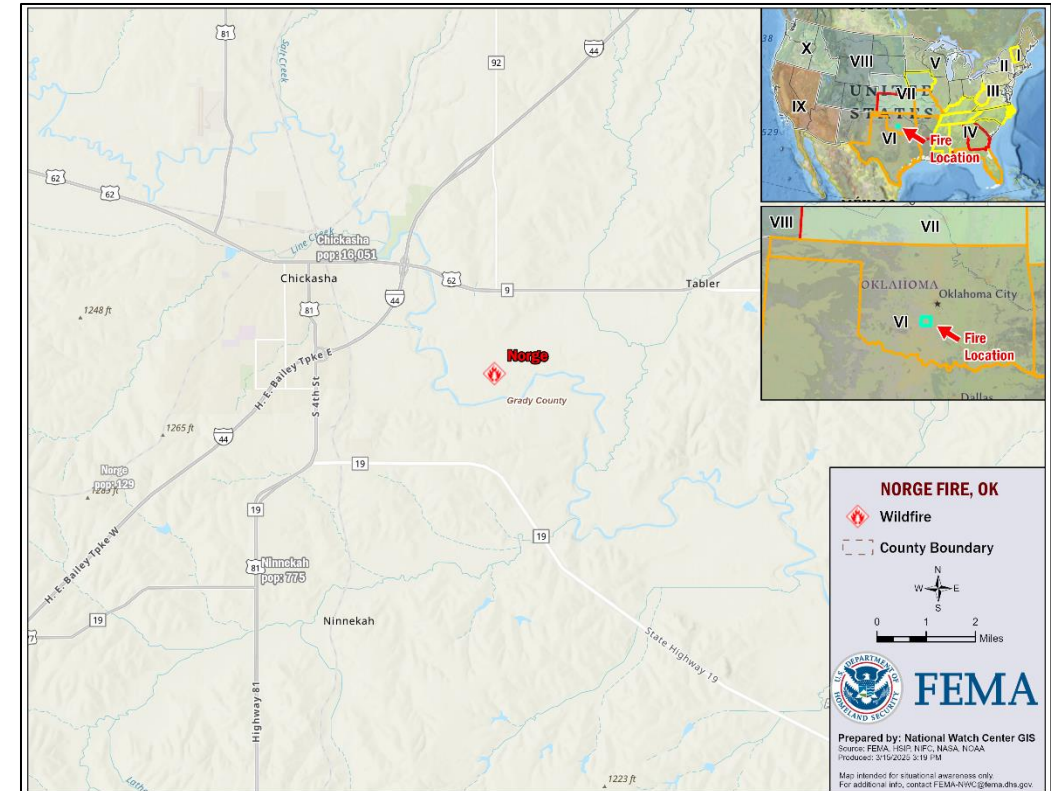
**Situation:** The FEMA Region VI Regional Administrator has approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Norge Fire, which has burned 5,828 acres on state and private land, with 0% containment in and around Chickasha, OK (combined pop. 7,736) At the time of the request, the fire was threatening 7,736 homes. Evacuations were taking place for approximately 3,500. Aside from the FMAG approval, no additional federal assistance has been requested.

## State / Local Response:

- OK SEOC at Partial Activation (Severe Weather/Fire Weather)

## FEMA / Federal Response:

- FMAG approved Mar 15
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- NWC is Monitoring



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# Crabapple Fire – Texas

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Crabapple (Gillespie, TX)	XXXX-FM-TX	8,640	0%	M: 200	H: 979	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
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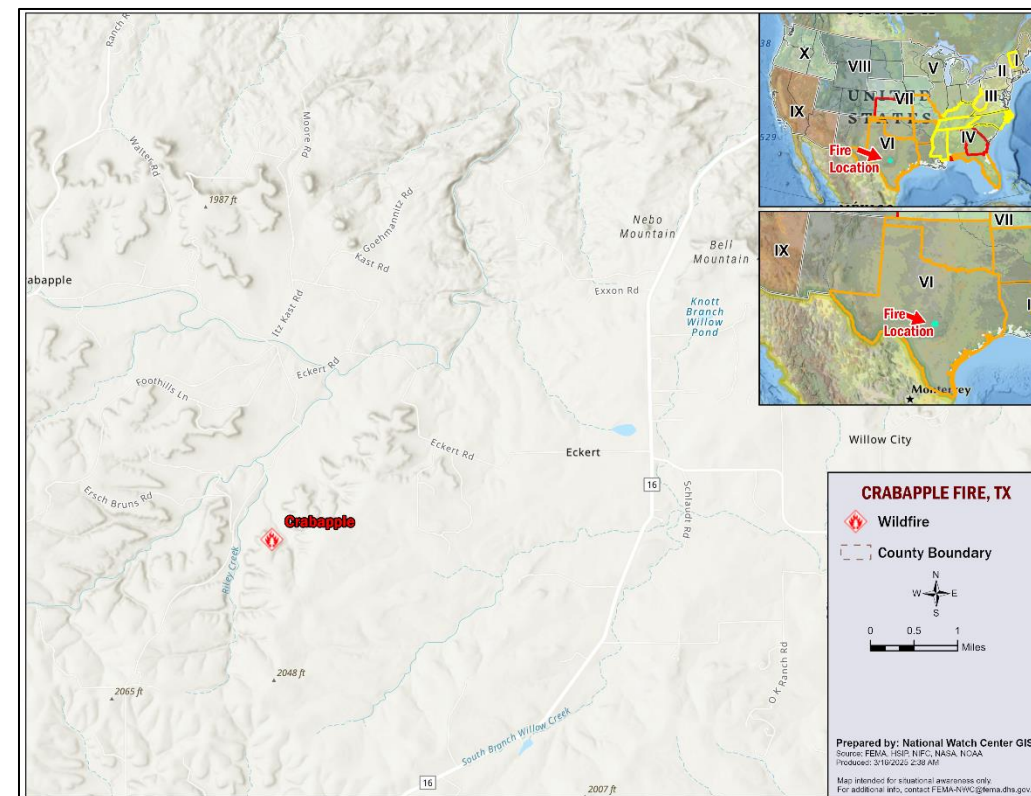
**Situation:** The Regional Administrator for FEMA Region VI approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Crabapple Fire. The fire has burned 8,640 acres state and private land with 0% containment in and around Stonewall, TX (pop. 400). The fire was threatening 979 primary homes and evacuations were taking place for approx. 200 people.

**State / Local Response:**

- TX SEOC at Partial Activation (Severe Weather/Fire Weather)

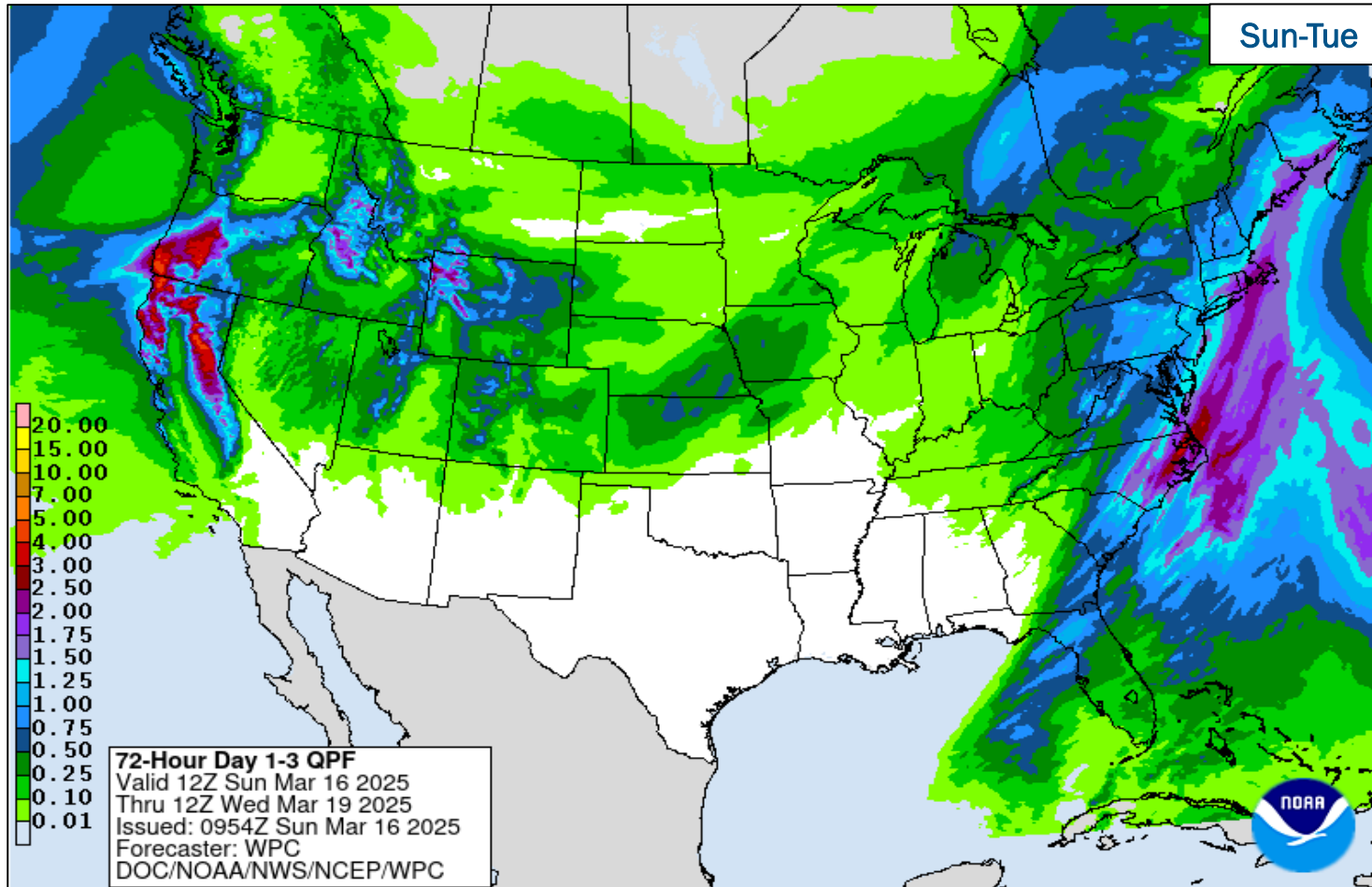
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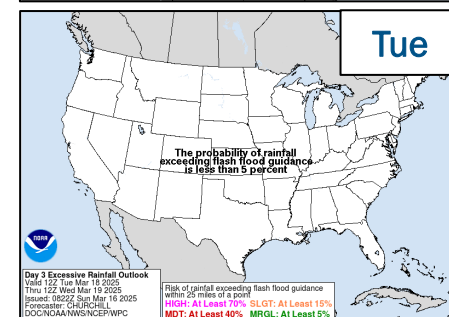
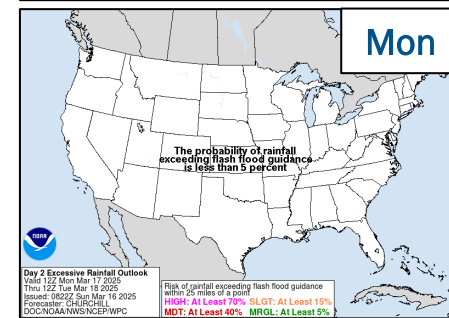
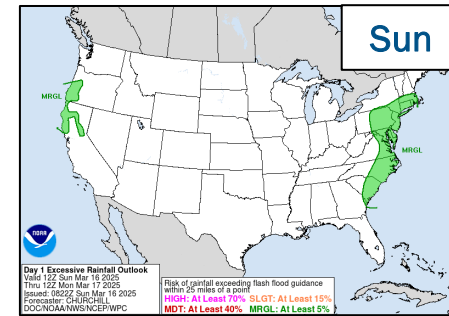


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# Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



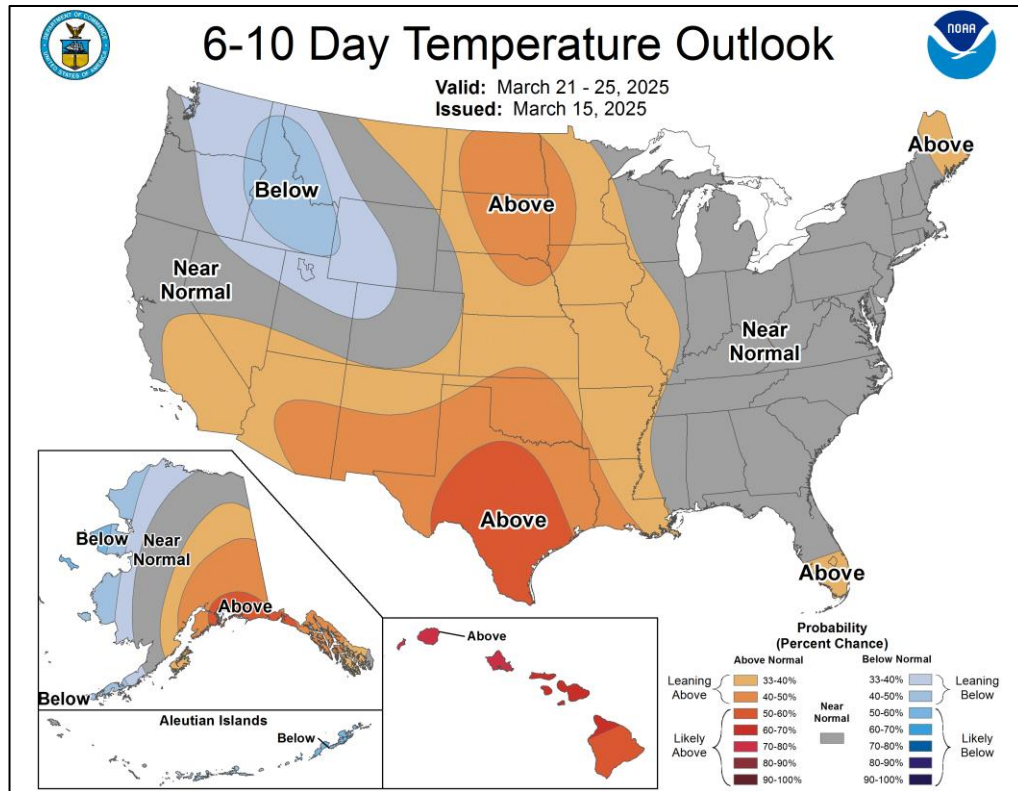
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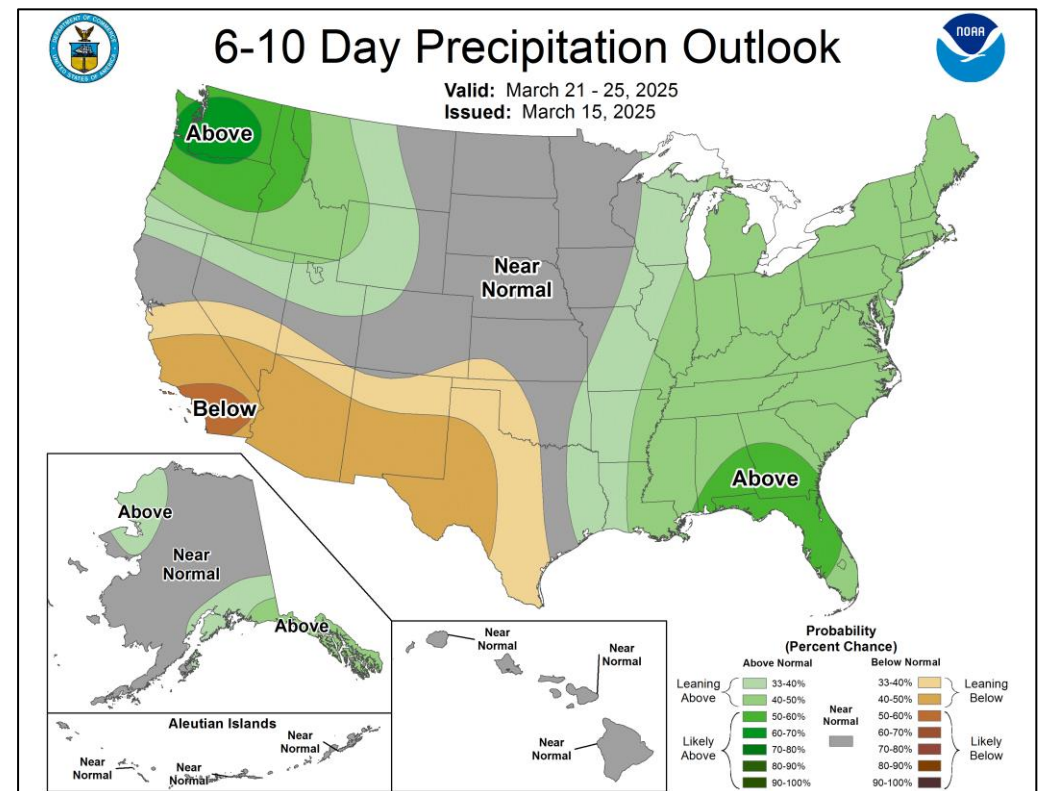
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# Long Range Outlooks – Mar 21-25



6-10 Day Temperature Probability



6-10 Day Precipitation Probability

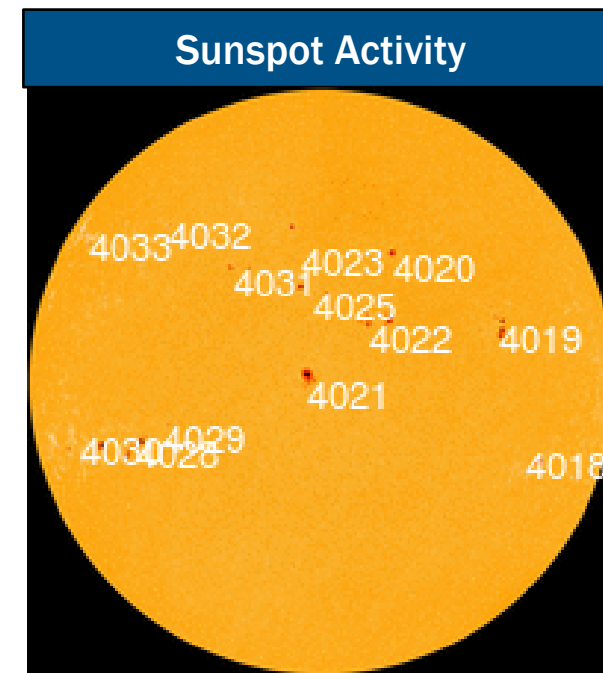
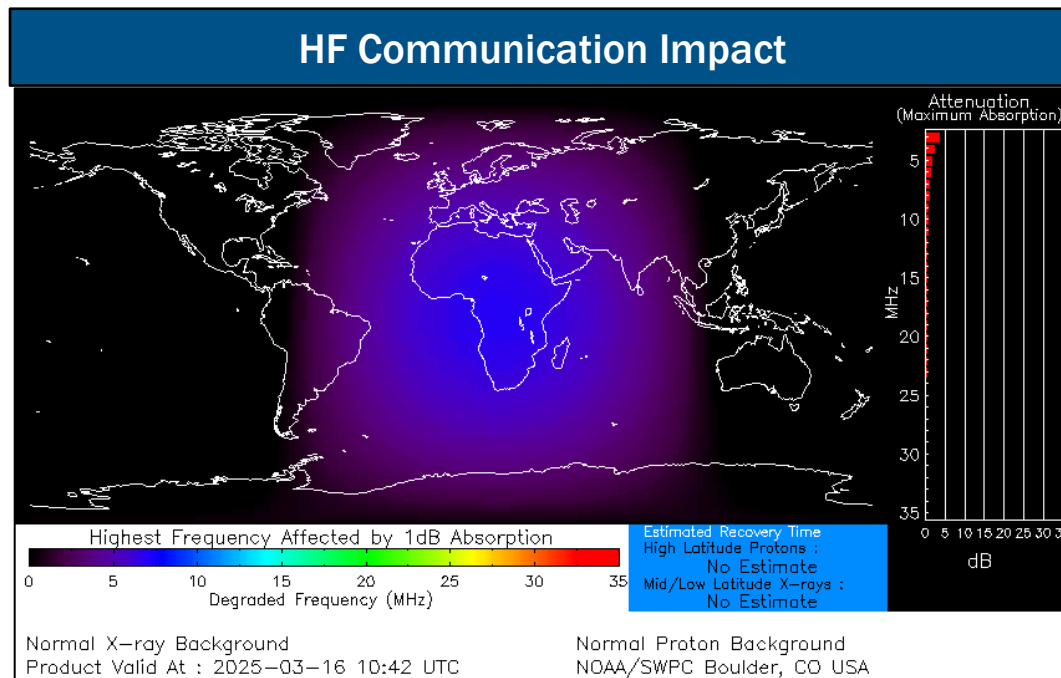


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# Space Weather Outlook

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

**32** Joint Field Offices    **91** + **8** Major Disasters    **12** Direct Housing Missions    **28** RSF-Supported Disasters    **6** Joint Recovery Offices

Sunday  
March 16, 2025  
8:30 a.m. ET

### FEMA HQ

NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Steady State

### FEMA REGIONS

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

**Notes:**

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:	State EOCs:
• RIV, VII RWC: Severe Weather	• HI/TX/OK/: Wildfires
• RIV RRCC: Severe Weather	• WV: Winter Storms
	• KY/AL/GA/OK/KS/KY/TN/FL/AR/MO/MS: Severe Weather
	• FL/NC: Previous Incidents
	• VT: Ice Jam

### Volunteer Force

Rostered	Deployed
7,960	1

### Surge Capacity Force

Rostered	Deployed
8,937	0

### N-IMATs

2-5 Teams Available

Red	
White	
Blue	
Gold	
HS	DC (Jan 28)

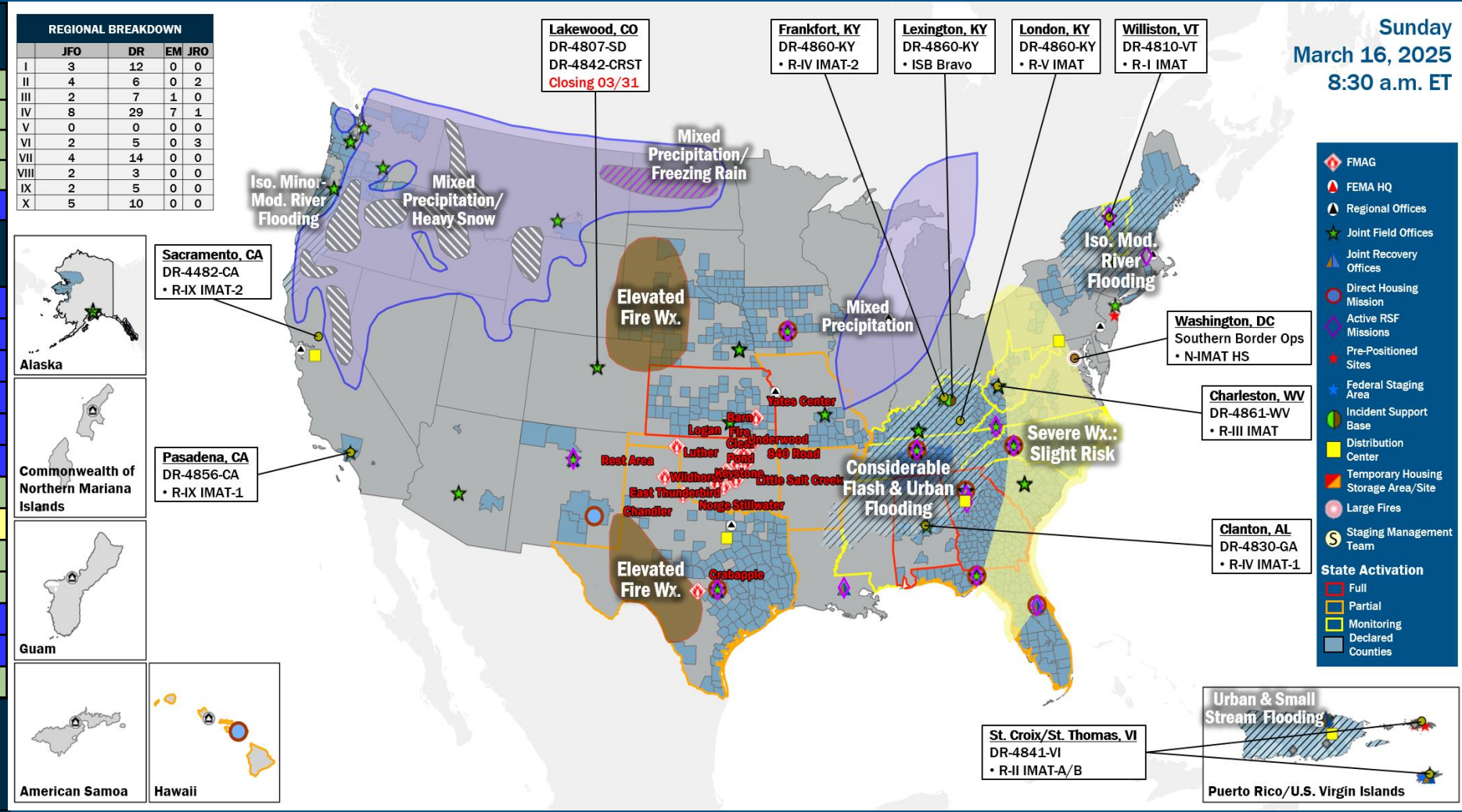
### R-IMATs

4-6 Teams Available

I	3 / VT (Jan 6)
II	USVI (Oct 30)
III	WV (Feb 28)
IV-1	AL (Mar 15)
IV-2	KY (Feb 16)
V	KY (Feb 18)
VI-1	
VI-2	Personnel
VII	
VIII	2
IX-1	CA (Jan 8)
IX-2	CA (Mar 6)
X	1

Legend:

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



## IM Workforce

14,206 Assigned  
4,929 (-1) Unavailable  
6,968 (+1) Deployed

16% / 2,309 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: 11% (16/146); Financial Management: 22% (48/221); Hazard Mitigation: 11% (129/1,224); Human Resources: 12% (22/180); Individual Assistance: 13% (342/2,652); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 23% (79/342); Information Technology: 19% (138/713); Logistics: 12% (200/1,697); Operations: 16% (60/372); Public Assistance: 13% (292/2,308); Planning: 6% (29/468); Safety: 15% (14/94); Security: 10% (13/136)

## MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned  
0 Unavailable  
0 Deployed

36 Available

## US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned  
2 Unavailable  
0 Deployed

26 Available

## FCO

≤ 1 Type I

50 Assigned  
4 Unavailable  
44 (26 FCOR) Deployed

2 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	21 (+9)	0	2/24 - TBD
IV	TN	Severe Weather and Flooding Feb 15-16	IA	3	0	3/6 - TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
VI	MCN*	Winter Weather and Freezing Temperatures Feb 19-21	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	2/26 - TBD
	AR	Severe Storms and Tornadoes Mar 14-15	IA	4	0	3/27 - TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
	OK	Wildfires Mar 14	IA	3	0	3/27 - TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A

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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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