

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Monday, March 16, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Severe Weather – Southeast to Mid-Atlantic
- Severe Weather (Kona Low) – Hawaii – FINAL
- Potomac Interceptor Spill – Washington, D.C.

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Southeast to Northeast
- Heavy Snow / Freezing Rain – Northern Plains, Great Lakes
- Critical Fire Weather – Texas

Disaster Declaration Activity

- FMAG Approval: 1170 Road Fire – FEMA-5624-FM-OK
- FMAG Approval: Corner Pocket Fire – FEMA-5625-FM-TX

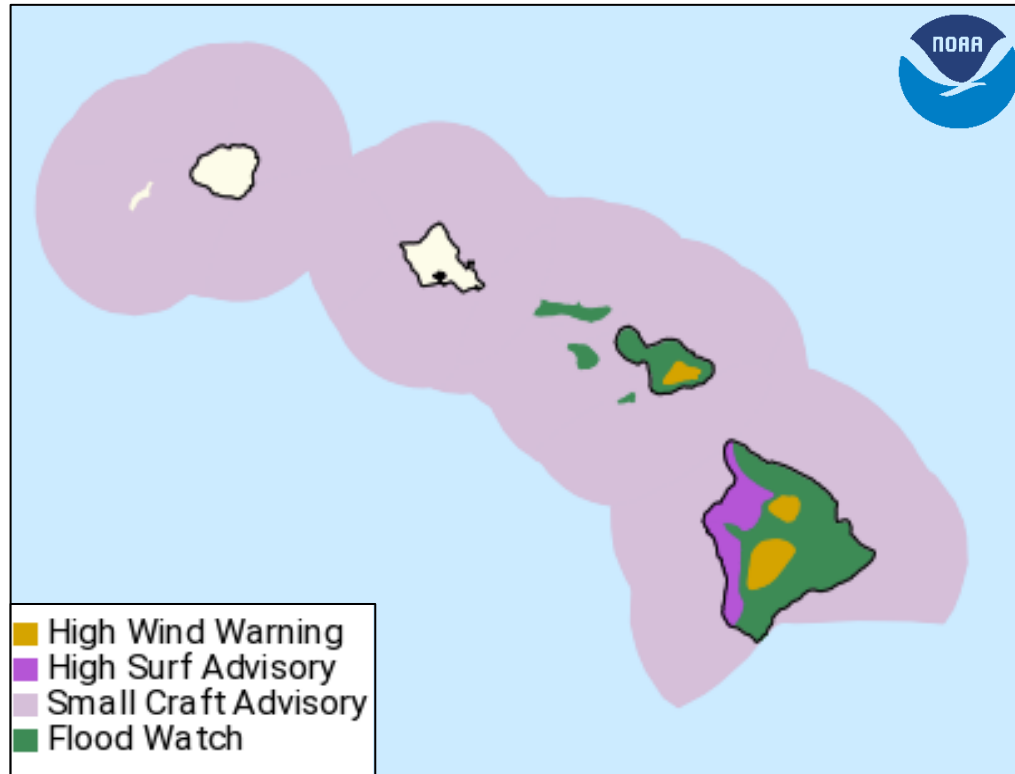
Event Monitoring

- No new significant events

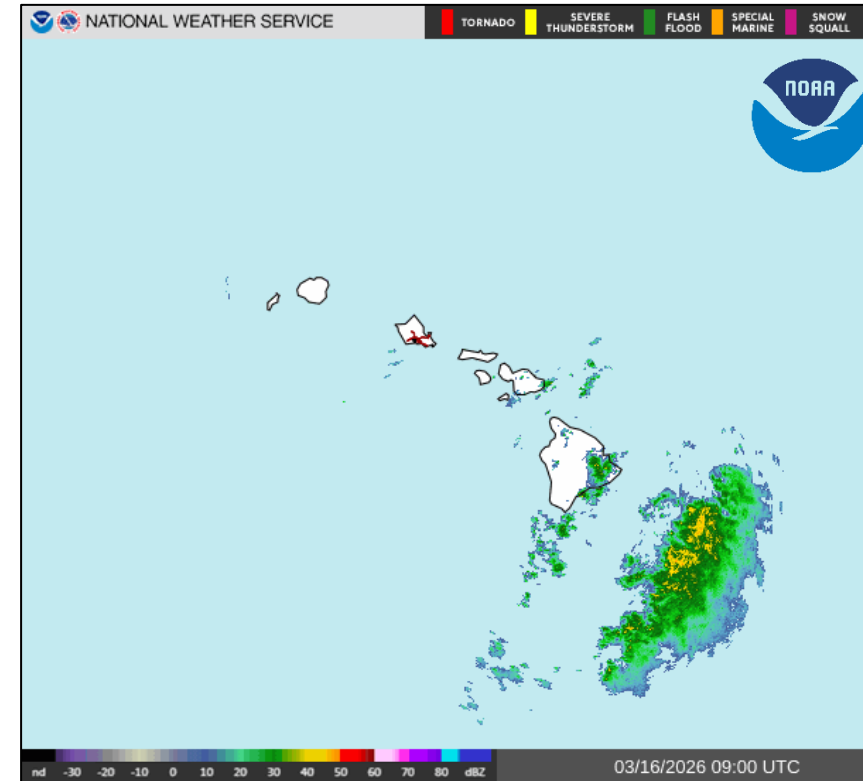


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Hawaii Weather Outlook



Watches and Warnings

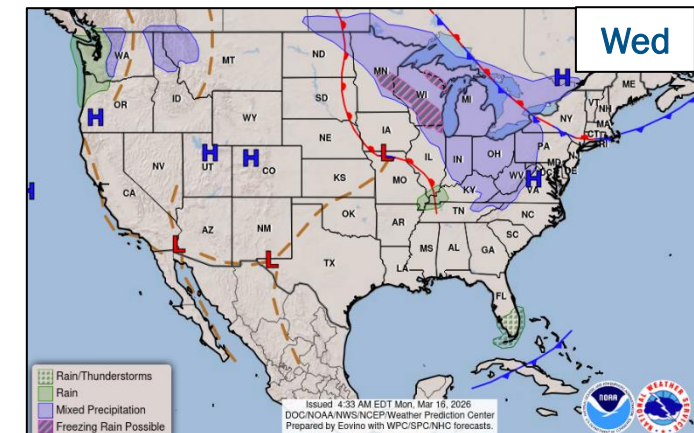
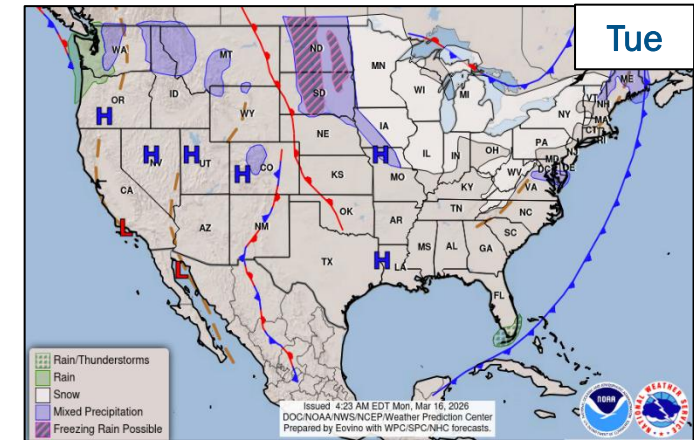
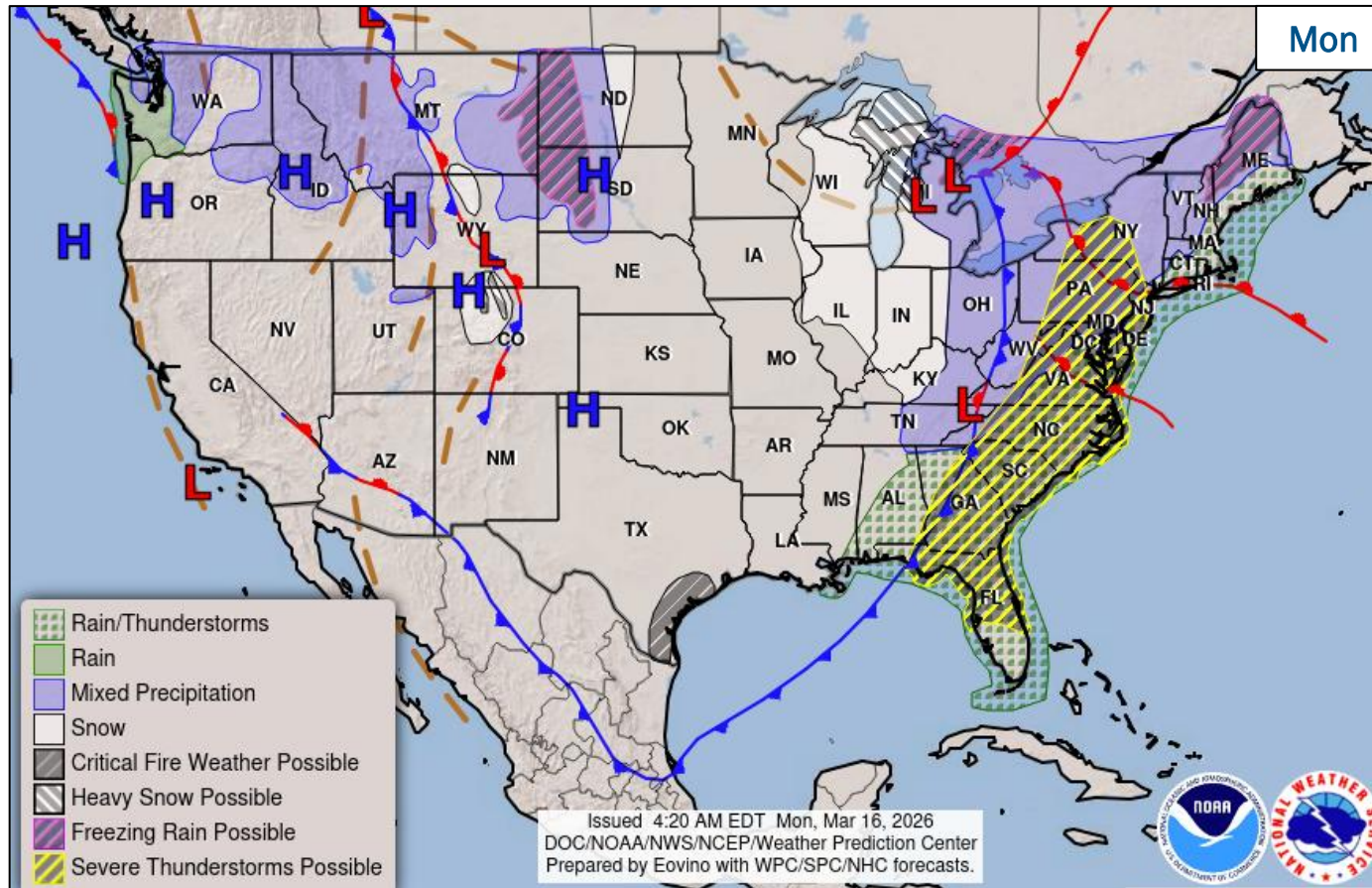


Weather Radar



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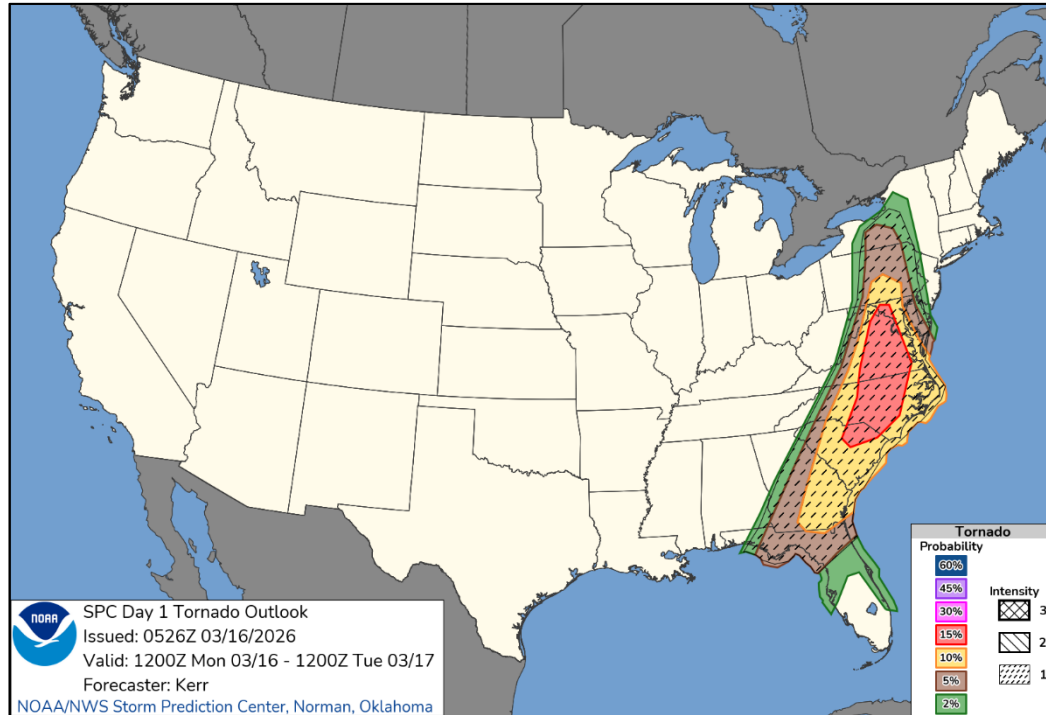
National Weather Forecast



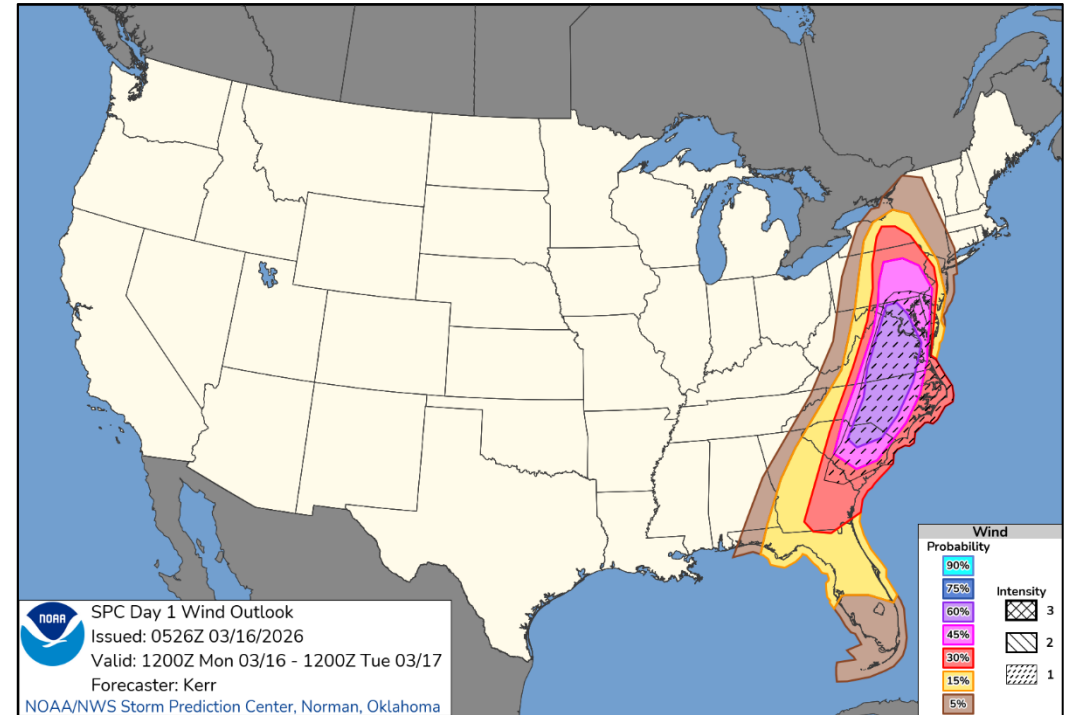
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Severe Weather Outlook



Tornado



Wind



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Severe Weather – Southeast to Mid-Atlantic

Situation: There is a moderate risk of severe thunderstorms this afternoon across parts of central Maryland, much of central and eastern Virginia, central North Carolina, and adjacent portions of South Carolina. Fast-moving thunderstorms may become widespread across the Mid Atlantic, accompanied by the risk of damaging wind gusts and a few tornadoes. There is also potential for a couple of storms to produce strong and long-track tornadoes. ([NOAA SPC, as of 4:00 a.m. ET, Mar 16](#))

State / Local Response: ([DSAR, as of 3:56 p.m. ET, Mar 15](#))

FEMA Region 3:

- DC SEOC is Monitoring (Potomac Interceptor Spill)
- MD SEOC is at Partial Activation (Repatriation)
 - Gov declared State of Preparedness 3/15
- VA SEOC is Monitoring (Severe Weather)

FEMA Region 4:

- AL and KY SEOCs is at Partial Activation (Severe Weather)
- NC and TN SEOCs are Monitoring (Severe Weather)
- MS SEOC is at Partial Activation (Winter Storm)
- FL SEOC is at Partial Activation (previous incidents)

FEMA / Federal Response: ([DSAR, as of 3:56 p.m. ET, Mar 15](#))

FEMA Region 3:

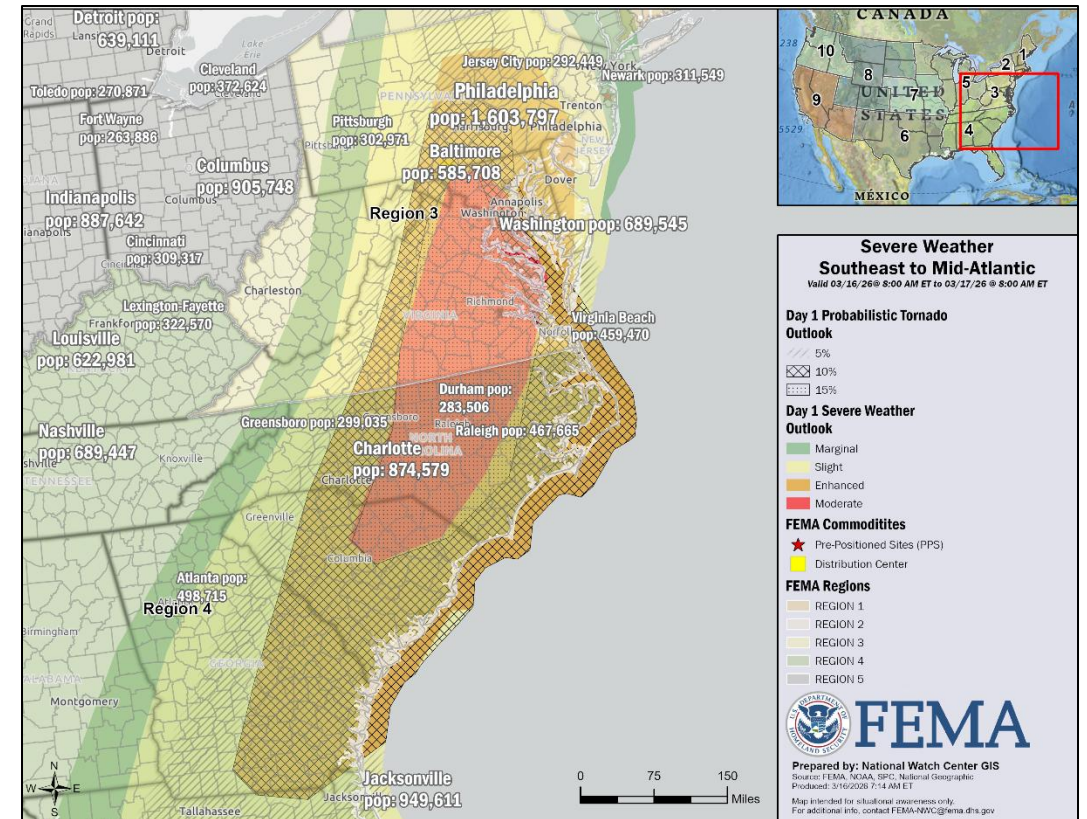
- Regional Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- R-IMAT is deployed to FEMA-EM-3643-DC

FEMA Region 4:

- Regional Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- R-IMAT-1 is deployed to Anniston, AL (Training); R-IMAT-2 is deployed to FEMA-DR-4899-MS
- FEMA Integration Team (FIT) personnel are embedded in place for potentially impacted states in both regions

HQ: NWC is Monitoring

- Response Coordination call with affected Regions



The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Regions 3 and 4.
The next update will be provided in the 5:00 p.m. ET National SITREP



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Severe Weather (Kona Low) – Hawaii – FINAL

Situation: A Kona low storm system is still impacting the Hawaiian Island Chain, but conditions are gradually improving in the western islands. The heaviest rain and strongest winds have moved east, resulting in better conditions for Kauai and Honolulu Counties. However, heavy rainfall, localized flooding, and gusty winds may persist in Maui and Hawaii Counties as the system weakens and moves away from the state (*FEMA Region 9 Update, as of 10:06 p.m. ET*). Power outages continue to significantly decline from a statewide perspective.

(*poweroutage.us, as of 5:30 a.m. ET*) Response activities continue at the State level with no request for Federal response. This Kona Low system could linger over the Big Island well into mid-week. (*FEMA Region 9 RA Update, as of 12:34 a.m. ET*)

Lifeline Impacts: (*FEMA Region 9 SPOTREP Update #12 as of 12:34 a.m. ET*)

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

Food, Hydration, Shelter: 5 (-19) shelters open / 93 (-150) occupants

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

Energy: (*poweroutage.us, as of 8:00 a.m. ET*)

- Honolulu County: 1k (-33k) / <1% (-10%) customers affected
- Maui County: 5k (-4k) / 7% (-6%) customers affected
- Hawaii County: 19k (-11k) / 17% (-12%) customers affected

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

State / Local Response:

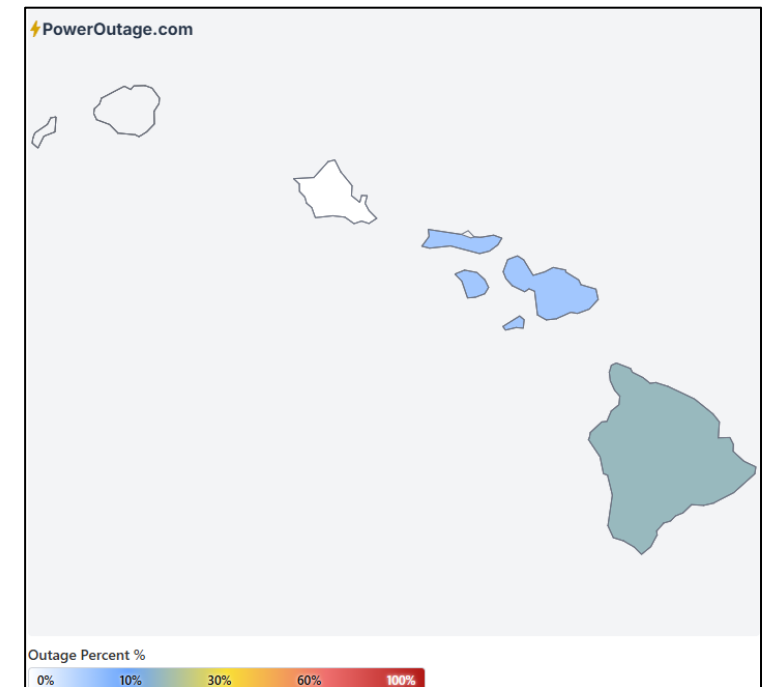
- State of Hawaii EOC is at Partial Activation (Wildfire and Severe Weather)
- The Governor of Hawaii has issued 2 Emergency Proclamations

FEMA / Federal Response:

Region 9: RWC is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered; R-IMATs 1 & 2 are deployed to AL (Training)

- Deployed LNO (Hawaii FIT) to HIEMA SOC

HQ: NWC is Monitoring



Hawaii Power Outage Map (*poweroutage.us, as of 8:00 a.m. ET*)

The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 9.



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Potomac Interceptor Spill – Washington, D.C.

Situation: On Feb 20, the President approved a Federal Emergency Declaration providing federal assistance to Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia following the Jan 19, Potomac Interceptor (PI) sewer line collapse, 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. **All repairs necessary to allow flow to be restored to Potomac Interceptor have been completed. Return of flow anticipated on 03/14.**

State / Local Response: (*Potomac Interceptor SITREP #19, as of 5:00 p.m. ET, March 11*)

DC HSEMA is Monitoring (PI Sewer Line)

- DC Water continues daily water sampling efforts at 10 sites along the Potomac
- **Work continues to waterproof and seal excavated sites**
- **The pipe's geopolymer lining is fully cured upstream and downstream (EM-3643 FCO, as of 7:30 a.m. ET)**
- **DC Water continues to make progress in Area 1W with approximately 30% work completed**
- **DC Water has reinforced the Potomac Interceptor on both sides of the collapse and plans to return flow back into the pipe as early as this weekend (EM-3643 FCO, as of 7:30 a.m. ET)**
- **DC Water to hold media event in anticipation of flow restoration into the Potomac Interceptor**
- **Repairs scheduled for completion by Mar 20**

Maryland Department of the Environment

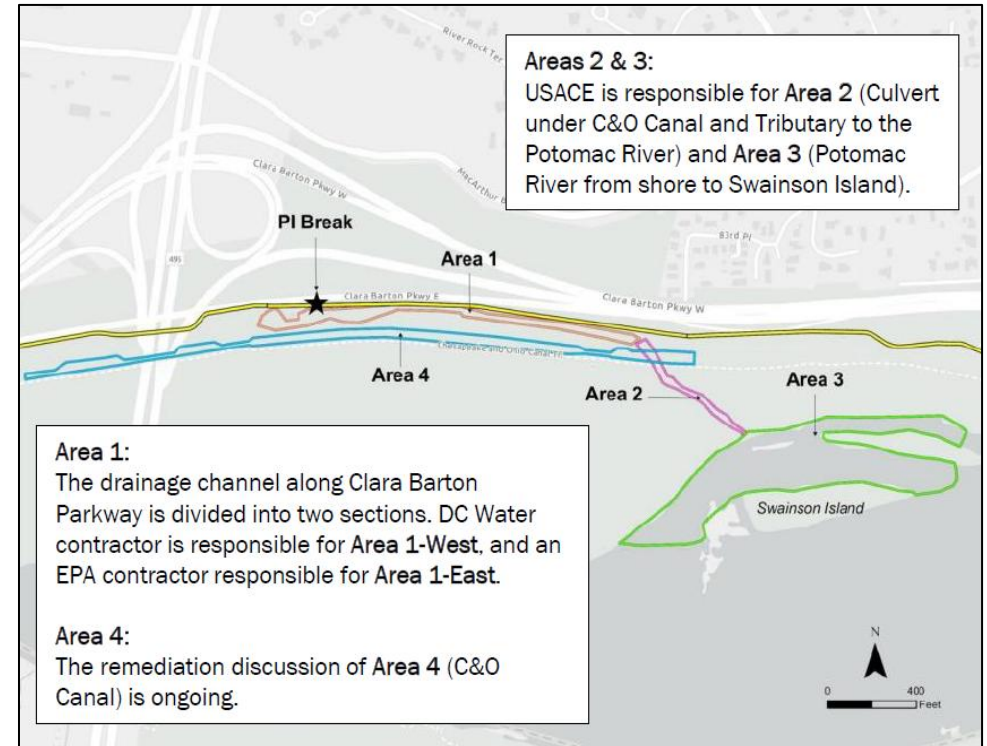
- **Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) lifted the precautionary shellfish harvesting closure on Mar 10**

FEMA / Federal Response: (*Potomac Interceptor SITREP #19 as of 5:00 p.m. ET, March 11*)

- **A joint regulatory inspection is set for Mar 13 to confirm readiness to restore flow (EM-3643 FCO, as of 7:30 a.m. ET)**
- **EPA completed brush removal in Area 1E and is conducting soil sampling in Areas 1 and 2**
- **EPA will take over daily surface-water sampling from DC Department of Energy and the Environment (DOEE) on Mar 16 (EM-3643 FCO, as of 7:30 a.m. ET)**
- **USACE will continue soil sampling in Area 2**
- **USACE placed sandbags and installed a pumping system as part of the preplanned remediation effort; sandbags and pumps will remain in place throughout remediation efforts**

FEMA Region 3: RWC is Monitoring; R-IMAT is deployed to D.C.

HQ: NWC is Monitoring



(*Potomac Interceptor SITREP #19, as of 5:00 p.m. ET, March 11*)



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1170 Road Fire – Oklahoma

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
1170 Road (Beckham Co, OK)	5624-FM-OK	100+	0%	M: 1640	H: 694	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 2	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation: The Acting Regional Administrator for FEMA Region 6 approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the 1170 Road Fire. The fire is burning on state and private land in the vicinity of Custer State Park in Sayre, OK (estimated population 4.8k) in Beckham County, and threatening primary residences, a hospital, a prison, and infrastructure including electrical distribution lines and telecommunication in the area.

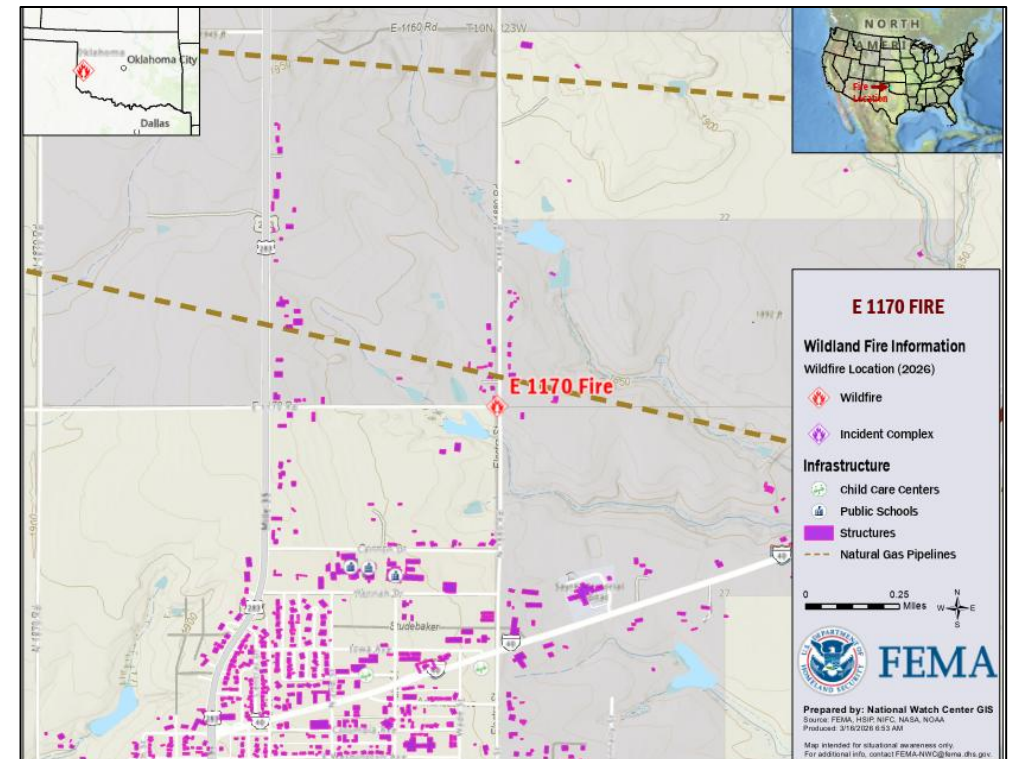
State and Local Response:

- OK SEOC is at Monitoring

FEMA/Federal Response:

- Denton MOC/Region 6 Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered; R-IMAT's 1 & 2 are Fully Mission Capable (FMC)
- NWC is Monitoring

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Corner Pocket Fire – Texas

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Corner Pocket (Donley Co, TX)	5625-FM-TX	500+	0%	M: 340	H: 4,336	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation: The Acting Regional Administrator for FEMA Region 6 approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Corner Pocket Fire. The fire is burning on state and private land in the vicinity of Clarendon, TX (estimated population 4.3k) in Donley County, and threatening primary residences, government buildings, fire stations, nursing homes and power transmission lines.

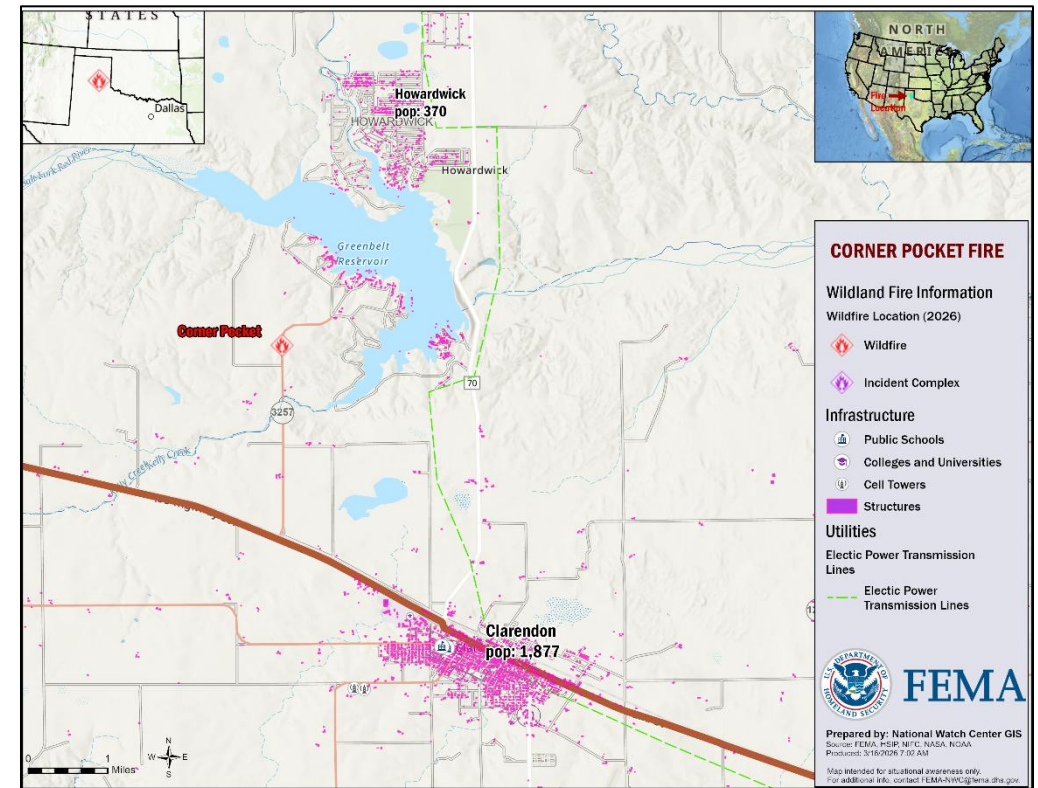
State and Local Response:

- TX SEOC is at Monitoring

FEMA/Federal Response:

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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)	5622-FM-SD	7,200	22% (+20)	M: 400	H: 100	H: 0	H: 6	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 50	O: 4	O: 5	
Morrill-Cottonwood (Morrill, Garden, Arthur, Keith, Lincoln, and Dawson, NE)*	5623-FM-NE	694,948 (+141,649)	0%	M: 0 (-100)	H: 0 (-5,214)	H: 0	H: 0	2 (+1) / 0 (-1)
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 6 (+6)*	O: 12	

(*FEMA Region 7 DSAR as of 1:37 p.m. ET, Mar 15)

(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

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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

Monitoring

Alt. Location

Monitoring

Enhanced

Monitoring

Monitoring

Monitoring

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Monitoring

RRCC

R1 Rostered

R2 Rostered

R3 Rostered

R4 Rostered

R5 Rostered

R6 Rostered

R7 Rostered

R8 Rostered

R9 Rostered

R10 Rostered

Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

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

• R5 RWC: Staffing (Dayshift Only); Severe Weather

IMATs:

• *R4-1, R9-1, R9-2 IMAT: Training

State EOCs:

• DC: Potomac Interceptor Sewer Line

• KS/NE: Wildfires

• FL: Previous Incidents

• MI/MS: Winter Storm

• PR: Influenza Epidemic

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

• MD/NY: Repatriation

• AL/KY/IL/MT/NC/TN: 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 3

R3 DC (Feb 24)

R4 (1) AL * (Mar 15)

R4 (2) MS (Jan 26)

R5

R6 (1)

R6 (2)

R7 MO (Feb 15)

R8 1

R9 (1) AL * (Mar 15)

R9 (2) 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

Considerable flash and small stream flooding

IM Workforce

11,267 Assigned

4,130 (-27) Unavailable

2,535 (-5) Deployed

41% / 4,603 (+32) Available

IM Cadre Availability

7 (+1) Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 24% (23/94); 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: 20% (68/345)

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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