

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Monday, March 17, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Severe Weather – Great Lakes to Southeast
- Wildfires – Central and Southern Plains

Hazard Monitoring

- Critical Fire Weather – Central Plains to the Southern Plains
- Heavy Snow – Sierra Nevada to Central Rockies

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Severe Weather – Great Lakes to Southeast – FINAL

Situation: Thunderstorms, high winds, and tornadoes that occurred across the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast have concluded. All tornado watches and warnings have expired. Since the onset of severe weather throughout the Southern Plains on March 14, the Storm Prediction Center has received 79 (+27) tornado reports across Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, and Mississippi, as well as 838 (+393) wind reports with 16 (+4) high wind reports (over 75 mph), and 187 (+32) hail reports with 16 (+3) large hail reports (over 2 inches in diameter) nationwide. (SPC Filtered Storm Report, as of 5:30 a.m. ET). Response remains at the state level. No severe weather is anticipated to occur on Mar 17. (SPC, as of 2:00 a.m. ET)

Lifeline Impacts:

Safety & Security: Damage assessments will continue.

- Region IV: (Region IV Status, Severe Weather Update #2, as of 4:13 p.m. ET)
 - AL: Damage reported in 22 (+18) counties
 - GA: Damage reported in 9 counties
 - MS: Damage reported in 19 (+2) counties
- Region VI: (FEMA Region VI DSAR, as of 12:34 a.m. ET)
 - AR: Damage reported in 5 counties
 - LA: Damage reported in 1 county
- Region VII: (Region VII SPOTREP, as of 11:04 a.m. ET)
 - MO: Damage reported in 8 counties

Food, Hydration, Shelter: Multiple shelters open across affected regions. (ARC, as of 6:47 a.m. ET, Mar 17)

- Region IV:
 - KY: 10 (+5) shelters open / 276 (+56) occupants
 - MS: 2 shelter open / 3 (+1) occupants
- Region VI:
 - OK: 4 shelters open / 9 (-94) occupants
 - TX: 2 (+1) shelter open / 19 (+17) occupants
- Region VII:
 - MO: 5 shelters open / 15 (+7) occupants
 - KS: 1 (+1) shelter open / 0 occupants

Health & Medical: 40 (+4) total weather-related fatalities have been reported across Regions IV, VI, and VII, not all confirmed.

- Region IV: (Region IV Status, Severe Weather Update #2, as of 4:13 p.m. ET, Mar 16)
 - AL: 3 fatalities
 - MS: 6 (+1) fatalities / 3 unaccounted
- Region VI: (FEMA Region VI RA, as of 10:06 p.m. ET)
 - AR: 3 fatalities/29 injuries
 - OK: 4 (+3) fatalities
 - TX: 4 fatalities
- Region VII
 - MO: 12 fatalities (FEMA Region VII, as of 5:55 p.m. ET Mar 15)
 - KS: 8 Fatalities (DHS NOC, as of 6:45 p.m. ET Mar 15)

Energy: Outages continue to trend downward in Regions IV, VI, and VII. All affected regions reporting <1% customers without power. (DOE Eagle-I, as of 8:00 a.m. ET, Mar 17)



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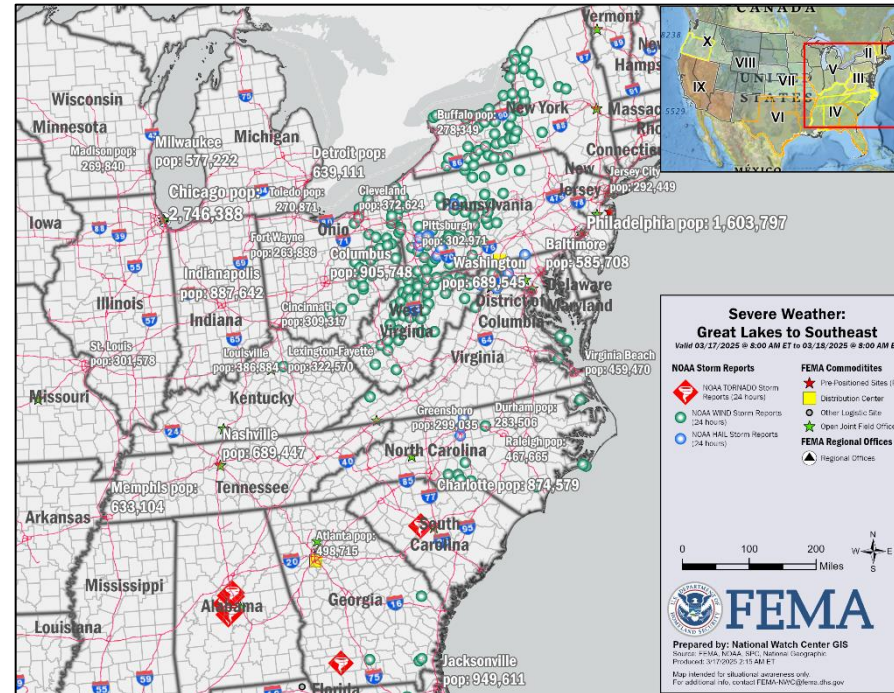
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Severe Weather – Great Lakes to Southeast – FINAL (cont.)

State/Local Response:

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



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)

FEMA Response:

- **FEMA Region IV:**
 - RWC is **Monitoring**; RRCC is **Rostered**
 - R-IMAT-1 **demobilized on 3/16**; R-IMAT-2 deployed to KY (Flooding)
- **FEMA Region V:**
 - RWC is **Monitoring**; RRCC **Rostered**
 - FIT LNOs available for IN and IL
- **FEMA Region VI:**
 - RWC is **Monitoring**; RRCC **Rostered**
 - R-IMAT teams available
 - State LNOs Activated in all states
- **FEMA Region VII:**
 - RWC is **Monitoring**; RRCC **Rostered**
 - State LNOs available for deployment
 - R-IMAT available
- **HQ:**
 - NWC is **Monitoring**; NRCC Gold Team is **Rostered**



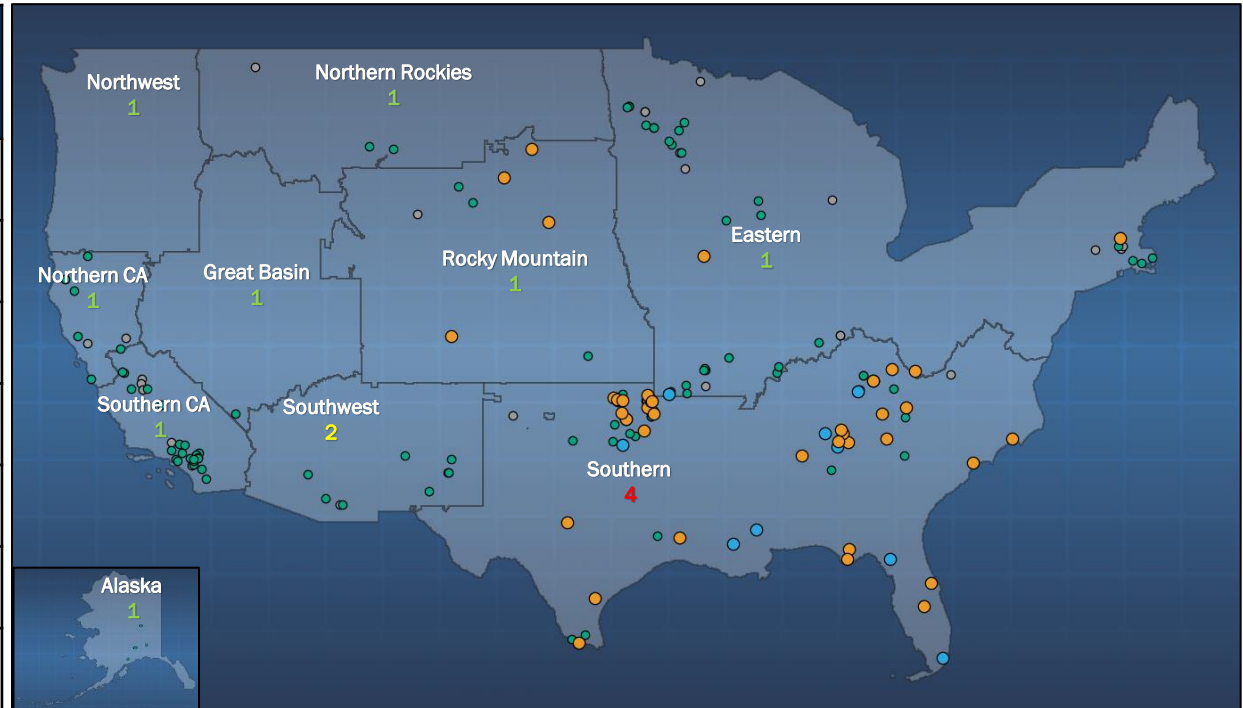
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National Fire Activity *(as of Mar 17)*

National Preparedness Level

PL 2

Initial Attack Activity <i>(24-hour period)</i>	Light <i>(88 fires)</i>
New large fires:	13
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:	43
Cumulative Acres Burned	326,615
Total Responders	1,751
Type 1 IMTs deployed	0
Complex IMTs deployed	1 of 41



Preparedness Levels Legend

PL 1	Minimal fire activity; many resources available
PL 2	Large wildland fires burning throughout country; resources mobilized from other areas
PL 3	Wildfire activity ongoing throughout 25% of country; National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) sets priorities, allocates resources, and mobilizes assets at national level
PL 4	High levels of fire activity and areas are competing for firefighting resources; 60% of the nation's wildland firefighting resources committed
PL 5	Extremely high levels of fire activity; 80% of nation's firefighting resources committed

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 Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAGs), covering a combined **178,930 (+858)** acres. The wildfires prompted **14,614 (+2510)** evacuations, destroyed or damaged 300 structures, and threatened an additional **20,078 (-2,631)** structures. Mandatory evacuations remain in effect throughout the affected areas due to ongoing fire risks. (*FEMA Region VI RA, DSAR and ICS 209, as of 1:00 a.m. ET, Mar 17*)

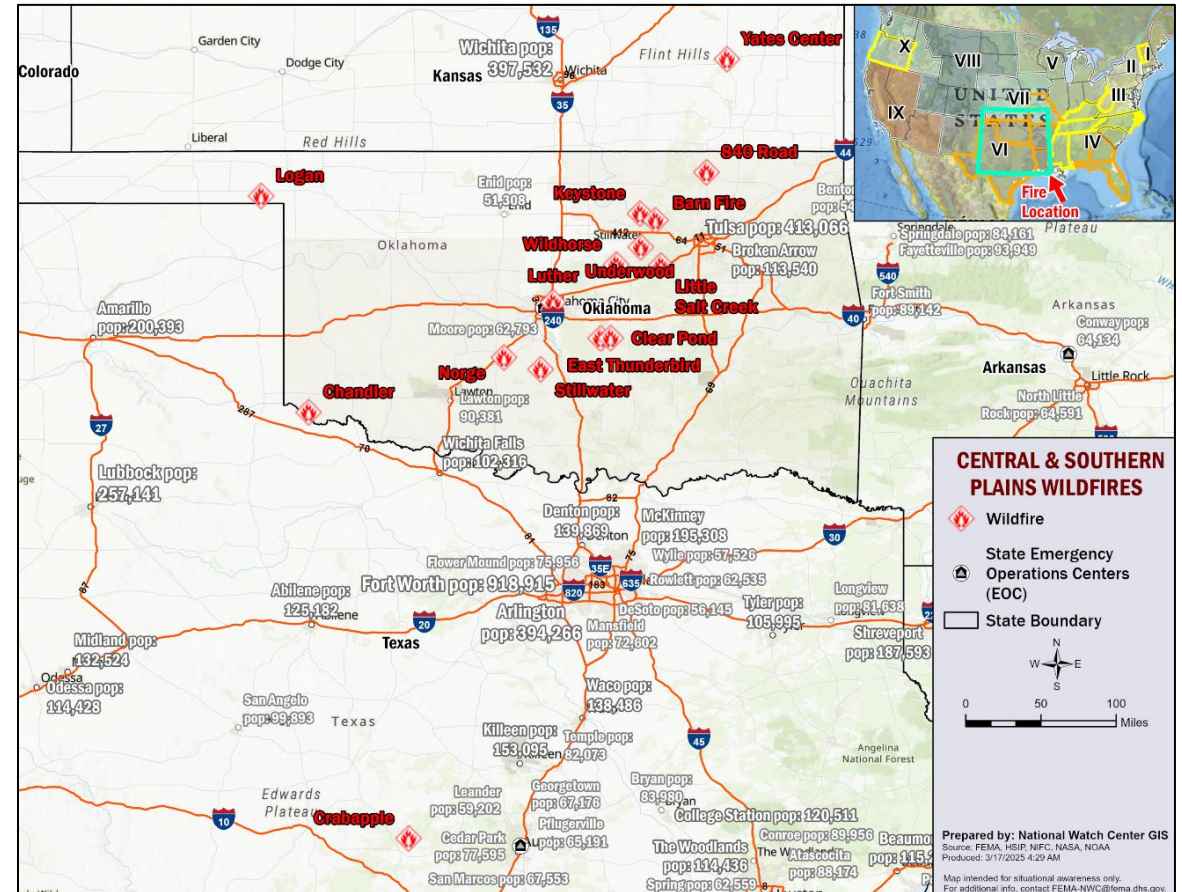
State/Local Response:

- Region VI:
 - TX SEOC at Partial Activation (Wildfires)
 - OK SEOC at Partial Activation (Severe Weather)
 - Gov declared state of emergency
- Region VII:
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Federal / FEMA Response:

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 - Regional IMAT teams available
 - State LNOs Activated in all states
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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) FINAL	XXXX-FM-TX	7,931	50%	M: Lifted	H: 0	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 1	
840 Road (Dewey, OK)	XXXX-FM-OK	27,855 (+830)	35% (+15)	M: 0 (-415)	H: 0 (-420)	H: 0	H: 2	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0 (-1290)	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	
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	
Underwood (Payne & Creek, OK)	XXXX-FM-OK	3,045 (+1,970) *	0%	M: 865	H: 513	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
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	
Barn (Pawnee, OK)	XXXX-FM-OK	500	0%	M: 3,000	H: 3,522	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Norge (Grady, OK)	XXXX-FM-OK	5,828	0%	M: 3,500	H: 7,736	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Crabapple (Gillespie, TX) FINAL	XXXX-FM-TX	9,500	55%	M: 0 (-200)	H: 50 (-929)	H: 0	H: 0	0/0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

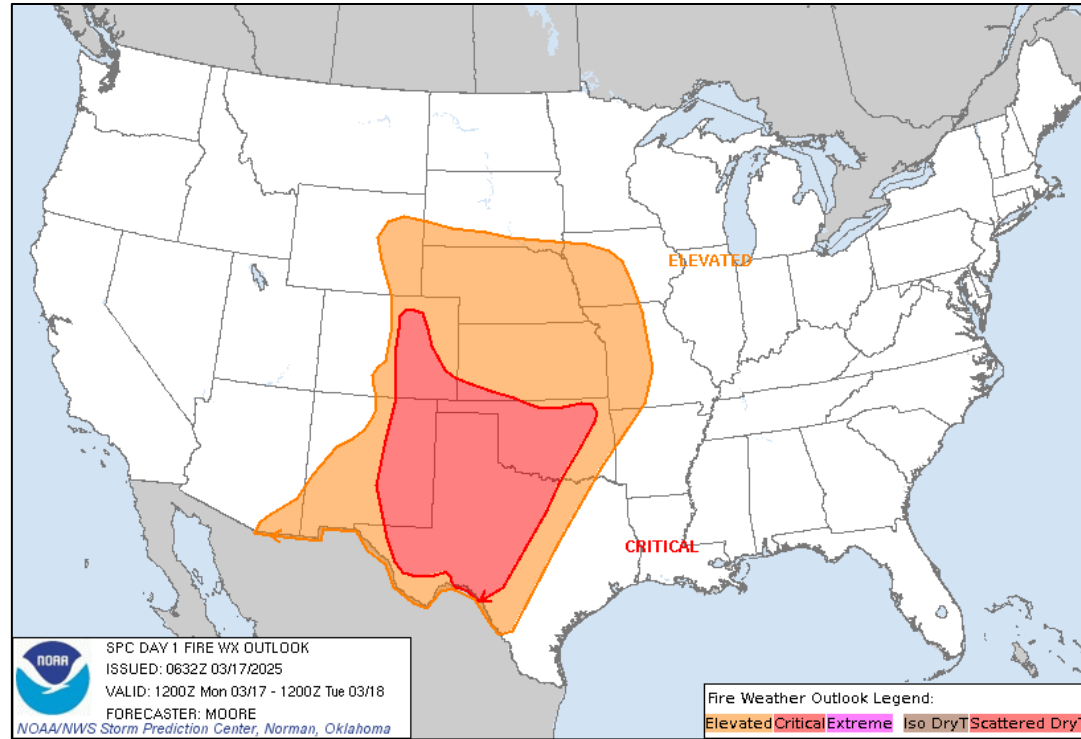
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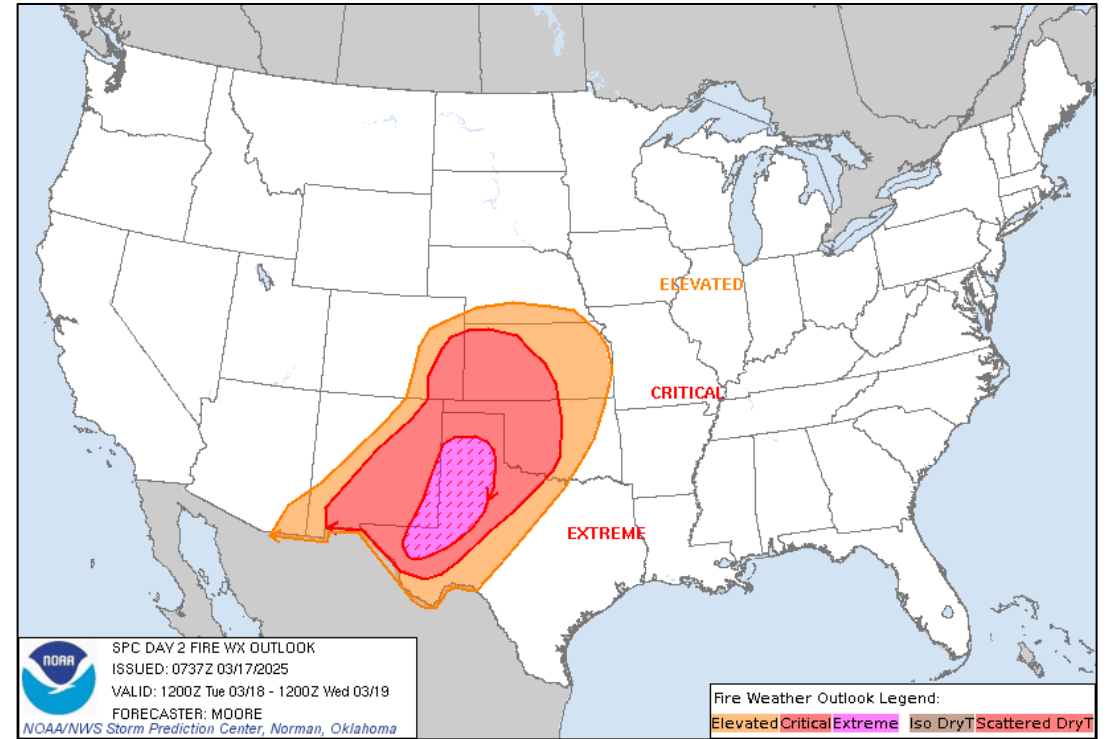
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Fire Weather Outlook



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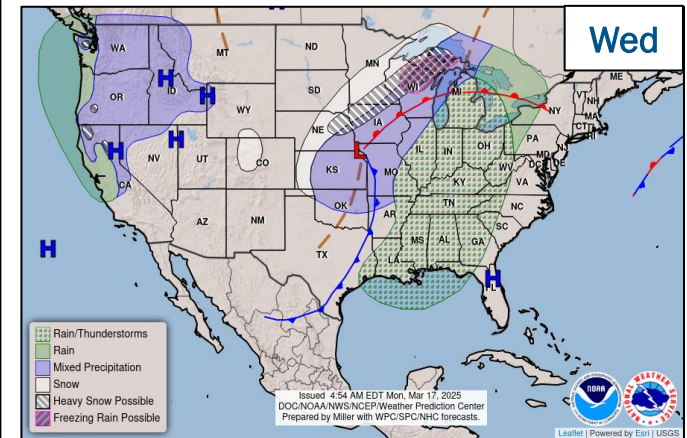
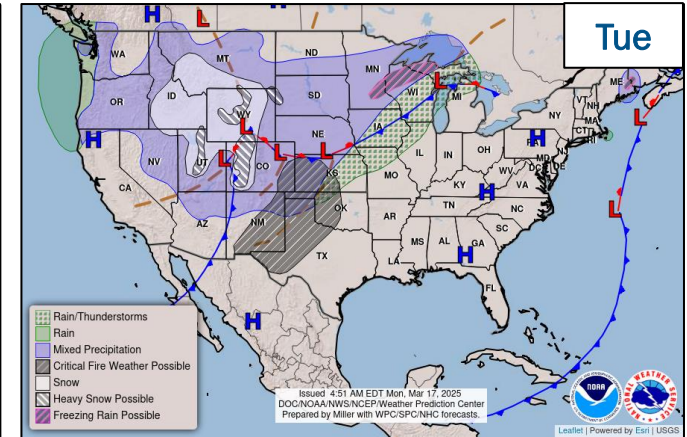
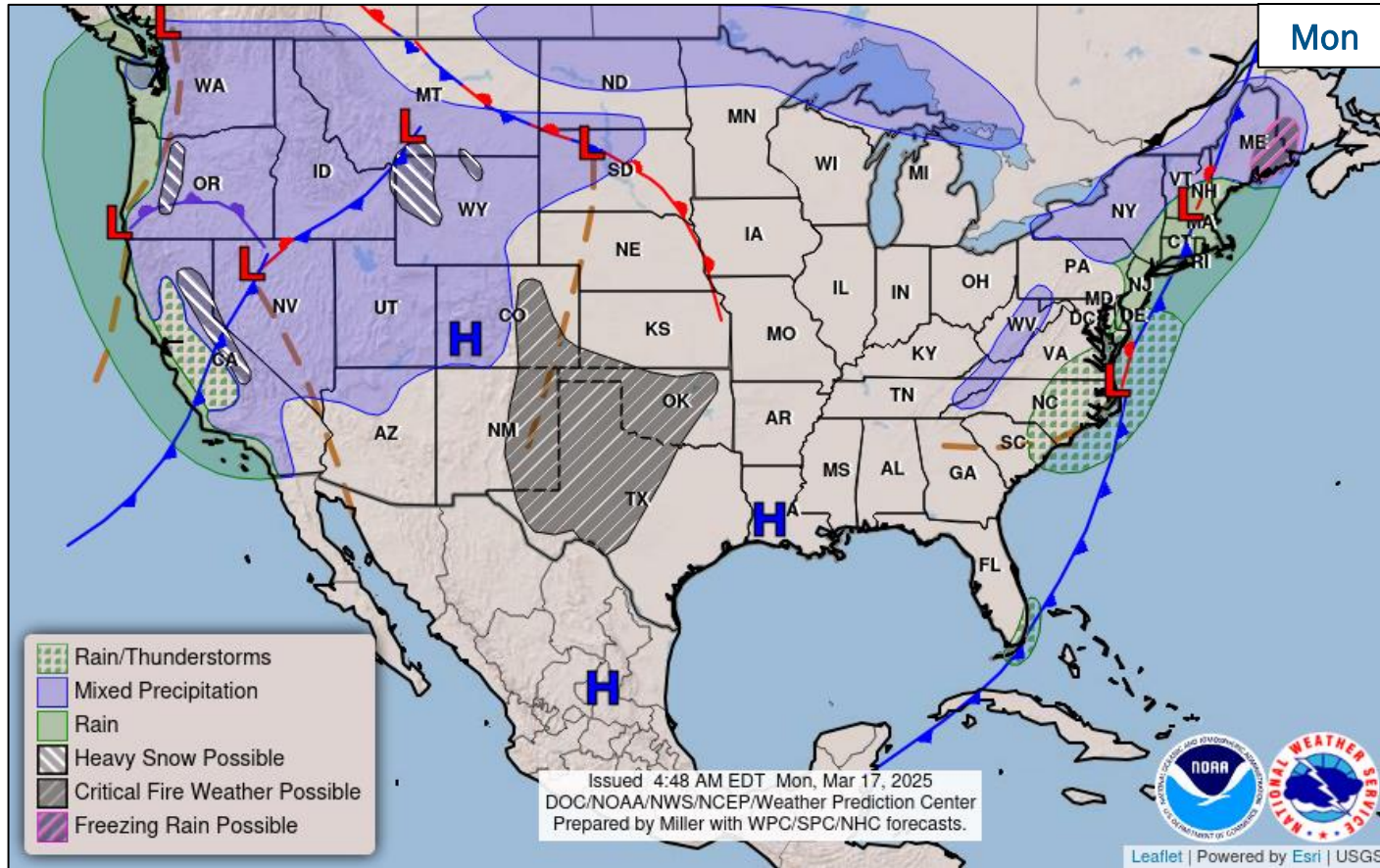
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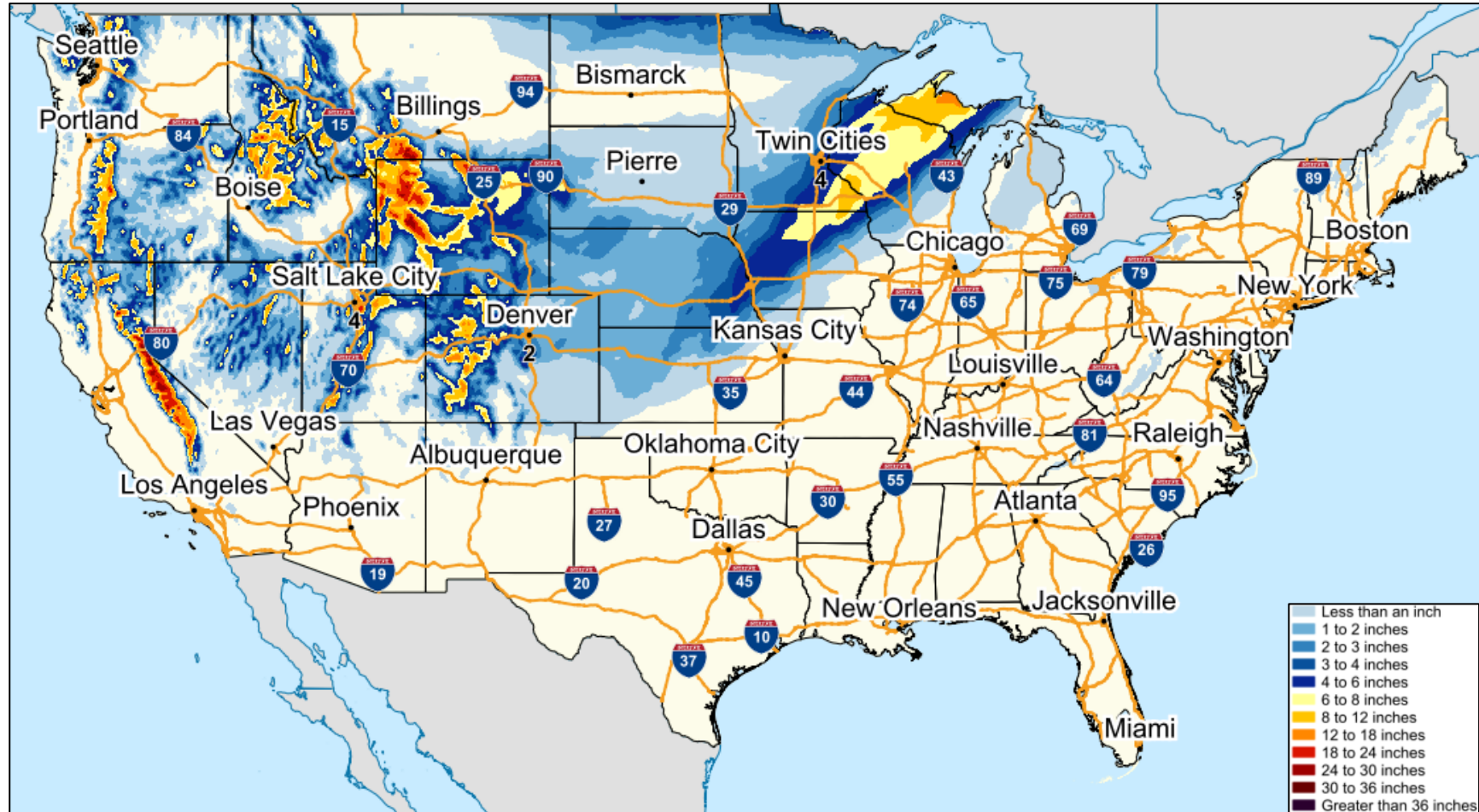
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Snowfall Forecast



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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

Supporting Emergency Declarations

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FEMA HQ	
NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Steady State
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Monitoring I	Rostered
Monitoring II	Rostered
Monitoring III	Rostered
Monitoring IV	Rostered
Monitoring V	Rostered
Monitoring VI	Rostered
Monitoring VII	Rostered
Monitoring VIII	Rostered
Monitoring IX	Rostered
Monitoring X	Rostered
Notes:	
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs: • NSTR	State EOCs: • HI/TX/OK: Wildfires • WV: Winter Storms • KY/AL/OK/TN/FL/AR/MO/MS/GA: Severe Weather • FL/NC: Previous Incidents • VT: Ice Jam • OR: Flooding
Volunteer Force	
Rostered 7,960	Deployed 1
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 8,937	Deployed 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	Demobilizing
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

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
I	3	12	0	0
II	4	6	0	2
III	2	7	1	0
IV	8	29	7	1
V	0	0	0	0
VI	2	5	0	3
VII	4	14	0	0
VIII	2	3	0	0
IX	2	5	0	0
X	5	10	0	0

Alaska

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

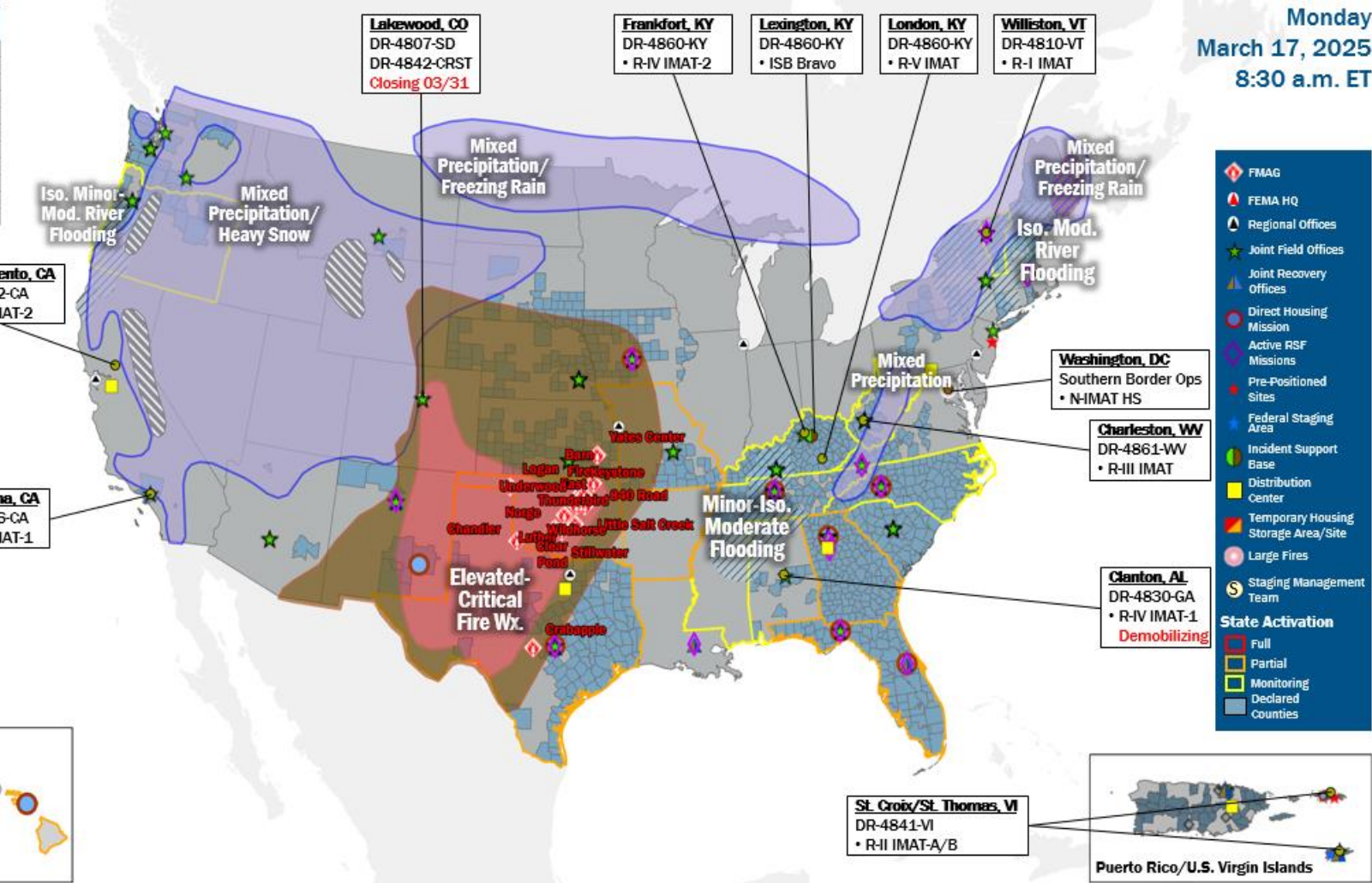
Guam

American Samoa

Hawaii

Sacramento, CA
DR-4482-CA
• R-IX IMAT-2

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

14,206 Assigned
4,934 (+5) Unavailable
6,968 Deployed

16% / 2,304 (-5) 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: 21% (47/221); Hazard Mitigation: 11% (129/1,224); Human Resources: 13% (24/180); Individual Assistance: 13% (342/2,652); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 23% (79/342); Information Technology: 19% (138/713); Logistics: 12% (203/1,697); Operations: 16% (60/372); Public Assistance: 13% (292/2,308); Planning: 4% (20/468); 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	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

*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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