

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, March 20, 2026

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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- No new significant incidents / operations

Hazard Monitoring

- Excessive Rainfall / Flash Flooding – Hawaii
- Critical Fire Weather – Wyoming

Disaster Declaration Activity

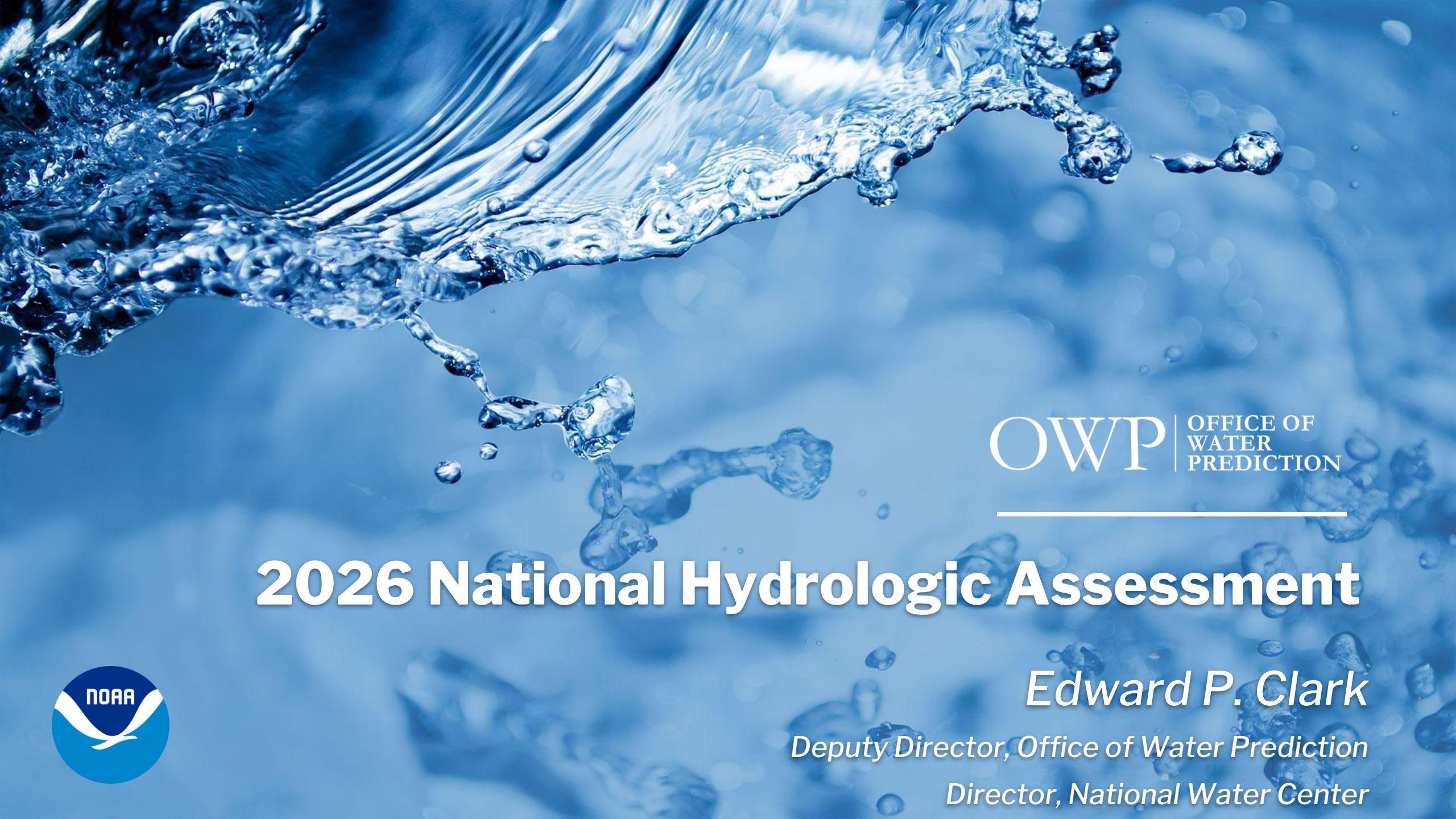
- Amendment No. 1 to FEMA-3643-EM-DC
- FMAG Approval: Buckhorn Fire – OK

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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The background of the entire slide is a high-speed, close-up photograph of water splashing, creating a dynamic pattern of droplets and ripples in various shades of blue.

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PREDICTION

2026 National Hydrologic Assessment

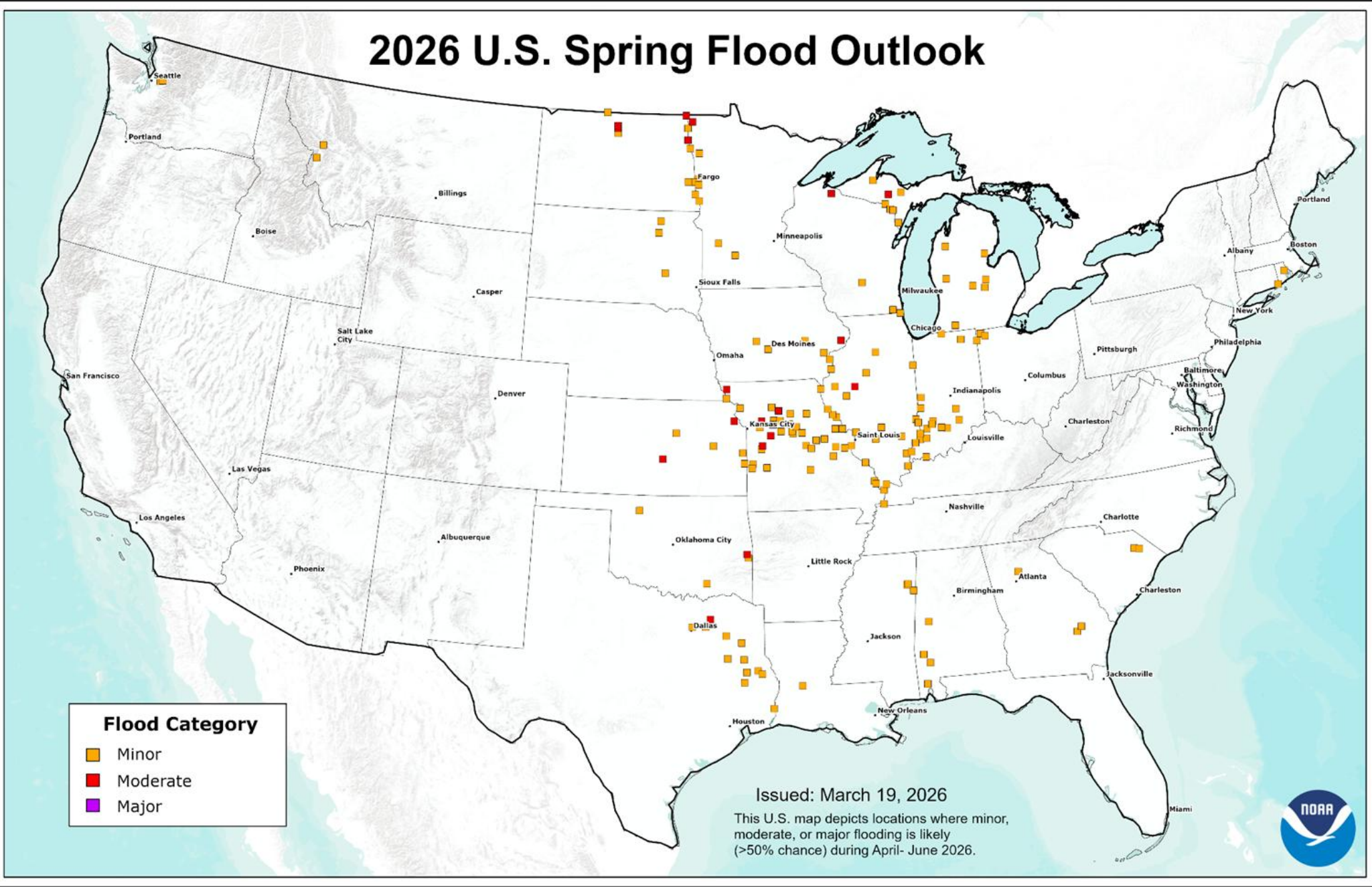


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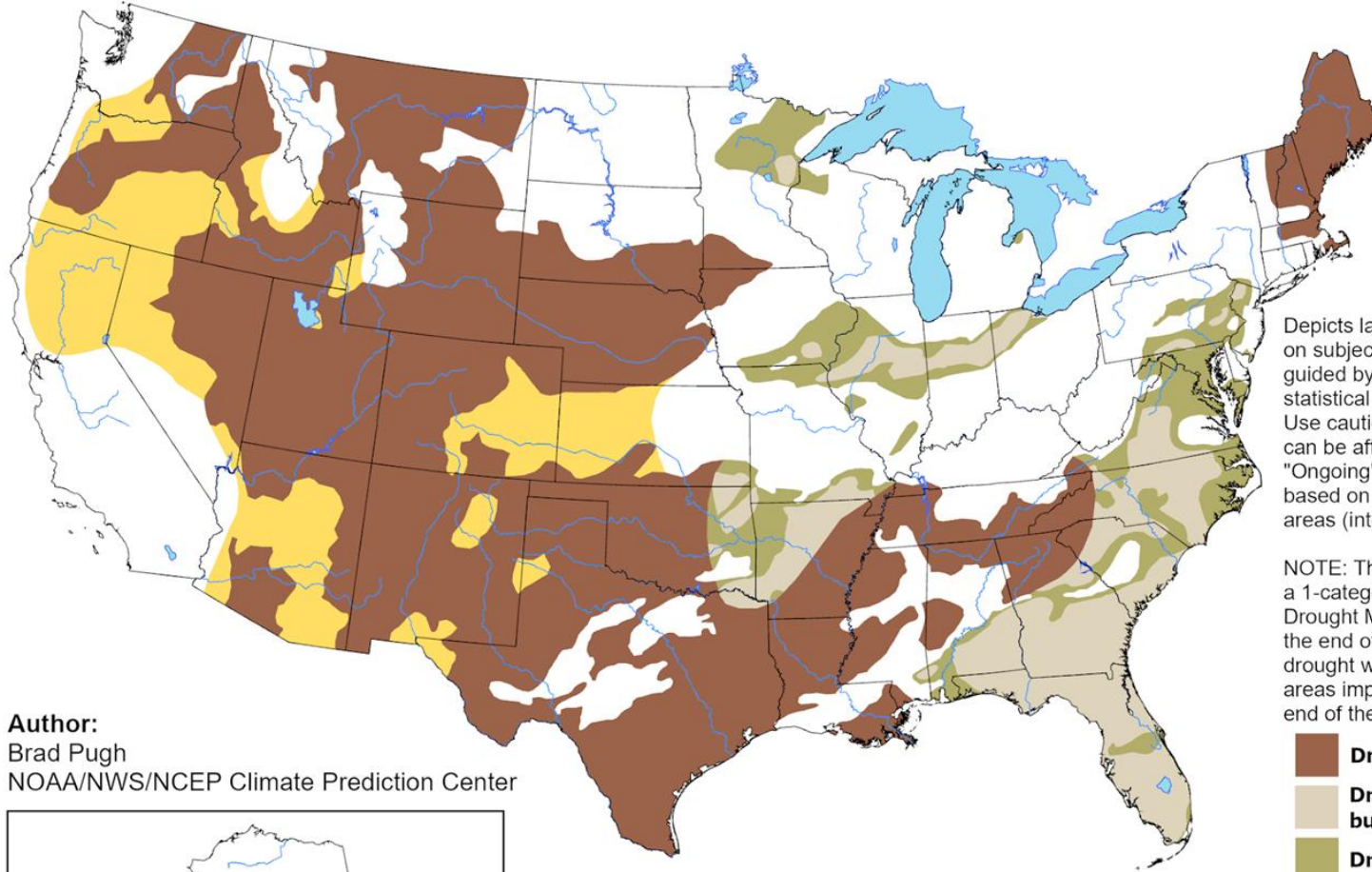
2026 U.S. Spring Flood Outlook



U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for March 19 - June 30, 2026
Released March 19, 2026

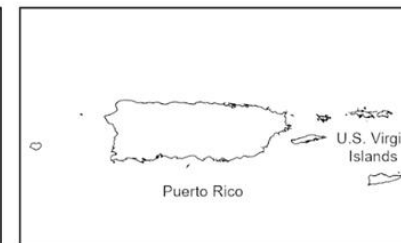
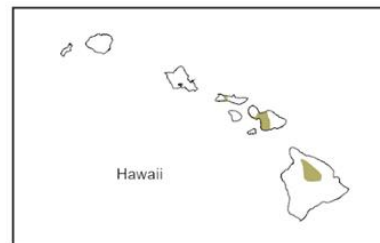


Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

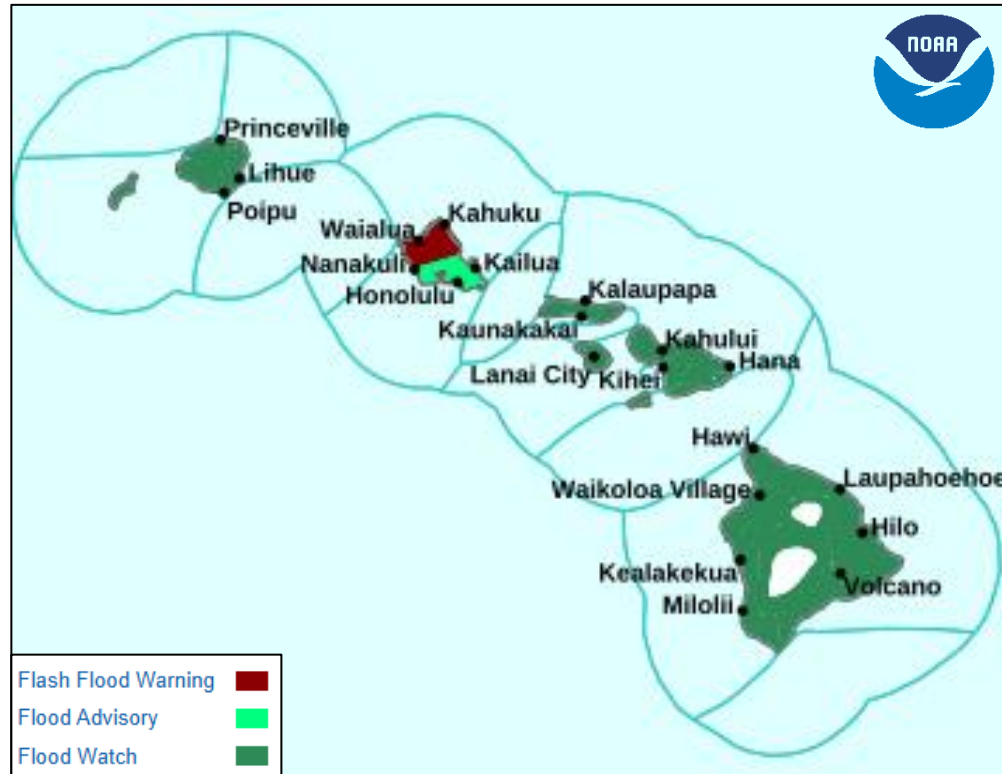
- Drought persists
- Drought remains, but improves
- Drought removal likely
- Drought development likely
- No drought

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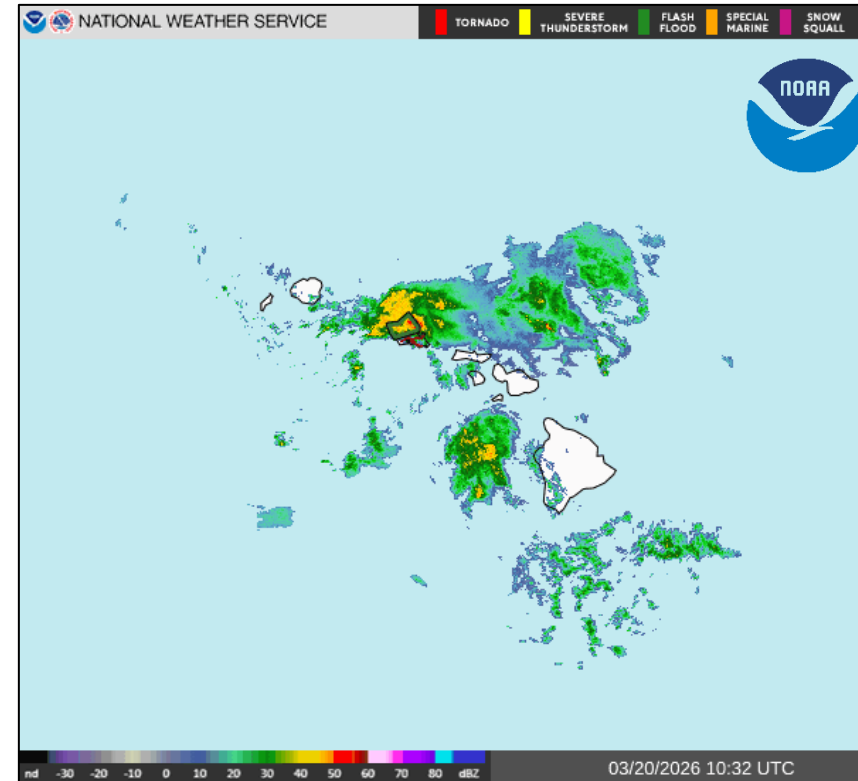


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Hawaii Weather Outlook



Watches and Warnings

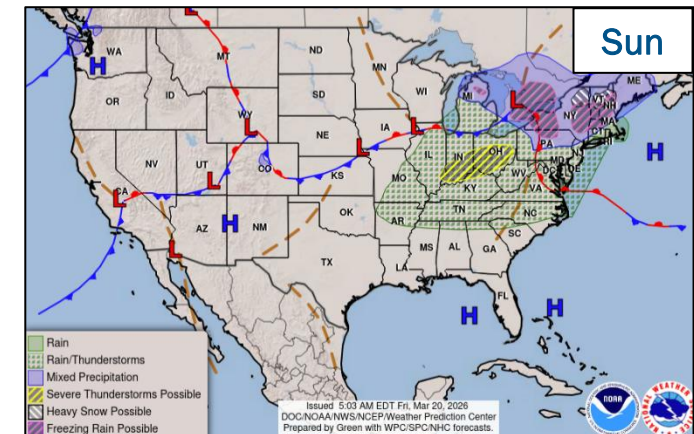
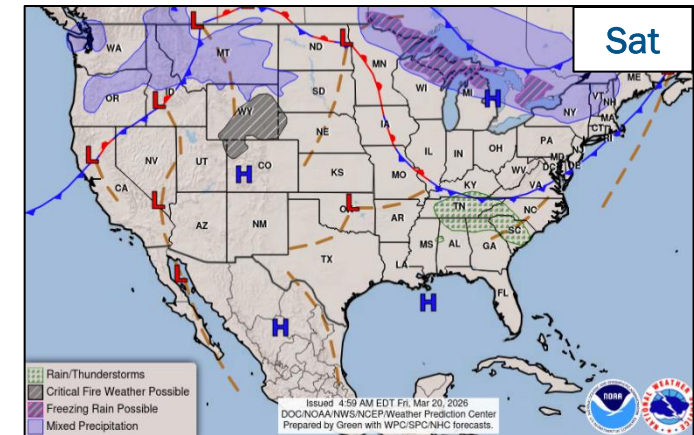
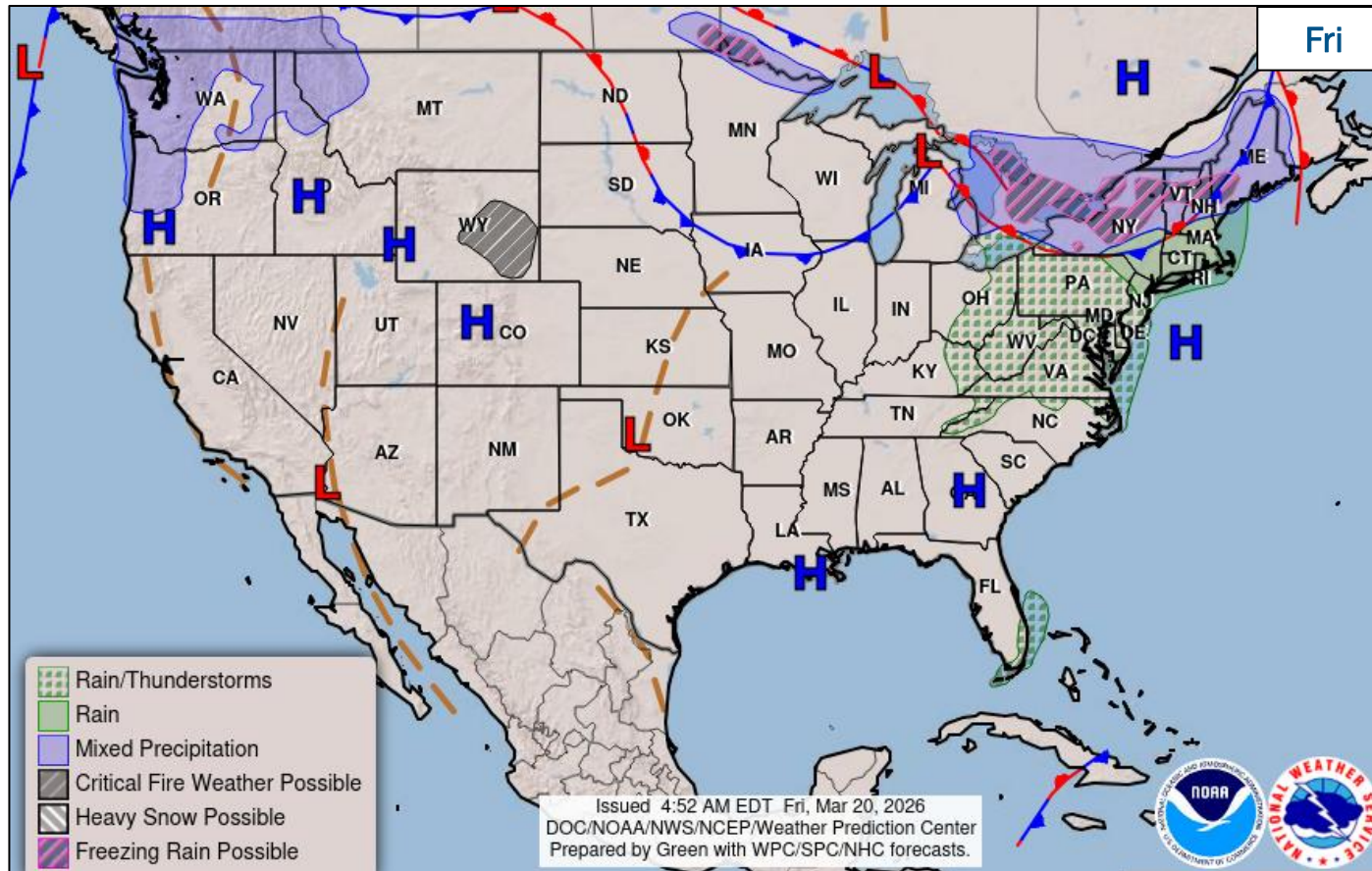


Weather Radar



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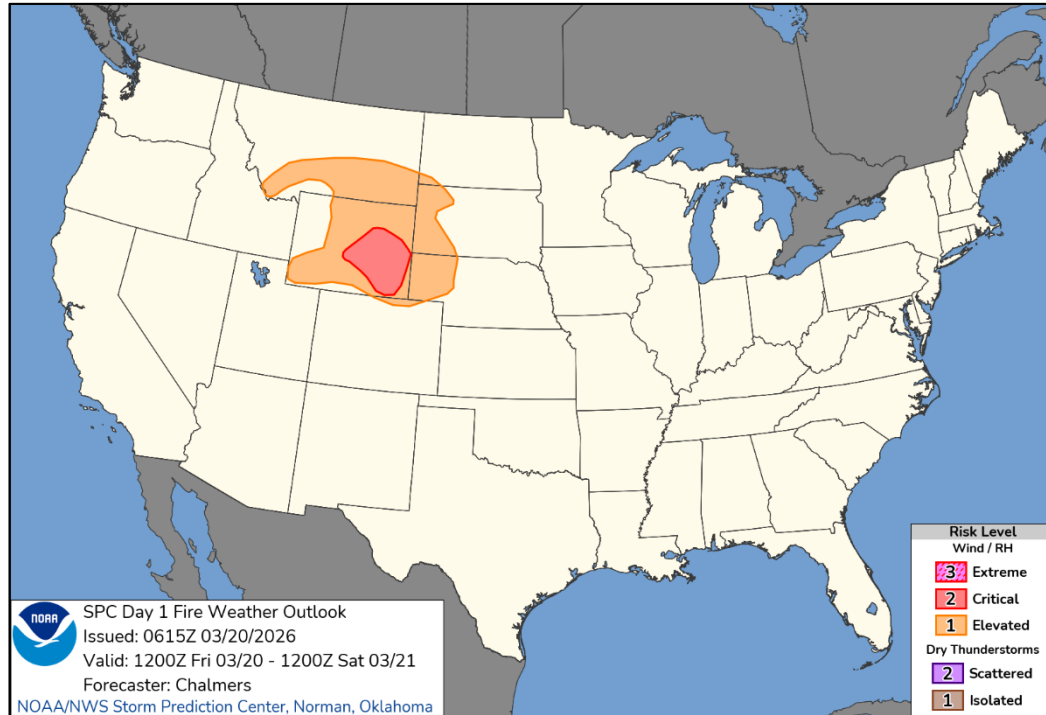
National Weather Forecast



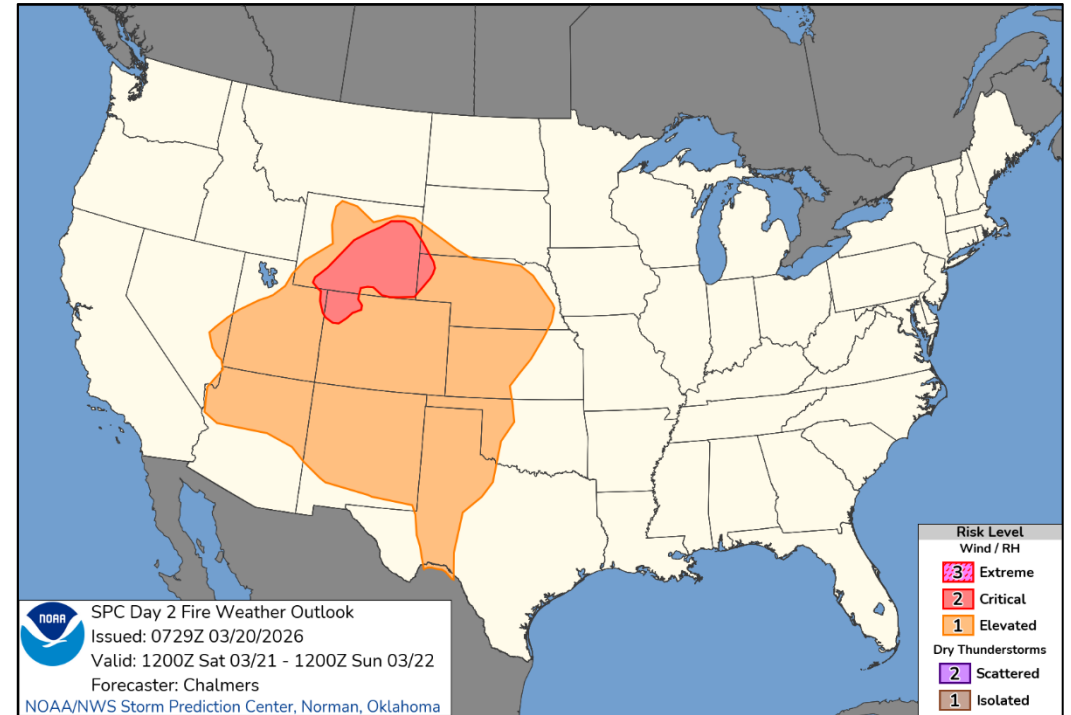
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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Buckhorn Fire – Oklahoma

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Buckhorn (Murray, OK)	5626-FM-OK	1,585	0%	M: 0	H: 600	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 164	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation: The FEMA Region 6 Regional Administrator has approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Buckhorn Fire, which has burned 1,585 acres with 0% containment in and around the communities of Cedar Blue and Five Lakes, south of Sulphur, OK (est. pop. 5k). The fire is burning on federal, state, and private land.
(FEMA R6, as of 7:54 p.m. ET)

State/ Local Response:

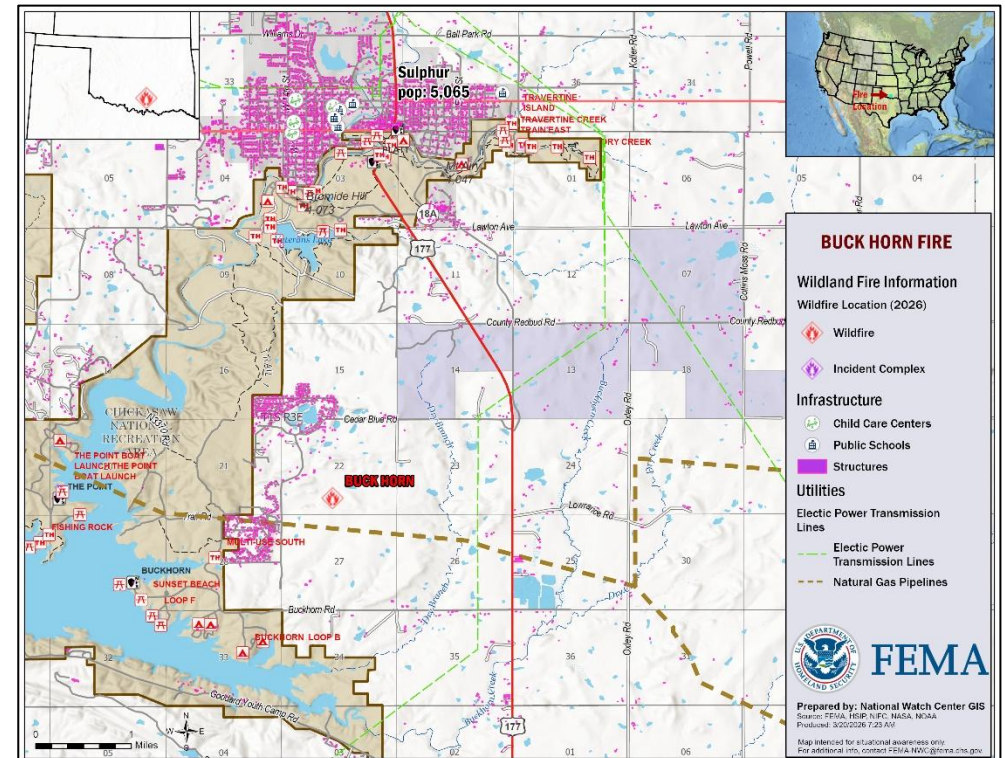
- OK SEOC in Monitoring (Severe Weather)

FEMA / Federal Response:

- FEMA Region 6 Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- R6 IMAT 1 and 2 are available
- FMAG approved Mar 19

HQ:

- NWC is Monitoring



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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	9,161	27%	M: 0	H: 50	H: 0	H: 6	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 25	O: 4	O: 5	
Morrill (Garden, NE) FINAL	5623-FM-NE	643,074	98% (+31)	M: LIFTED	H: 175	H: 1	H: 1	1 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 6	O: 0	
Cottonwood (Lincoln, NE)	5623-FM-NE	128,036	80% (+2)	M: 300	H: 170	H: 2	H: 3	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 41	



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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

Monitoring

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:

• R5 RWC: Staffing (Dayshift Only)

IMATs:

• R4 (1), R9 (1), R9 (2) IMAT: Training

• R4 (2): Available on Mar 23, 2026

State EOCs:

• DC: Potomac Interceptor

• FL: Previous Incidents

• MS: Winter Storm

• PR: Influenza Epidemic

• HI/KS/NE/OK/TX: Wildfires

• MD: Repatriation

• AL/DE/HI/KY/MI/OK/TN/TX: Severe Weather

• ID: Atmospheric Event

Surge Capacity Force

Rostered

7,965

Deployed

0

N-IMATs

2-5 Teams Available

Red

White

Blue

Gold

HS

R-IMATs

≥ 7 Teams Available

R1

R2

3

R3

R4 (1)

DC (Feb 24)

R4 (2)

Reconstituting

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

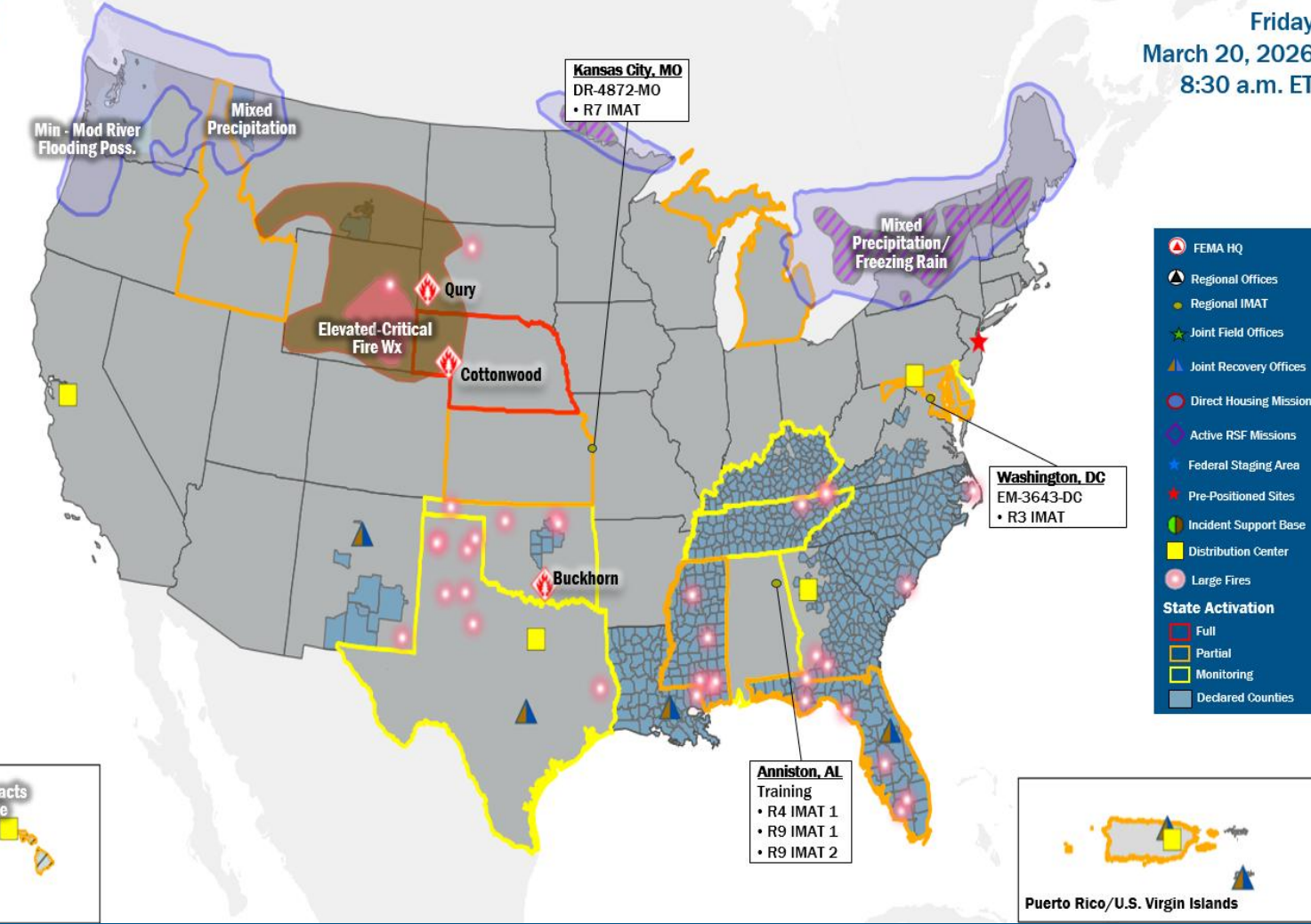
Alaska

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Guam

American Samoa

Hawaii



IM Workforce

11,266 Assigned

4,157 (+1) Unavailable

2,553 (-1) Deployed

40% / 4,556 Available

IM Cadre Availability

7 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 21% (20/94); Disability Integration: 19% (3/16); External Affairs: 25% (67/270); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 17% (109/641); Field Leadership: 18% (21/118); Hazard Mitigation: 19% (148/764); Planning: 19% (67/345)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned

6 Unavailable

0 Deployed

30 Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned

0 Unavailable

0 Deployed

28 Available

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2 Type I

35 Assigned

2 Unavailable

26 (14 FCOR) Deployed

7 Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Completed	
1	MA	Winter Storm Feb 22-23	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	6	0	3/11 – TBD
	MWT*	Winter Storm Feb 22-23	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	3/18 – TBD
	RI	Winter Storm	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	5	0	3/12 – TBD
2	NJ	Winter Storm Feb 22-23	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	19	0	3/13 – TBD
	NY	Winter Storm Feb 22	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	3	0	3/16 – TBD
3	DE	Winter Storm Feb 22-23	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	3	0	3/16 – TBD
5	MI	Weather and TORNADOS Mar 6	IA	3	3 (+3)	3/16 – 3/19
			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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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-3643-EM-DC	1	Mar 19	Closes the incident period effective March 14



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