

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Sunday, March 22, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Flooding / Kona Low – Hawaii

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Ohio Valley to Mid-Atlantic
- Freezing Rain / Heavy Snow – Northeast
- Critical Fire Weather – Southern Plains

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Flooding / Kona Low – Hawaii

Situation: A second Kona Low Pressure system brought additional heavy rainfall across the Hawaiian Islands of Oahu (Hawaii and Honolulu counties) and Maui (Maui Co.). Heavy rain, in conjunction with, the saturated soil from the previous Kona Low resulted in flash flooding across both islands. Flood Watches remain in effect for Oahu and Maui through today, with a Flash Flood Warning in effect for Maui until 10:45 a.m. ET. An additional 2-6" is predicted across the Hawaiian islands of Oahu and Maui over the next 24 hours, with intensive bands of rainfall expected across Maui that could bring rainfall totals of 6-15" by Monday. However, conditions across the State are forecast to improve by Tuesday (*Senior Leadership 1900, as of 11:17 p.m. ET, Mar 21*).

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA R9 SPOTREP #7, as of 2:53 a.m. ET, Mar 22) (FEMA R9 RA Update, as of 11:17 p.m. ET, Mar 21)

Safety and Security:

Honolulu County:

- 196 rescues were completed due to flooding

Food, Hydration, Shelter: (ARC Shelter Report, as of 6:51 a.m. ET, Mar 22)

- 4 (-7) shelters open / 0 (-48) occupants

Health & Medical:

Honolulu County:

- Kahuku and Hauula Clinics closed due to flooding

Maui County

- Kula Hospital remains closed

Water Systems:

- Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) is actively monitoring dams across the State
- Stream and river gauges at or around normal operating levels

Honolulu County:

- All customers on the North Shore have been advised to conserve water
- Boil water notices are in effect for 500 customers



Energy: (Hawaiian Electric, as of 8:15 a.m. ET, Mar 22)

Oahu:

- 3k total customers without power

Maui:

- 65 total customers without power

Transportation:

Honolulu County:

- Partial and full road closures near affected areas

Maui County:

- Multiples highways and roads blocked due to debris flow and flooding



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Flooding / Kona Low – Hawaii

State / Local Response:

- HI SEOC is at Full Activation (Severe Weather / Wildfire Recovery)
 - HI National Guard activated
 - Governor issued Emergency Proclamation for Kona Low event

FEMA / Federal Response:

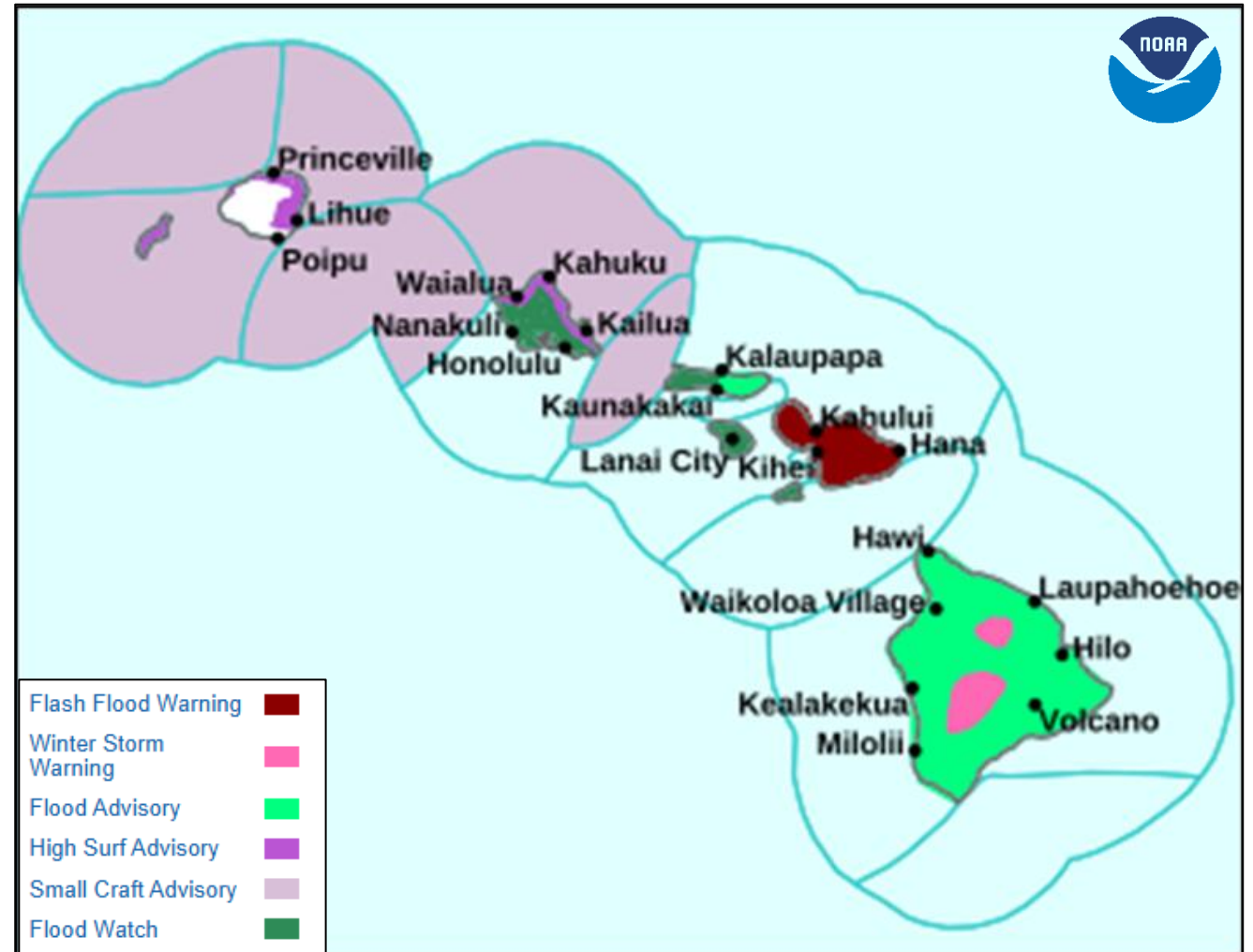
FEMA Region 9:

- RWC is Monitoring; RRCC at [Level 3](#), with select ESF's
- FEMA Region 9 LNO Hawaii FEMA Integration Team (FIT) deployed to Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HIEMA) SEOC
- R-IMAT 1 [deployed](#) to HI from AL; R-IMAT 2 [Reconstituting](#)
- [Preliminary Damage Assessment](#) tentatively scheduled to begin Monday

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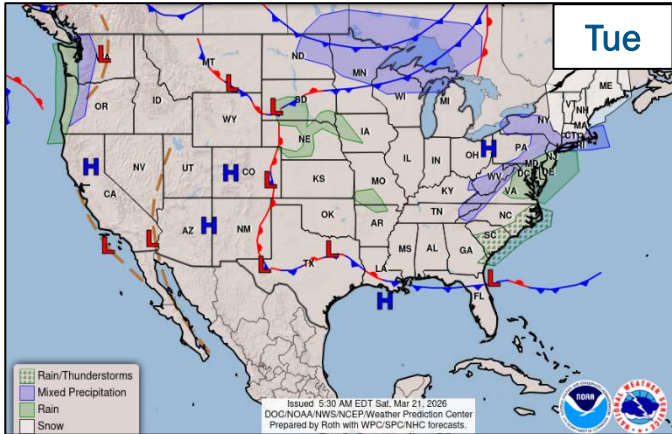
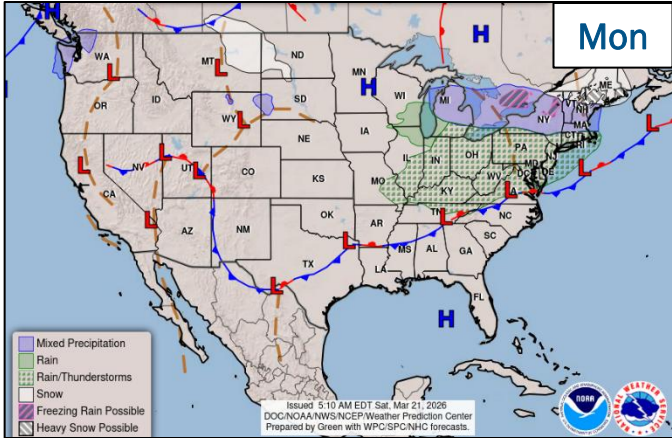
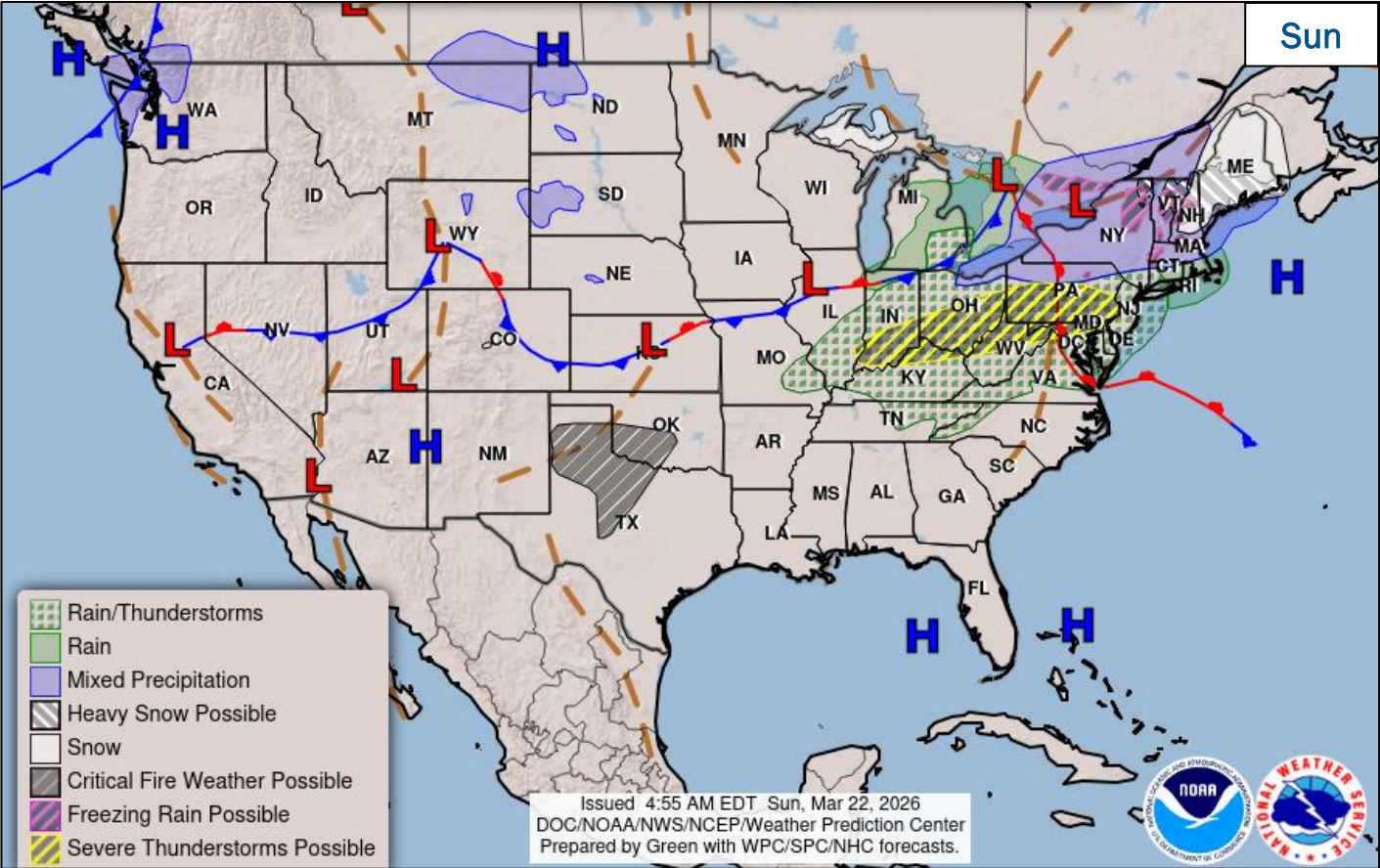
- NWC is Monitoring
- USR ESF #9 advisory issued
- [Response Operations Coordination](#) call held with FEMA Region 9 on Mar 21
- [Distribution Center Hawaii](#) activated with Transportation support
- Staging Management Teams (SMT) Hawaii and SMT Tracy [deployed](#) to distribution center in Hawaii

The FEMA National Watch Center will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 9 with continued reporting in the daily FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET) and the twice daily FEMA National Situation Report (5:00 p.m. ET / 3:00 a.m. ET)



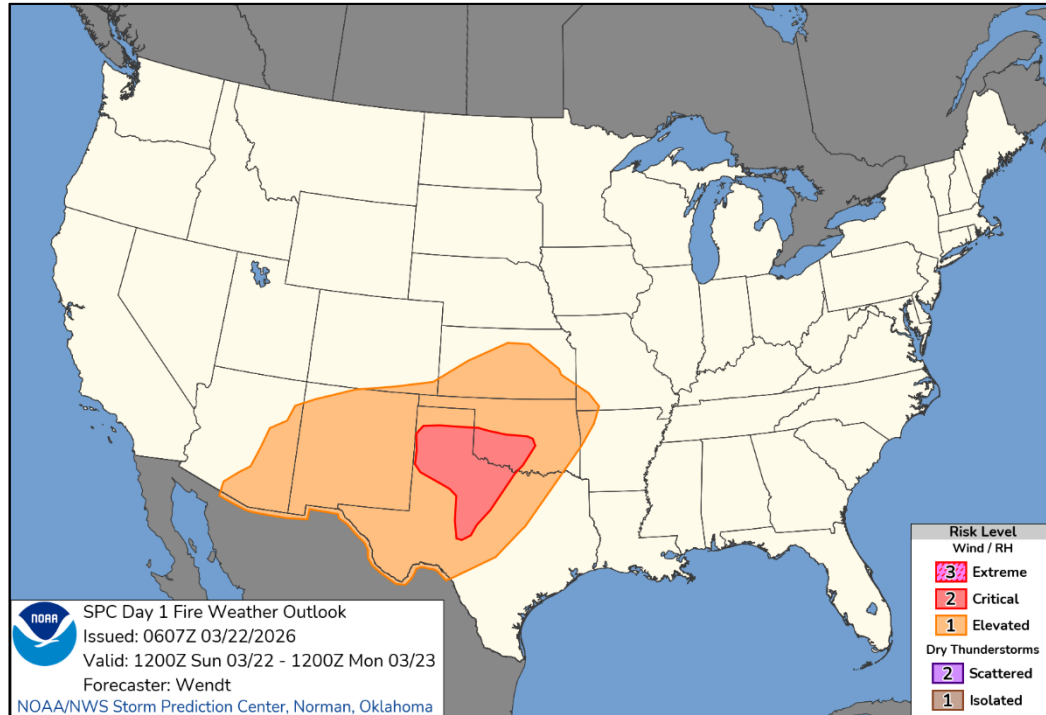
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National Weather Forecast

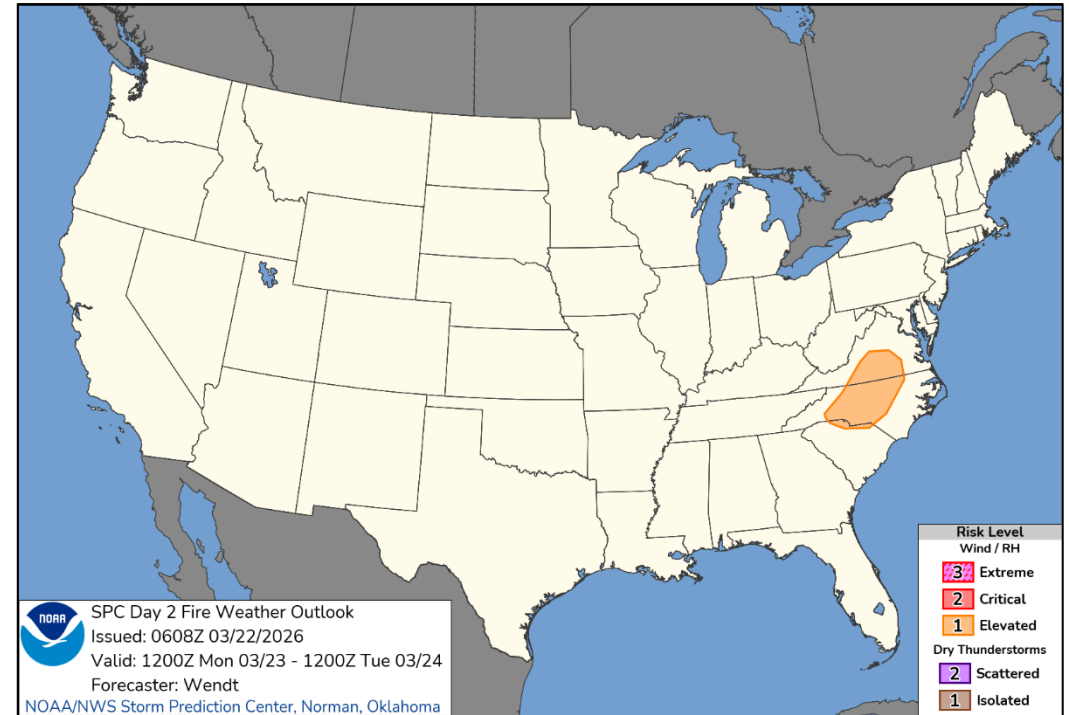


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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



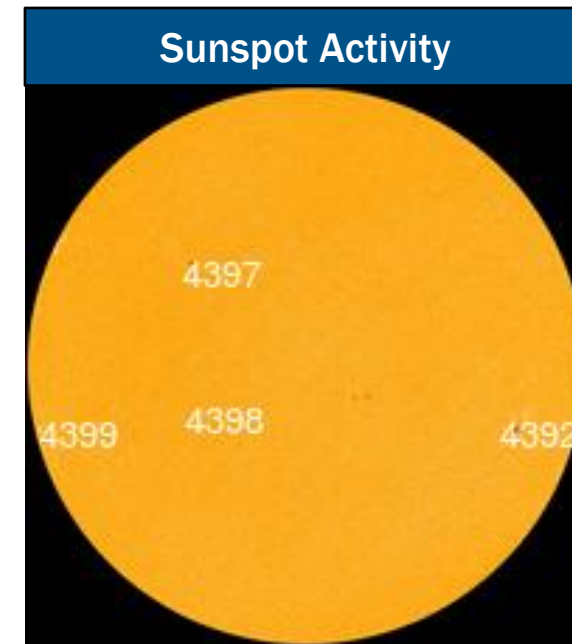
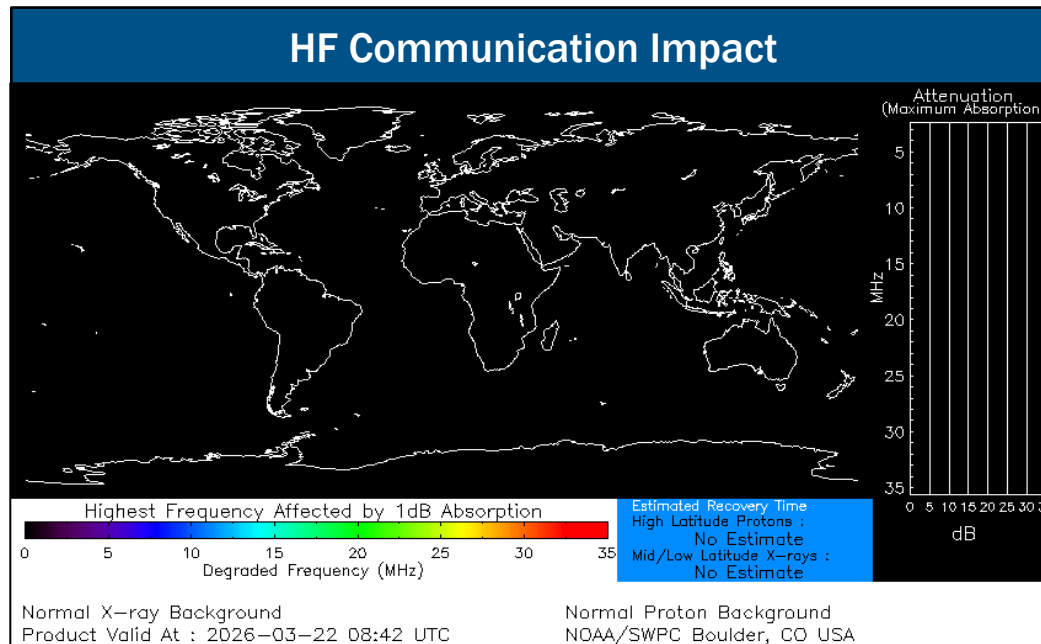
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Space Weather Outlook

Moderate	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	Strong	G3	None	None
Next 24 Hours	Strong	G3	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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Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Cottonwood (Lincoln, NE) FINAL	5623-FM-NE	128,289 (+97)	94%	M: LIFTED	H: 170	H: 2	H: 3	0 / 1
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 41	
Buckhorn (Murray, OK)	5626-FM-NE	1,585	0%	M: 0	H: 600	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 164	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	



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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

R2 Rostered

R3 Rostered

R4 Rostered

R5 Rostered

R6 Rostered

R7 Rostered

R8 Rostered

R9 Level 3

R10 Rostered

Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

• R5 RWC: Staffing (Dayshift Only)

• R9 RRCC: Kona Low

IMATs:

• R4 (2): Available on Mar 23

• R10 IMAT: Training in Anniston, AL; EOD 7:00 p.m. ET

State EOCs:

• DC: Potomac Interceptor

• FL: Previous Incidents

• MS: Winter Storm

• PR: Influenza Epidemic

• HI/KS/NE/OK/TX: Wildfires

• HI/KY/MI/OK/TN/TX: Severe Weather

• MS: Winter 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

R3 DC (Feb 24)

R4 (1)

R4 (2) Reconstituting

R5

R6 (1)

R6 (2)

R7 MO (Feb 15)

R8 1

R9 (1) HI (Mar 21)

R9 (2) Reconstituting/3

R10 AL* (Mar 22)/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

Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands

Legend:

- FEMA Headquarters
- Regional Offices
- Regional IMAT
- Pre-Positioned Site
- Distribution Center
- Recovery Support Function Activations
- Open Joint Field Offices
- Joint Recovery Office
- Direct Housing Missions
- Wildfire
- Large Fires
- State Activation Levels: Full, Partial, Monitoring, Normal
- Declared Counties

Callouts:

- Kansas City, MO:** DR-4872-MO • R7 IMAT
- Washington, DC:** EM-3643-DC • R3 IMAT
- Oahu, HI:** Kona Low • R9 IMAT 1 • SMTs Hawaii & Tracy

Disaster Impacts:

- Mixed Precipitation (Northwest)
- Mixed Precipitation (Central)
- Severe Wx: Slight Risk (Northeast)
- Elevated-Critical Fire Wx (Southwest)
- Considerable Flooding Impacts Poss. (Hawaii)

IM Workforce

11,266 Assigned

4,162 (-24) Unavailable

2,547 (+4) Deployed

40% / 4,557 (+20) Available

IM Cadre Availability

6 (-1) Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 23% (22/94); Disability Integration: 19% (3/16); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 17% (107/641); Field Leadership: 18% (21/118); Hazard Mitigation: 20% (150/764); 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

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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	Severe Winter Storm Feb 22-23	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	6	0	3/11 – TBD
	MWT ¹	Severe Winter Storm Feb 22-23	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	3/18 – TBD
	RI	Severe 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	8	0	3/16 – TBD
3	DE	Severe Winter Storm Feb 22-23	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	3	0	3/16 – TBD
9	HI	Kona Low Mar 10-16	IA	3	0	3/23 – TBD
			PA	3	0	3/23 – TBD

¹Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe



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Declaration Requests in Process – 22

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 ¹ – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Nov 26
SCA ¹ – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Dec 15
MT – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jan 10
NVK ² – 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 ³ – Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 11

¹San Carlos Apache Tribe / ²Native Village of Kipnuk / ³Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes



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Declaration Requests in Process – 22 (cont'd)

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
CTM ⁴ – Straight-line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 12
FBIC ⁵ – 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
CN ⁶ – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Mar 18

⁴ Crow Tribe of Montana / ⁵ Fort Belknap Indian Community / ⁶ Chickasaw Nation



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