

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Sunday, March 23, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Wildfires – OK

Hazard Monitoring

- Freezing Rain – Great Lakes to Northeast
- Heavy Snow – Pacific Northwest, Northern Intermountain, and northern
- Severe Thunderstorms – Lower Mississippi and Tennessee Valleys

Disaster Declaration Activity

- FMAG Approval: Black Cove Complex Fire – NC

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Wildfires – Oklahoma

Situation: Oklahoma continues to experience fire weather with strong southerly winds likely throughout the afternoon. Southerly gusts of 15 to 20 mph coupled with low relative humidity contributes to the elevated fire weather conditions. The National Watch Center continues to report on eight Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAGs) fires with approximately 44,504 acres burned and continuing.

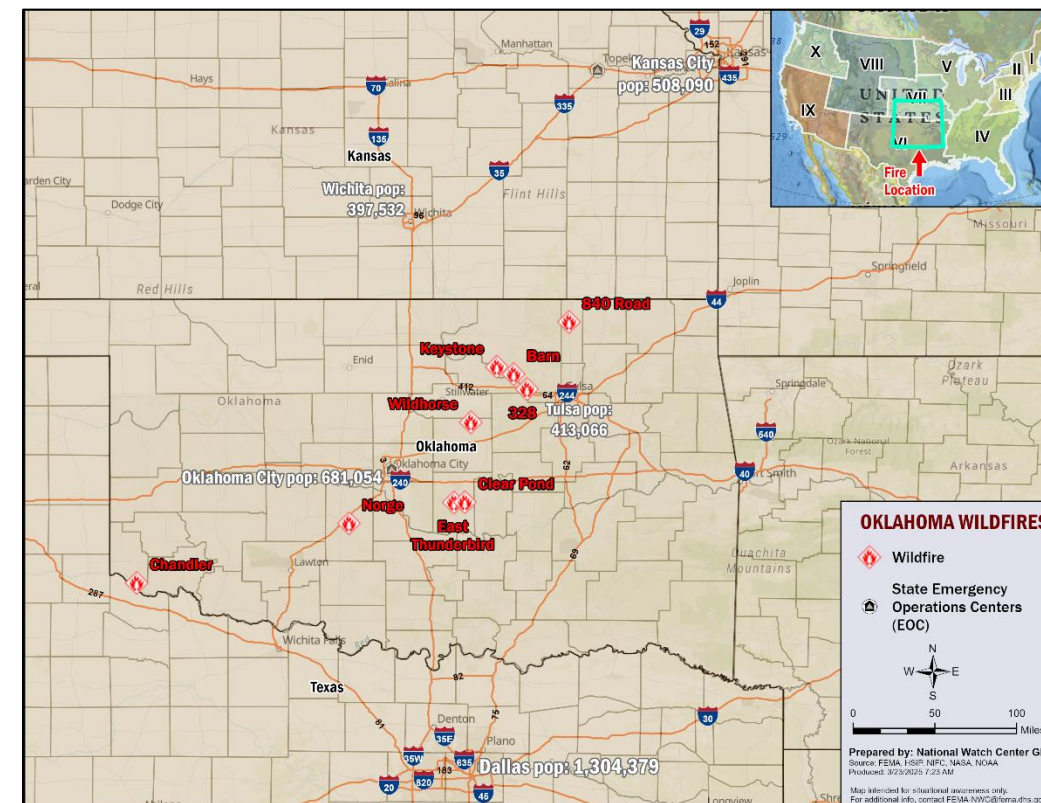
State/Local Response:

- OK SEOC at Monitoring (Severe Weather/Wildfires)
 - Gov declared State of Emergency on Mar 15
 - Gov requested a Major Disaster Declaration on Mar 21

FEMA Response:

- Region VI:
 - RWC is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
 - Regional IMAT teams available
- NWC is Monitoring

The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region VI, 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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Black Cove Complex Fire – North Carolina

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Black Cove Complex <i>Black Cove/Deep Woods/*Fishhook</i> (Polk, NC)	XXXX-FM-NC	2,337	0%	M: 236	H: 182	H: 1	H: 4	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 69	O: 1	O: 4	

**The Fishhook Fire is 50% contained*

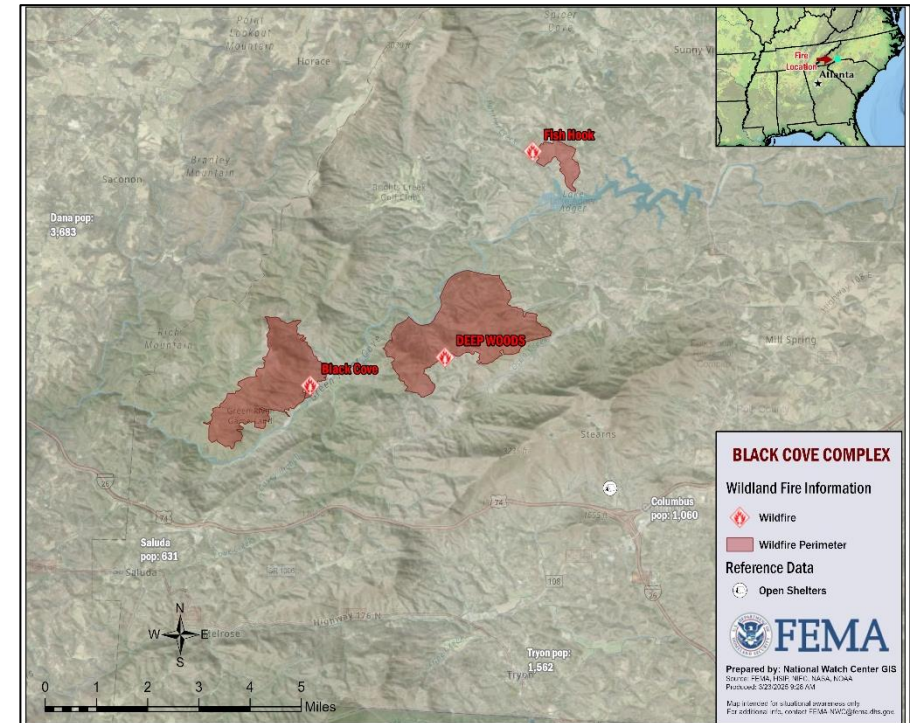
Situation: The Regional Administrator for FEMA Region IV approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Black Cove Complex Fire. A total of 4 wildfires are burning in Polk County, NC, however, the fourth fire recently sparked, and no information is available at this time. Red Flag Warnings remain in effect through Sunday night.

State / Local Response:

- NC SEOC is at Monitoring (Previous Incidents)

FEMA / Federal Response:

- FMAG approved Mar 22
- RIV RWC is Monitoring, RRCC is Rostered
- NWC continues to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region IV



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Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Chandler (Lincoln, OK)	5559-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	
East Thunderbird (Pottawatomie, OK)	5563-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)	5564-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)	5565-FM-OK	6,310	0%	M: UNK	H: 320	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Keystone (Pawnee, OK)	5567-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)	5568-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)	5569-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	
328 (Pawnee, OK)	5572-FM-OK	470	30% (+20)	M: 1,638	H: 33	H: 1	H: 2	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

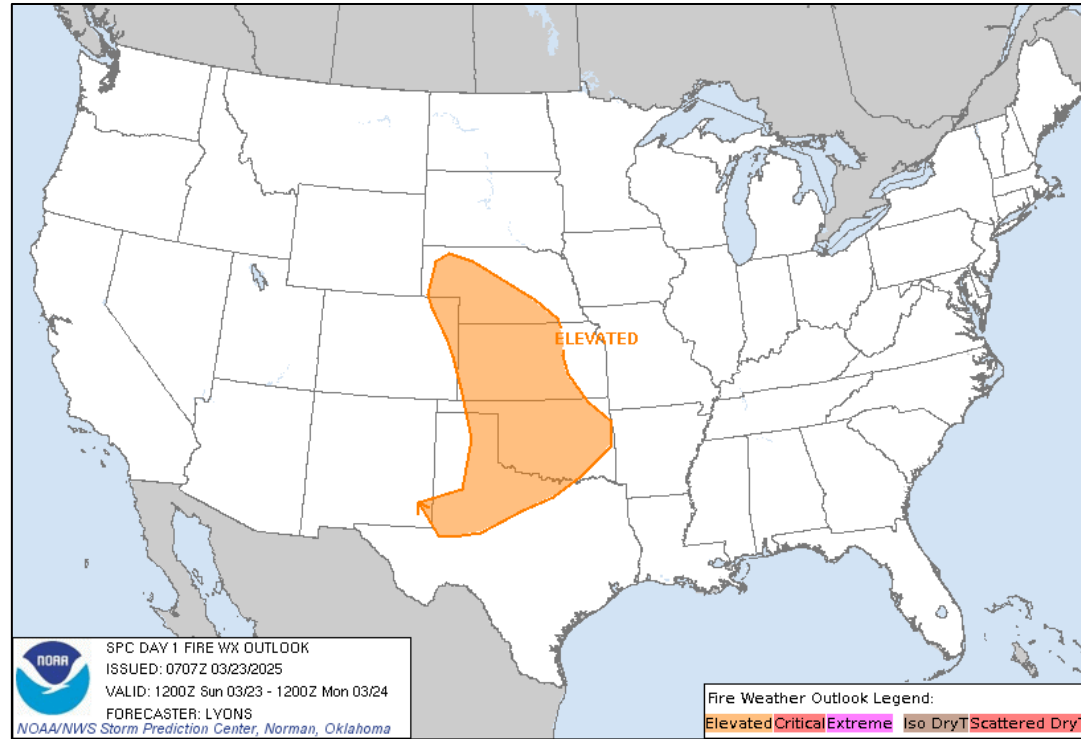
(Evacuations: M = Mandatory / V = Voluntary; Structures: H = Homes and Mixed Commercial/Residential / O = Non-residential Commercial/Other Minor Structures)



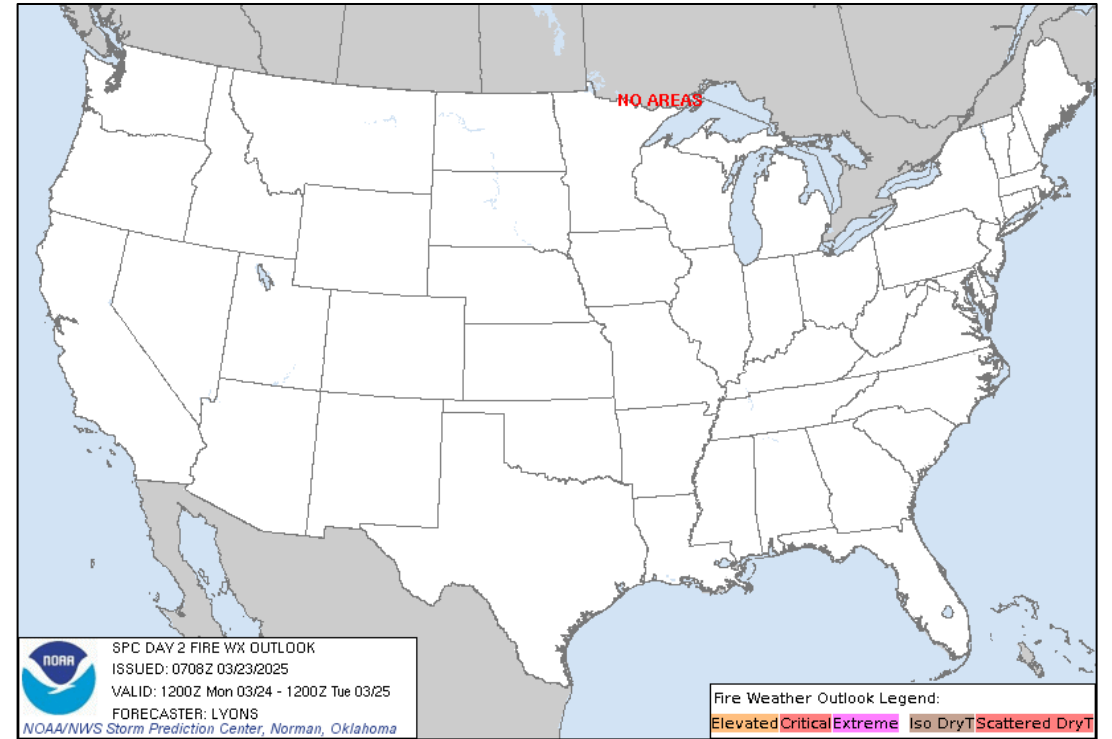
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



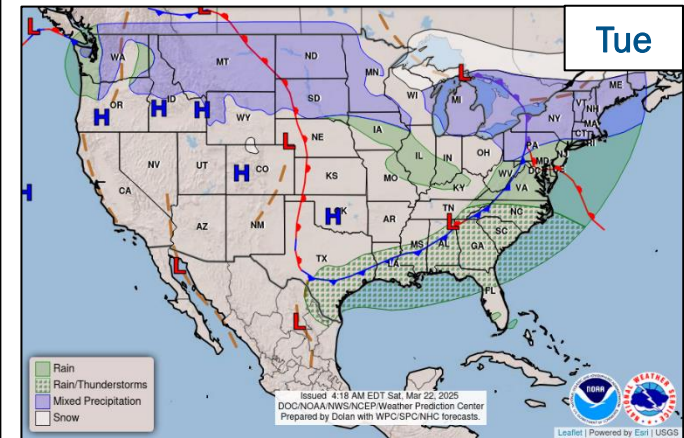
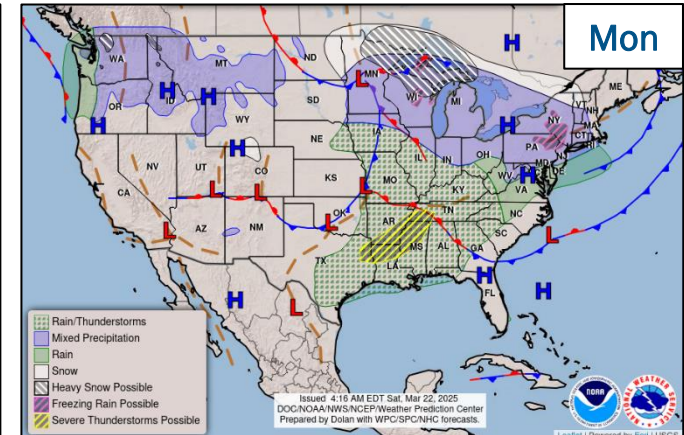
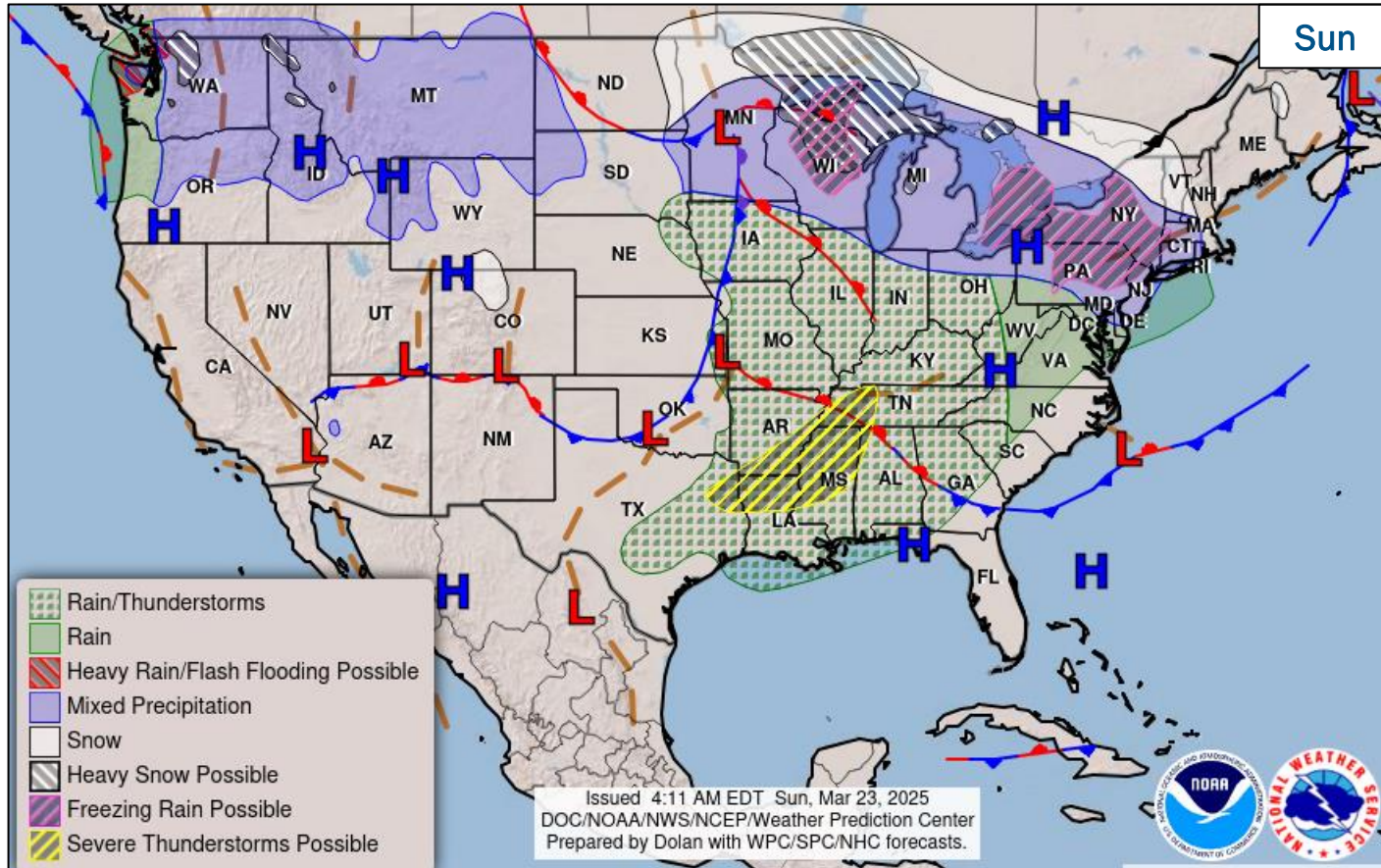
Tomorrow



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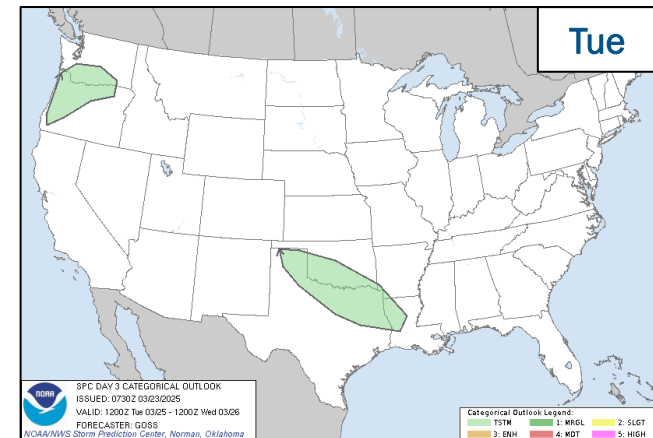
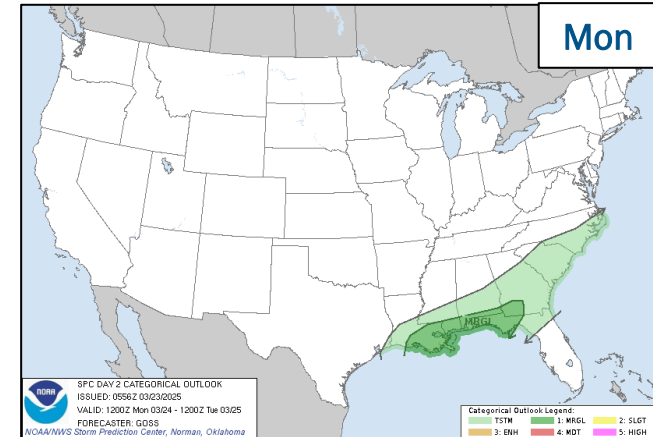
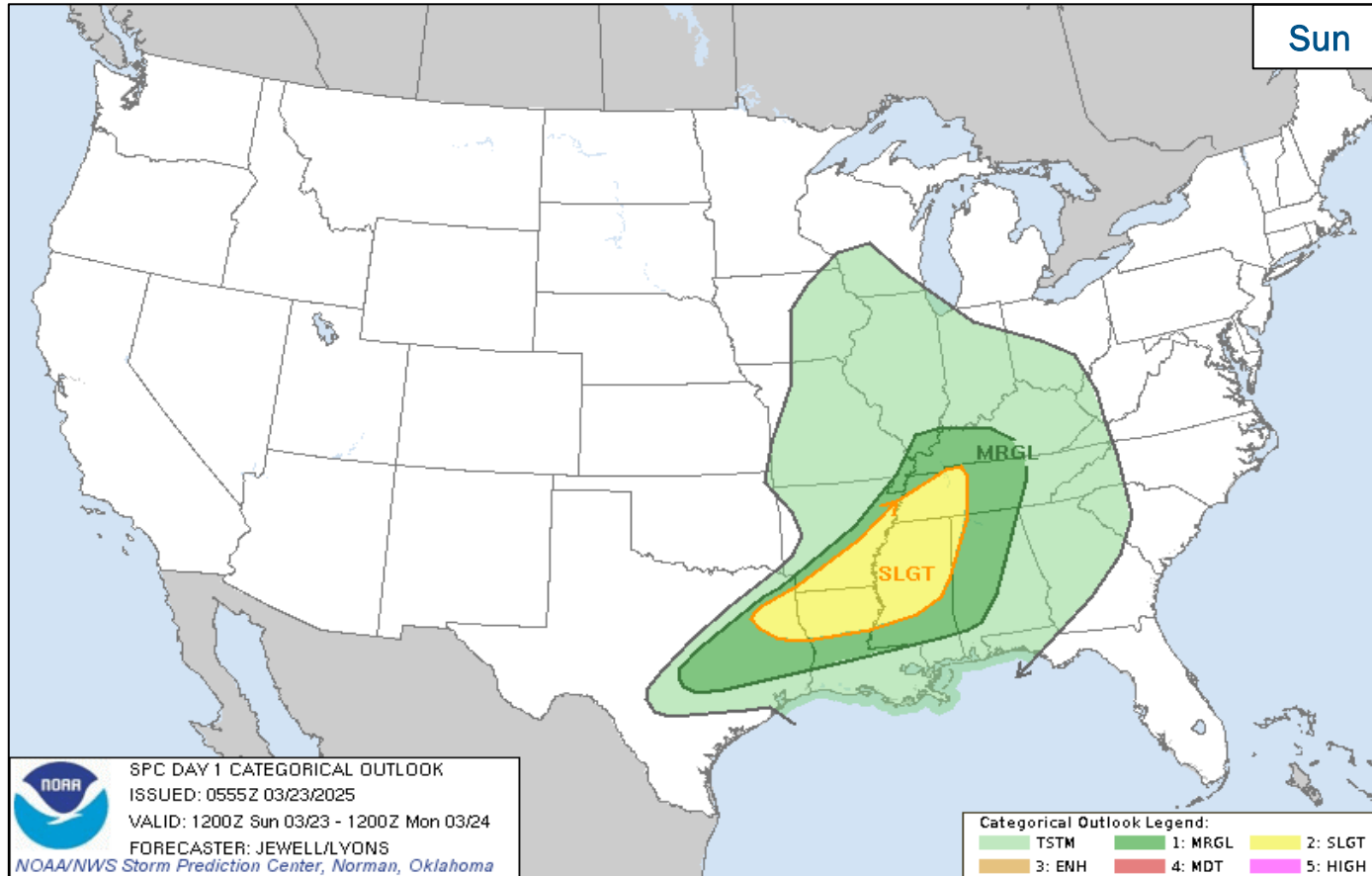
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National Weather Forecast



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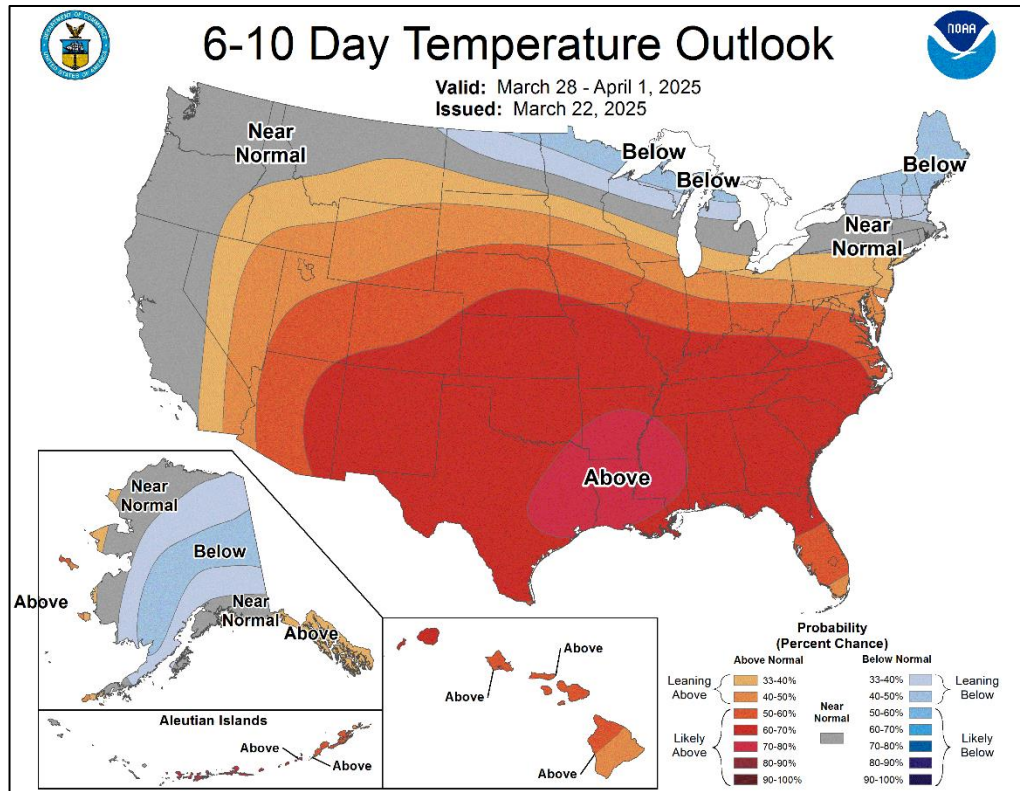
Severe Weather Outlook



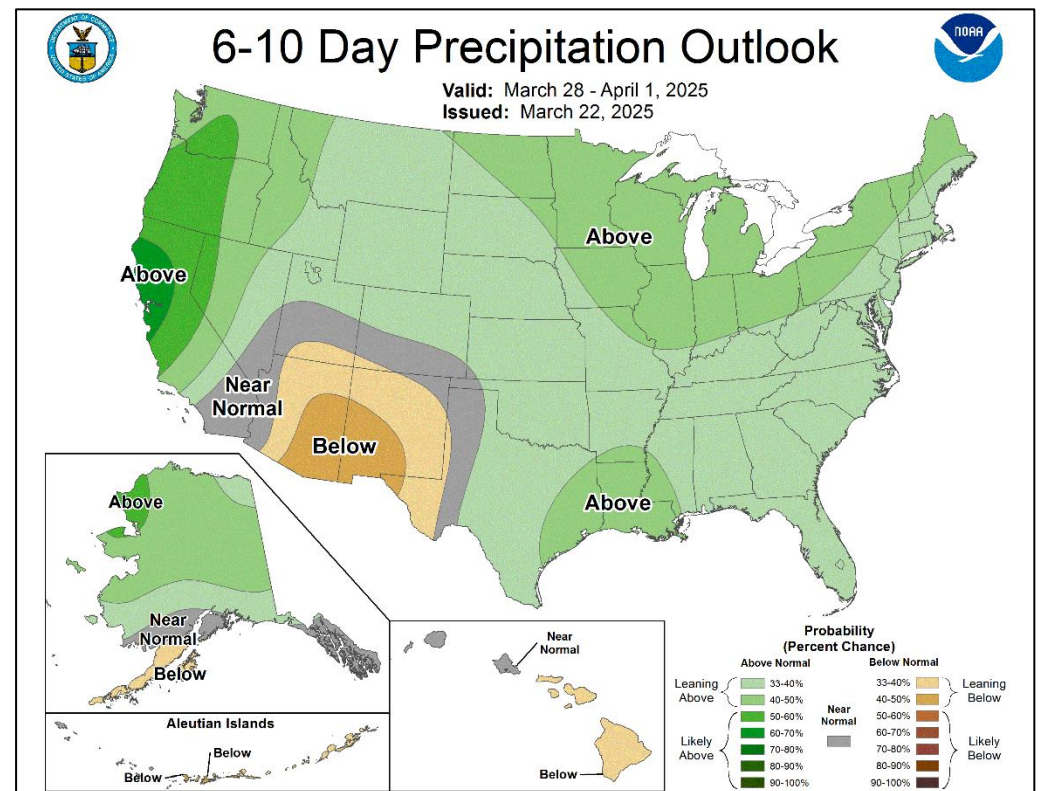
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Long Range Outlooks – Mar 28-Apr 1



6-10 Day Temperature Probability



6-10 Day Precipitation Probability



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

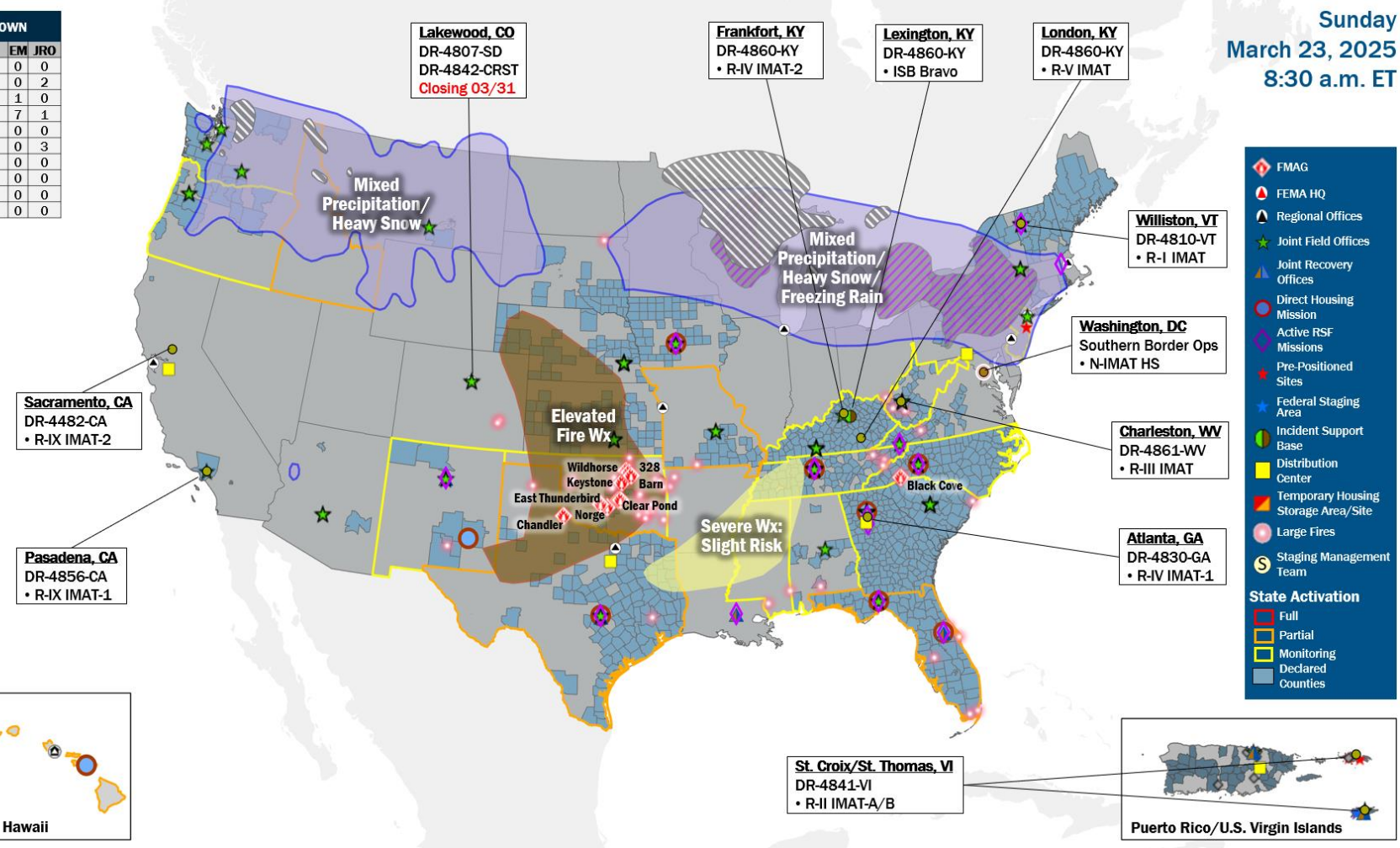
32 Joint Field Offices **Supporting** **91 + 8** Major Disasters Emergency Declarations **12** Direct Housing Missions **28** RSF-Supported Disasters **6** Joint Recovery Offices

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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/OK/NJ/TX: Wildfires • WV: Winter Storms • KY/AL/OK/TN/FL/MO/MS: Severe Weather • FL/NC: Previous Incidents • OR/ID: Flooding • NM: Fire Weather • AK: Ketchikan Landslide
Volunteer Force	
Rostered 7,960	Deployed 1
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 8,888	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	GA (Mar 18)
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	11	0 0
II	4	6	0 2
III	2	7	1 0
IV	8	29	7 1
V	0	0	0 0
VI	2	6	0 3
VII	4	14	0 0
VIII	2	3	0 0
IX	2	5	0 0
X	5	10	0 0



- 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

14,225 Assigned
4,950 (-1) Unavailable
6,962 (-1) Deployed

16% / 2,313 (+2) 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: 10% (14/146); Financial Management: 20% (47/235); Hazard Mitigation: 11% (129/1,224); Human Resources: 13% (23/180); Individual Assistance: 13% (342/2,652); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 23% (79/342); Information Technology: 19% (138/713); Logistics: 13% (217/1,699); Operations: 16% (60/372); Public Assistance: 13% (292/2,308); Planning: 4% (18/471); 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

2 Type I

50 Assigned
4 Unavailable
44 (27 FCOR) Deployed

2 Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
VI	*MCN	Winter Weather and Freezing Temperatures Feb 19-21	IA	0	0	N/a
			PA	1	0	2/26 - TBD
VII	MO	Severe Storms and Tornadoes Mar 14-15	IA	25	17 (+10)	3/20 - TBD
			PA	25	0	3/25 - TBD

*Muscogee Creek Nation



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Declaration Requests in Process – 7

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
CA – Park and Borel Fires (Appeal)	DR	X	X	X	Dec 2
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
TN – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X		X	Mar 18
AR – Severe Storms and Tornadoes	DR	X		X	Mar 21
OK – Wildfires and Straight-line Winds	DR	X		X	Mar 21



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