

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, March 29, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Wildfires – North and South Carolina
- Severe Weather – Mississippi Valley

Hazard Monitoring

- Fire Weather – Southwest and Southern Plains
- Freezing Rain – Great Lakes to the Northeast
- Severe Thunderstorms – Central Plains and Middle Mississippi Valley
- Heavy Snowfall – Northern Plains, Great Lakes and Northeast

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Severe Weather – Mississippi Valley

Situation and Impacts: Enhanced risk of severe thunderstorms are forecast across an area centered on the Ohio / Middle and Lower Mississippi, Lower Missouri, and Tennessee River Valleys from late Saturday to Sunday. There have been no requests for FEMA assistance.

Potential Impacts: (IAB #1, R-IV, V, VI, and VII Severe Weather, as of Mar 28)

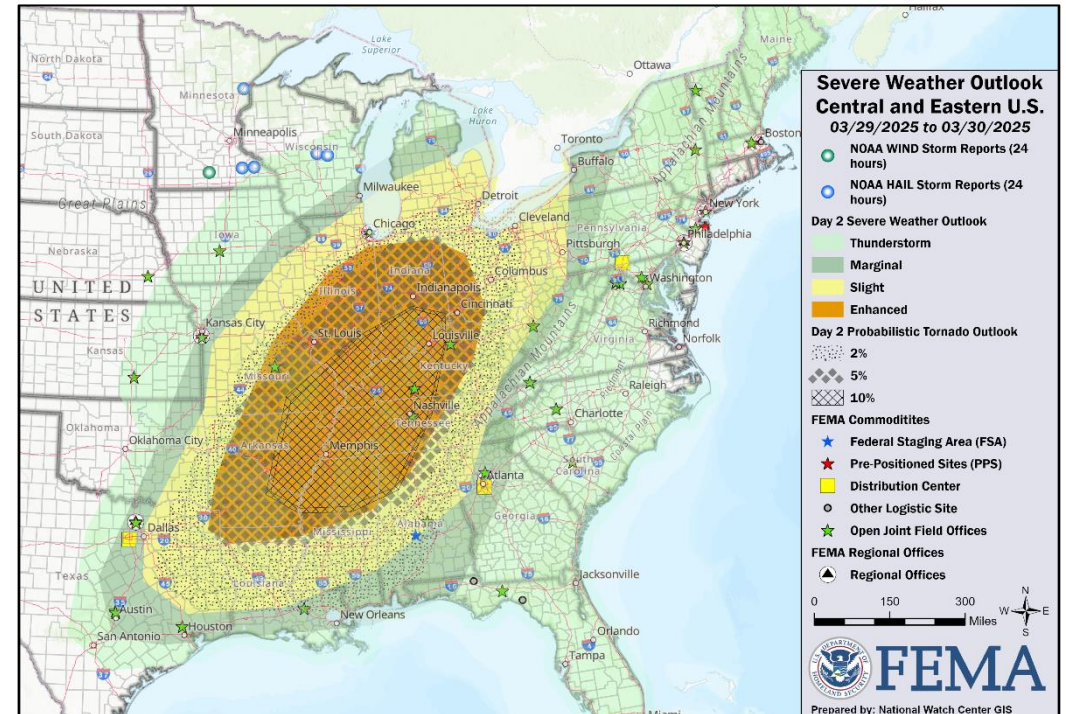
- Risk will spread eastward with time into the evening/overnight into the Upper Ohio Valley
- Vigorous storms and all-hazards risk will likely continue through the end of the period across the Tennessee Valley / Gulf Coast
- Large hail
- Damaging wind gusts
- Strong tornadoes a few of which may be strong /potentially long-lived

State / Local Preparations:

- Region IV:
 - AL, KY, MS, NC, and TN SEOCs are Monitoring (Previous Incidents)
 - FL (Previous Incidents) and SC (Fire) SEOCs are Partial
 - GA SEOC is Normal Operations
- Region V: All state EOC are Normal Operation
- Region VI:
 - AR, LA, and NM SEOCs are Normal Operations
 - OK SEOC is Monitoring (Severe Weather)
 - TX SEOC is at Partial (Wildfires)
- Region VII: All state EOC are Normal Operation

FEMA / Federal Preparations:

- FEMA RIV: RWC is at Enhanced Watch (Severe Weather); RRCC is Rostered; R-IMAT 1 Deployed (GA), R-IMAT 2 Deployed (KY); FIT LNOs will deploy to SEOCs as requested
- Region V: RWC is Monitoring (Enhanced Watch Mar 30 at 10:00 a.m. ET); RRCC is Rostered; R-IMAT Demobilizing
- Region VI: FEMA RVI Watch is Monitoring (Enhanced Watch Mar 30 at 12:00 p.m. ET); RRCC is Rostered; R-IMAT 1 FMC; R-IMAT 2 is PMC (Personnel)
- FEMA RVII Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered; R-IMAT is FMC
- Regional Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- HQ: NWC is at Monitoring; RRCC is Steady State
 - Operations Coordination Call with Regions IV, V, VI, and VII convened Mar 28



The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with the FEMA Regions IV and VI, 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)



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Wildfires – North and South Carolina

Situation: Elevated Fire Weather conditions have subsided in North and South Carolina. The FEMA RIV Regional Administrator approved Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAG's) for the The Alarka #5, Black Cove Complex, and Table Rock Complex Fires in North and South Carolina. The fires have burned approximately **21,493 (+3,193)** cumulative acres, with minimal containment and threaten communications structures, houses of worship, agricultural land and Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Land. Mandatory and voluntary evacuation orders are in place.

State/Local Response:

NC

- NC SEOC is Monitoring (Previous Incidents)
- NC Gov declared a State of Emergency on Mar 26

SC

- SC SEOC at Partial Activation (Wildfires)
- SC Gov declared a State of Emergency on Mar 22

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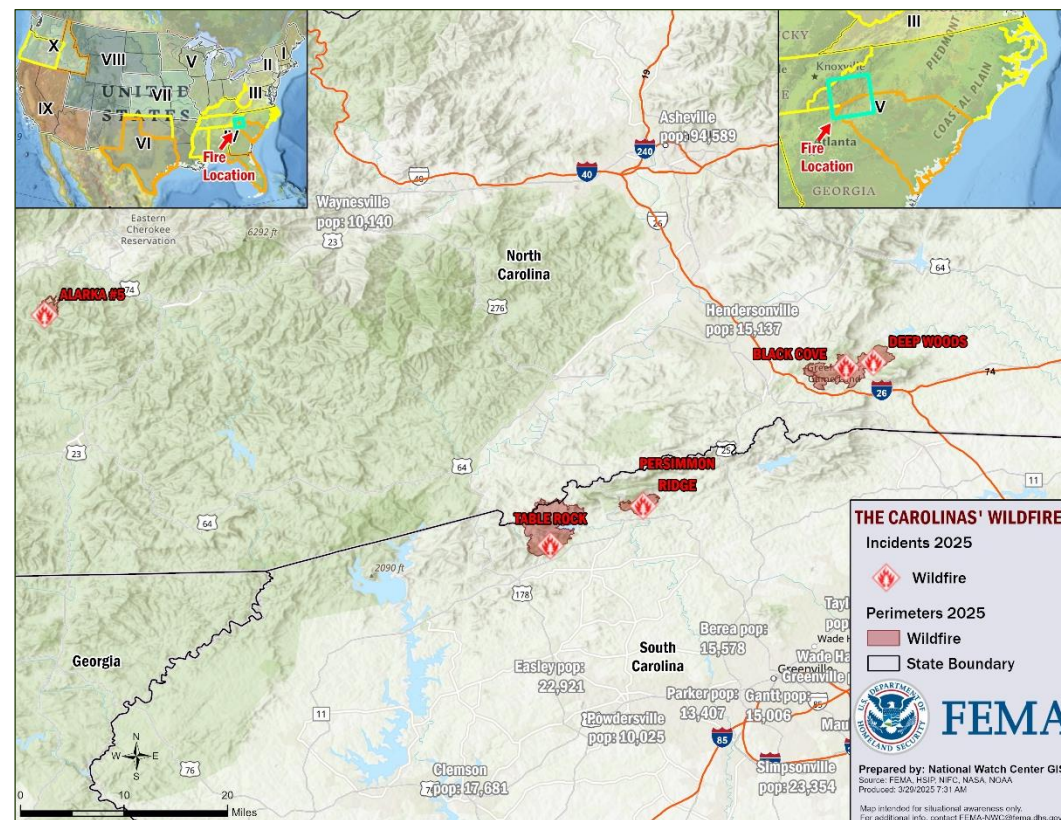
Region IV

- Black Cove Complex Fire FMAG Approved on Mar 22
- Table Rock Complex Fire FMAG Approved on Mar 23
- Alarka #5 Fire FMAG Approved on Mar 26
- Table Rock North Carolina Fire FMAG Approved on Mar 27 (Added to Table Rock Complex Fire)
- RWC is Monitoring; RRCC Rostered
- R-IMAT 1 Deployed (GA), R-IMAT 2 Deployed (KY)

HQ

- NWC is Monitoring; NRCC is at Steady State
- National Incident Assistance Teams (N-IMAT) available

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Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Black Cove Complex Black Cove/Deep Woods (Polk, NC)	5574-FM-NC	7,211 (+550)	55% (+38)	M: 447	H: 325	H: 1	H: 8	0 / 1
				V: 0	O: 143	O: 0	O: 10	
Table Rock Complex Table Rock/ Persimmon/Table Rock NC Fire (Pickens, SC/ Greenville, SC, Transylvania, NC)	5575-FM-SC 5576-FM-SC 5578-FM-NC	12,982 (+2,311)	0%	M: 0	H: 1,300	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 2
				V: 0	O: 1	O: 0	O: 0	
Alarka #5 (Swain, NC)	5577-FM-NC	1,300 (+330)	10% (+5)	M: 30 (+5)	H: 183 (+158)	H: 0	H: 1	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

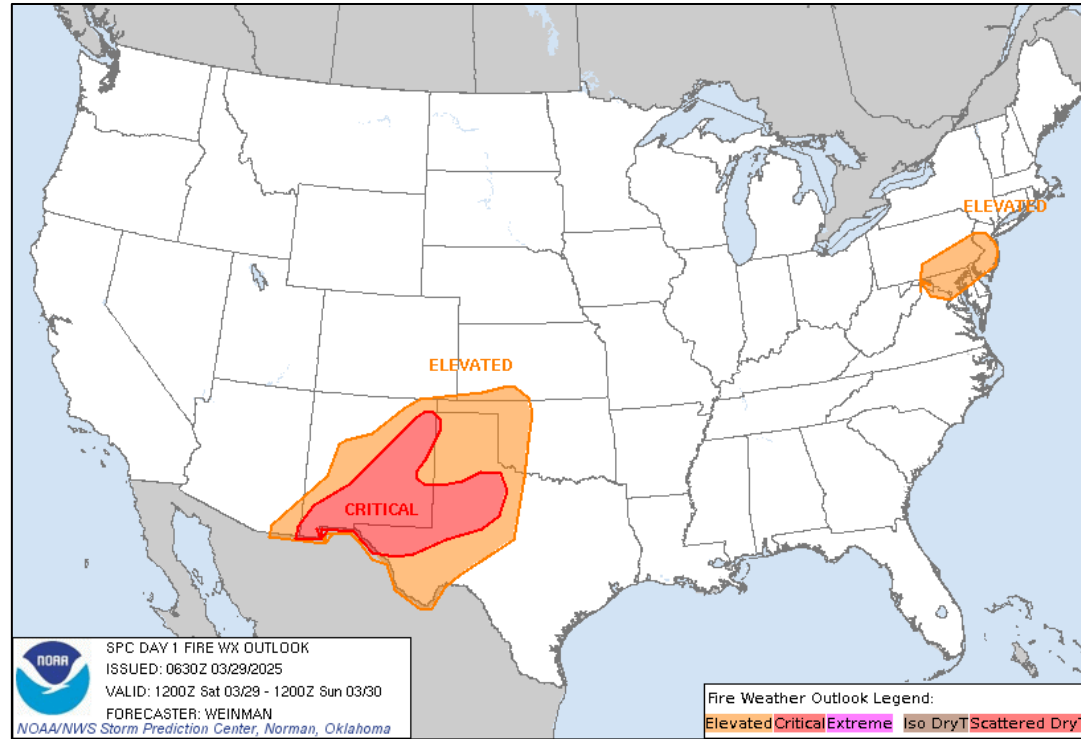
(Evacuations: M = Mandatory / V = Voluntary; Structures: H = Homes and Mixed Commercial/Residential / O = Non-residential Commercial/Other Minor Structures)



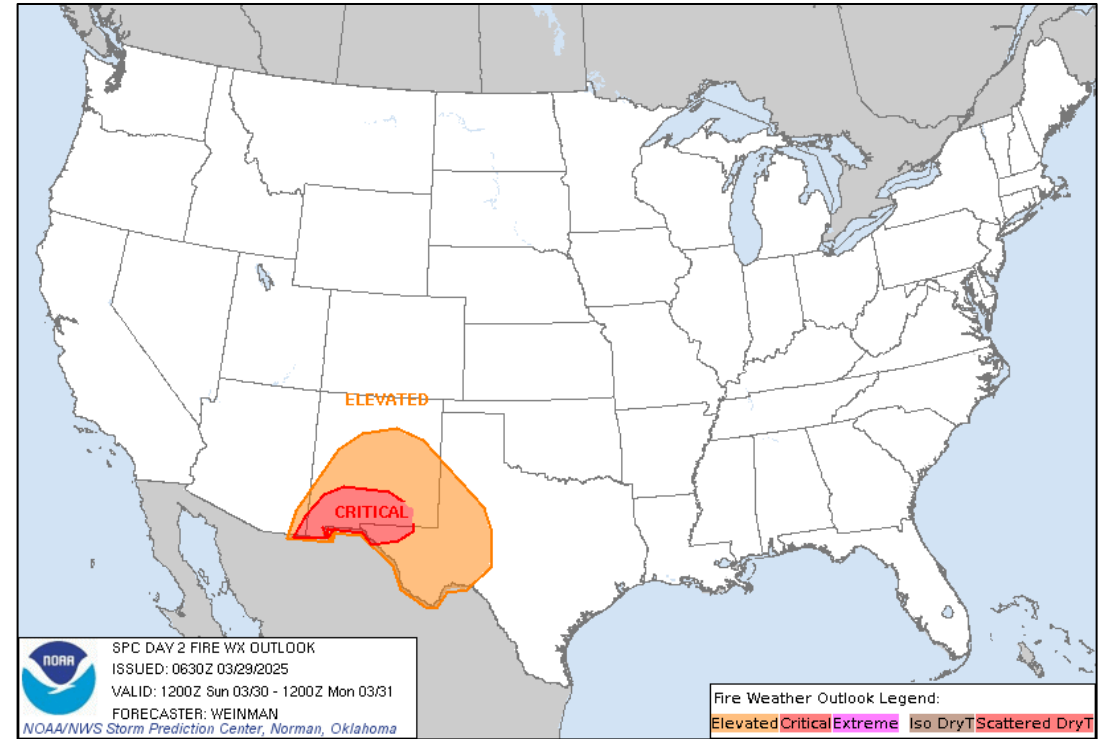
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



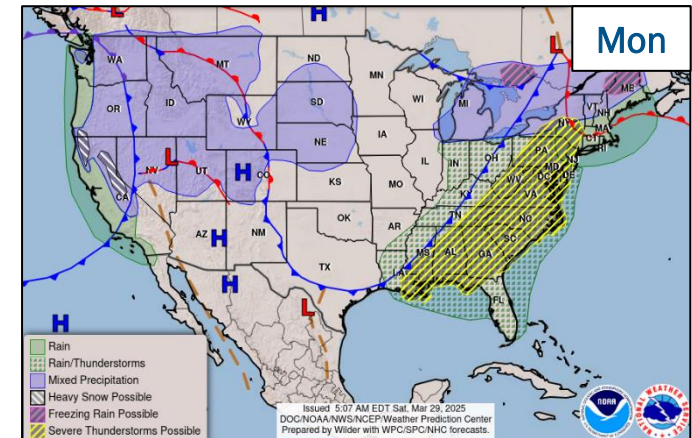
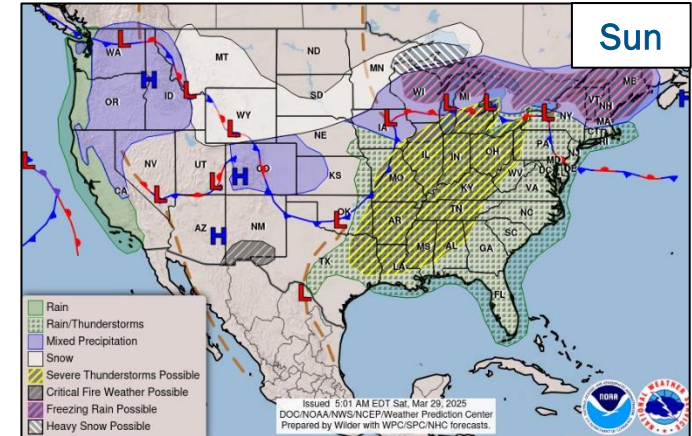
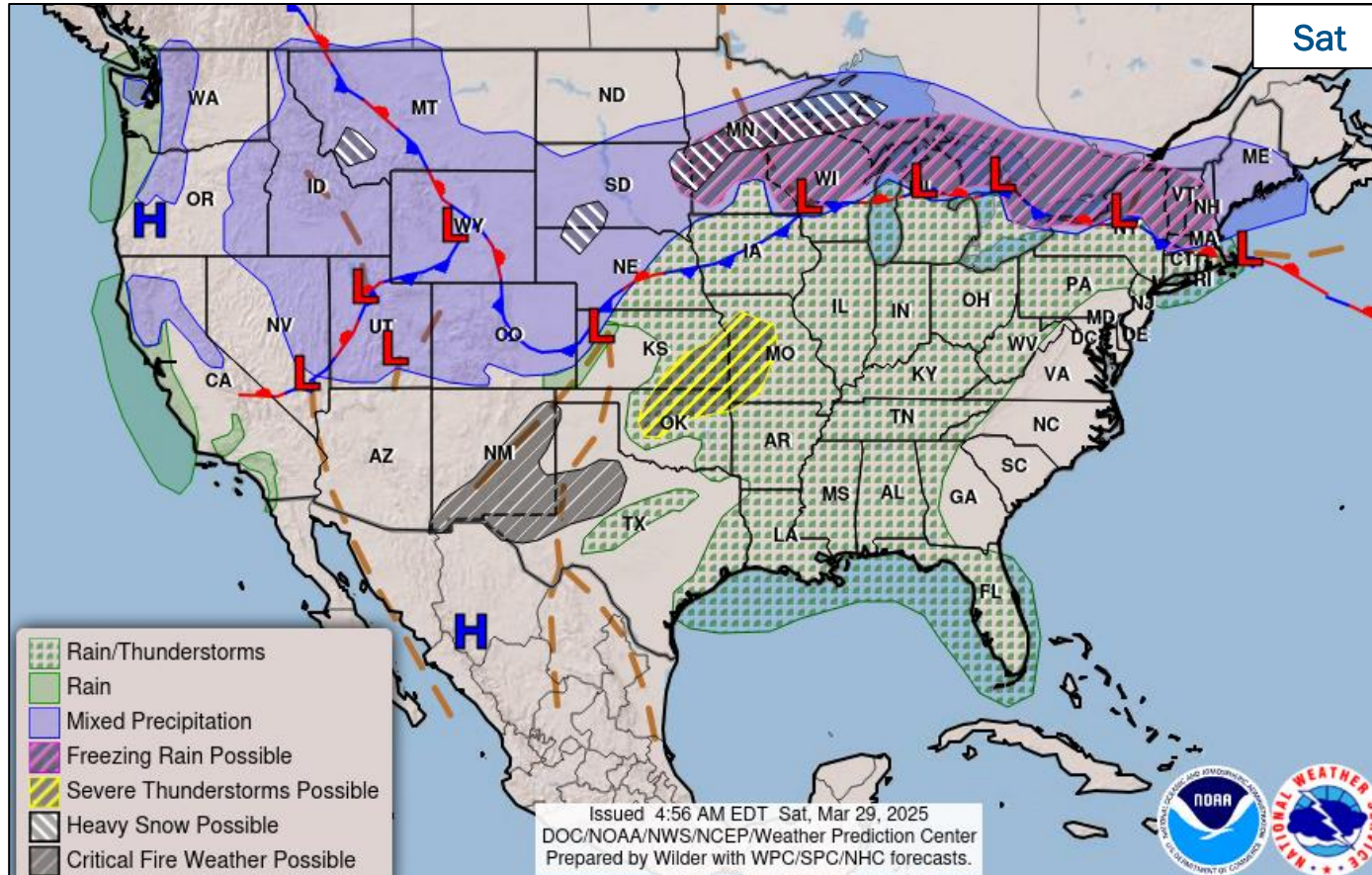
Tomorrow



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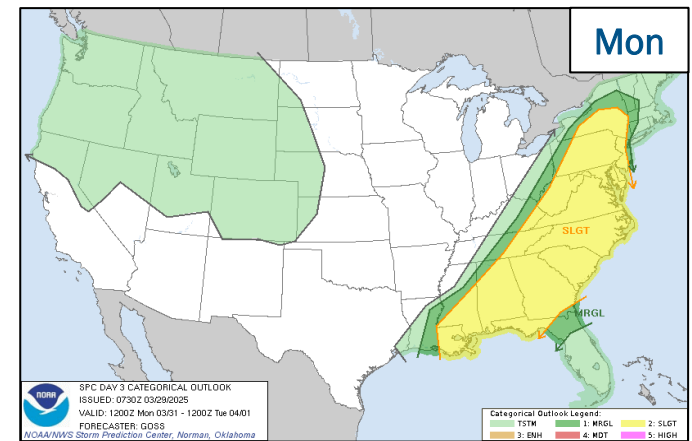
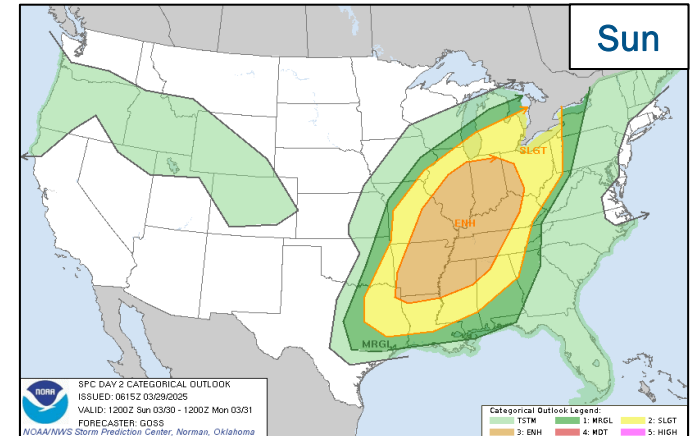
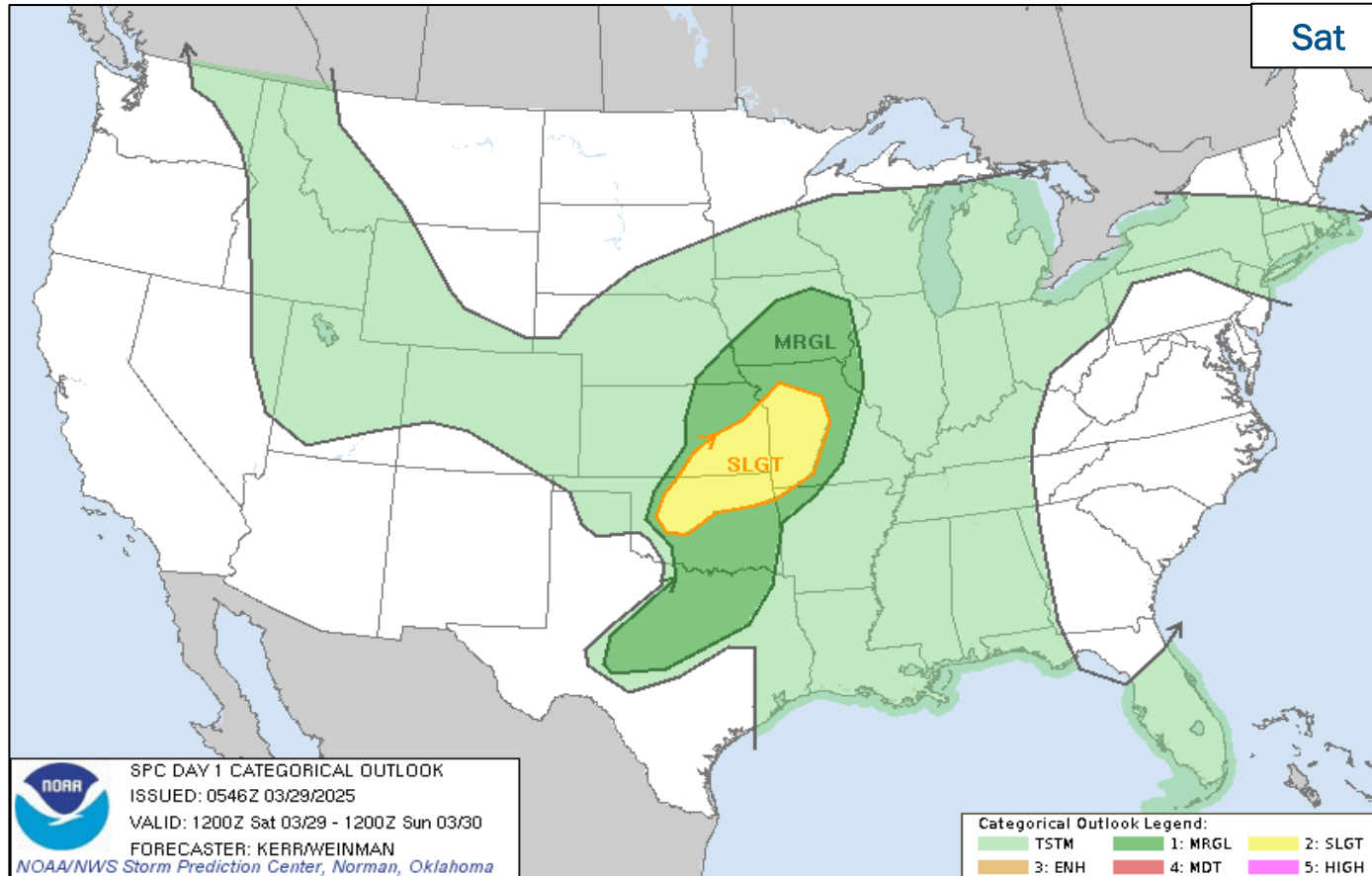
National Weather Forecast



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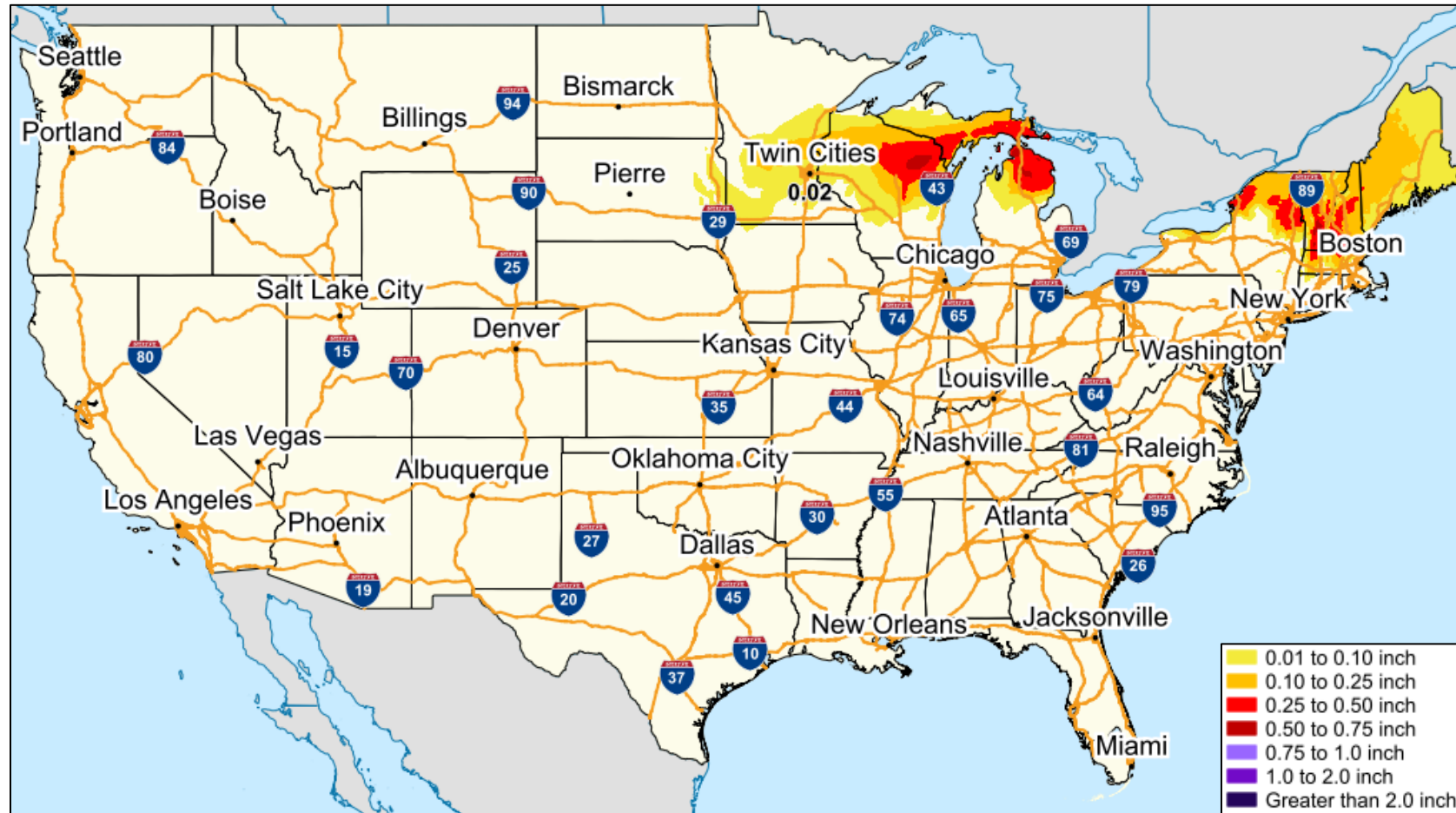
Severe Weather Outlook



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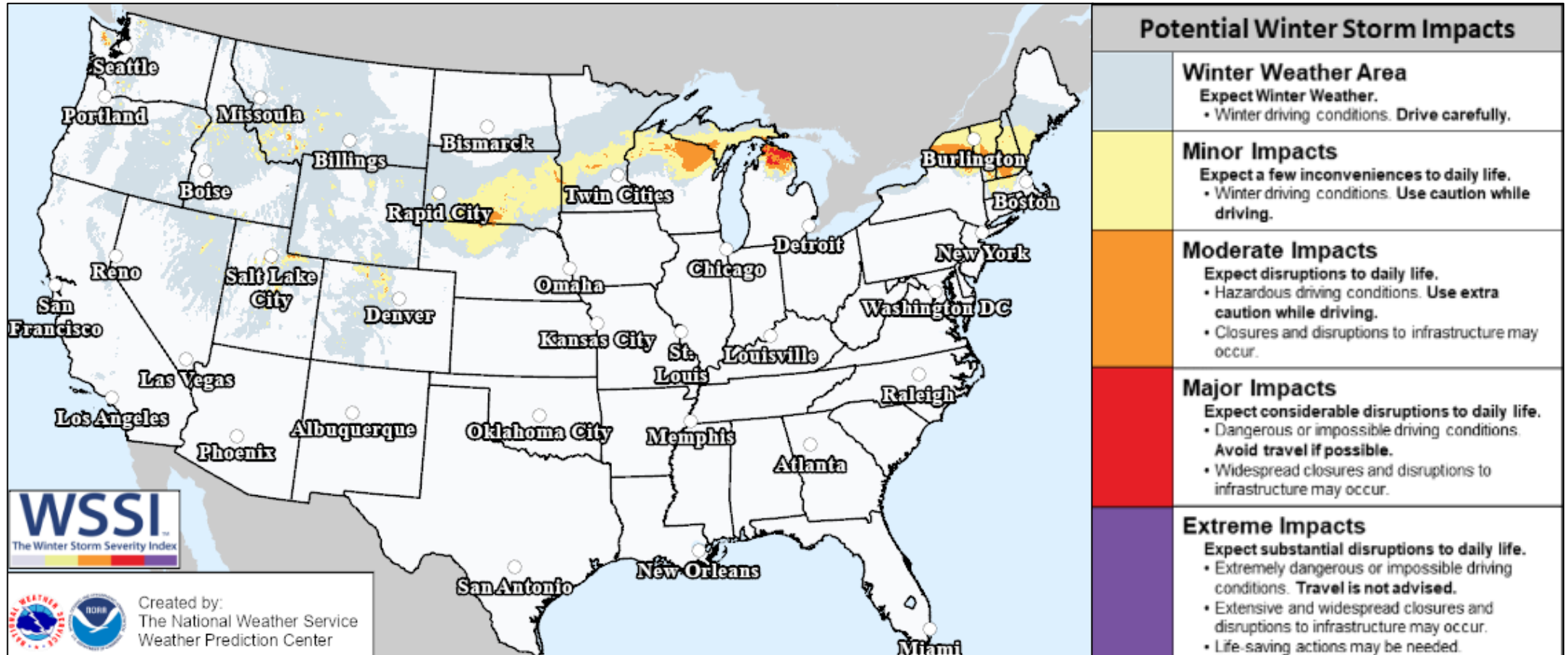
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Ice Accumulation Forecast



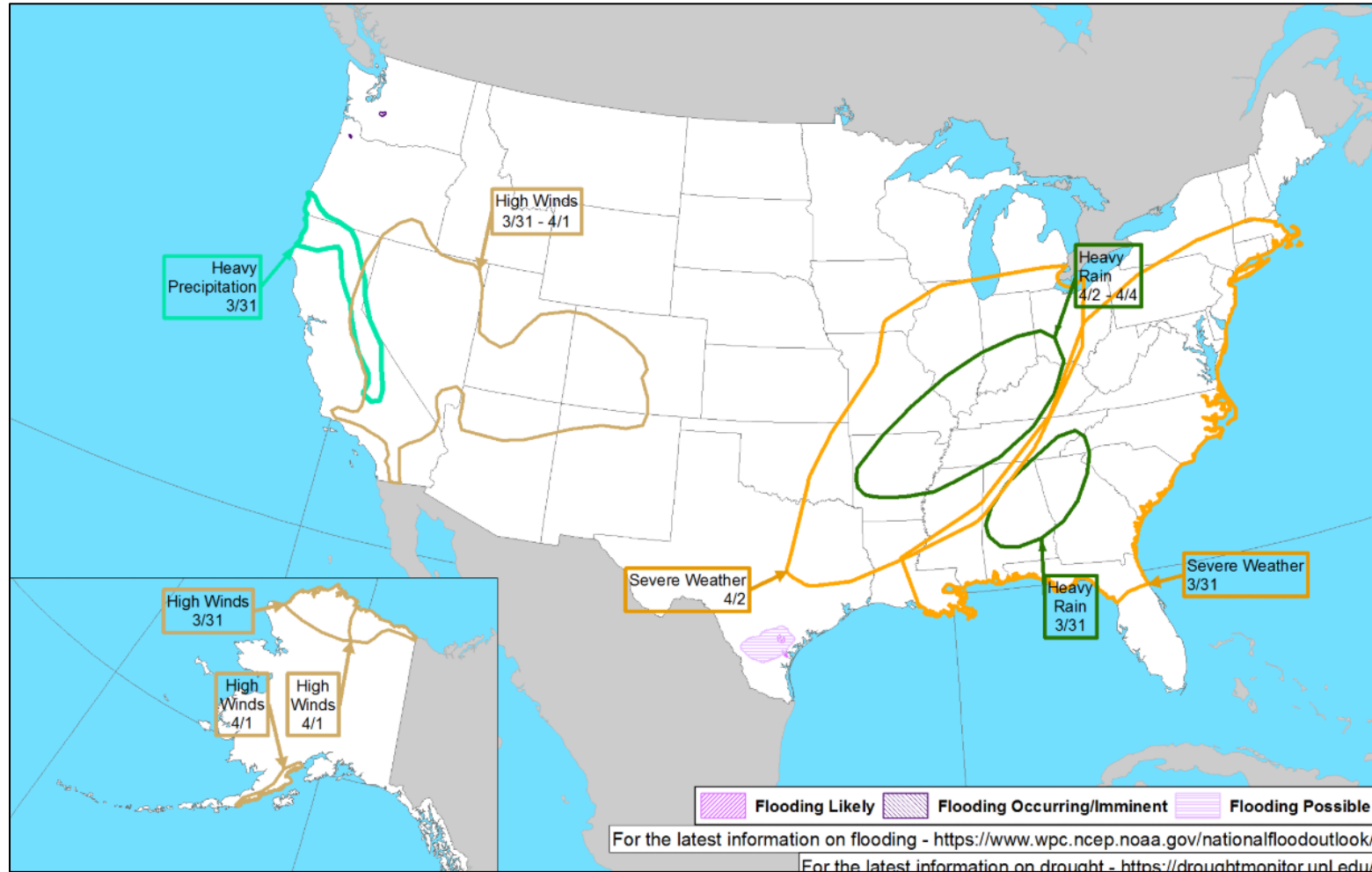
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Snowfall Forecast Impacts



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Hazards Outlook – Mar 31-Apr 4

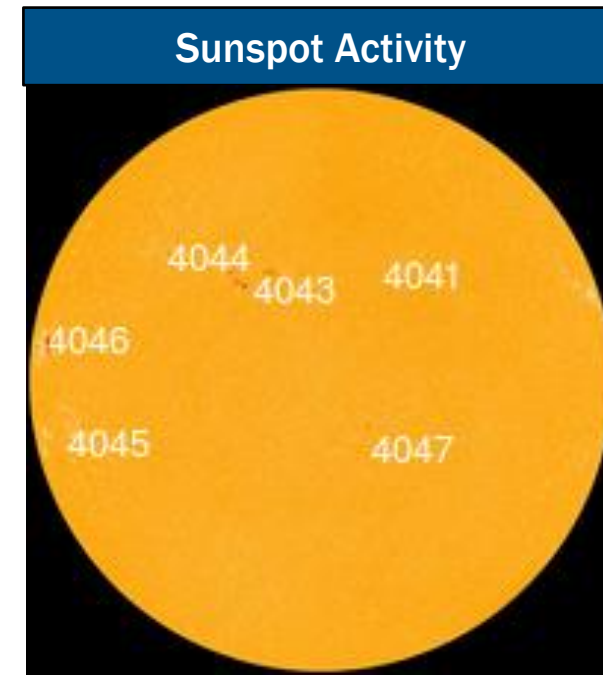
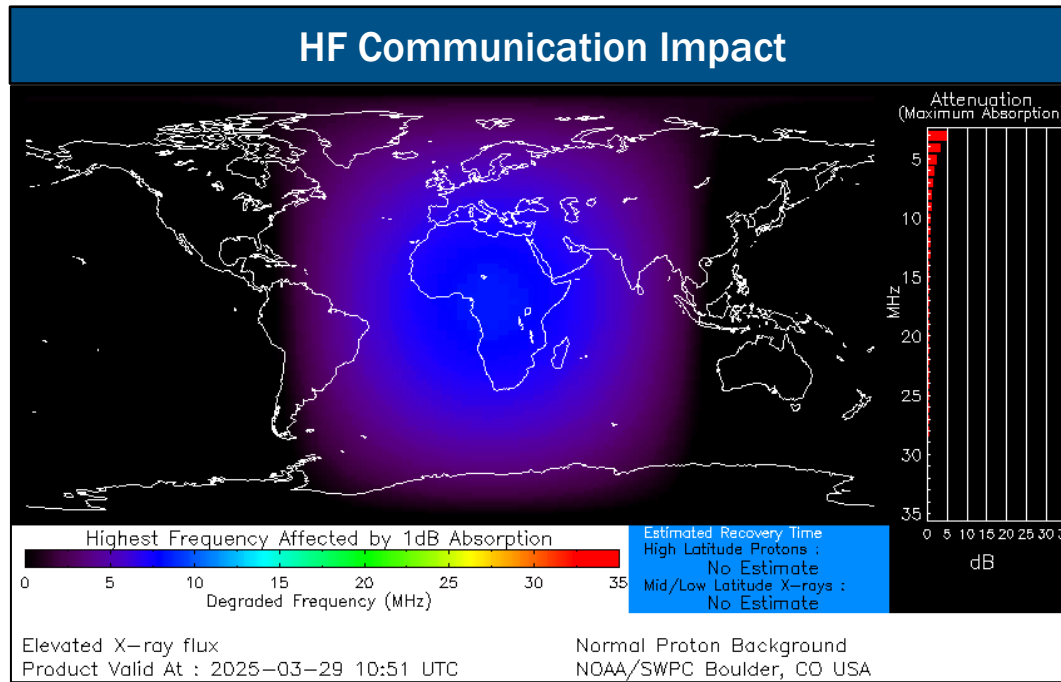


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Space Weather Outlook

Minor	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	Strong	None	None	R3
Next 24 Hours	None	None	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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FEMA Common Operating Picture

32 Joint Field Offices **91 + 8** Major Disasters **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
Enhanced IV	Rostered
Monitoring V	Rostered
Monitoring VI	Rostered
Monitoring VII	Rostered
Monitoring VIII	Rostered
Monitoring IX	Rostered
Monitoring X	Rostered

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	
Blue	
Gold	
HS	DC (Jan 28)

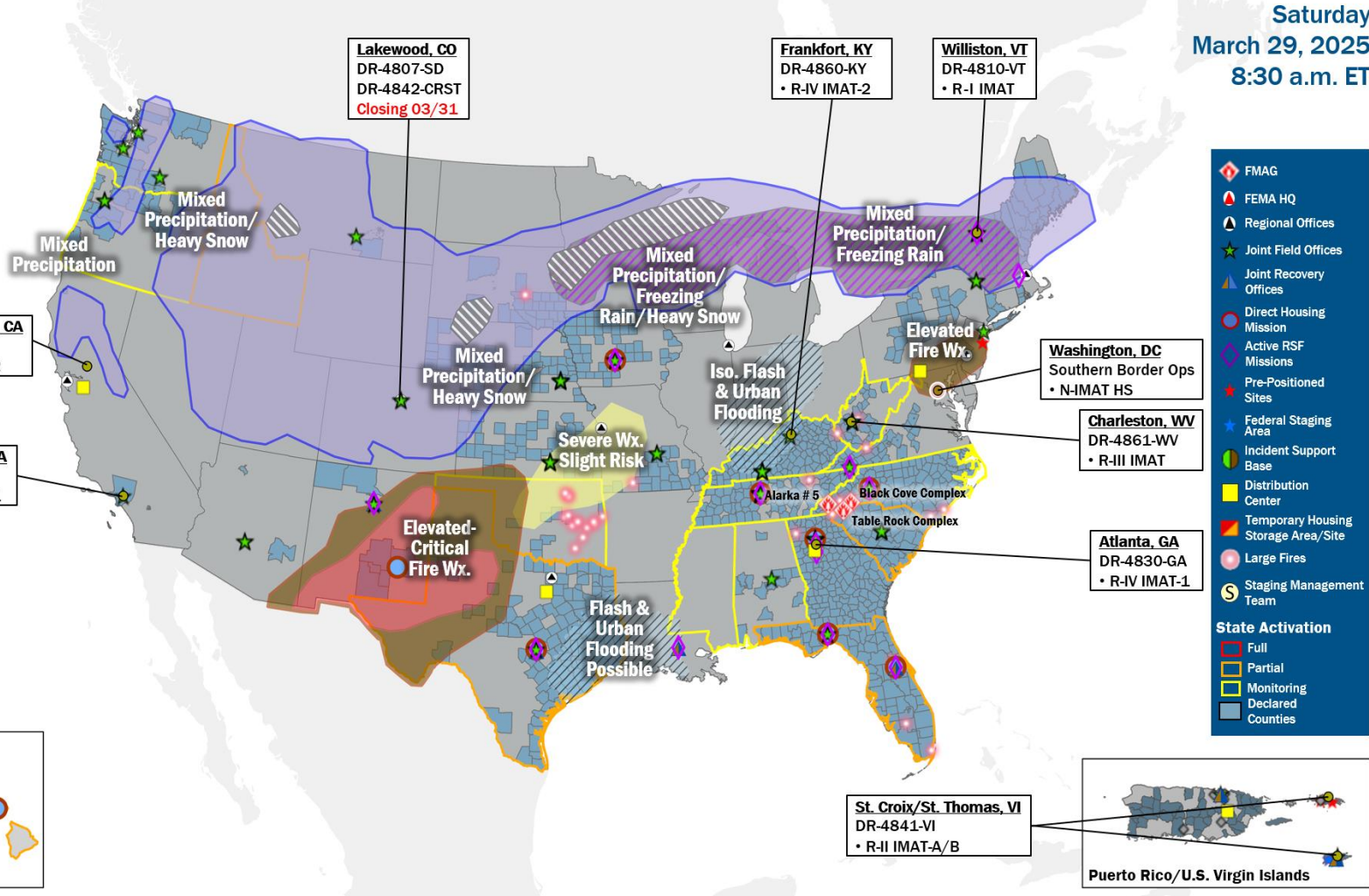
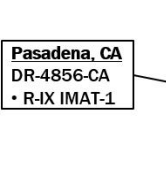
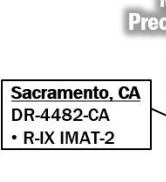
R-IMATs	
4-6 Teams Available	
I	3 / VT (Jan 6)
II	USVI (Oct 30)
III	WV (Feb 28)
IV-1	GA (Mar 18)
IV-2	KY (Feb 16)
V	Demobilizing
VI-1	
VI-2	Personnel
VII	
VIII	2
IX-1	CA (Jan 8)
IX-2	CA (Mar 6)
X	1

Notes:
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:
• RIV RWC: Severe Weather
State EOCs:
• HI/OK/SC/TX: Wildfires
• WV: Winter Storms
• KY/AL/OK/TN/FL/MS: Severe Weather
• FL/NC: Previous Incidents
• OR/ID: Flooding

Volunteer Force	
Rostered 7,960	Deployed 1
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 8,871	Deployed 0

Fully Mission Capable (FMC)
Partially Mission Capable (PMC)
Not Mission Capable (NMC)
Deployed

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



IM Workforce

14,140 (+1) Assigned
4,862 (-6) Unavailable
6,988 (+20) Deployed
16% / 2,290 (-13) 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: 9% (13/143); Financial Management: 18% (43/233); Hazard Mitigation: 11% (129/1,224); Human Resources: 13% (23/178); Individual Assistance: 13% (342/2,652); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 23% (79/342); Information Technology: 19% (138/713); Logistics: 12% (203/1,632); Operations: 16% (60/372); Public Assistance: 13% (292/2,308); Planning: 3% (14/460); 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
49 Assigned
3 Unavailable
43 (26 (-1) FCOR) Deployed
3 Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
IV	MS	Tornadoes, Thunderstorms, and Flash Flooding Mar 14-15	IA	14 (+2)	14 (+2)	3/24 - 3/26
			PA	18	13 (+13)	3/27 - TBD
VII	MO	Severe Storms and Tornadoes Mar 14-15	IA	25	25	3/20 - 3/25
			PA	22 (-3)	13 (+7)	3/25 - TBD
	NE	Blizzard and Severe Weather Mar 18-19	IA	0	0	TBD
			PA	29	0	3/31 - TBD



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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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