

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Operations / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Typhoon Sinlaku (CAT-3) – Guam / CNMI
- Flooding – Michigan

## Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Southern Plains to Great Lakes
- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Great Lakes to Ohio Valley
- Tropical Activity:
  - Western Pacific: Typhoon Sinlaku (CAT-3)

## Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

## Event Monitoring

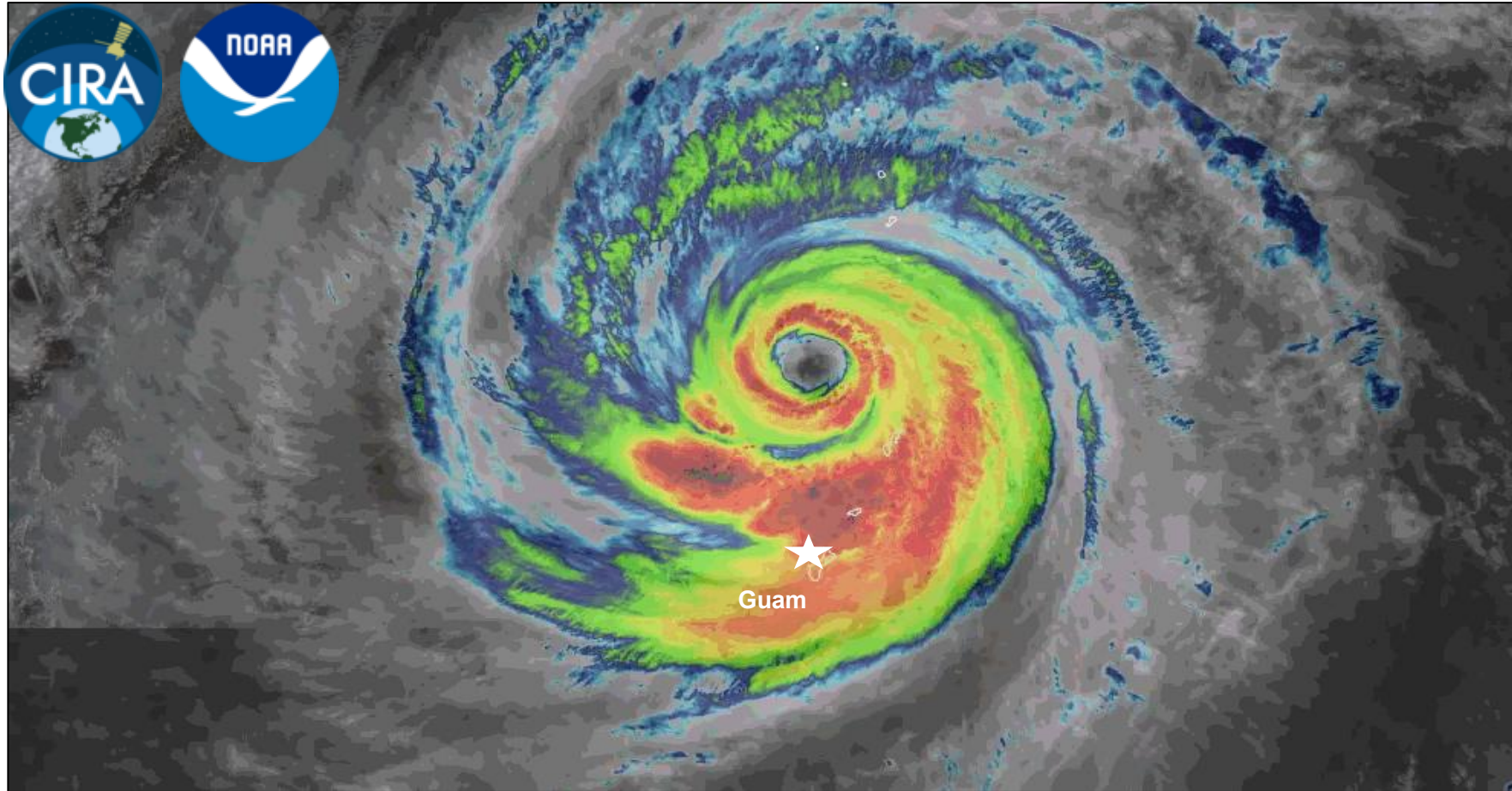
- No new significant events



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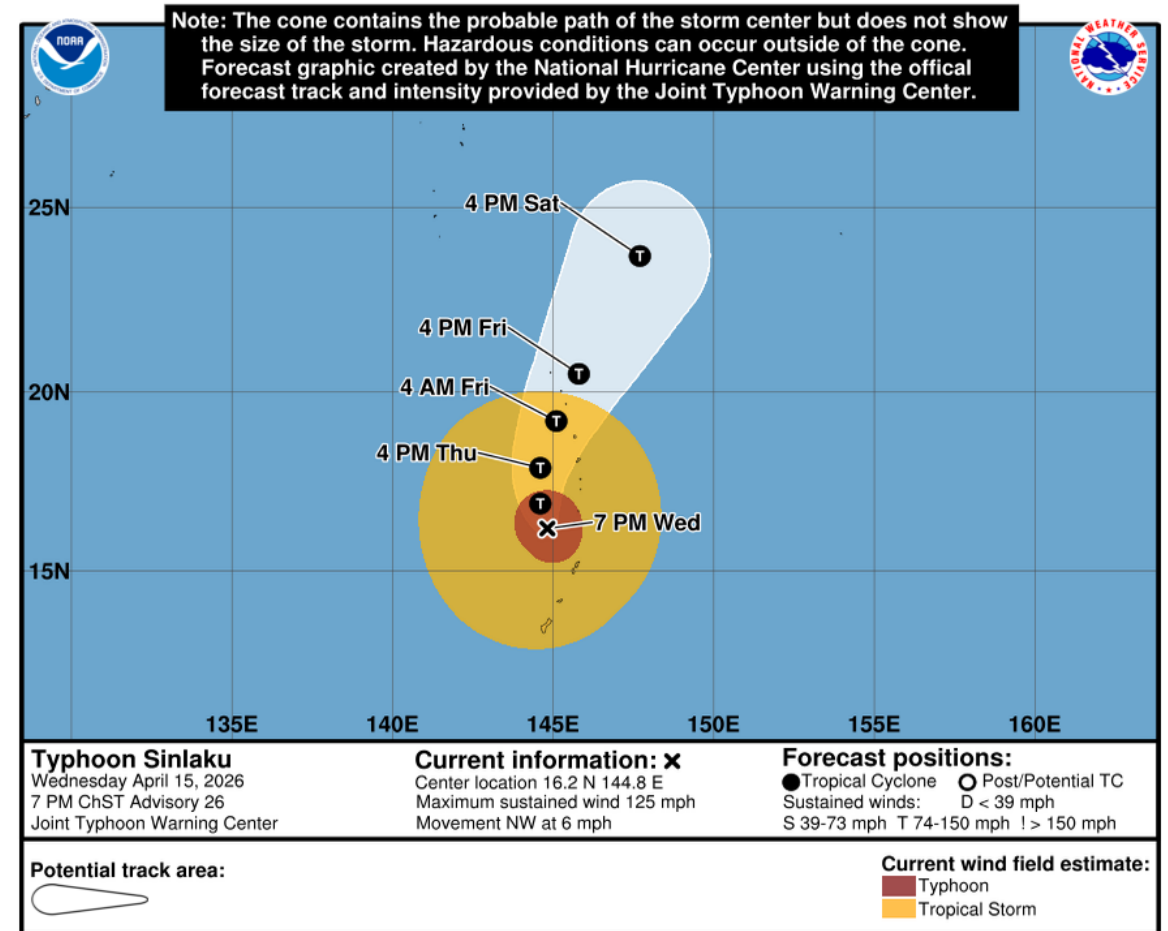
# Typhoon Sinlaku (CAT-3) – Guam / CNMI

## Situation: (Advisory #26, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located **96 miles NW** of Saipan
- Maximum sustained winds **125 mph**
- Moving **NW** at **6 mph**
- System is **downgraded** from Super Typhoon to Typhoon; forecast to continue weakening through the next few days
- Moving **NNW** away from Tinian and Saipan and will begin to pass through the northern CNMI just W of the islands of Alamagan, Pagan, and Agrihan, through the latter half of the week, making a gradual turn toward the N and then NE starting Thursday

## Hazards Affecting Land:

- Coastal inundation possible of up to 3 feet in Guam and 5-8 feet across Tinian and Saipan, 3-5 feet across Rota
- The cyclone will bring heavy rainfall through the week, with additional totals of up to **5-10 inches** in Guam and Rota over the next 24 hours, and **10-18 inches** across Tinian and Saipan



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| Time Zone | Time     |          |          |          |          |          |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |         |          |          |          |          |          |
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**Situation:** Sinlaku is a Category 3 typhoon, located 96 miles NW of Saipan, with maximum sustained winds of 125 mph. Typhoon and Tropical Storm Warnings are in place for Guam and the Marianas. Shelter operations are ongoing in Guam and CNMI. Response assets from FEMA, EPA, and USACE have arrived. *Note: All referenced dates and times are in ET. (Advisory #26, as of 5:00 a.m. ET, April 15)*

**Lifeline Impacts:** (FEMA R9 SLB, as of 6:55 a.m. ET, Apr 15; VTC Briefing, as of 6:30 p.m. ET, Apr 14)

## Safety and Security:

- CNMI:
  - All government offices closed as of 4/13
  - Governor of CNMI declared a shelter in place; **COR-1 activated, no persons allowed in public**
- GU:
  - Guam Police Department (GPD) on alert, **conducting roving patrols**, and providing shelter security
  - Rescue units may relocate to higher ground; no loss of capability at this time

## Food, Hydration, Shelter:

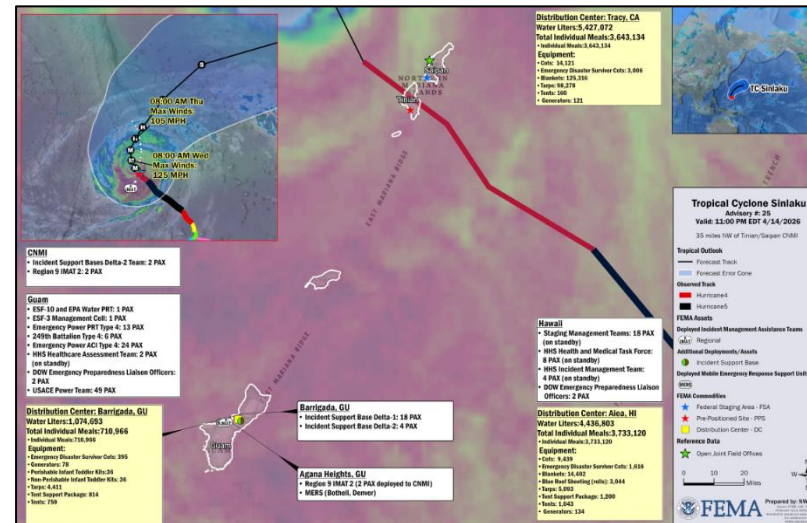
- CNMI: **9 (+1)** shelters open / **320 (+14)** occupants
- GU: 7 shelters open / **760 (-98)** occupants

## Health and Medical:

- GU: Dialysis centers, pharmacies, and medical companies closed
  - **CNMI: Outpatient** clinics will be closed; ERs remain open 24/7
  - **Some flooding is occurring in Saipan Hospital**, no evacuations currently

## Water Systems:

- CNMI: Saipan: Dandan and Papago without water; services expected to be offline for Gualo Rai and KannatTabla areas; Tinian without water
- GU: 1 water buffalo and 6k-gallon tank deployed to shelter, **84 wells operational**: 57 – island power, 27 – generator power, 17 of 101 deep water wells not open



## Energy:

- CNMI:
  - Island-wide power outage in Saipan and Rota, and **Tinian; all feeders are offline 4/15**
  - Approximately 22 days for Saipan, 30 days for Tinian, and 22 days for Rota of diesel for power generation available
- GU:
  - **Guam Power Authority** crews suspended operations and are sheltering in place as of 4/15
  - **Activated Fuel Task Force** and all gas stations are closed; Shell designated as fuel site for first responders

## Communication:

- CNMI:
  - **EOC generator power restored**; Saipan: IT&E reports 7 cell sites offline; Docomo reports 11 cell sites offline; Tinian: IT&E reports 1 cell site offline
  - Saipan: LMR trunking system down; Tinian: VHF motor turbo radio not in service; Rota: 1Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services channel available
- GU:
  - **Backup communications** are currently knocked out; however, the Region is maintaining communications

## Transportation:

- CNMI:
  - Ports of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota West Harbor at Zulu/closed as of 4/12
- GU:
  - **Guam International Airport** reports minimal damage with repairs underway; daylight flights can resume 04/16 and all flights on 04/17
  - U.S. Coast Guard closed the Port of Guam on 4/12



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# Typhoon Sinlaku (CAT-3) – Guam / CNMI



## Territory / Local Response: (FEMA R9 SLB, as of 6:55 a.m. ET, Apr 15; VTC Briefing, as of 6:30 p.m. ET, Apr 14)

- GU EOC at Partial Activation; Governor declared a state of emergency (4/10); FEMA-3644-EM approved 4/12
- CNMI EOC at Full Activation; FEMA-3645-EM approved 4/12

## FEMA / Federal Response:

### FEMA Region 9: (FEMA R9 DSAR, as of 1:32 p.m. ET, 4/13; VTC Briefing as of 6:30 p.m. ET, 4/13)

- RRCC will activate later today with select ESFs (day shift only)
- R-IMAT 1 deployed to Hawaii SEOC; R-IMAT 2 and LNOs deployed to Guam and CNMI
  - IMAT & FCO anticipated to move to Saipan on 4/15 into 4/16; teams are ready for Tinian & Rota; 1 team to remain in Guam

### HQ:

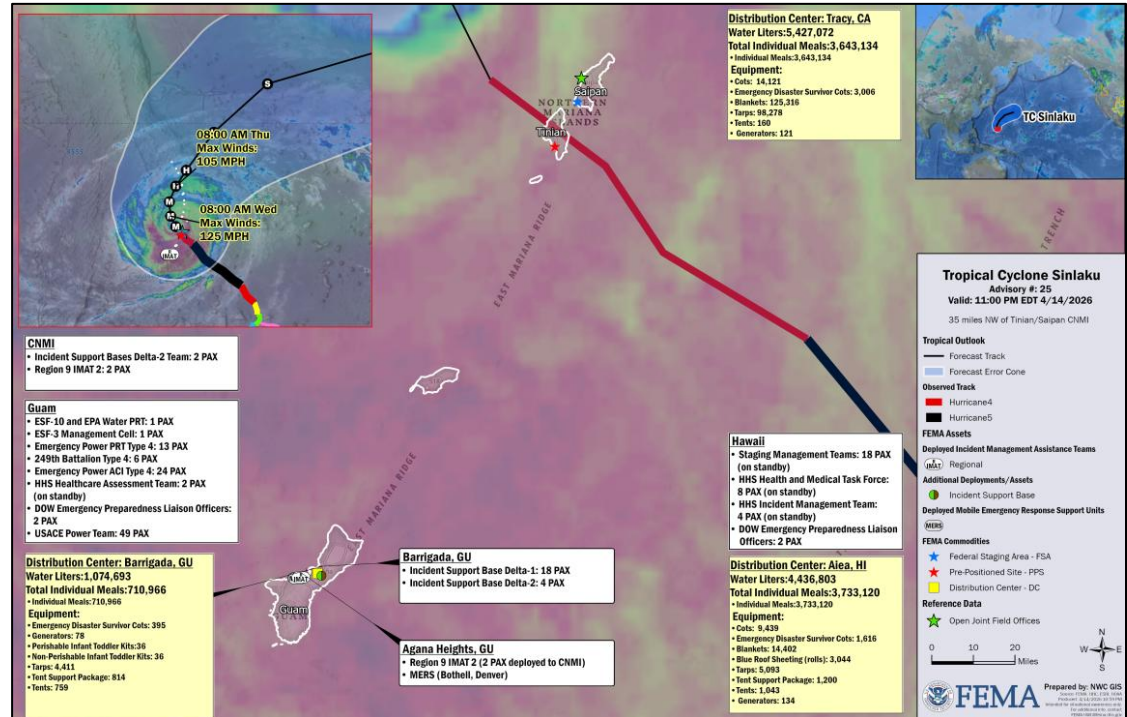
- NRCC will activate today (11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. ET); NWC at Enhanced Watch (day shift only); N-IMAT Red is enroute to Guam arriving NLT 8:00 p.m. ChST, 4/17
- US&R White IST is Rostered
- Bothell and Denver MERS deployed to Guam

### Logistics:

- ISB Team Delta deployed to Guam Distribution Center and CNMI
- Resources expected to move to Guam & CNMI 4/15, with large resource movements expected 4/16

### Other Federal Agencies:

- ESFs Activated: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, DCE, and USCG
- USACE: ESF-3 Team Leader/Power Management Team, PAX 249 Prime Power Soldiers, and Power Contractors arrived
- EPA: ESF-10 and EPA Water PRT deployed to Guam
- Mission Assignment issued for Temporary Roofing Subject Matter Expert Team
- DoW: Mission Assignments issued for route clearance, strategic transportation, and staging support



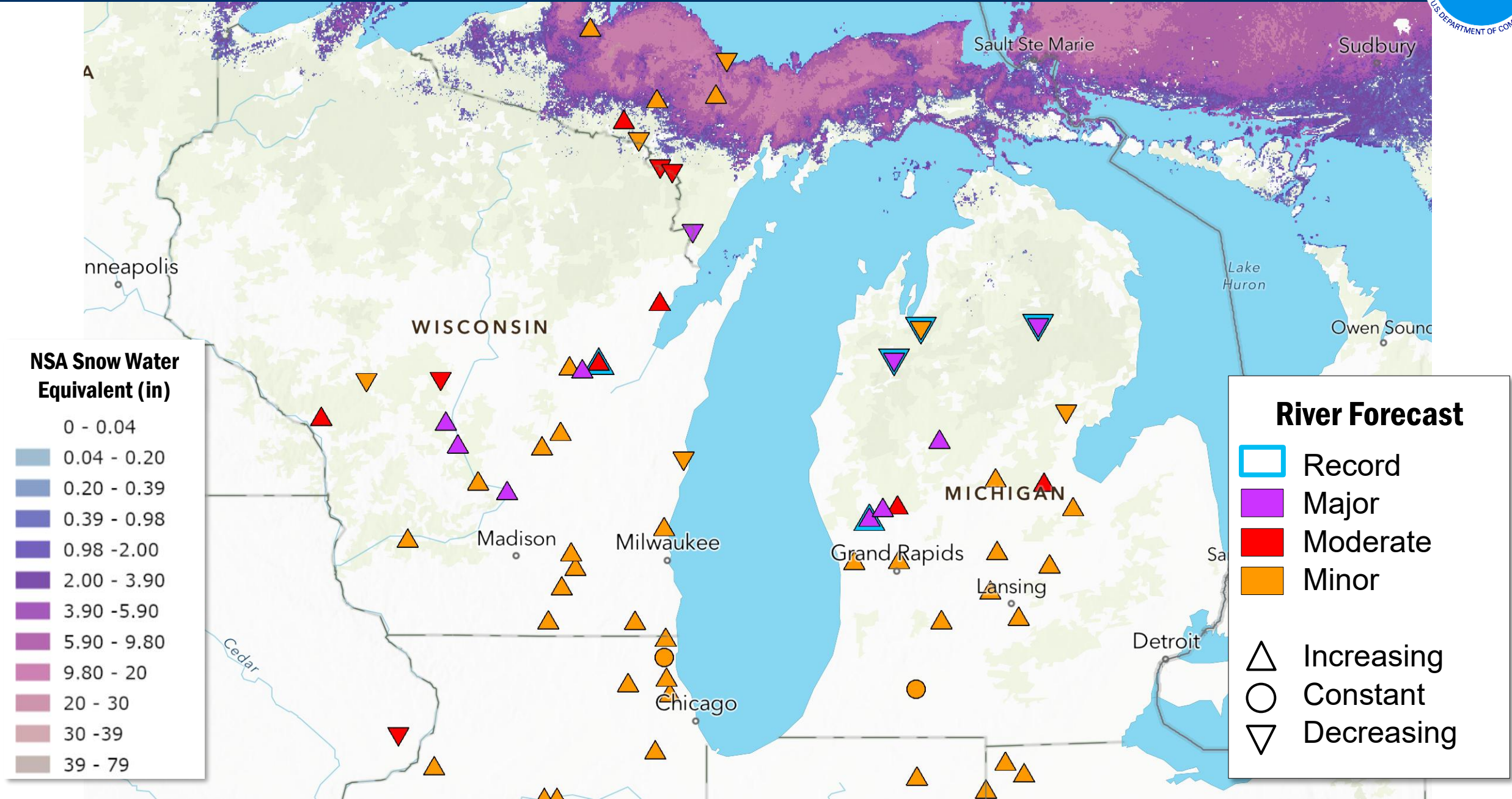
The FEMA NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 9. Updates will be provided in the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET) and the twice daily FEMA National Situation Report (3:00 a.m. ET / 5:00 p.m. ET).



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# Latest River Forecast

NOAA National Water Center / River Forecast Centers  
Updated 7 AM EDT, April 15, 2026





# Flooding – Michigan

**Situation:** Northern Michigan continues experiencing widespread river flooding from ongoing rainfall and snowmelt, resulting in roadway washouts, localized flooding of low-lying residential and commercial areas, and disruptions to transportation and infrastructure, however, no life safety issues are being reported. Dam systems are under stress, with the Cheboygan Lock and Dam of particular concern as rising water levels reduce the margin to overtopping. Currently water levels at the Cheboygan Dam are at 7.68 inches below crest. Current mitigation efforts include opening spillway gates, deploying large-volume pumps, sandbagging, and attempting to restore hydropower turbine functionality. While impacts remain localized and manageable, flood risks are expected to increase over the next 24–72 hours, with the Cheboygan Lock and Dam representing the most significant escalation potential. No fatalities or injuries have been reported. (FEMA R5 SPOTREP Flooding/Dam Failure - Update #2, as of 2:52 p.m. ET, Apr 14)

**Lifeline Impacts:** (FEMA R5 SPOTREP Flooding/Dam Failure - Update #2, as of 2:52 p.m. ET, Apr 14)

## **Safety and Security:**

- Public advised to avoid dam/river areas due to fast moving water
- A levee breach in Cheboygan County has led to evacuations along US-23; officials say this is unrelated to the Cheboygan Dam incident (Open source as of 4/14)

## **Energy:**

- Hydropower facility remains limited, with ongoing efforts to restore turbine functionality to increase outflow capacity

## **Transportation:**

- Minor flooding of roadways; localized closures reported across impacted areas
- US-23 bascule bridge and Cheboygan Lock are closed
- M-119 is closed between Stuntsmanville and Tempering roads

## **State / Local Response:**

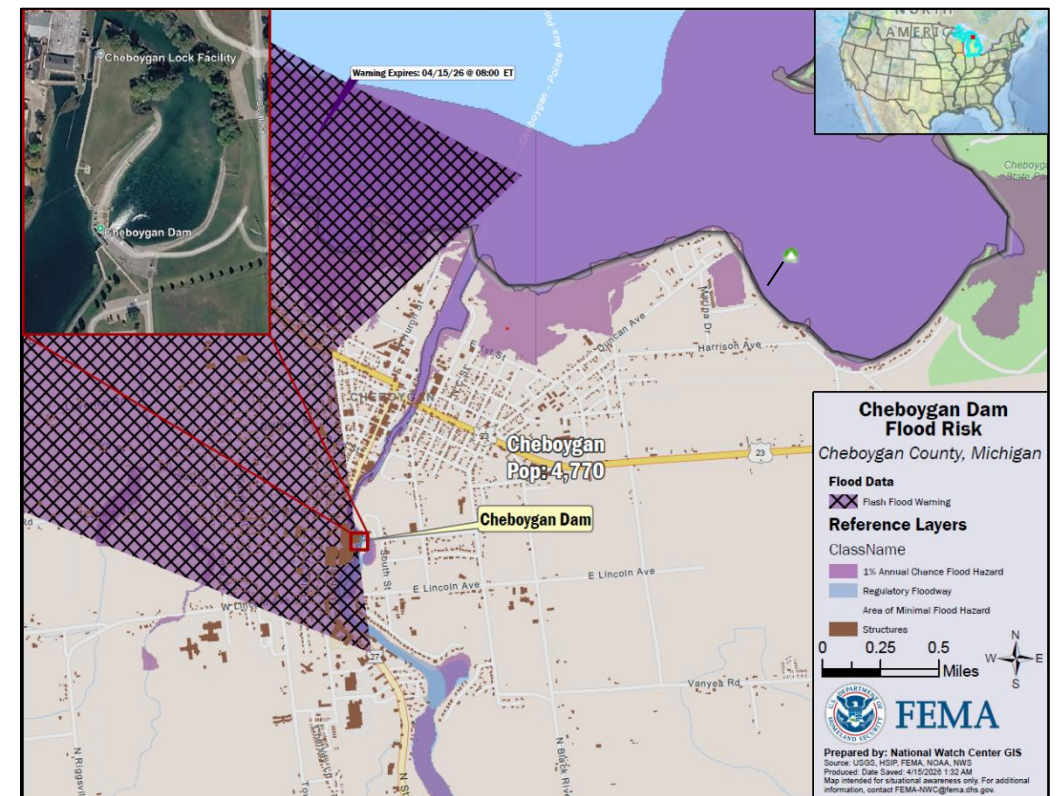
- MI SEOC at Partial Activation

## **FEMA / Federal Response:**

### **FEMA Region 5:**

- RWC is Enhanced (Flooding)
- RRCC is Rostered; R-IMAT deployed to AL until Apr 12 (Training)
- FIT is deployed to the MI SEOC

HQ: NWC is Monitoring



The FEMA NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 5. Updates will be provided in the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET) and the twice daily FEMA National Situation Report (3:00 a.m. ET / 5:00 p.m. ET).

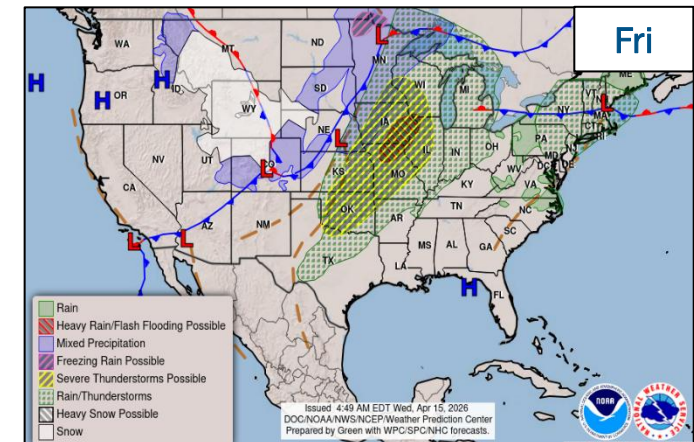
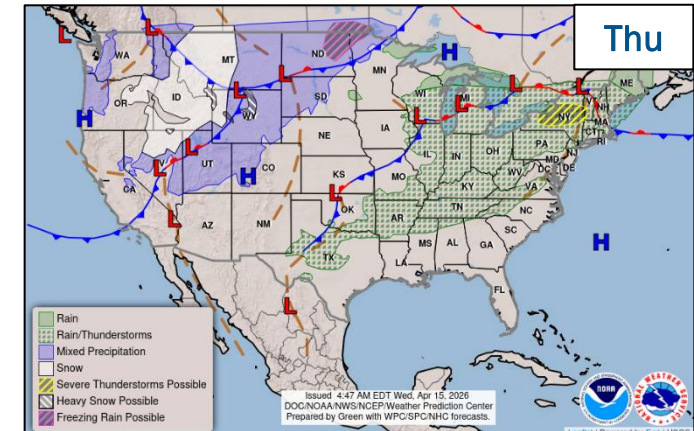
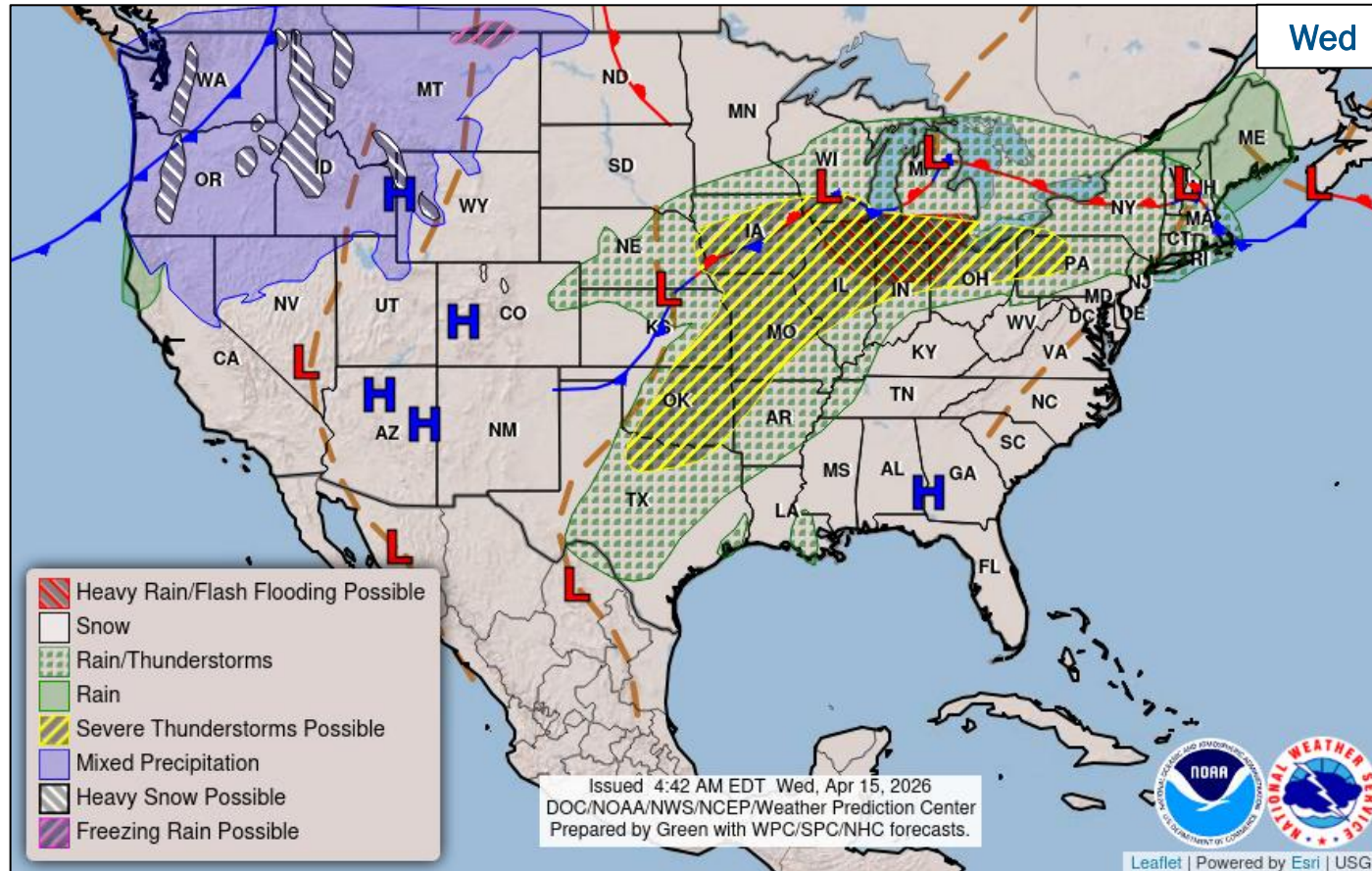
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# National Weather Forecast



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# FEMA Common Operating Picture

13  
Joint Field  
Offices

Supporting

29  
Major  
Disasters

+

10  
Emergency  
Declarations

6  
Direct Housing  
Missions

5  
RSF-Supported  
Disasters

6  
Joint Recovery  
Offices

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Watch

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RRCC

R1 Rostered

R2 Rostered

R3 Rostered

R4 Rostered

R5 Rostered

R6 Rostered

R7 Rostered

R8 Rostered

R9 Rostered

R10 Rostered

Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

- NWC: Enhanced Watch for TC Sinlaku (12:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. ET)
- NRCC: TC Sinlaku (11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. ET)
- R5 RWC: Staffing (Day shift Only) / Enhanced Watch until 5:00 p.m. ET 4/15
- R9 RRCC: TC Sinlaku (Mon-Fri: 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. and Sat-Sun: 3-11 p.m. ET)

IMATs:

- N-IMAT Red deploying to Guam; ETA 8:00 p.m. ET 4/17
- R4(2)/R5: Training (FMC)
- R10: Deploying to Camp Murray, WA (DR-4906)

State EOCs:

- DC: Potomac Interceptor
- FL: Previous Incidents
- PR: Influenza Epidemic
- OK/TX: Wildfires
- HI/KY/OK: Severe Weather
- MS: Winter Weather
- ID: Spring Flood / Landslides/Debris
- MI: High Water Table
- GU/MP: TC Sinlaku
- KS: Severe Storm and Tornadoes

Surge Capacity Force

Rostered

7,891

Deployed

0

N-IMATs

2-5 Teams Available

Red

Deploying

White

Blue

Gold

HS

R-IMATs

≥ 7 Teams Available

R1

2

R2

R3

R4 (1)

3

R4 (2)

AL (Apr 12)

R5

AL (Apr 12)

R6 (1)

1

R6 (2)

R7

MO (Feb 15)

R8

R9 (1)

HI (Apr 8)

R9 (2)

GU (Apr 12)

R10

Deploying

Fully Mission Capable (FMC)

Partially Mission Capable (PMC)

Not Mission Capable (NMC)

Deployed

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

|     | JFO | DR | EMI | JRO |
|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| R1  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| R2  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 2   |
| R3  | 2   | 1  | 1   | 0   |
| R4  | 5   | 14 | 4   | 1   |
| R5  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| R6  | 4   | 4  | 2   | 3   |
| R7  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| R8  | 1   | 4  | 1   | 0   |
| R9  | 0   | 0  | 2   | 0   |
| R10 | 1   | 5  | 0   | 0   |

IM Workforce

11,151 (-1) Assigned

4,097 (-5) Unavailable

3,077 (+43) Deployed

36% / 3,977 (-39) Available

IM Cadre Availability

11 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Alternative Dispute Resolution: 13% (4/30); Civil Rights: 22% (21/94); Disability Integration: 6% (1/16); External Affairs: 18% (47/267); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 16% (98/630); Field Leadership: 11% (13/117); Hazard Mitigation: 19% (145/753); Public Assistance: 25% (485/1954); Planning: 22% (76/343); Safety: 20% (17/86); Security: 20% (22/110)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned

6 Unavailable

1 Deployed

29 Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned

0 Unavailable

0 Deployed

28 Available

FCO

3 Type I

35 Assigned

2 Unavailable

25 (16 (-1) FCO) Deployed

8 Available



# Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

| Region | State / Location | Incident                         | IA | Number of Counties |           | Start – End |
|--------|------------------|----------------------------------|----|--------------------|-----------|-------------|
|        |                  |                                  | PA | Requested          | Completed |             |
| R1     | MWT <sup>1</sup> | Severe Winter Storm<br>Feb 22-23 | IA | 0                  | 0         | N/A         |
|        |                  |                                  | PA | 1                  | 0         | 3/18 – TBD  |

<sup>1</sup>Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe



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# Declaration Requests in Process – 18

| State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description                           | Type | IA | PA | HM | Requested |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----|----|----|-----------|
| AZ – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal                                   | DR   |    | X  | X  | Oct 24    |
| SCA <sup>1</sup> – Severe Storms and Flooding                              | DR   | X  | X  | X  | Nov 26    |
| SCA <sup>1</sup> – Severe Storms and Flooding                              | DR   | X  | X  | X  | Dec 15    |
| NVK <sup>2</sup> – Severe Storms, Flooding, and Remnants of Typhoon Halong | DR   |    | X  | X  | Jan 11    |
| KY – Severe Winter Storm                                                   | DR   |    | X  | X  | Feb 5     |
| FPA & ST <sup>3</sup> – Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds               | DR   | X  |    | X  | Feb 11    |
| CTM <sup>4</sup> – Straight-line Winds                                     | DR   | X  |    | X  | Feb 12    |
| FBIC <sup>5</sup> – Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds                  | DR   | X  |    | X  | Feb 13    |
| GA – Severe Winter Storm                                                   | DR   |    | X  | X  | Mar 12    |
| CN <sup>6</sup> – Severe Winter Storm                                      | DR   |    | X  | X  | Mar 18    |
| DE – Severe Winter Storm                                                   | DR   |    | X  | X  | Mar 23    |
| HI – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides                    | DR   | X  | X  | X  | Mar 23    |
| NY – Severe Winter Storm                                                   | DR   |    | X  | X  | Mar 25    |
| MI – Severe Storm and Tornadoes                                            | DR   | X  |    | X  | Apr 1     |

<sup>1</sup>San Carlos Apache Tribe / <sup>2</sup>Native Village of Kipnuk / <sup>3</sup>Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes / <sup>4</sup>Crow Tribe of Montana / <sup>5</sup>Fort Belknap Indian Community / <sup>6</sup>Chickasaw Nation



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|---------------------------------------------------------|------|----|----|----|-----------|
| HI – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides | EM   | X  | X  |    | Apr 7     |
| NJ – Severe Winter Storm                                | DR   |    | X  | X  | Apr 7     |
| MA – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm                  | DR   |    | X  | X  | Apr 7     |
| RI – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm                  | DR   |    | X  | X  | Apr 7     |



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