

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, April 16, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Typhoon Sinlaku (CAT-3) – Guam / CNMI
- Flooding and Severe Weather – Great Lakes

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Weather – Northeast
- Critical Fire Weather – Central Rockies to Southern Plains
- Tropical Activity:
 - Western Pacific: Typhoon Sinlaku (CAT-3)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approval: Major Disaster Declaration – HI

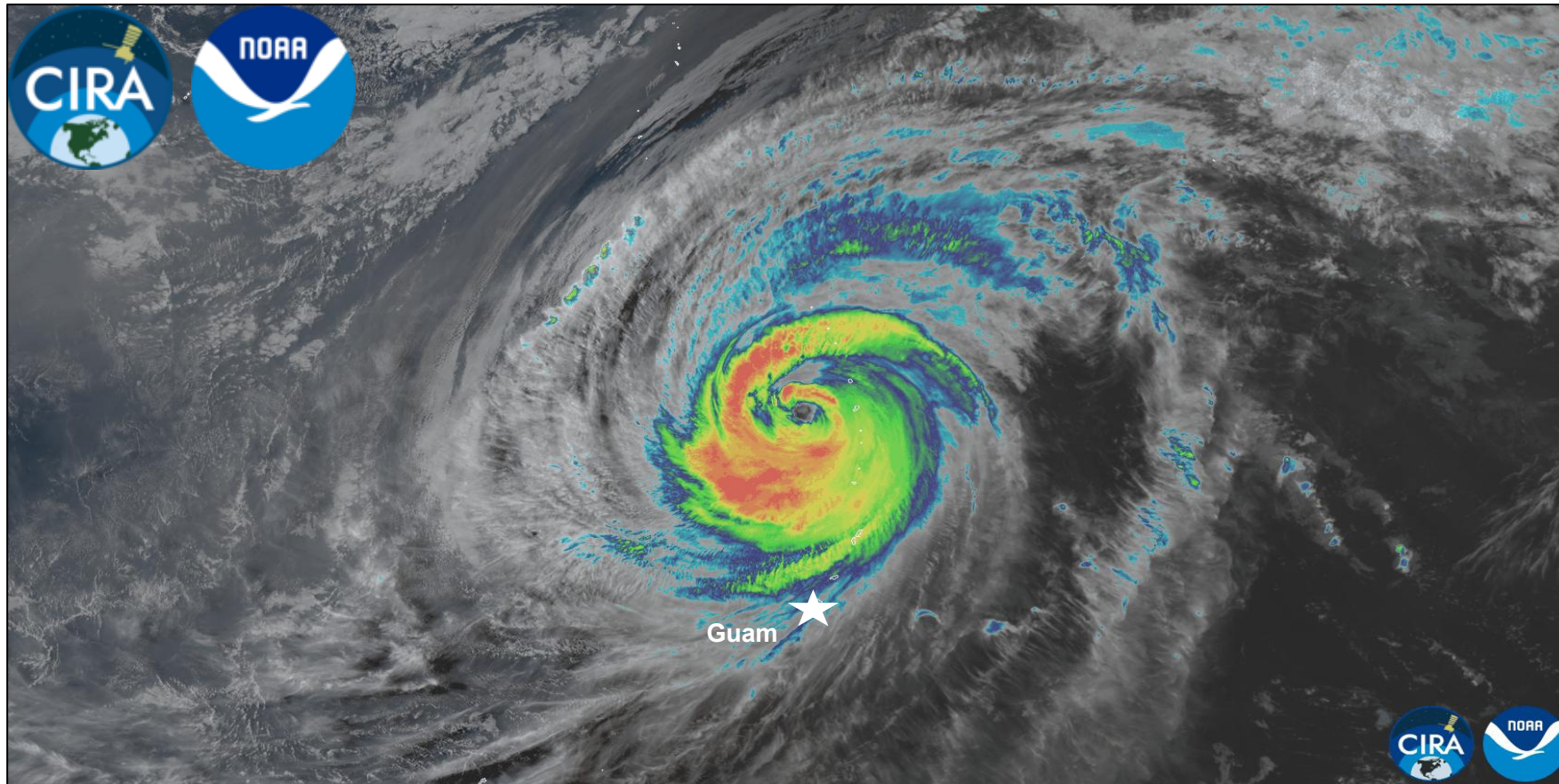
Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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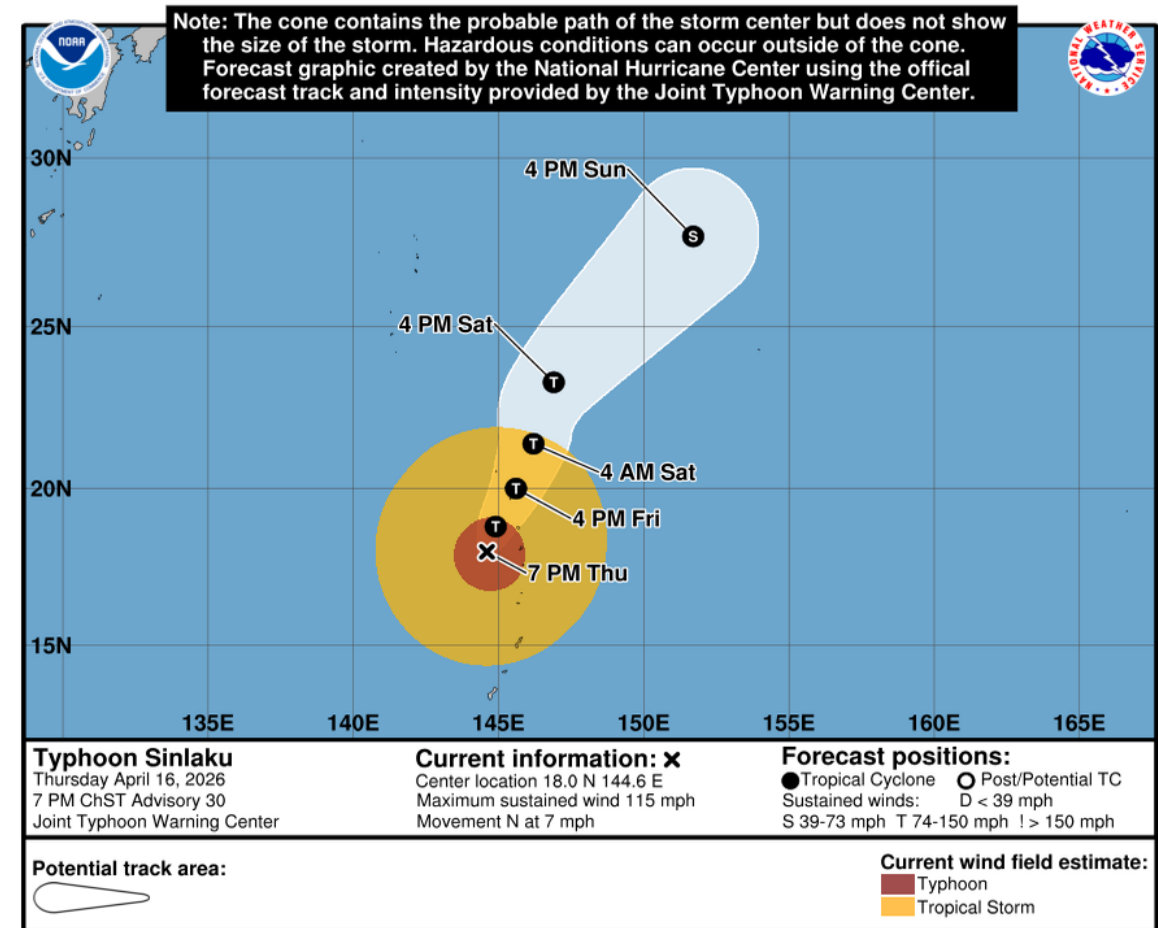
Typhoon Sinlaku (CAT-3) – Guam / CNMI

Situation: (Advisory #30, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located **210** miles NNW of Saipan
- Maximum sustained winds of **115 mph**
- Moving **NNE** at **7** mph
- Typhoon Sinlaku will continue north-northeast with little change in forward speed through Friday. Sinlaku continues to pull away from Tinian and Saipan and has begun to move through the northern CNMI just west of Alamagan, Pagan, and Agrihan, likely passing north of Agrihan early Friday.
- Sinlaku is forecast to begin to weaken later this morning and continue to slowly weaken for the next few days as it moves through the northern CNMI.

Hazards Affecting Land:

- Conditions will gradually **continue to improve** over the next 6-12hrs
- Coastal inundation possible of up to 3 feet in Guam and 5-8 feet across Tinian and Saipan, 3-5 feet across Rota **will slowly begin subsiding over the next couple days.**
- **Heavy rainfall potential has subsided**



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GU



CNMI



Time Zone	Time																							
EDT	1:00 AM	2:00 AM	3:00 AM	4:00 AM	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	10:00 PM	11:00 PM	12:00 AM
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ChST	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	10:00 PM	11:00 PM	12:00 AM	1:00 AM	2:00 AM	3:00 AM	4:00 AM	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM

Situation: Typhoon Sinlaku is expected to continue weakening as it moves through northern CNMI. The heavy rainfall potential has subsided and tropical storm-force winds have moved north of Rota. While wind-driven high waves decrease, coastal inundation will subside slowly with a Coastal Flood Warning in effect through Thursday night (ET). (NOAA NWS Guam/HLT as of 6:03 a.m. ET) Widespread power outages require significant generator usage and have resulted in communications outages. Federal interagency assets are in place and en route to augment local and regional assessment and response. Note: All referenced dates and times are in ET.

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA R9 SLB, as of 6:54 a.m. ET, Apr 16)

Safety and Security:

- CNMI:
 - All government offices closed as of 4/13
 - Governor of CNMI declared a shelter in place for all persons
- 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
 - NGB: Guam NG plans to activate 100 personnel for traffic control and debris removal (Interagency VTC, as of 6:30 p.m. ET, Apr 15)

Food, Hydration, Shelter: (ARC Shelter Map, as of 6:50 a.m. ET)

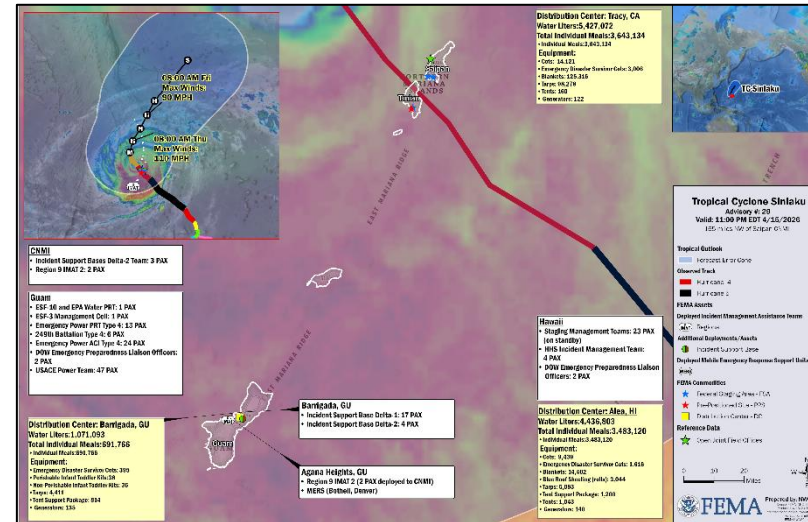
- CNMI: 9 shelters open / 320 occupants
- GU: 3 (-4) shelters open / 261 (-499) occupants
- ARC has >200 responders, including 90 on Guam, with capacity for >2,000 shelter occupants across both territories (Interagency VTC, as of 6:30 p.m. ET, Apr 15)
- Several Guam and CNMI hotels without power, some without working backup generators; hotels anticipated to become fully operational across region in 1 week, posing potential delay for responder lodging (Interagency VTC, as of 6:30 p.m. ET, Apr 15)

Health and Medical:

- GU: Emergency Departments on divert status at Guam Memorial Hospital and Guam Regional Medical City
- CNMI: Outpatient clinics will be closed; ERs remain open 24/7

Water Systems:

- CNMI: Saipan and Tinian: All water tank services areas offline and precautionary boil water notice issued on 04/14/26; Rota: Water services currently online from the Rota Main Care
- 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; Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is in process of conducting systemwide assessment; storm impacts still unknown
- 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
- GPA conducting damage patrols; system was split north/south across the island but only 15 of 63 feeders restored

Communication:

- Most communication outages resultant from power outages rather than damage to communication infrastructure (Interagency VTC, as of 6:30 p.m. ET, Apr 15)
- 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; collapse of solo tower on Mount Tapochau resulted in loss of all public safety and first responder communications. Rota: 1 Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services channel available
- GU: GTA and Docomo reporting services are 60% operational

Transportation:

- CNMI: Ports of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota West Harbor at Zulu/closed as of 4/12
- GU:
 - U.S. Coast Guard closed the Port of Guam on 4/12
 - Guam International Airport reports minimal damage with repairs underway; daytime flights have resumed, working to restart night flights
- Rental vehicles reportedly damaged by flooding; vehicles may need to be transported in for responder use (Interagency VTC, as of 6:30 p.m. ET, Apr 15)



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Typhoon Sinlaku (CAT-3) – Guam / CNMI



Territory / Local Response: (FEMA R9 DSAR, as of 11:39 a.m. ET, Apr 15)

- 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 11:39 a.m. ET, Apr 15)

- 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:

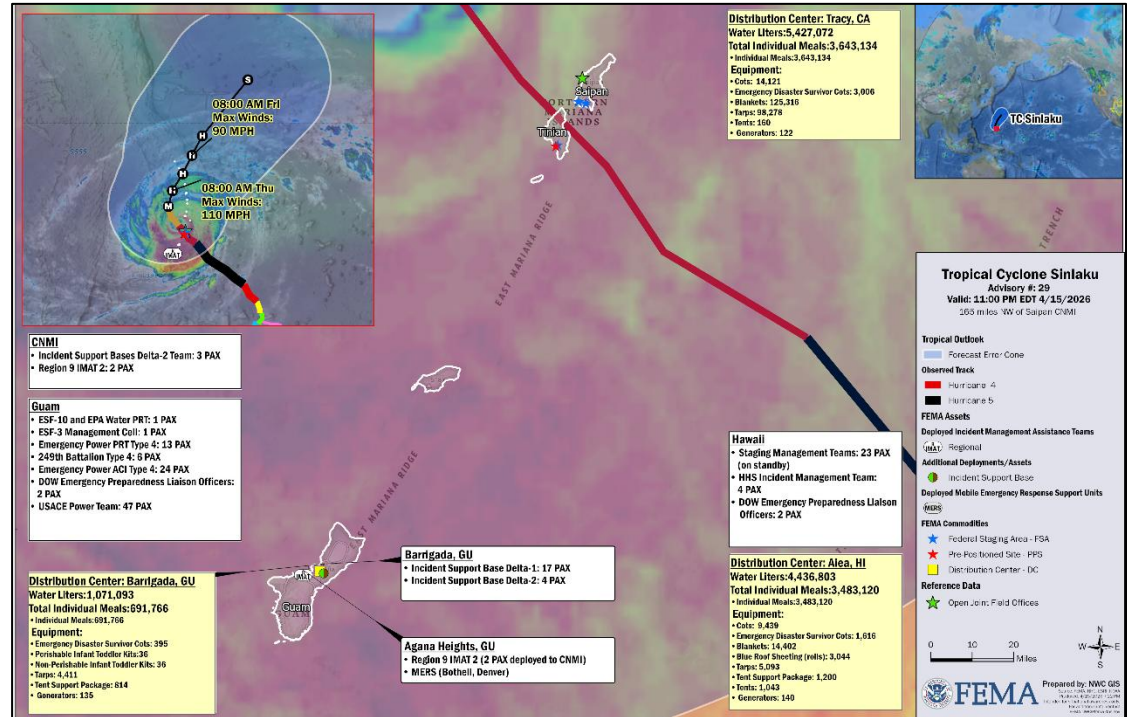
- NRCC will activate today (11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. ET); NWC at Enhanced Watch (day shift only); N-IMAT Red is enroute to Guam arriving NLT 6:00 a.m. ET, 4/17
- US&R White IST is Rostered
- Bothell and Denver MERS deployed to Guam

Logistics:

- ISB Team Delta deployed to Guam Distribution Center and CNMI
- Large resource movements expected into Guam & CNMI 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
- HHS: 1 Health Medical Task Force prepared to deploy this morning (ET) (Interagency VTC, as of 6:30 p.m. ET, Apr 15)



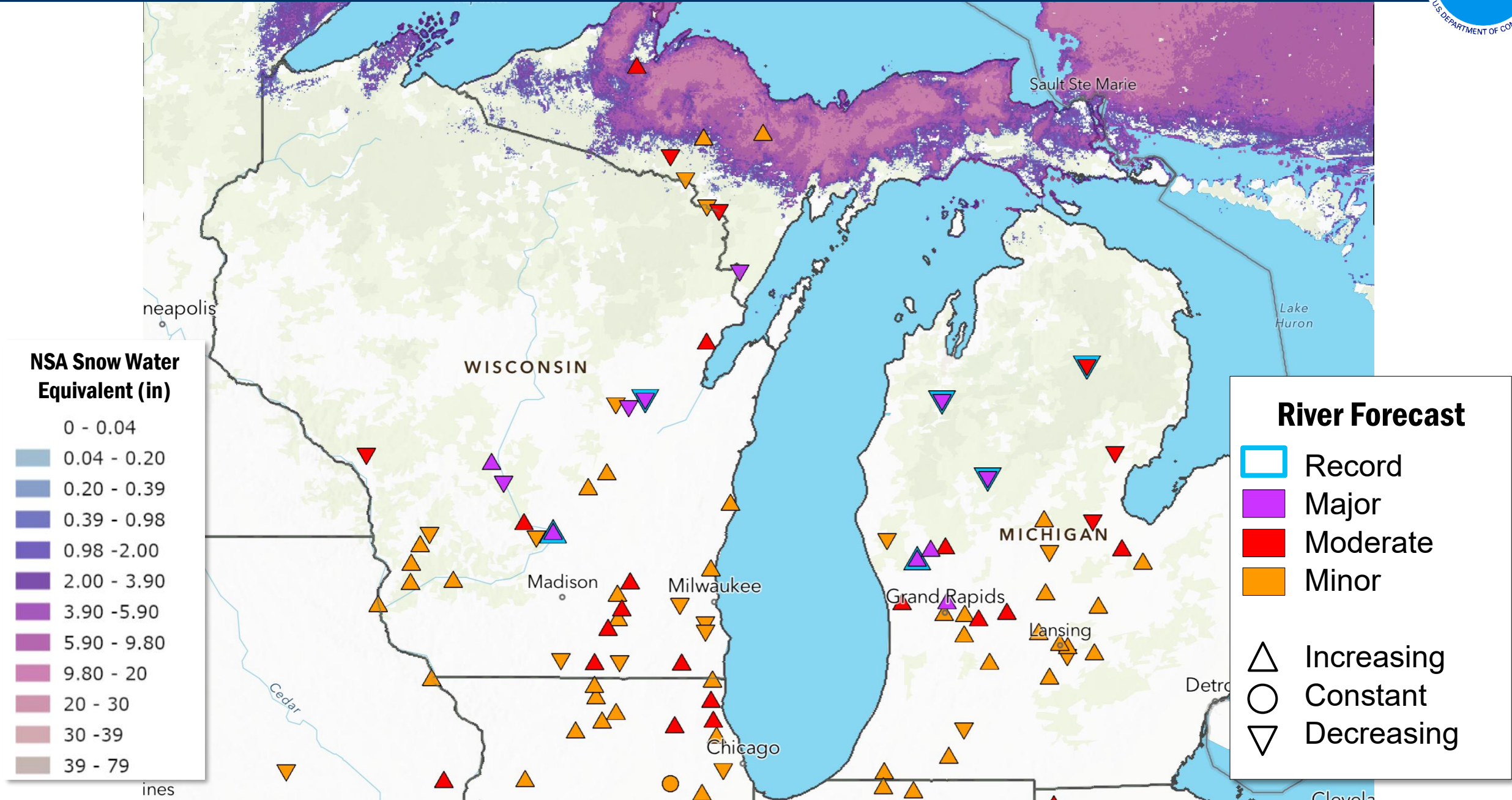
The FEMA NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 9. Updates will be provided in the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET) and the twice daily FEMA National Situation Report (3:00 a.m. ET / 5:00 p.m. ET).



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Latest River Forecast

NOAA National Water Center / River Forecast Centers
Updated 7 AM EDT, April 16, 2026



Flooding and Severe Weather – Great Lakes

Situation: A widespread hydrologic incident continues across Michigan and Wisconsin, driven by repeated rainfall, snowmelt, and saturated ground conditions, resulting in major to record riverine flooding, flash flooding, and infrastructure disruption. Localized damage from severe weather has also been reported. On Apr 15, the Governor of Wisconsin declared a State of Emergency for severe storms and flooding, and the Governor of Michigan expanded the existing State of Emergency. Flood waters are receding at some locations in the northern portions of each state but continue to rise at some more southerly locations. Response efforts remain primarily at the local and state level, with USACE providing some technical assistance. (FEMA R5 SPOTREPs and MI/WI Governors' Offices, as of 1:07 p.m. ET, Apr 15)

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA R5 SPOTREP Severe Weather and Flooding, as of 1:07 p.m. ET, Apr 15)

Safety and Security:

- MI: Cheboygan Dam is at 6.48 inches below the top of the structure, up 0.36 inches from previous measurement (MI SEOC, as of 6:30 p.m. ET, Apr 15)
- WI:
 - A tornado near Union Center, WI damaged approx. 10 homes and caused 2 non-life-threatening injuries
 - The Village of Shiocton, WI (pop. 900) is under an evacuation order for all residents (Nat'l Water Center and open sources, as of 3:19 p.m. ET, Apr 15)

Food/Hydration/Shelter: (ARC Shelter Map, as of 6:50 a.m. ET)

- MI: 4 shelters open / 10 occupants
- WI: 1 shelter open / 7 occupants

Energy:

- MI: Governor declared a State of Energy Emergency concerning the U.S. Energy Cheboygan petroleum terminal, critical for gasoline and diesel distribution, located downstream of the Cheboygan Lock and Dam Complex. (MI Office of the Governor, as of Apr 14)

Transportation:

- MI: Significant impacts include road closures and washouts in Manistee and Osceola Counties, closures in Midland County due to river flooding, and additional roadway impacts across northern Michigan. Open sources indicate that the Beitner Rd Bridge in Traverse City, MI (pop. 16k) washed out due to record flooding on the Boardman River. Alternate routes are available. (Open sources, as of 9:30 p.m. ET, Apr 15)
- WI: Local road closures, downed trees, and road washouts reported, primarily in Juneau County (pop. 27k)

State / Local Response:

- MI and WI SEOCs are at Partial Activation (Flooding)
- MI Governor declared a State of Emergency for Cheboygan County on Apr 10, expanding the State of Emergency to include severe weather impacts and 32 additional counties on Apr 15 (MI Office of the Governor and open sources, as of Apr 15)
- WI Governor declared a State of Emergency statewide on Apr 15 (WI Office of the Governor, as of Apr 15)

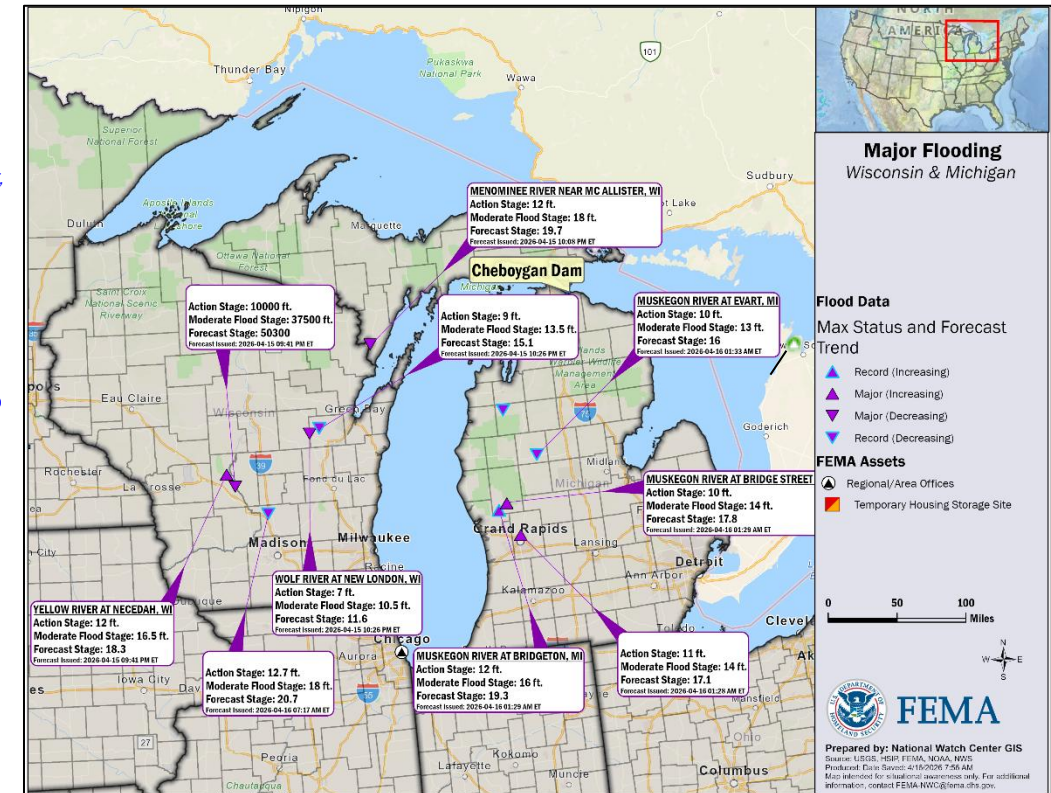
FEMA / Federal Response:

FEMA Region 5:

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

HQ: NWC is Monitoring

Other Federal Agency: USACE is providing technical assistance at Cheboygan Lock and Dam



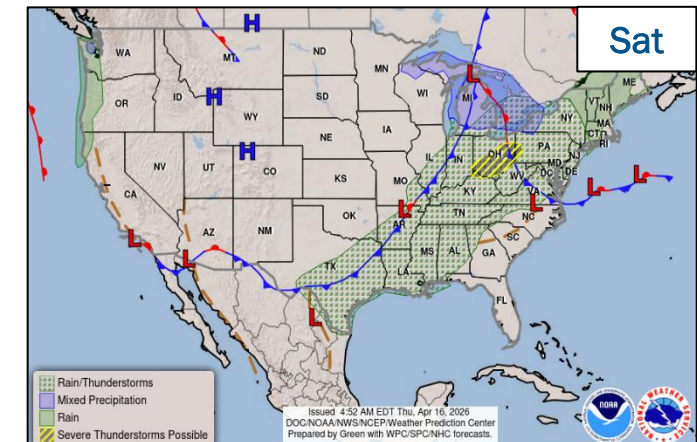
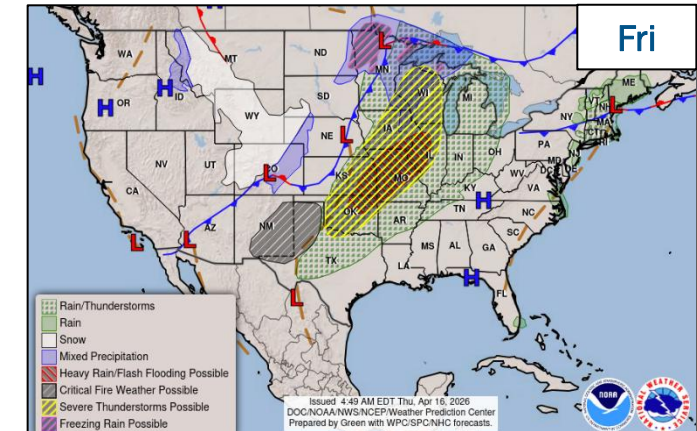
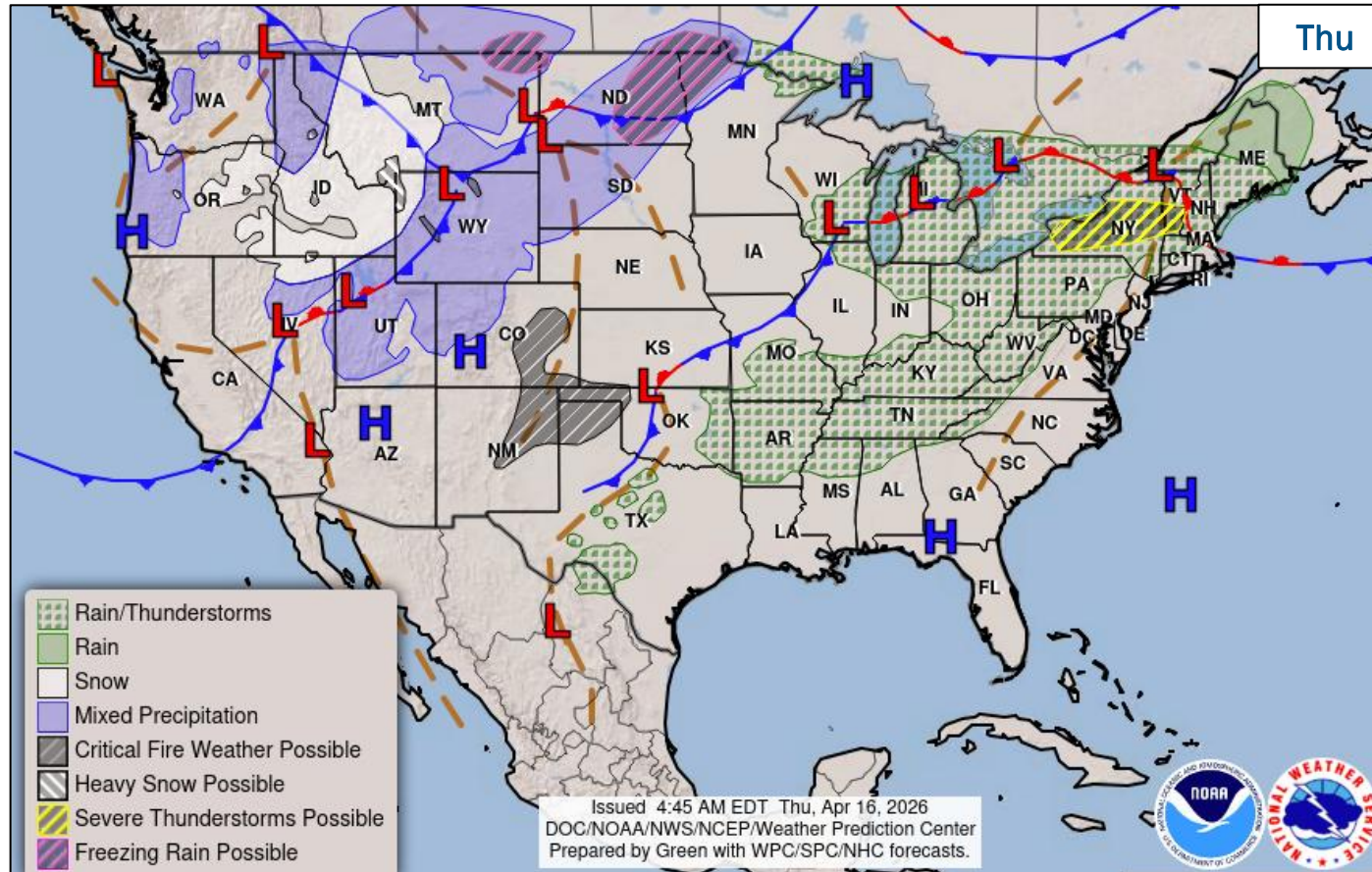
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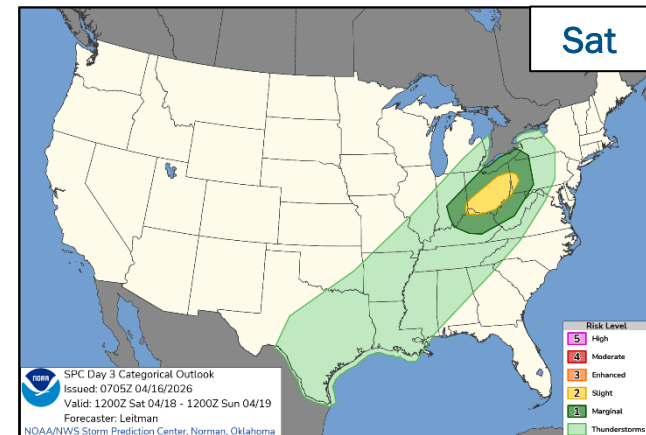
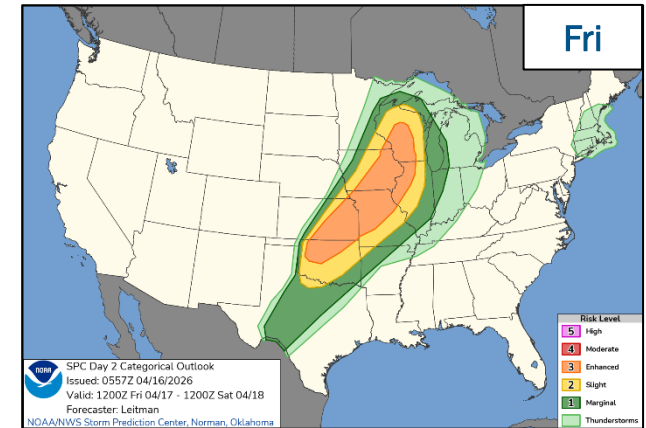
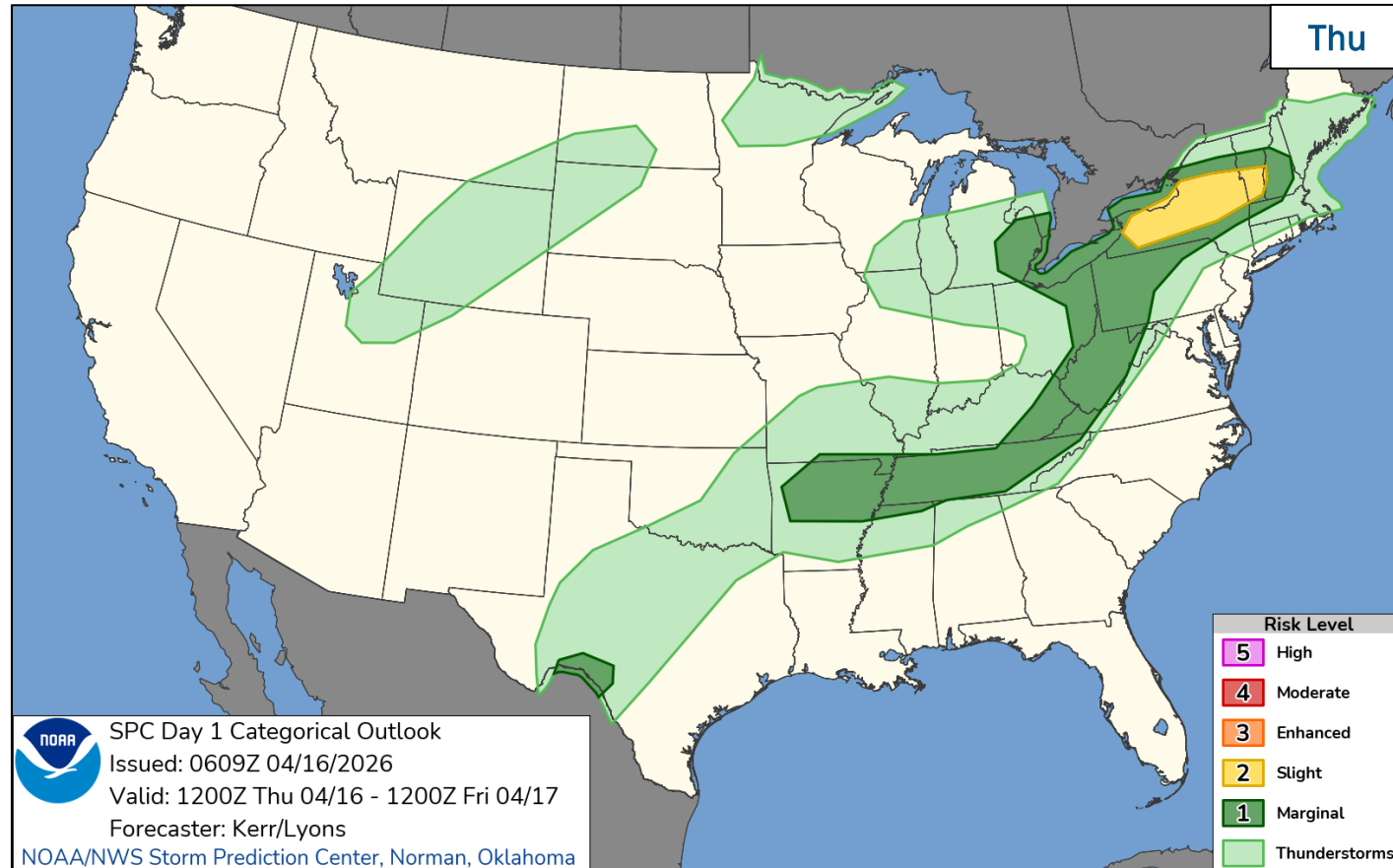
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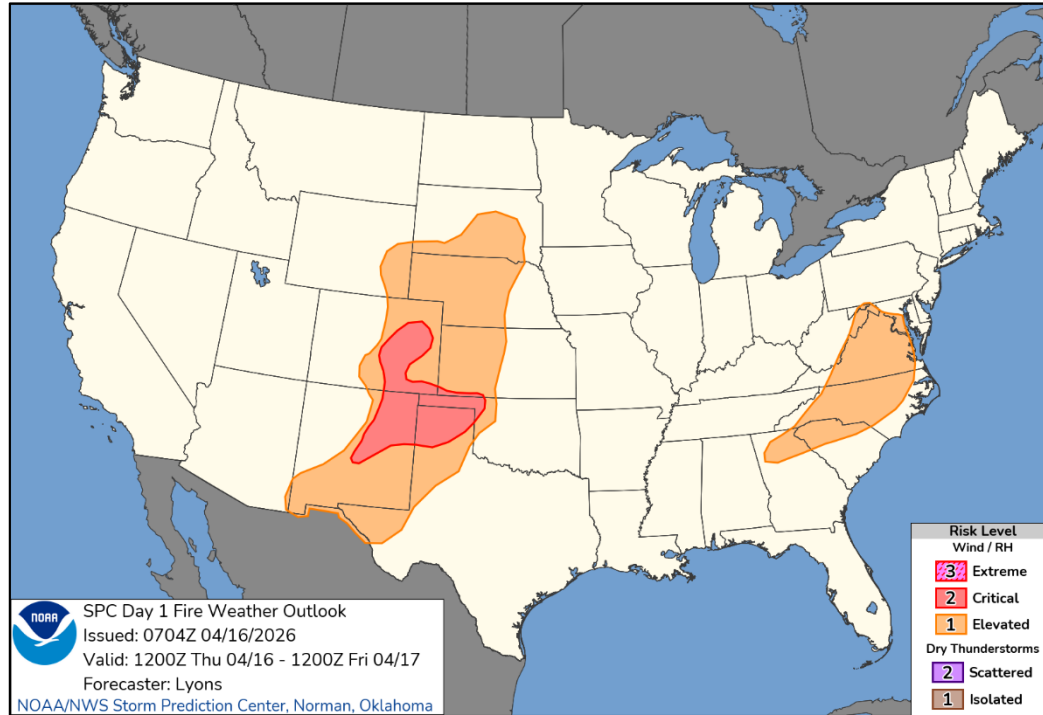
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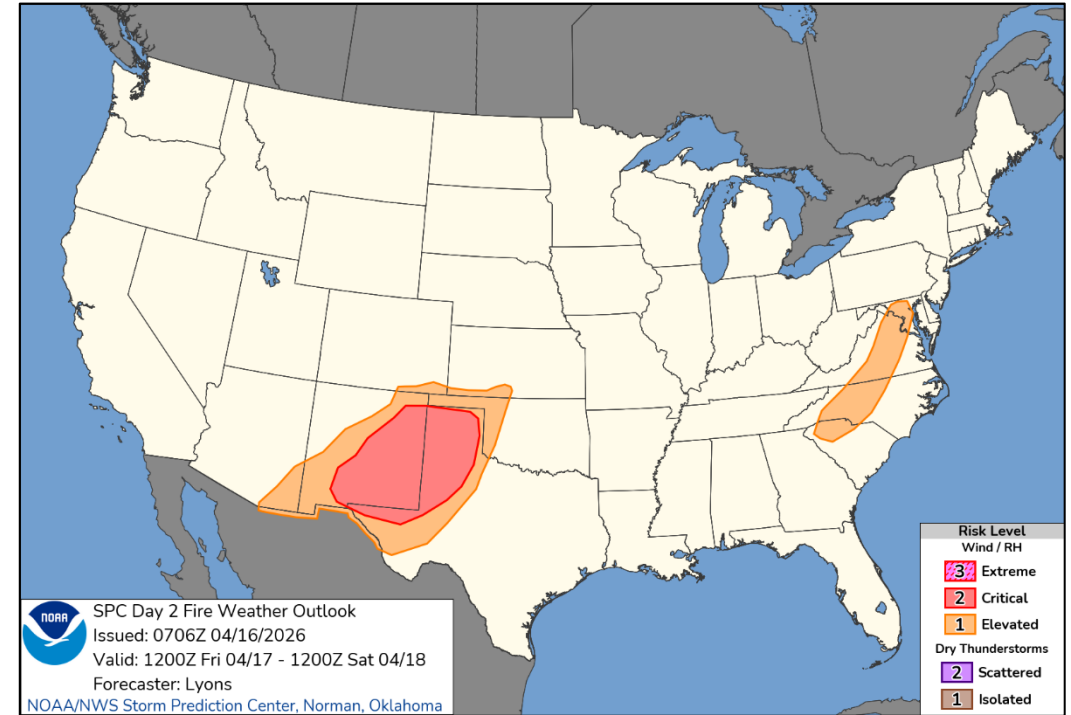
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

13

Joint Field
Offices

Supporting

30

Major
Disasters

+

9

Emergency
Declarations

6

Direct Housing
Missions

5

RSF-Supported
Disasters

6

Joint Recovery
Offices

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R9 Rostered

R10 Rostered

Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

- NRCC: TC Sinlaku (11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. ET)
- R5 RWC: Staffing (Day shift Only) / Enhanced Watch (Flooding) until 5:00 p.m. ET 4/17
- R9 RRCC: TC Sinlaku (Mon-Fri: 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. and Sat-Sun: 3-11 p.m. ET)

State EOCs:

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

Surge Capacity Force

Rostered

7,891

Deployed

0

N-IMATs

2-5 Teams Available

Red

Deployed

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)

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MO (Feb 15)

R8

R9 (1)

HI (Apr 8)

R9 (2)

GU (Apr 12)

R10

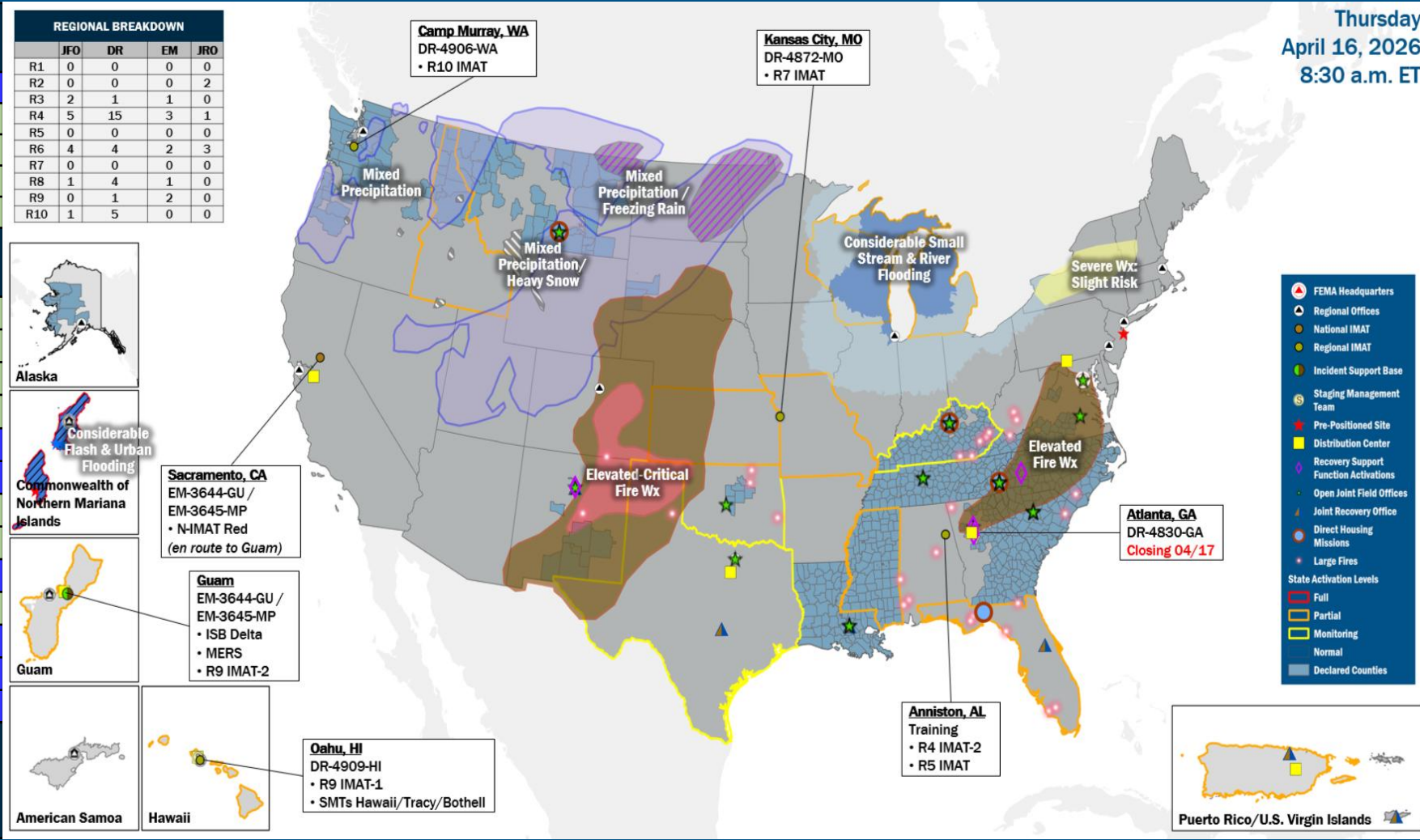
WA (Apr 15)

Fully Mission Capable (FMC)

Partially Mission Capable (PMC)

Not Mission Capable (NMC)

Deployed



IM Workforce

11,149 (-2) Assigned

4,091 (-6) Unavailable

3,089 (+12) Deployed

36% / 3,969 (-8) Available

IM Cadre Availability

11 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Alternative Dispute Resolution: 13% (4/30); Civil Rights: 20% (19/94); Disability Integration: 6% (1/16); External Affairs: 17% (46/267); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 16% (98/630); Field Leadership: 10% (12/117); Hazard Mitigation: 16% (118/753); Public Assistance: 25% (494/1954); Planning: 21% (71/343); Safety: 19% (16/86); 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

26 (+1) (16 FCOR) Deployed

7 (-1) Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

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

¹Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe



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Declaration Approval – Hawaii

Declaration: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4909-DR-HI

Date Requested: Mar 23

Date Approved: Apr 7

Incident: Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides

Incident Period: Mar 10-24

Provides:

- **IA/PA:** 3 counties

FCO: Andrew F. Grant



■ **IA/PA**



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Declaration Requests in Process – 17

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

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