

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, April 17, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Typhoon Sinlaku (CAT-1) – CNMI / Guam
- Flooding and Severe Weather – Great Lakes

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Southern Plains to Great Lakes
- Heavy Rainfall / Flash Flooding – Southern Plains to Great Lakes
- Critical Fire Weather – Southwest to Southern Plains
- Tropical Activity:
 - Western Pacific: Typhoon Sinlaku (CAT-1)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

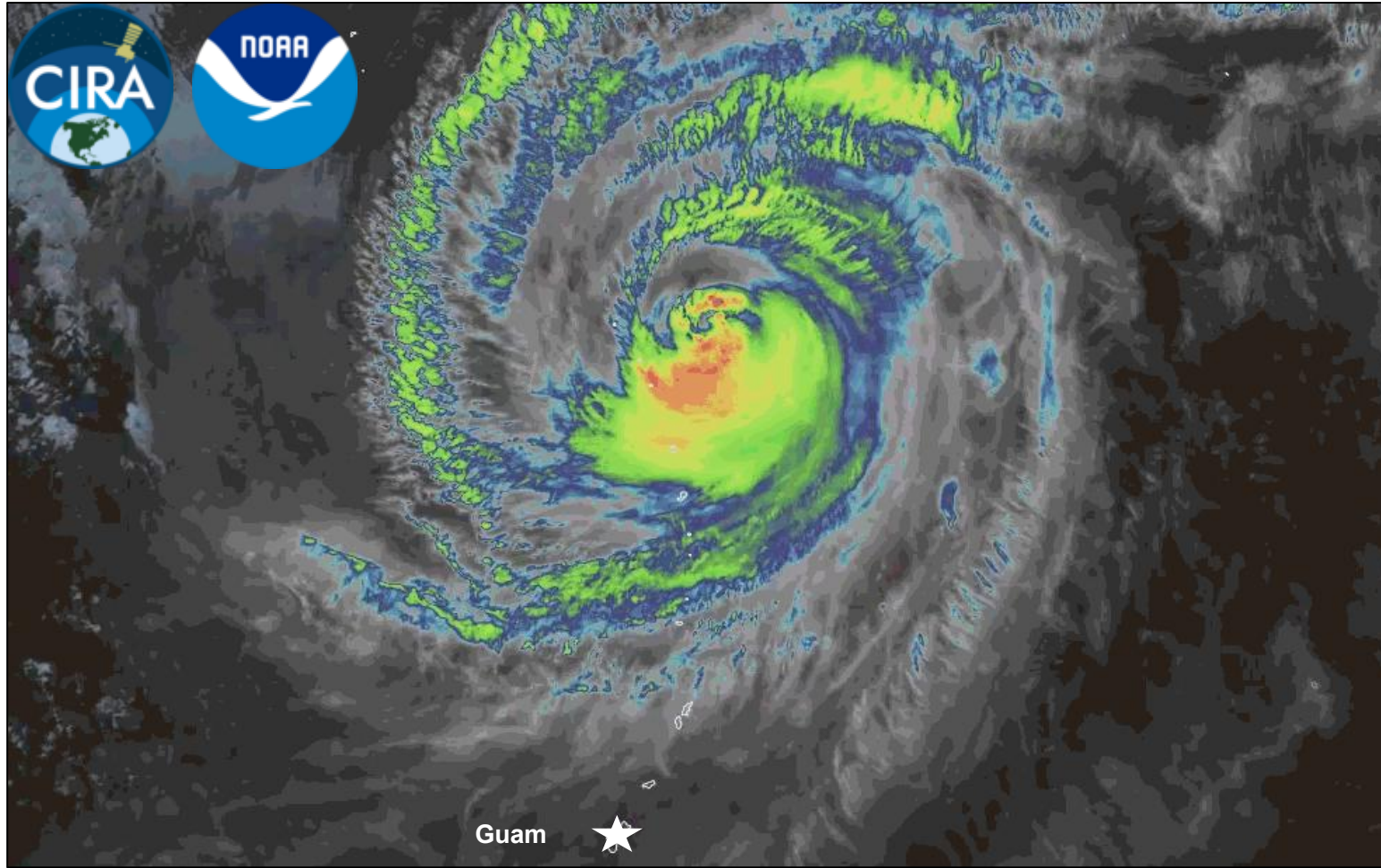
Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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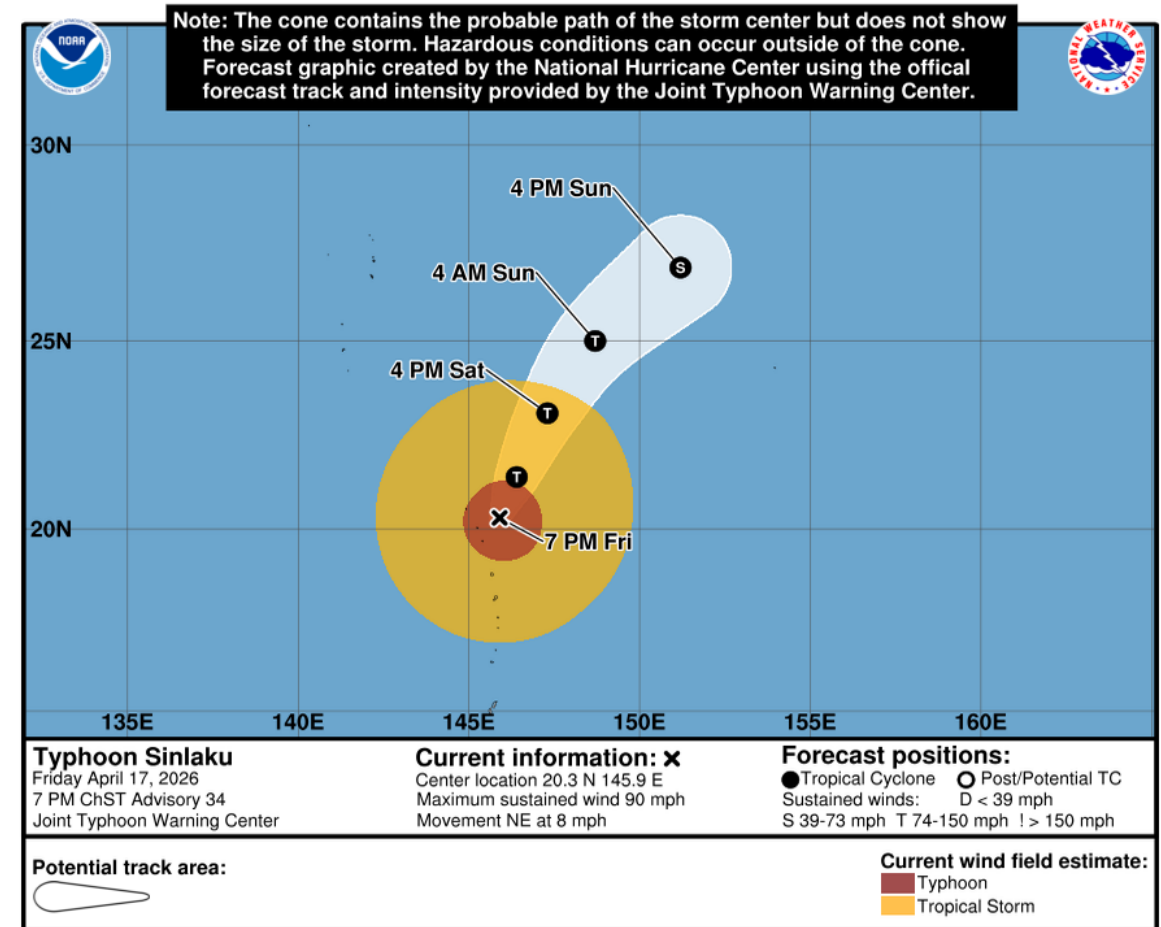


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Typhoon Sinlaku (CAT-1) – CNMI / Guam

Situation: (Advisory #34, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 360 miles N of Saipan
- Maximum sustained winds of 90 mph
- Moving NE at 8 mph
- Expected to maintain this general course with a slight increase in forward speed through Saturday
- Forecast to continue weakening and experience conditions unfavorable for sustainment; expected to become extratropical over the next 48 hours
- The Typhoon Warnings for Tinian, Saipan and adjacent coastal waters are cancelled; a Typhoon Warning remains in effect for Alamagan, Pagan, and Agrihan.



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Typhoon Sinlaku (CAT-1) – Guam / 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: Tropical Cyclone Sinlaku has weakened to a Category 1 Typhoon as it moves northeast, away from northern CNMI. The threat of heavy rainfall has diminished, tropical storm-force winds have ended, and Typhoon Warnings for Guam, Tinian, and Saipan have been cancelled. Although wind-driven high waves are decreasing, coastal inundation is expected to subside gradually. Search and rescue operations are ongoing, and assessments of critical infrastructure systems are in progress. Federal interagency assets are in place and enroute to augment local and regional assessment and response. *Note: All referenced dates and times are in ET.*

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA R9 SLB, as of 6:37 a.m. ET, Apr 17)

Safety and Security:

- CNMI: All government offices closed as of 4/13
- GU: Government of Guam resumed operations 12:00 a.m. ET 4/16

Food, Hydration, Shelter:

- CNMI:
 - 12 (+3) shelters open / 571 (+251) occupants
 - Emerging issue with only 60 boxes of water remaining at main shelter located in Tinian
- GU: 1 (-2) shelter open / 255 (-6) occupants

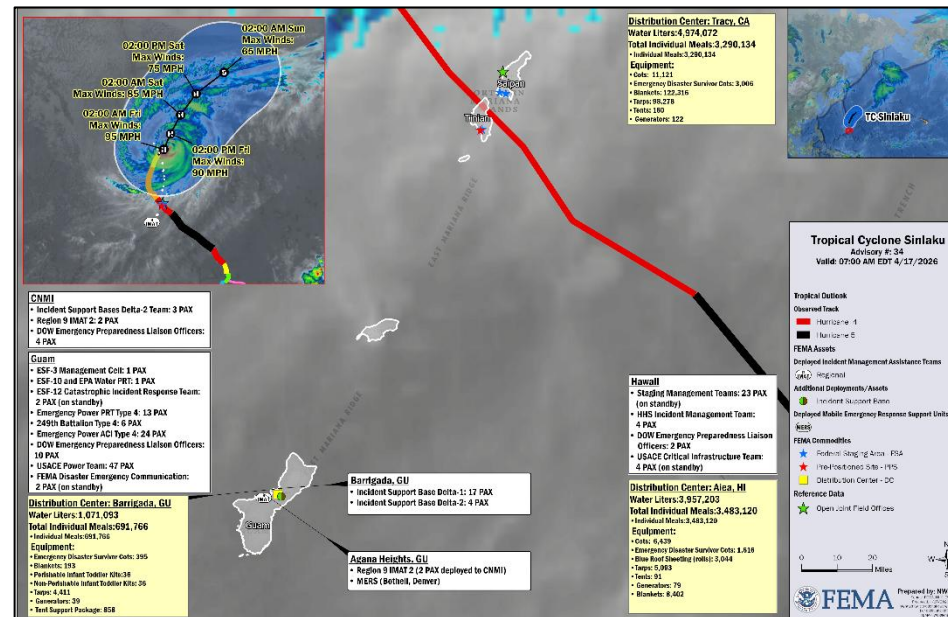
Health and Medical:

- CNMI: Outpatient pharmacies open under temporary hours schedule
 - Saipan Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation dialysis services open

Water Systems:

- CNMI: Precautionary boil water notice in effect for all islands
 - Flooding throughout Saipan sewer shed areas reported
 - Preliminary damage assessments indicate generator at the Agingan Treatment Plant offline in Saipan
 - System-wide low water pressure reported in Tinian

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



Communication:

CNMI:

- FCC reporting 72% of cell sites down
- 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; tower is inaccessible due to debris; Tinian: VHF motor turbo radio not in service; Rota: Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services channel available

Transportation:

CNMI:

- Ports of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota West Harbor at Zulu/closed as of 4/12
- Saipan and Tinian Airports are cleared and status green with no water or electricity; Rota International Airport is still awaiting an assessment

GU:

- U.S. Coast Guard closed the Port of Guam on 4/12
- Guam International Airport is fully operational as of 4/16



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Typhoon Sinlaku (CAT-1) – Guam / CNMI



Territory / Local Response: (FEMA R9 DSAR, as of 10:33 a.m. ET, Apr 16)

- 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 10:33 a.m. ET, Apr 16)

- RRCC is Activated (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 is Activated (11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. ET); NWC at Enhanced Watch (day shift only); N-IMAT Red is deploying to Guam
- US&R White IST is Rostered
- Bothell and Denver MERS deployed to Guam

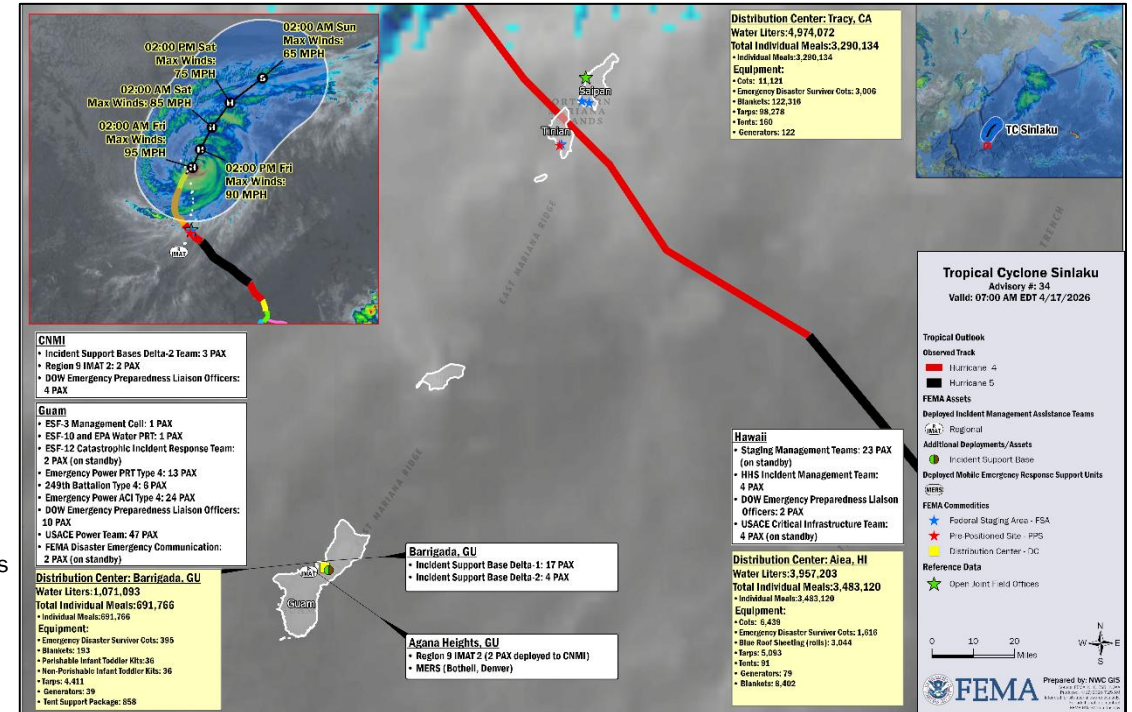
Logistics:

- ISB Team Delta deployed to Guam Distribution Center and CNMI

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; Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers (EPOs) deployed to Guam (NRCC GIS, as of 11:00 p.m. ET)

- USAF priority is opening ports and airports; additional movements anticipated for Guam and HI once airports are operational including USACE Power Teams, generators, Water Assessment teams from USACE and EPA, and Mass Care Task Force
- INDOPACOM sourcing 2 C-130s to arrive 4/18 to execute same-day missions; coordinating mission re-tasking of USS Portland for sea lift support, including 4 heavy rotor wing aircraft available for missions (Interagency VTC, as of 6:30 p.m. ET, Apr 16)



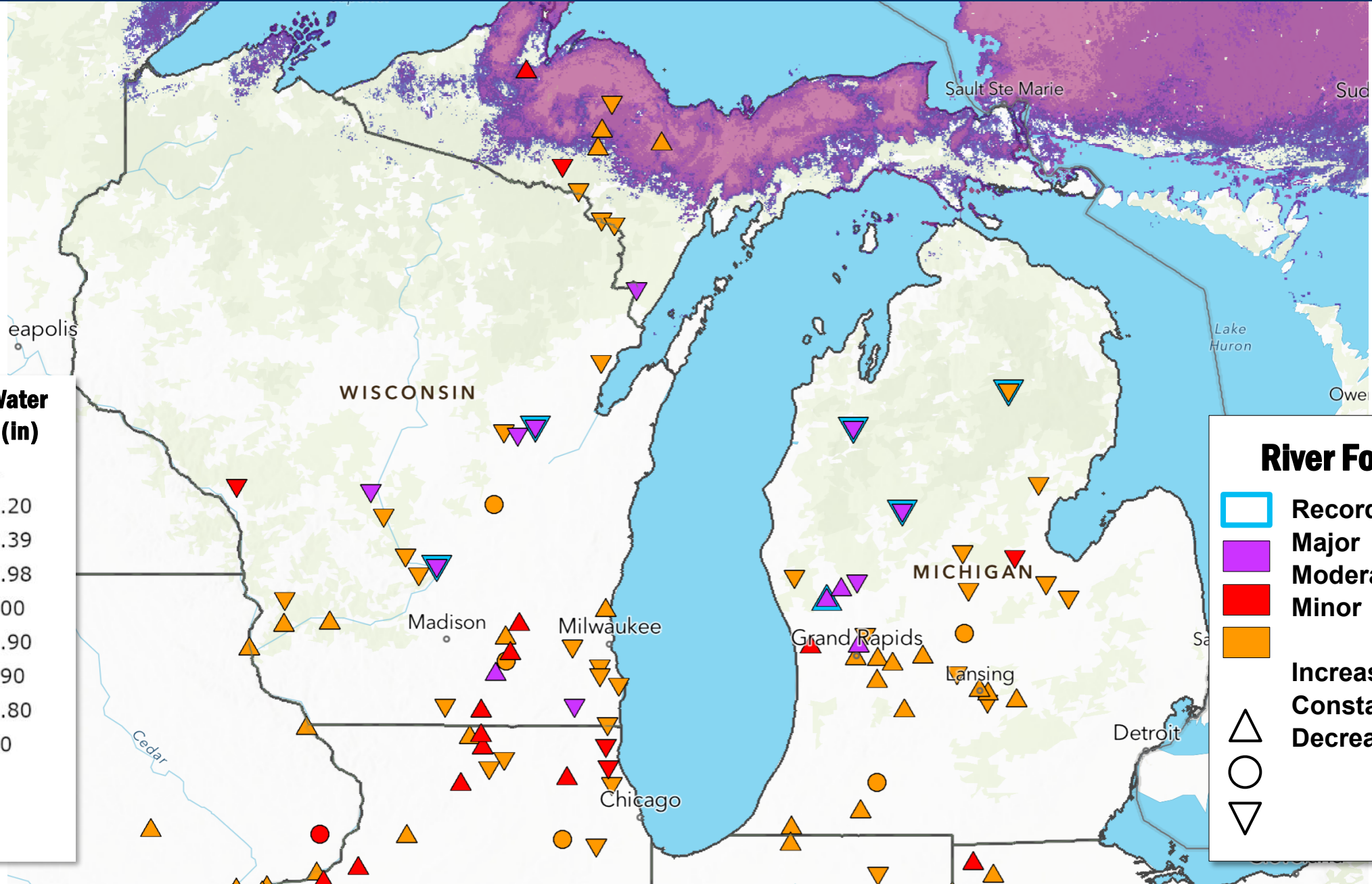
The FEMA NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 9. Updates will be provided in the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET) and the twice daily FEMA National Situation Report (3:00 a.m. ET / 5:00 p.m. ET).



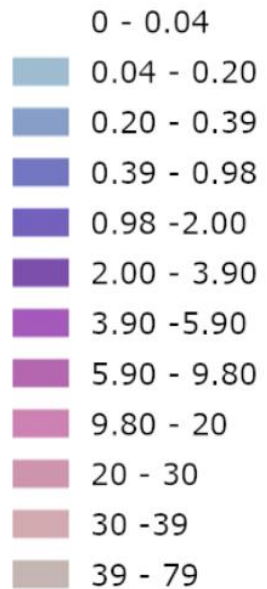
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Latest River Forecast

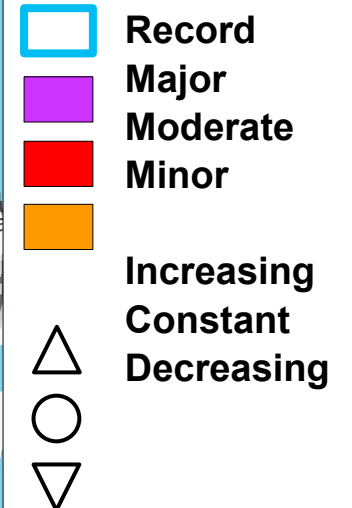
NOAA National Water Center / River Forecast Centers
Updated 7 AM EDT, April 17, 2026



NSA Snow Water Equivalent (in)



River Forecast



Flooding and Severe Weather – Great Lakes

Situation: Heavy rainfall over several days has resulted in major river flooding across much of Michigan and eastern Wisconsin. Cheboygan Dam water levels continue to gradually rise in the upper Michigan peninsula. Flood watches and warnings are in effect for portions of both states, with multiple rivers at or expected to reach major flood stage. Authorities are urging residents to monitor local alerts, avoid flooded roads, and be prepared for evacuations. (FEMA R5 Incident Report Michigan Update #4, as of 1:27 p.m. ET / FEMA R5 Incident Report Wisconsin Update #2, as of 3:43 p.m. ET)

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Safety and Security:

- MI:
 - Evacuation orders in Newaygo County for residents below Croton Dam; no public safety services available until power restored.
 - Major flooding backing up into homes and causing widespread road and bridge washouts in lower Upper Peninsula.
 - Kleber Dam remains intact, further flooding is expected; record high water levels at Mio Dam (NOAA National Water Prediction Center, as of 10:15 p.m. ET)
 - Cheboygan Dam water levels have risen to 4.92 inches below the top, up 0.12 inches from previous measurement, area within the "Set" threshold for evacuation. (MI Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, as of 5:30 p.m. ET)
 - Primary life-safety concerns: flooding in low-lying areas, evacuation zones in Cheboygan County, washed-out roads, and hazardous travel conditions statewide.
- WI:
 - A tornado near Union Center, WI damaged approx. 10 homes and caused 2 non-life-threatening injuries
 - Evacuations in New London, Schiocco, and the Oneida Nation
 - Structural damage to residential properties in Green Bay and flooding at Devil's River Campground
 - Temporary closure of tribal facilities in the Oneida Nation

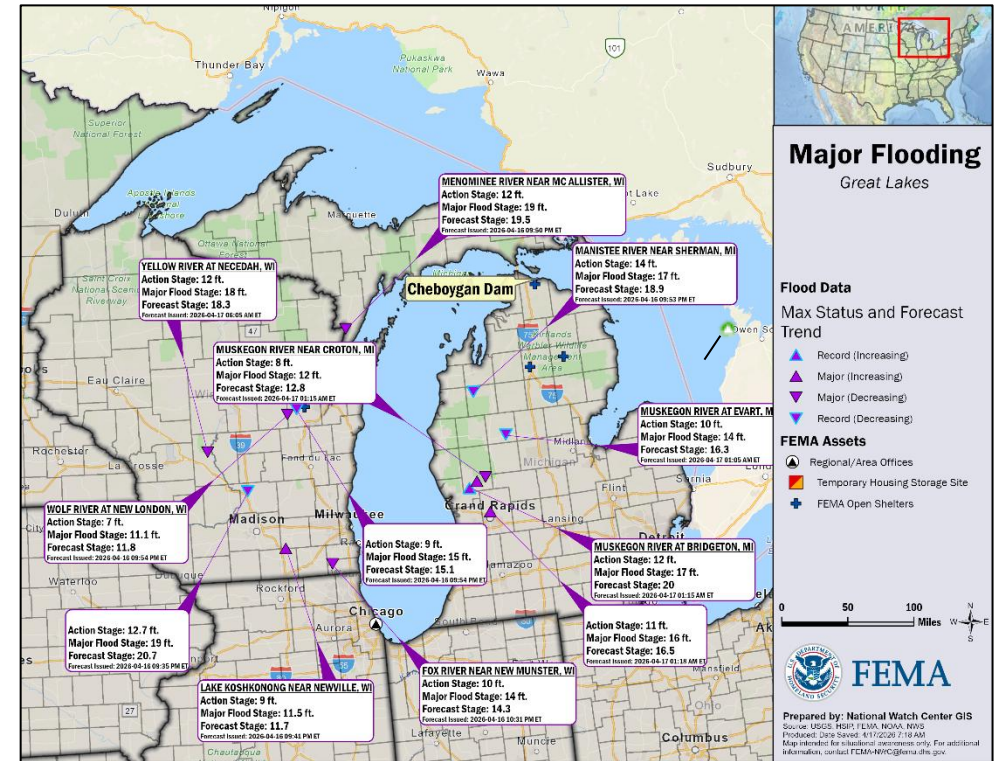
Food, Hydration, Shelter:

- MI: 5 (+1) shelters open / 10 occupants
- WI: 8 (+7) shelter open / 7 (+1) occupants

Energy: MI: State of Energy Emergency for the Cheboygan petroleum terminal in effect due to concerns about gasoline and diesel distribution downstream of the Cheboygan Lock and Dam Complex

Transportation:

- MI: Numerous road closures and washouts across multiple counties, including Manistee, Osceola, Midland, and Traverse City (Beitner Road Bridge washed out)
- WI: Local road closures, downed trees, and road washouts reported, primarily in Juneau County (pop. 27k)



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Flooding and Severe Weather – Great Lakes

State / Local Response:

- MI:
 - SEOC is at Partial Activation (Flooding)
 - 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
- WI:
 - SEOC is at Partial Activation (Flooding)
 - Governor declared a State of Emergency on April 15

FEMA / Federal Response:

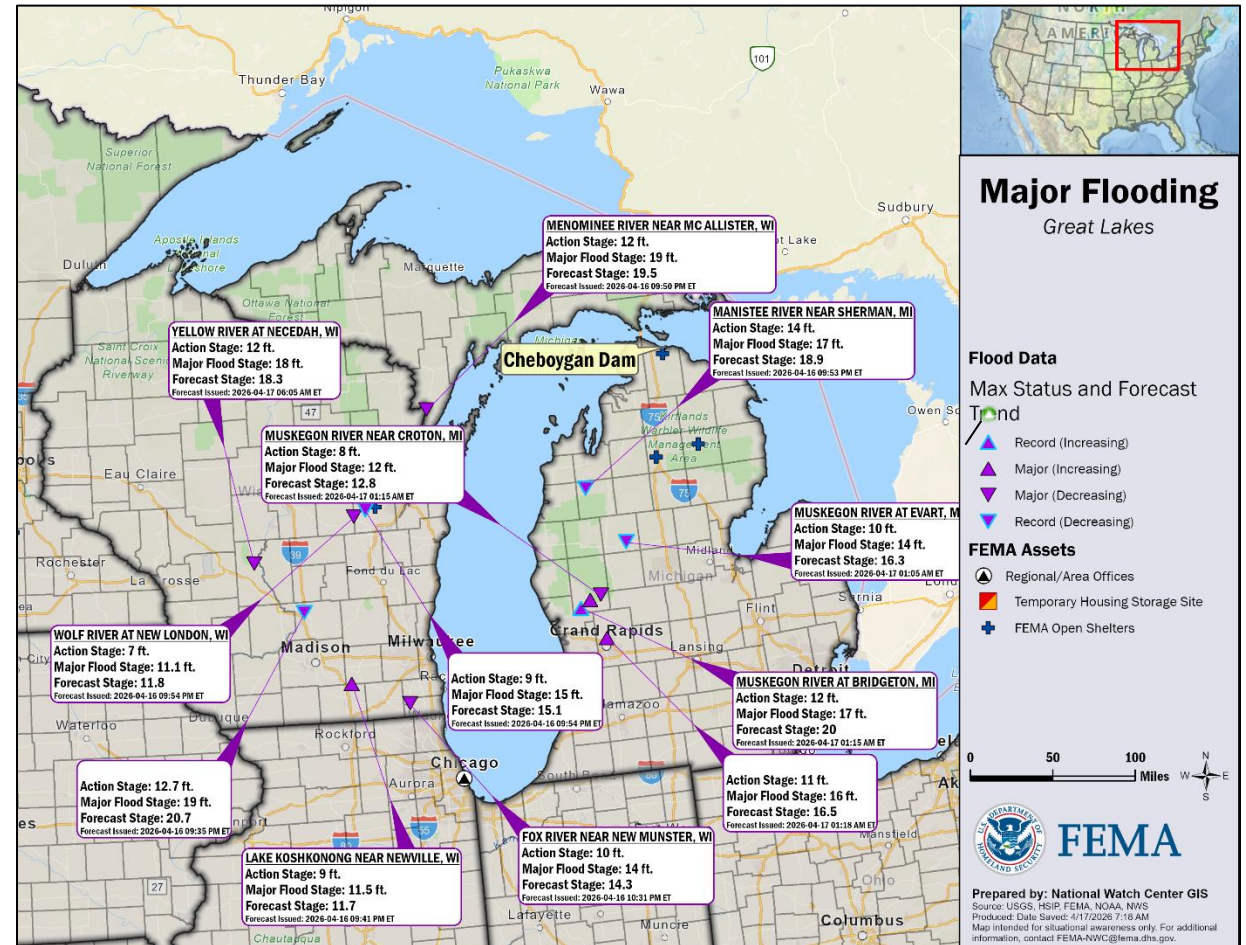
FEMA Region 5:

- RWC is Enhanced (Flooding); RRCC is Rostered; R-IMAT deployed to AL (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

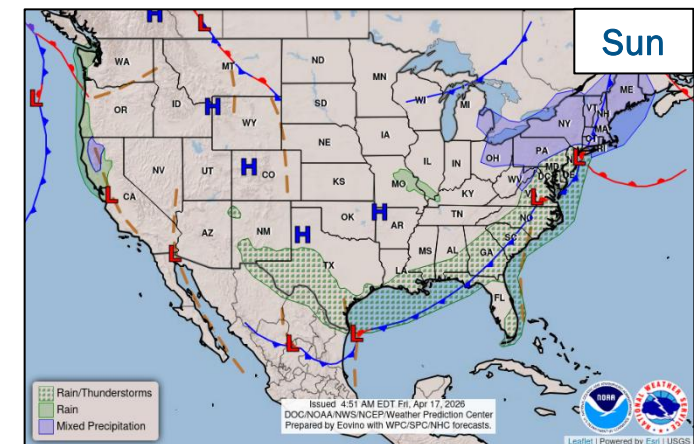
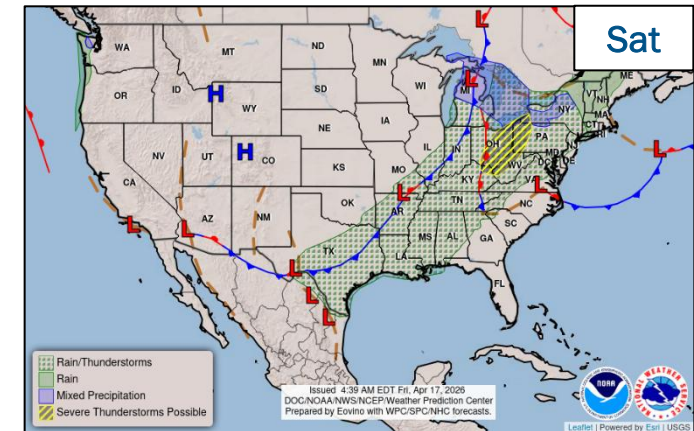
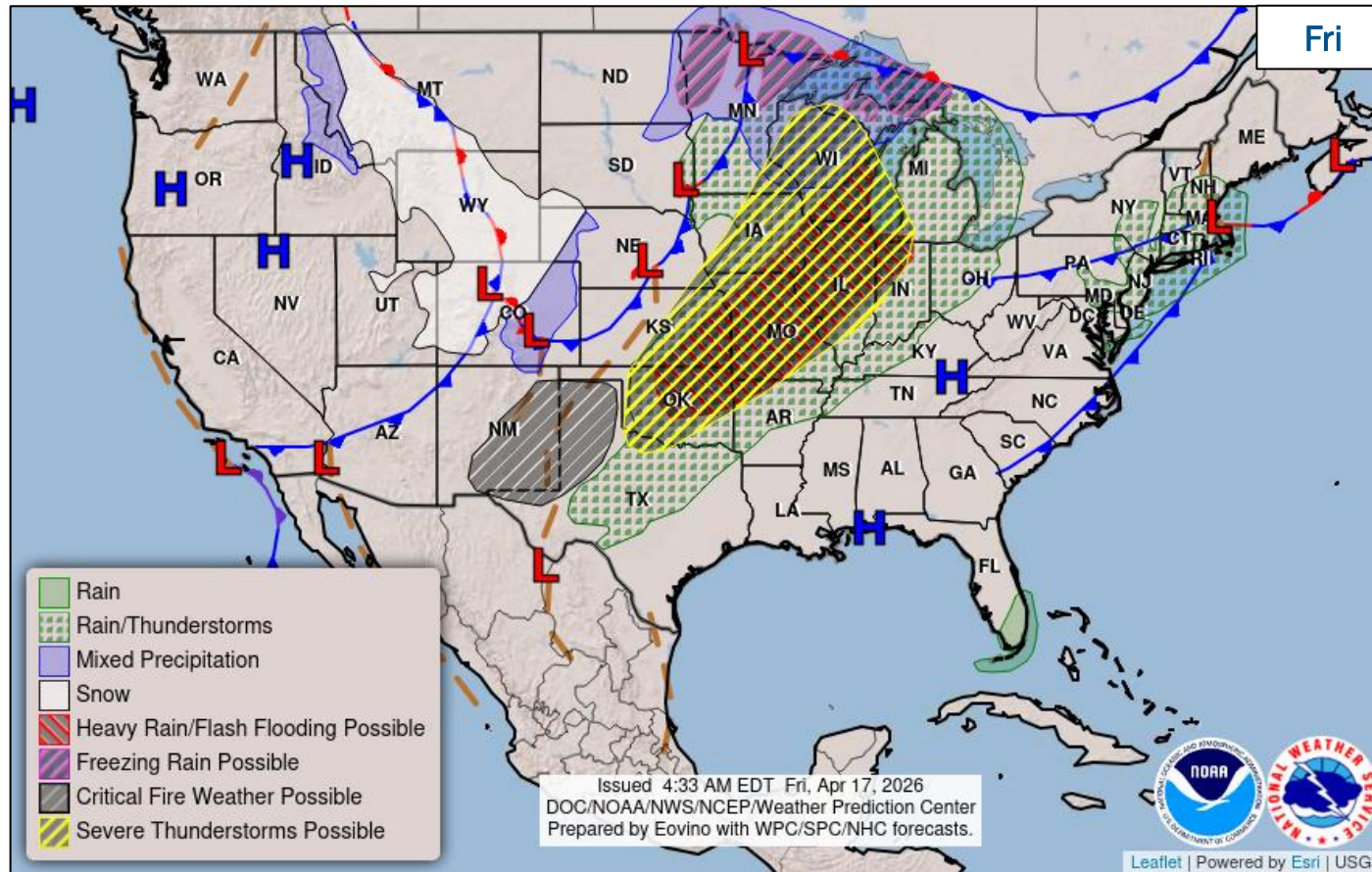
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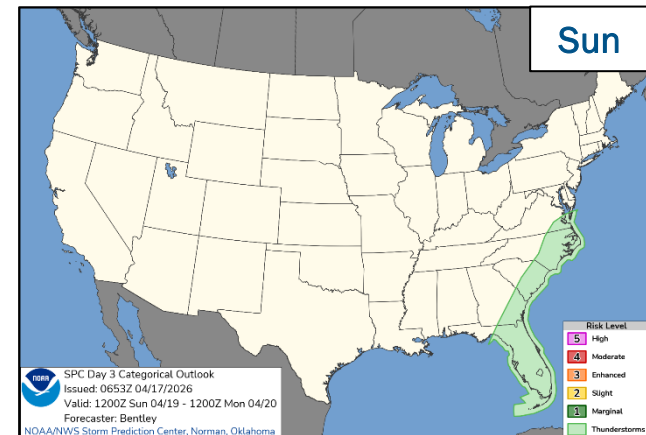
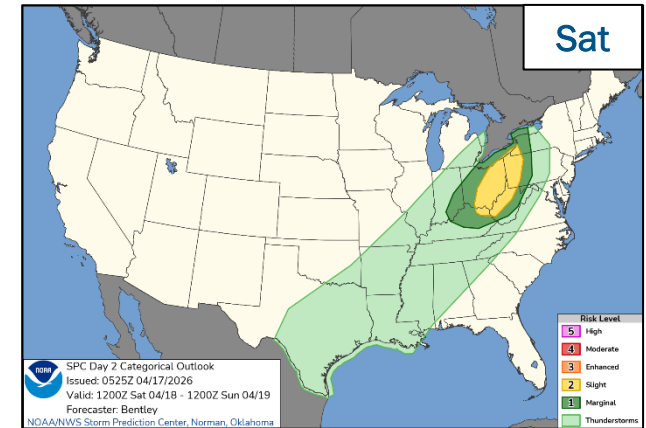
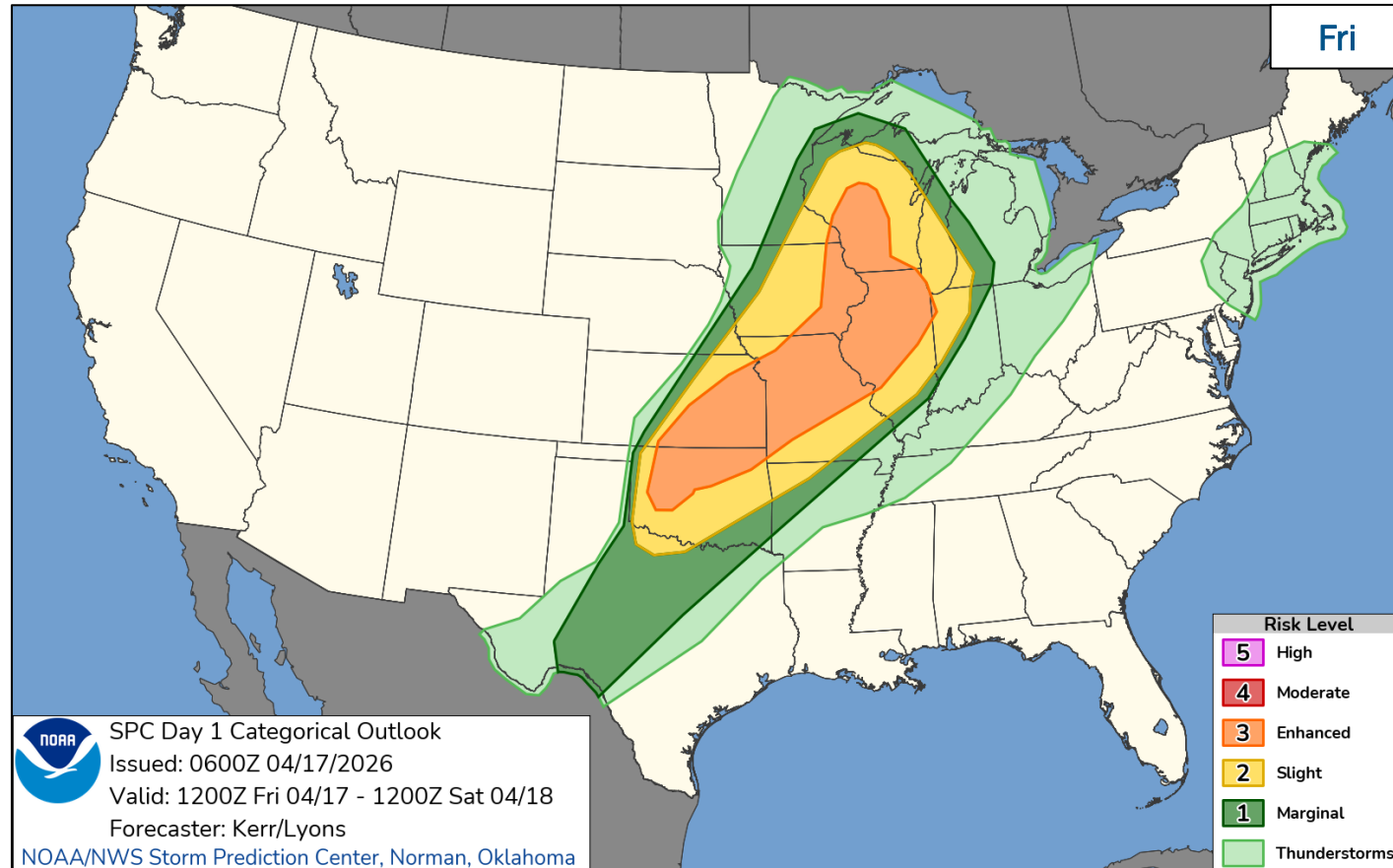
National Weather Forecast



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Severe Weather Outlook



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

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Joint Field
Offices

Supporting

30

Major
Disasters

+

9

Emergency
Declarations

6

Direct Housing
Missions

5

RSF-Supported
Disasters

6

Joint Recovery
Offices

FEDERAL HQ

NWC

Monitoring

NRCC

Activated

FEDERAL REGIONS

Watch

Monitoring

RRCC

R1 Rostered

Monitoring

R2 Rostered

Monitoring

R3 Rostered

Monitoring

R4 Rostered

Enhanced

R5 Rostered

Monitoring

R6 Rostered

Monitoring

R7 Rostered

Monitoring

R8 Rostered

Monitoring

R9 Activated

Monitoring

R10 Rostered

Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

• NRCC: TC Sinlaku (11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. ET)

• R5 RWC: Staffing (Day shift Only) / Severe Weather

• 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

• R4(2) / R5: Training (FMC)

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

GU (Apr 17)

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

WA (Apr 15)

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	5	15	3	1
R5	0	0	0	0
R6	4	4	2	3
R7	0	0	0	0
R8	1	4	1	0
R9	0	1	2	0
R10	1	5	0	0

IM Workforce

11,150 (+1) Assigned

4,076 (-15) Unavailable

3,158 (+69) Deployed

35% / 3,916 (-53) 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: 18% (47/267); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 16% (99/630); Field Leadership: 9% (11/117); Hazard Mitigation: 16% (119/753); Public Assistance: 25% (495/1954); Planning: 20% (69/343); 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 (15 (-1) FCOR) Deployed

7 Available

Friday

April 17, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET

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
R7	NE	Morrill-Cottonwood Fire Complex Mar 12-27	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	7	0	4/27 – TBD

¹Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe



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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
NY – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Mar 25
MI – Severe Storm and Tornadoes	DR	X		X	Apr 1
HI – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	EM	X	X		Apr 7

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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Declaration Requests in Process – 17 (cont'd)

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
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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