

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, April 18, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Tropical Storm Sinlaku – CNMI / Guam
- Flooding and Severe Weather – Great Lakes

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Ohio Valley, Central Appalachians, Great Lakes
- Fire Weather – Northern to Southern Plains and Southeastern U.S. to Mid-Atlantic and Central Appalachians
- Tropical Activity:
 - Western Pacific: Tropical Storm Sinlaku

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – Native Village of Ambler

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events

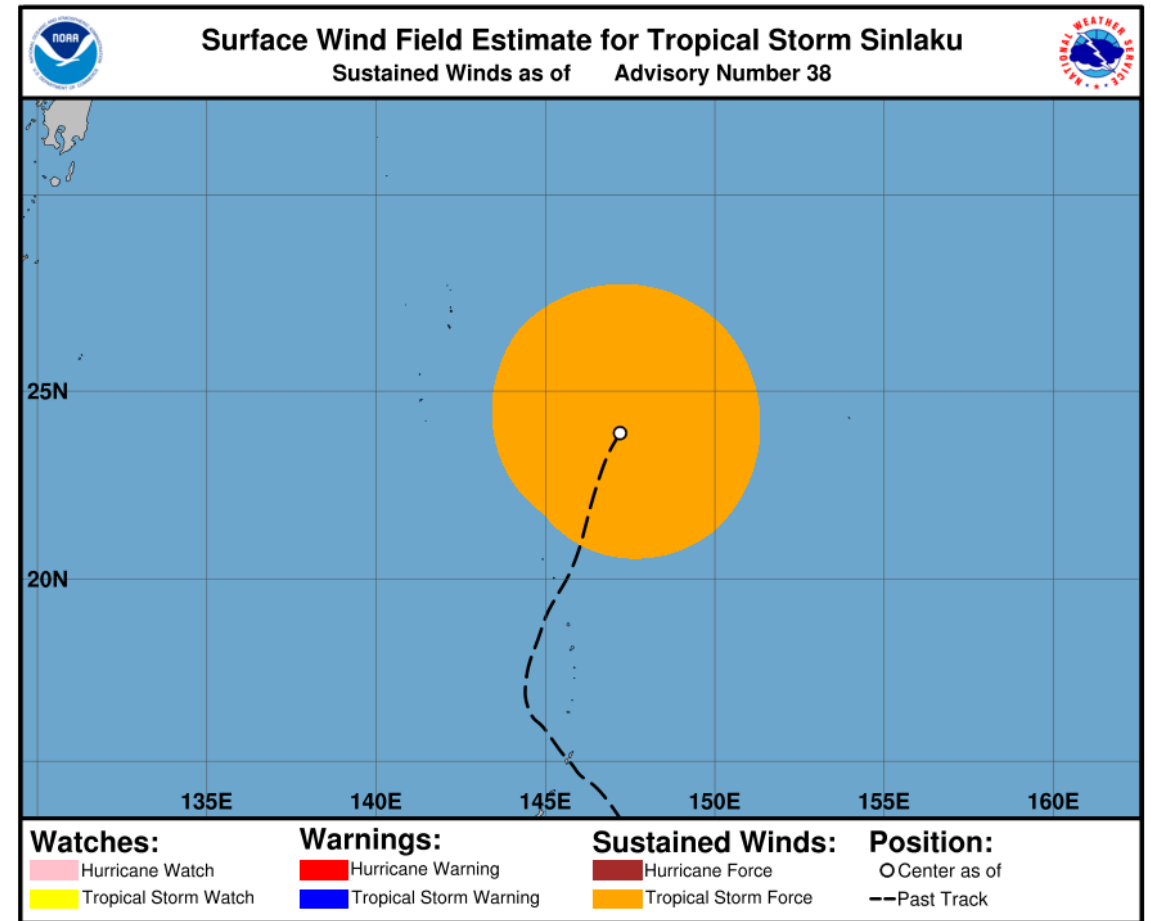


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Tropical Storm Sinlaku – CNMI / Guam

Situation: *(Advisory #38, as of 5:42 a.m. ET)*

- Located 735 miles N of Guam
- Maximum sustained winds of 70 mph
- Moving NNE at 14 mph
- Sinlaku has been downgraded to a tropical storm and is forecast to weaken through Sunday
- Typhoon Warnings have been cancelled for all islands



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Tropical Storm Sinlaku – CNMI / Guam



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Situation: Sinlaku has been downgraded to a Tropical Storm as it moves northeast, away from northern CNMI. Typhoon Warnings for Alamagan, Agrihan, Pagan, Guam, Tinian, and Saipan have been cancelled. Coastal waters near Guam and CNMI remain rough with high seas and surf causing minor coastal flooding for Tinian and Saipan and isolated showers possible across all islands. 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.

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA R9 SLB, as of 6:19 a.m. ET, Apr 18; 1830 VTC as of 6:30 p.m. ET, Apr 17)

Safety and Security:

- CNMI: Department of Public Safety (DPS) requires non-potable water for facilities, limited on fuel supply
- GU: Government of Guam resumed operations 12:00 a.m. ET 4/16
- **Food, Hydration, Shelter:**
- CNMI:
 - 13 (+1) shelters open / 558 (-13) occupants
 - Tinian food supply sustainable, potable water distribution operations ongoing
- GU: 1 shelter open / 305 occupants

Health and Medical:

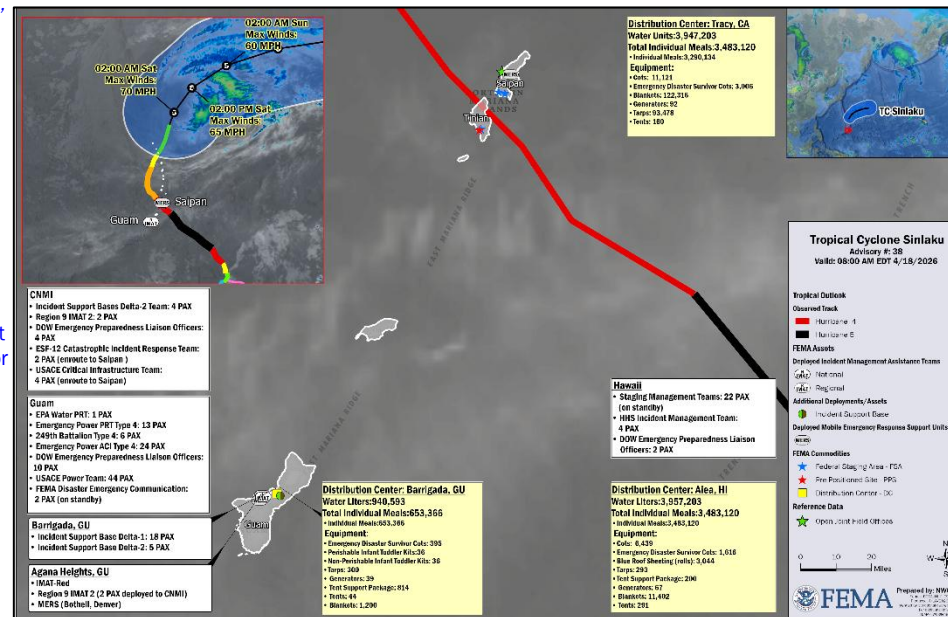
- CNMI: Saipan Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Emergency Department near surge capacity with dialysis services open and relying on 100% generator power
- GU: Health & Medical Task Force members scheduled to depart to Guam 4/17

Water Systems:

- CNMI: Precautionary boil water notice in effect for all islands
 - Preliminary damage assessments indicate generator at the Agingan Treatment Plant offline in Saipan

Energy:

- CNMI:
 - Island-wide power outage in Saipan, Rota, and Tinian: 18k customers without power; Commonwealth Utilities Corporation assessments incomplete due to blocked access and limited communications



Communication:

CNMI:

- FCC reporting 72% of cell sites down
- EOC generator power restored; Saipan: IT&E reports 7 cell sites offline; Docomo reports 25 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
- Rota 911 and dispatch communication lines are online as of 4/17

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
- Kagman Peninsula main road cut off by a landslides, affecting up to 10k persons; currently looking for alternative roads to mitigate movements

■ GU:

- Port of Guam reopening to modified daytime hours (USCG news release, as of 10:35 p.m. ET, Apr 17)
- All main highways are open following debris clearance operations
- Bus service has resumed normal operations
- Guam International Airport is fully operational as of 4/16 and open to receive inbound and outbound flight



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CNMI

GU



Territory / Local Response: (FEMA R9 SLB, as of 6:19 a.m. ET)

- 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:

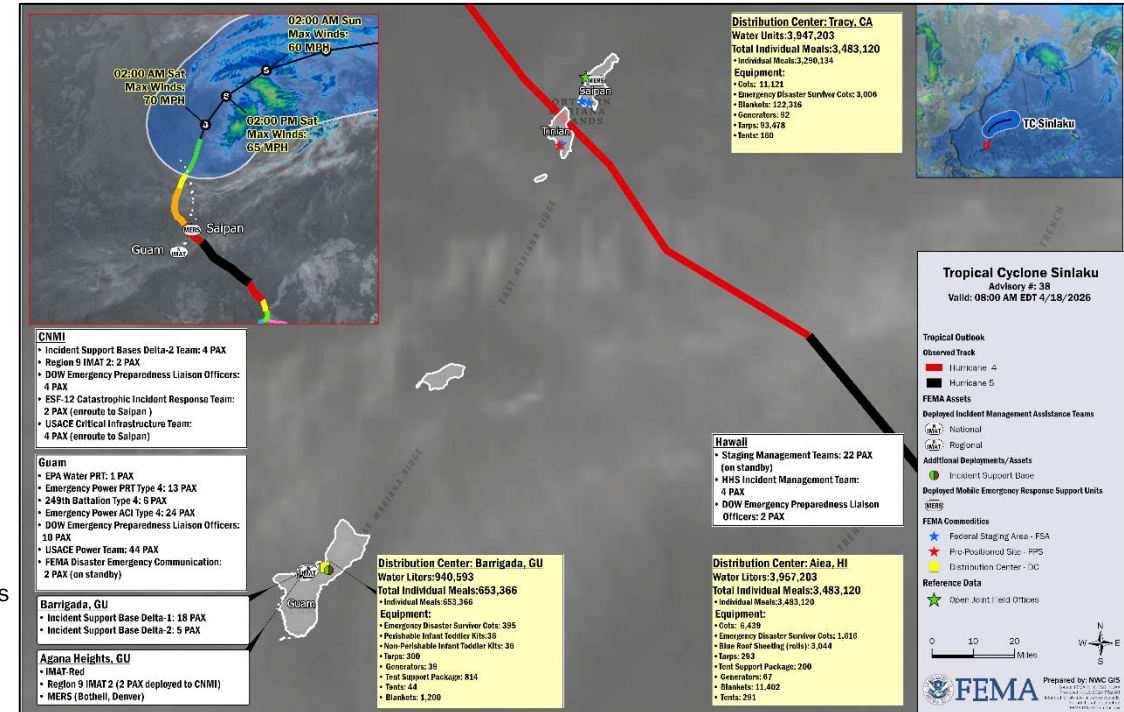
- NRCC is Activated; NWC is **Monitoring**; N-IMAT Red deployed to Guam
- US&R White IST is Rostered
- Bothell and Denver MERS deployed to Guam

Logistics:

- ISB Team Delta deployed to Guam Distribution Center and CNMI

Other Federal Agencies:

- HHS Region 9 declares Public Health Emergency in Guam and CNMI effective 4/17 through 7/16; HHS personnel scheduled to deploy to Saipan 4/17
- 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
 - 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)



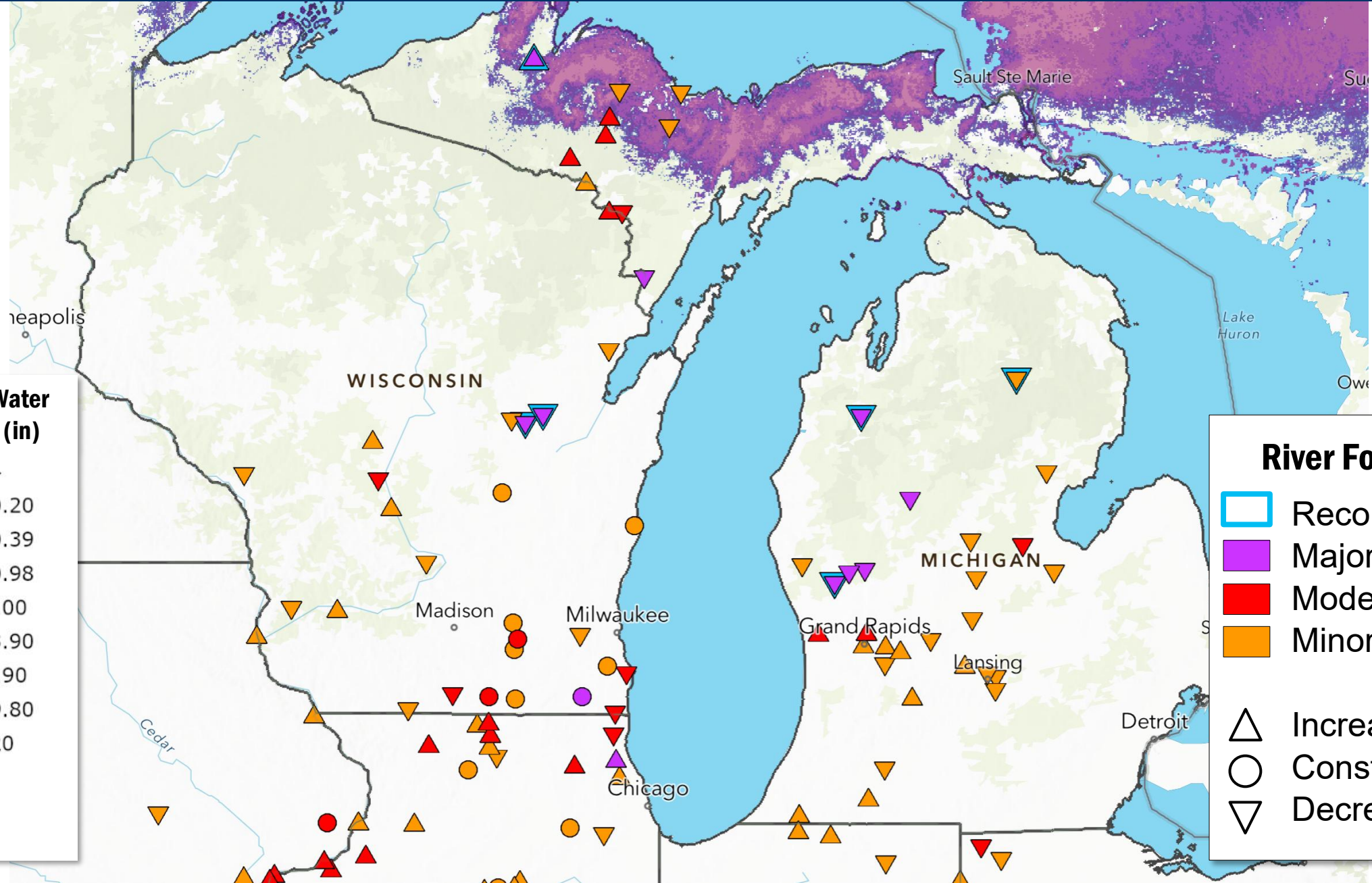
The FEMA NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 9. Updates will be provided in the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET) and the twice daily FEMA National Situation Report (3:00 a.m. ET / 5:00 p.m. ET).



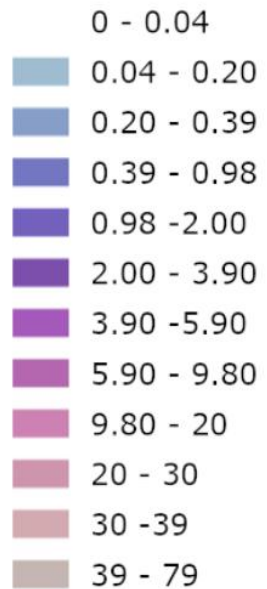
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Latest River Forecast

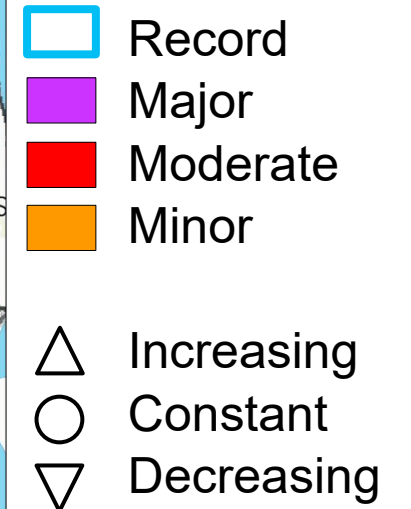
NOAA National Water Center / River Forecast Centers
Updated 7 AM EDT, April 18, 2026



NSA Snow Water Equivalent (in)



River Forecast



Flooding and Severe Weather – Great Lakes

Situation: Overnight, multiple tornados were reported from across the Great Lakes resulting in damaged homes, trees, and localized infrastructure. Additionally, widespread, considerable small stream and river flooding will continue through early next week across much of Michigan and eastern Wisconsin. The Cheboygan Dam is now back online, and water levels have receded following successful repairs to a faulty relay. 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 #5, as of 1:35 p.m. ET / FEMA R5 Incident Report Wisconsin Update #3, as of 12:34 p.m. ET; R5 Watch updates as of 5:49 a.m. ET, Apr 18)

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA R5 Incident Report Michigan Update #5, as of 1:35 p.m. ET / FEMA R5 Incident Report Wisconsin Update #3, as of 12:34 p.m. ET)

Safety and Security:

- MI:
 - Evacuation orders in Newaygo County for residents below Croton Dam; no public safety services available until conditions improve
 - Major flooding backing up into homes and causing widespread road and bridge washouts in lower Upper Peninsula.
 - Multiple dams and levees remain areas of concern with instability at Alverno Dam banks posing potential downstream risks
 - Cheboygan Dam water levels have dropped to 7.32 inches below the top, up 2.16 inches from previous measurement, area within the “Be Alert” threshold for evacuation. (MI Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, as of 4:50 p.m. ET, Apr 17)
 - 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 Columbia County, New London, Schiocation, and the Oneida Nation
 - Temporary closure of tribal facilities in the Oneida Nation

Food, Hydration, Shelter: (ARC Shelter Report, as of 6:51 a.m. E.T., Apr 17)

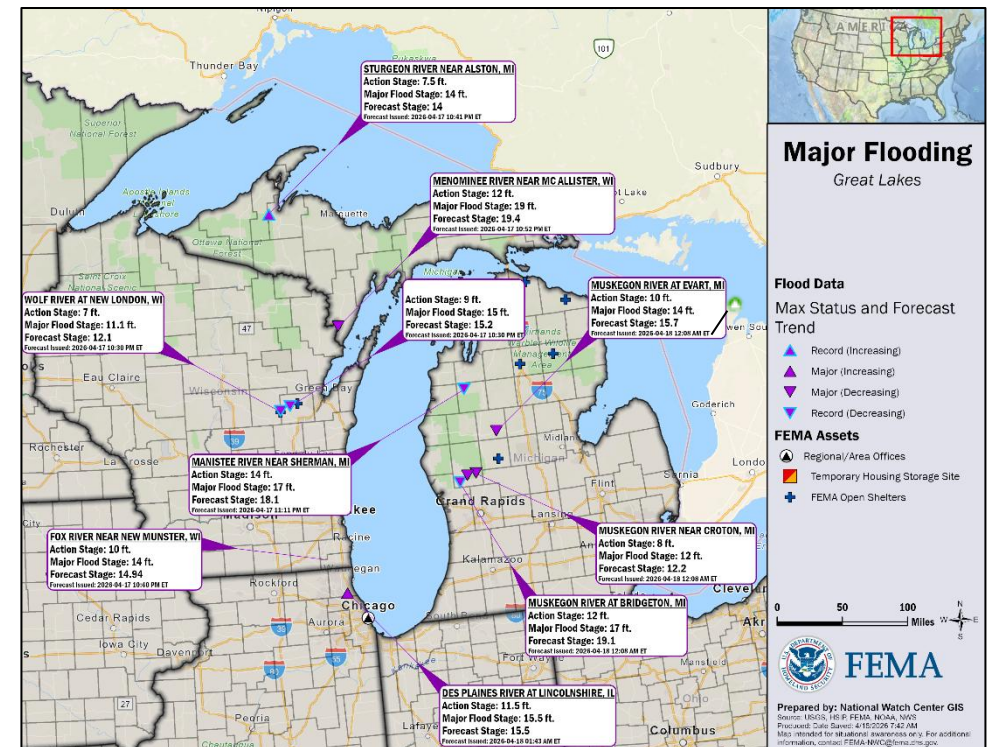
- MI: 5 shelters open / 10 occupants
- WI: 1 (-7) shelter open / 0 (-8) occupants

Energy:

- MI:
 - Due to earlier issues at the Cheboygan Dam, a US Oil Barge has postponed delivery to Michigan until May 1st
 - 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

Water Systems:

- WI:
 - High river levels statewide; Wisconsin River at Portage at major flood stage
 - The Caledonia-Lewiston Levee is not expected to provide protection if river levels rise higher than its design capacity



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Flooding and Severe Weather – Great Lakes

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)

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:

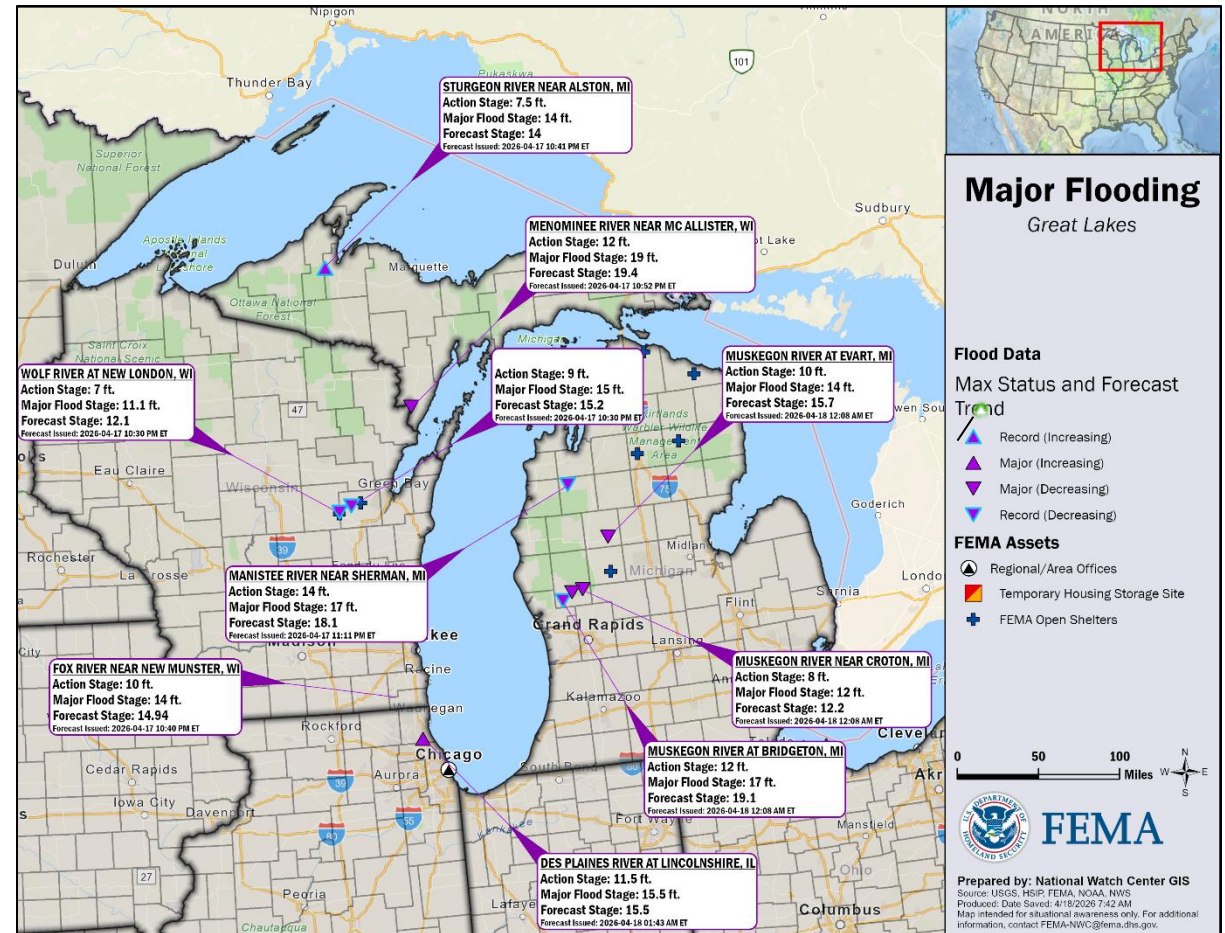
FEMA Region 5:

- 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

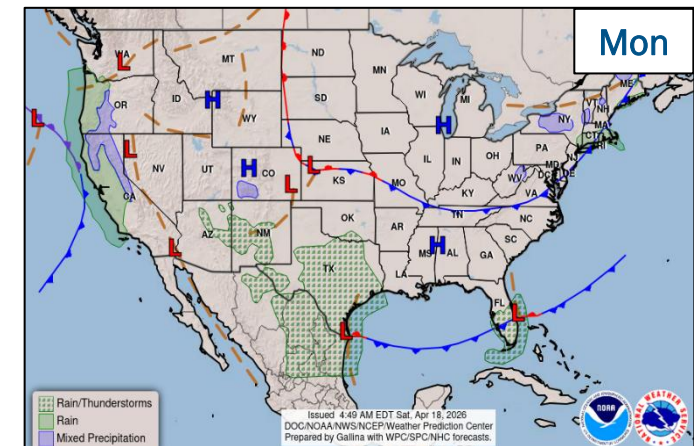
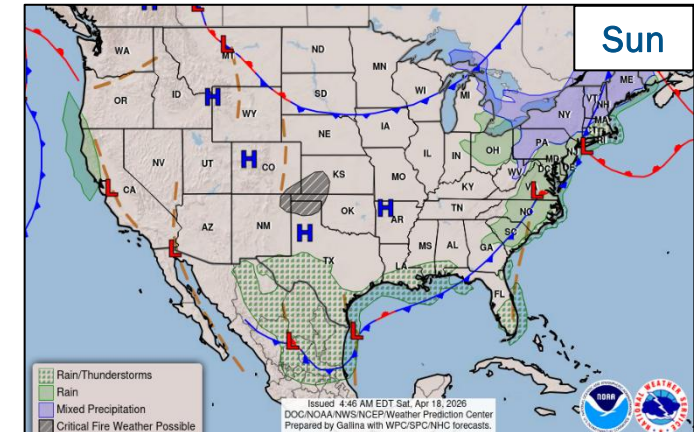
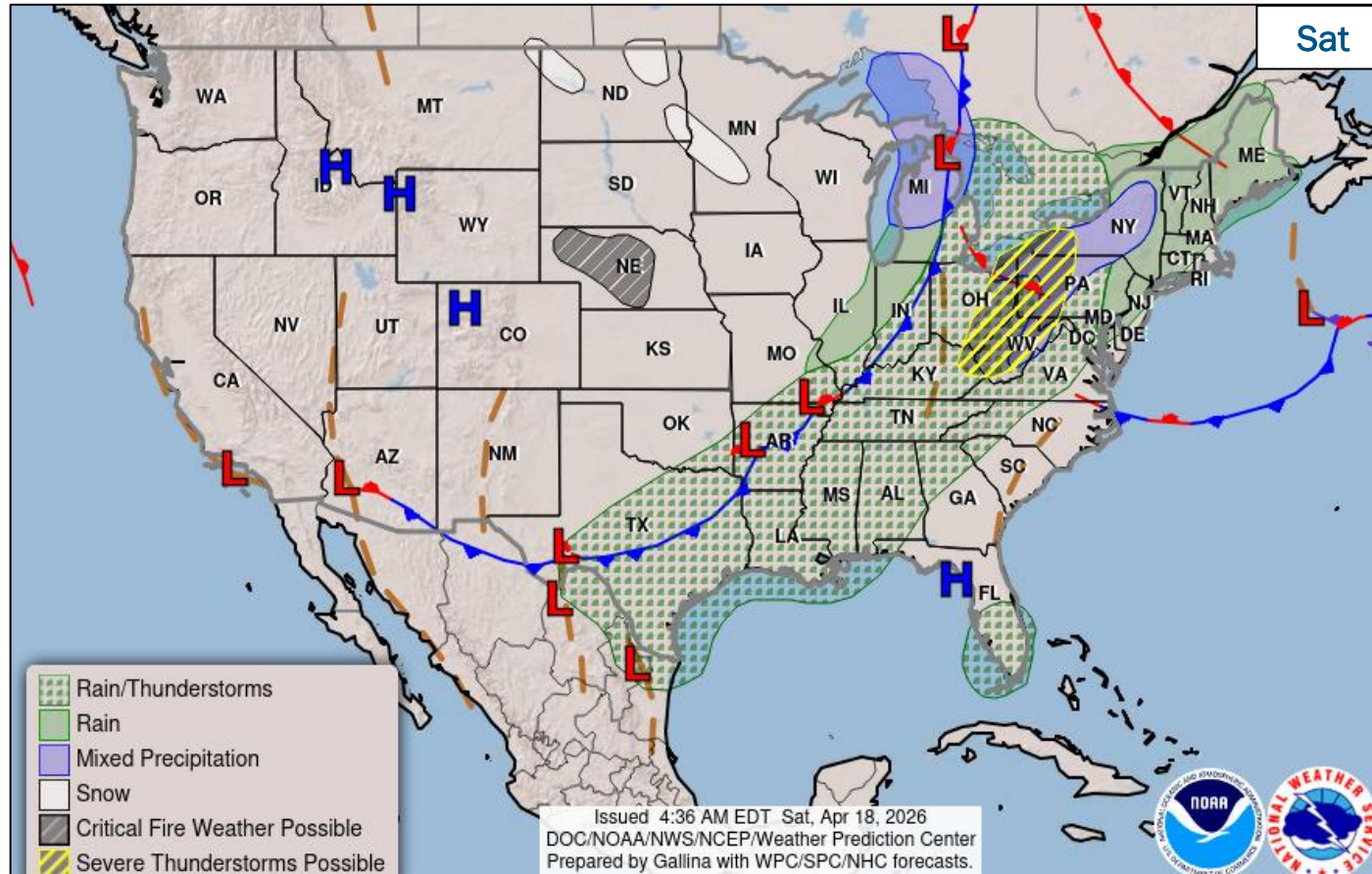
Other Federal Agency: USACE is providing technical assistance at Cheboygan Lock and Dam

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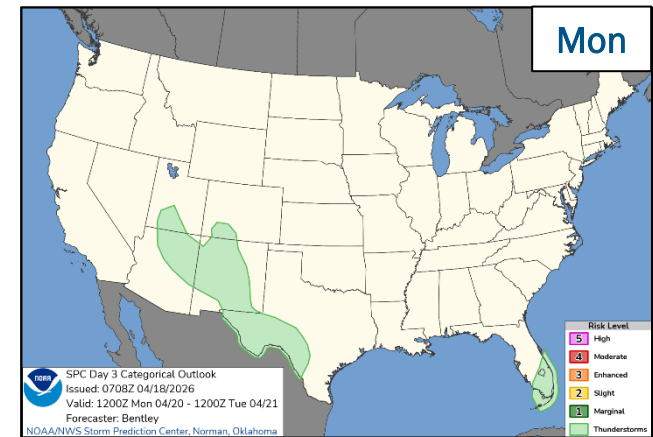
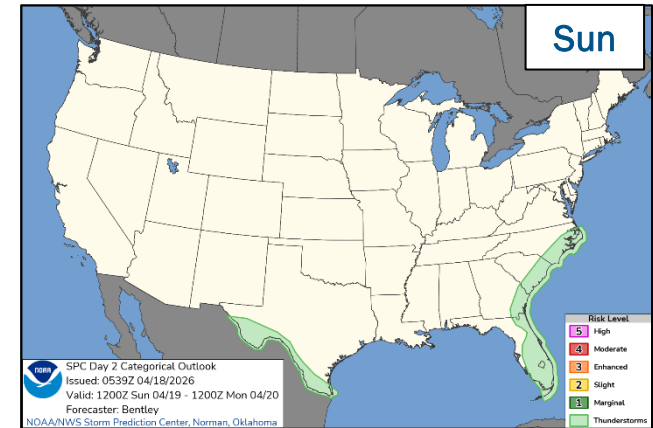
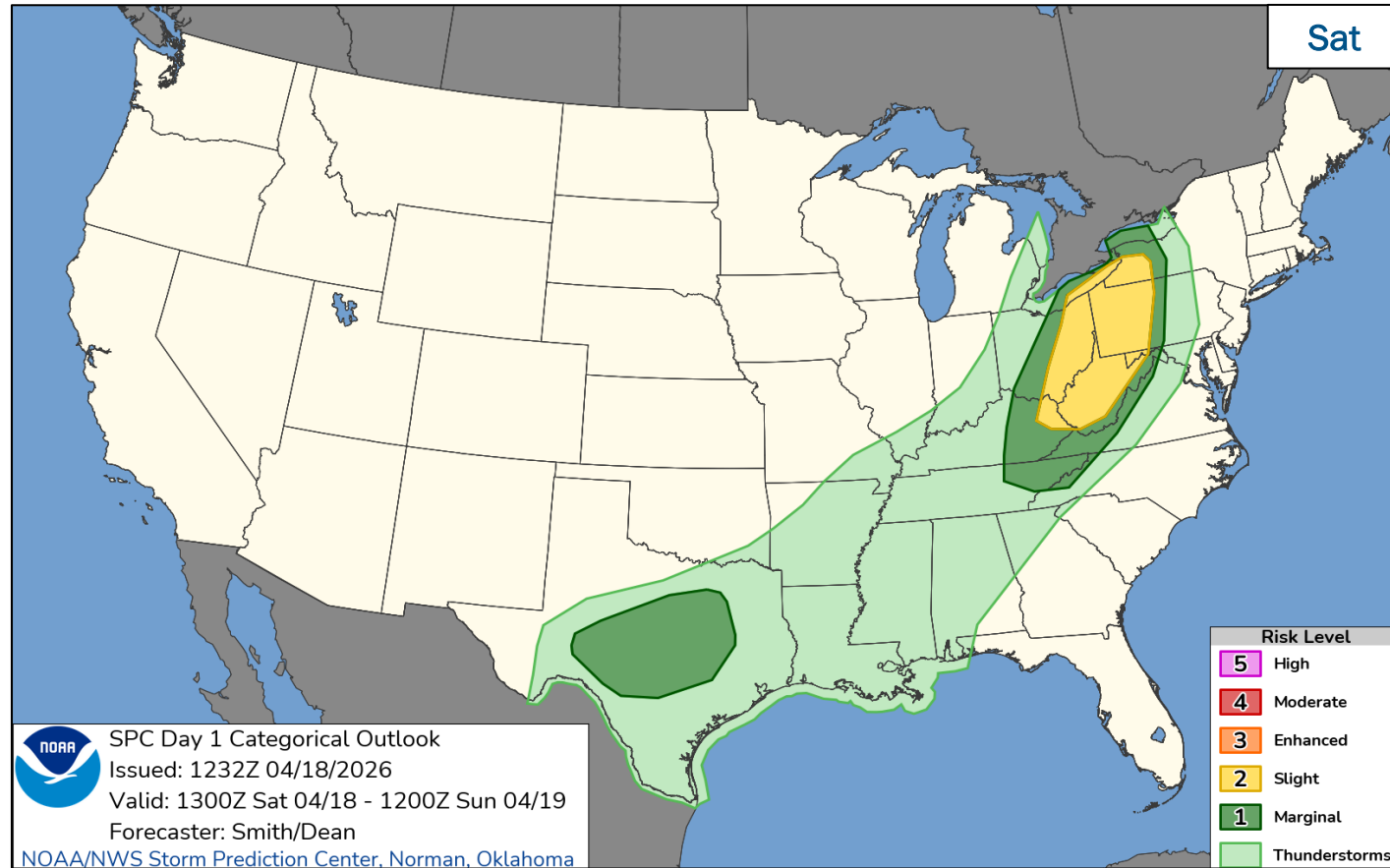
National Weather Forecast



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Severe Weather Outlook



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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 Request – Native Village of Ambler

Declaration Type: Major Disaster – Native Village of Ambler
Requested: Apr 16

Incident: Severe Winter Storm
Incident Period: Feb 19 – Mar 14

Requested:

- **IA / PA:** All tribal lands
- **Hazard Mitigation:** All tribal lands



■ IA / PA



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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 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 – 18 (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
NVA ¹ – Severe Winter Storm	DR	X	X	X	Apr 16

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