

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, April 23, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Operations / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- No new significant incidents / operations

## Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Southern Plains to Upper Mississippi Valley
- Critical Fire Weather – Southwest to Central Plains

## Disaster Declaration Activity

- FMAG Approval: Cow Creek Fire – FL

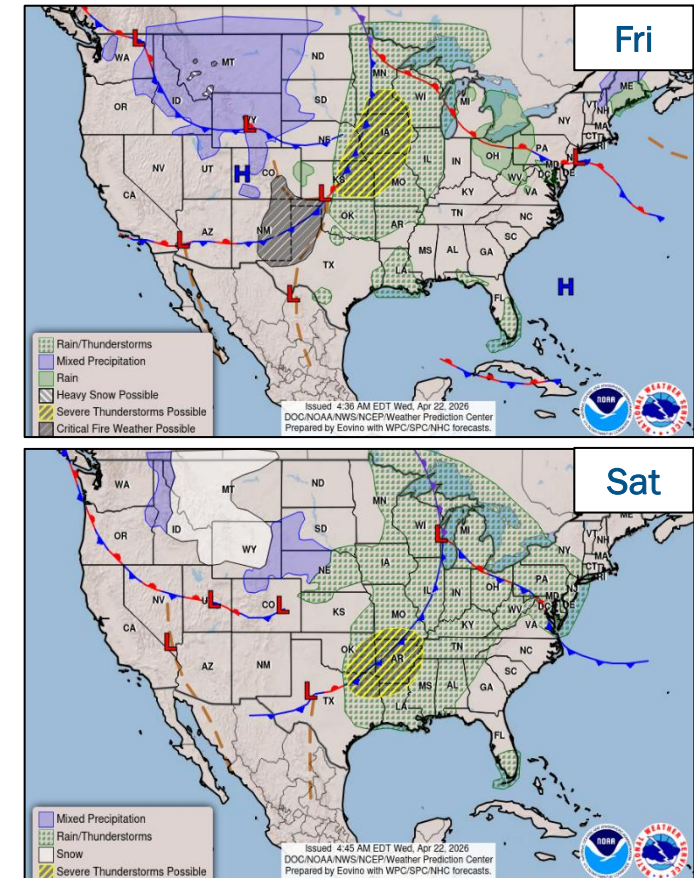
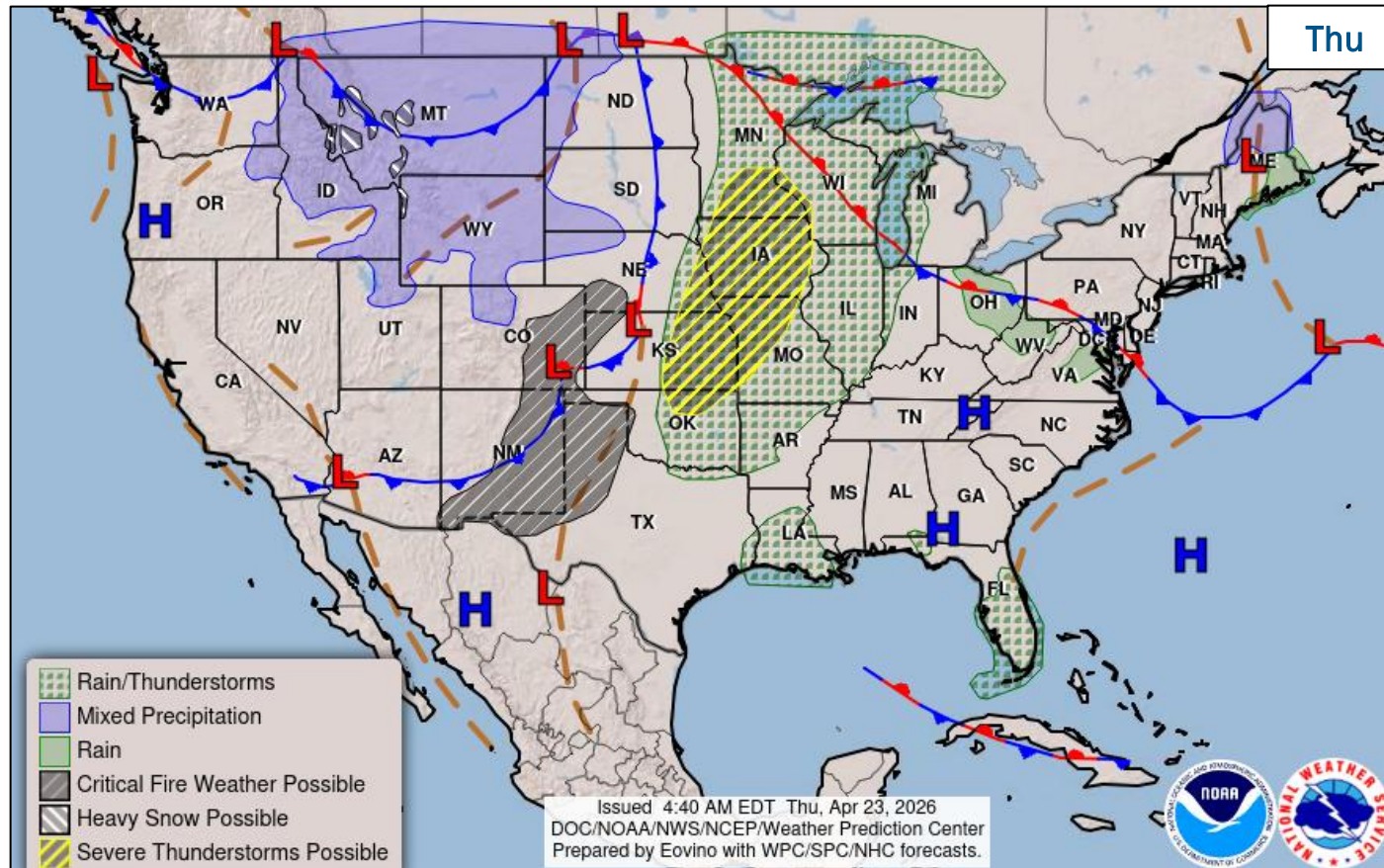
## Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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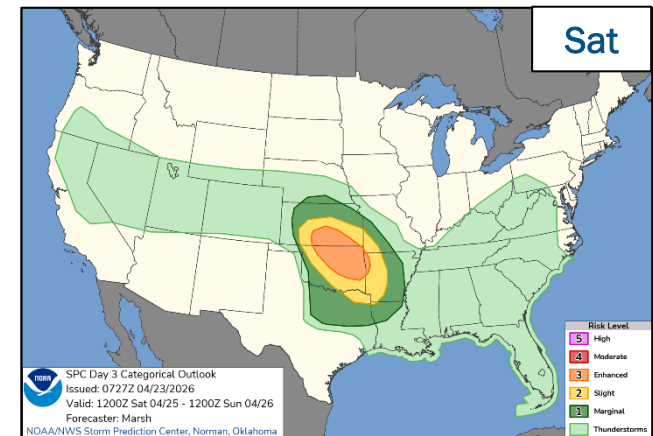
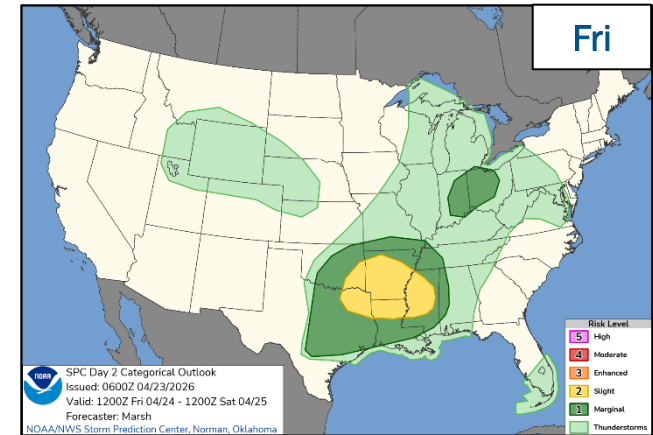
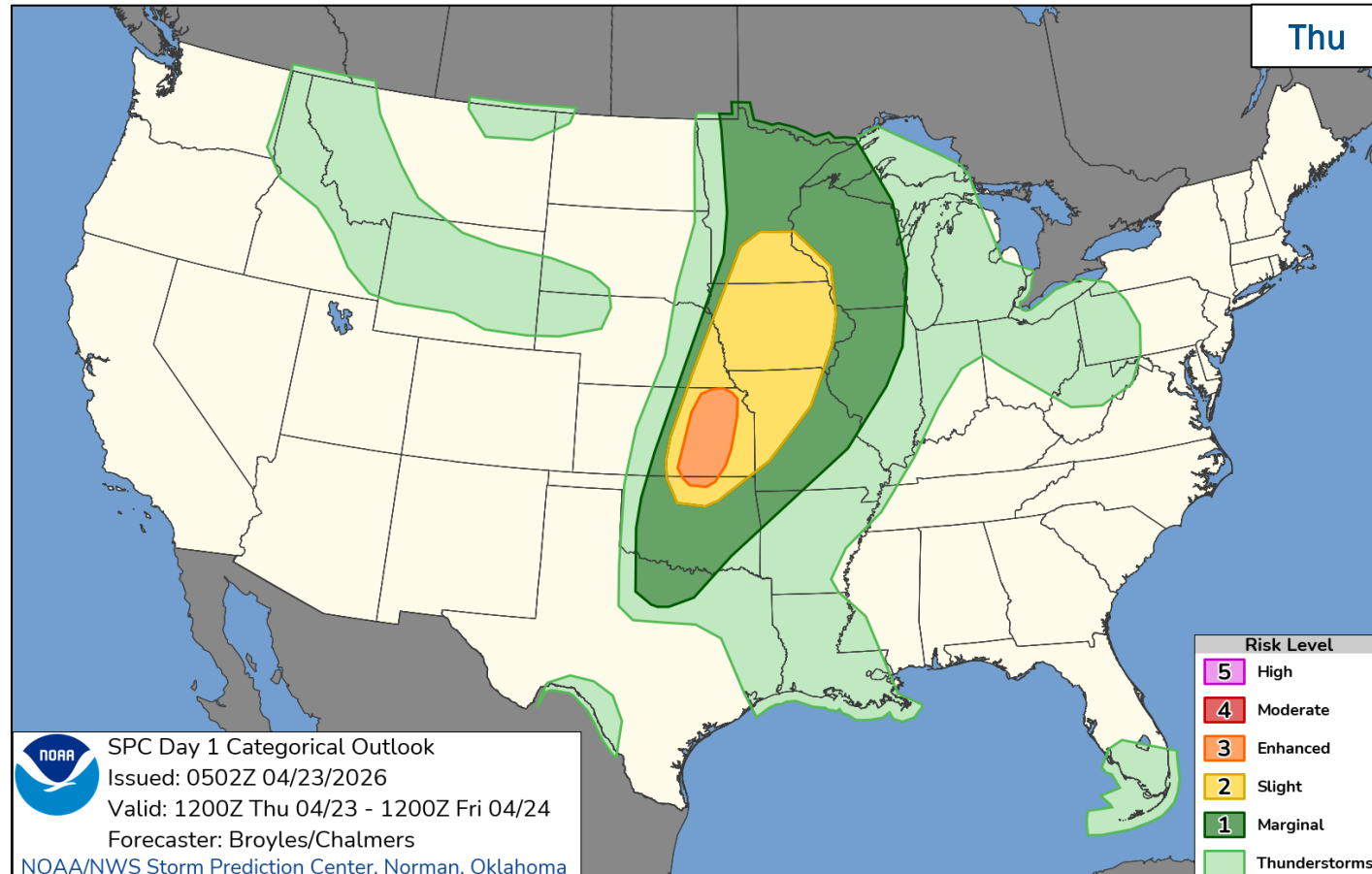
# National Weather Forecast



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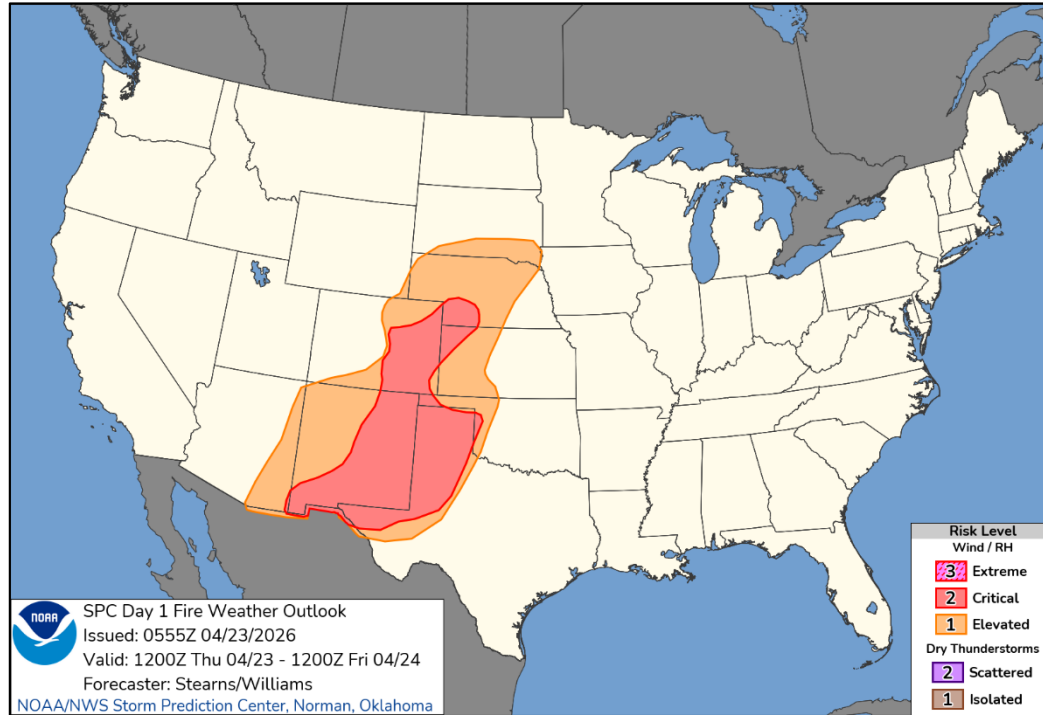
# Severe Weather Outlook



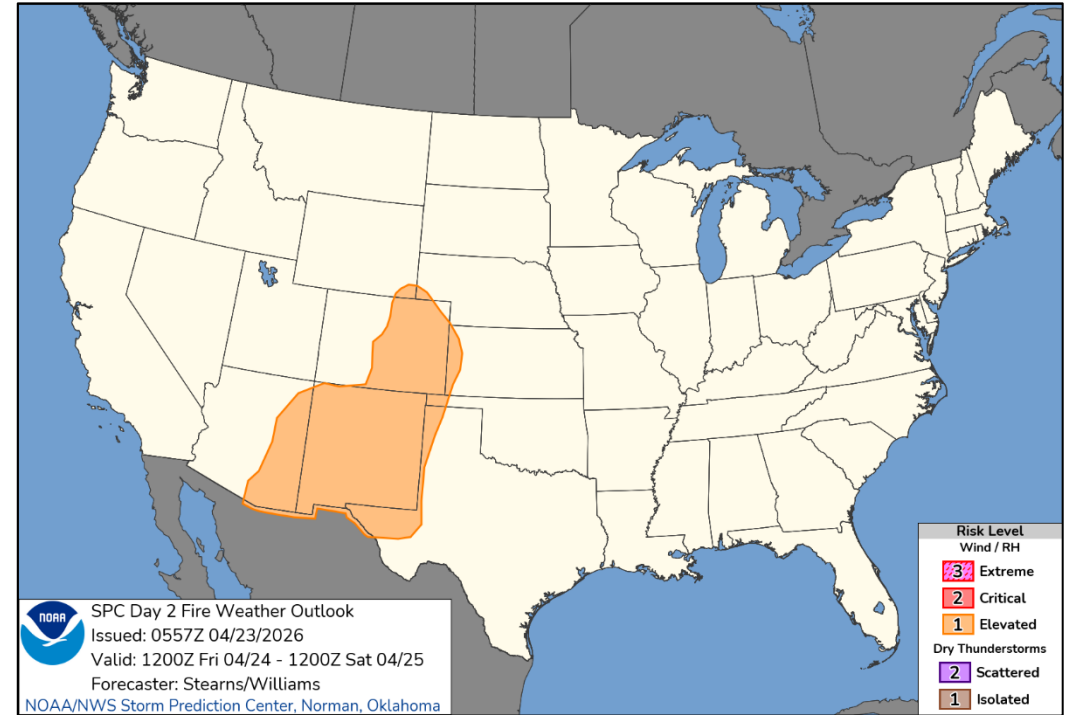
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# Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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# FEMA Common Operating Picture

13

Joint Field  
Offices

Supporting

29

Major  
Disasters

+

8

Emergency  
Declarations

6

Direct Housing  
Missions

3

RSF-Supported  
Disasters

6

Joint Recovery  
Offices

FEDERAL HQ

NWC

Monitoring

NRCC

Activated

FEDERAL REGIONS

Watch

Monitoring

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:

• NRCC: TC Sinlaku

• R5 RWC: Staffing (Day shift Only)

IMATs:

• R2: Exercise until 4/25

State EOCs:

• DC: Potomac Interceptor

• FL: Previous Incidents

• PR: Influenza Epidemic

• NE/TX: Wildfires

• HI: Severe Weather

• MS: Previous Weather

• ID: Spring Flood / Landslides/Debris Flow

• GU/CNMI: TC Sinlaku

• MI/WI: Severe Weather/Flooding

Surge Capacity Force

Rostered

7,883

Deployed

0

N-IMATs

2-5 Teams Available

Red

GU (Apr 17)

White

Blue

Gold

HS

R-IMATs

≥ 7 Teams Available

R1

R2

CA (Apr 17)

R3

R4 (1)

R4 (2)

3

R5

1

R6 (1)

2

R6 (2)

R7

MO (Feb 15)

R8

R9 (1)

HI (Apr 8)

R9 (2)

CNMI (Apr 18)

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  | 4   | 14 | 2  | 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 | 2   | 5  | 0  | 0   |

Alaska

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

CNMI

• MERS (3)

• R9 IMAT-2

Guam

Guam

EM-3644-GU / EM-3645-MP

• ISB Delta

• MERS (2)

• N-IMAT Red

American Samoa

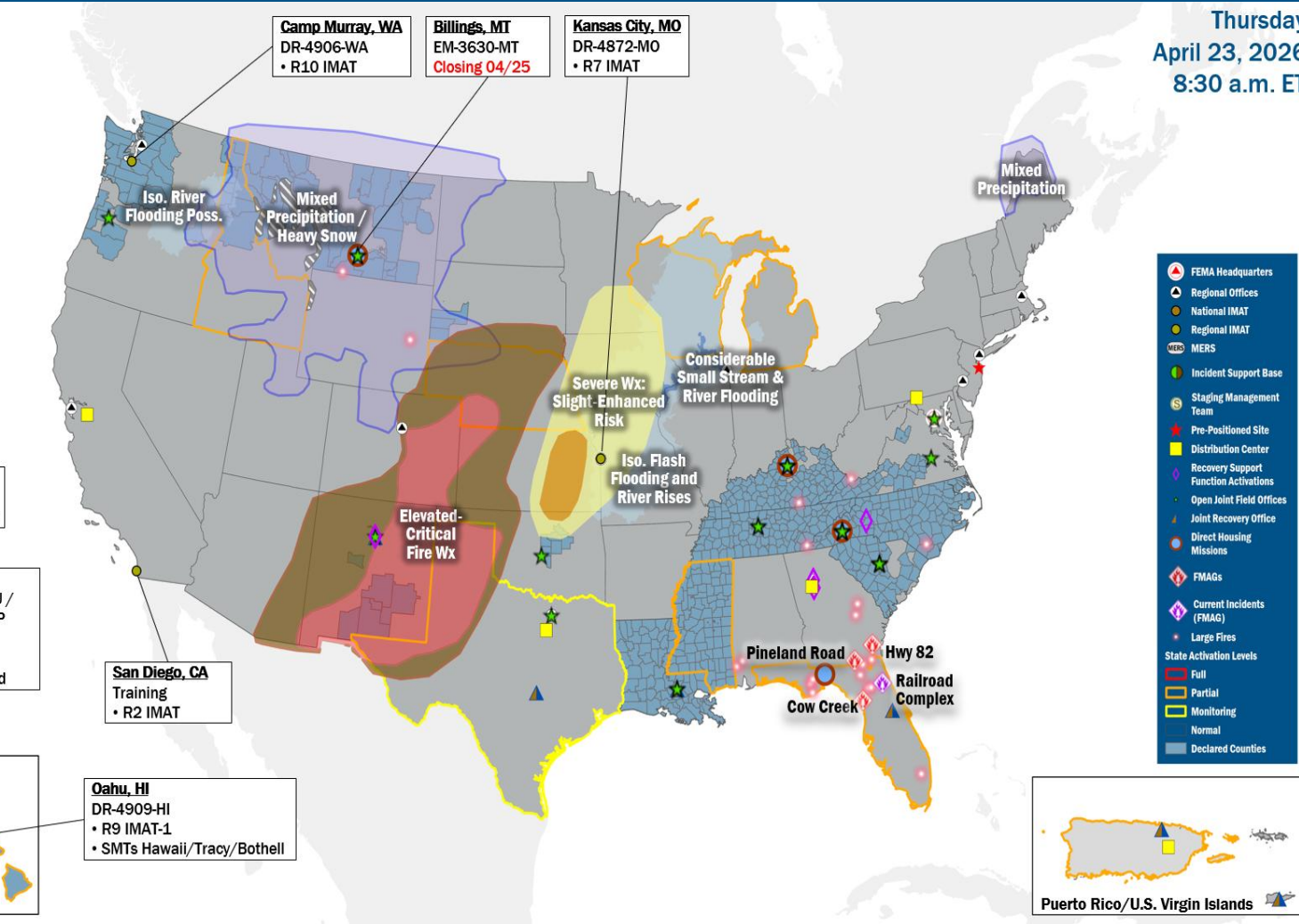
Hawaii

Oahu, HI

DR-4909-HI

• R9 IMAT-1

• SMTs Hawaii/Tracy/Bothell



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IM Workforce

11,106 (-2) Assigned

4,008 (+27) Unavailable

3,281 (-17) Deployed

34% / 3,817 (-12) Available

IM Cadre Availability

11 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Alternative Dispute Resolution: 10% (3/29); Civil Rights: 23% (21/93); Disability Integration: 6% (1/16); External Affairs: 16% (43/264); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 13% (83/624); Field Leadership: 11% (13/116); Hazard Mitigation: 13% (101/750); Operations: 25% (88/359); Planning: 19% (65/342); Safety: 14% (12/85); Security: 20% (22/110)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned

6 Unavailable

5 (+2) Deployed

25 (-2) Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned

0 Unavailable

0 Deployed

28 Available

FCO

≥ 4 Type I

35 Assigned

3 Unavailable

23 (15 FCO) Deployed

9 Available

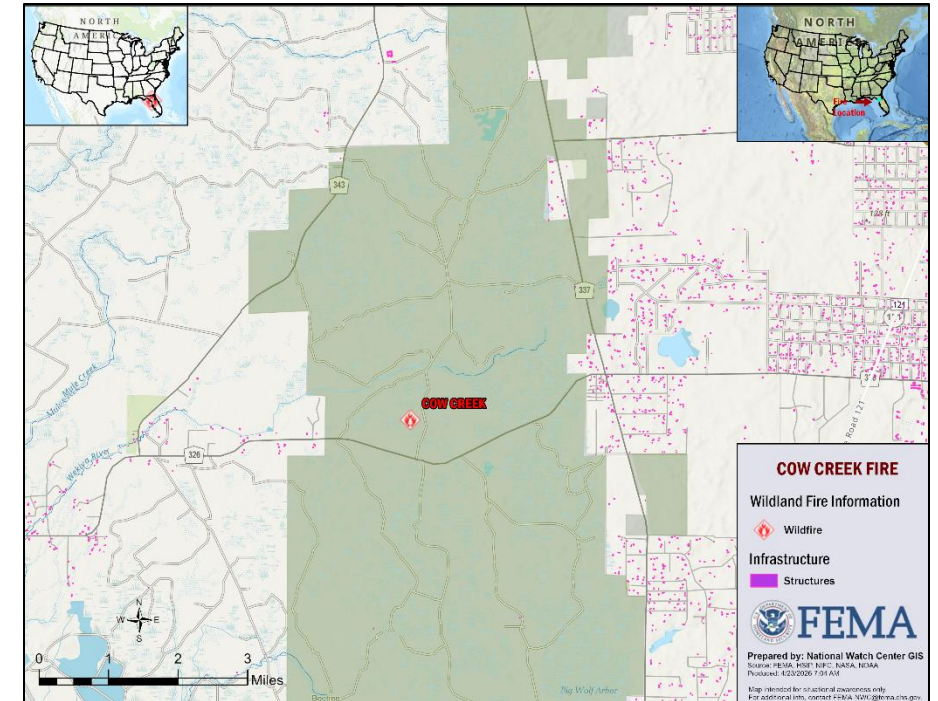
# Cow Creek Fire – Florida

| Fire Name<br>(County, ST) | FMAG #     | Acres<br>Burned | Percent<br>Contained | Evacuations | Structures (Homes / Other) |         |           | Fatalities /<br>Injuries |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|
|                           |            |                 |                      |             | Threatened                 | Damaged | Destroyed |                          |
| Cow Creek<br>(Levy, FL)   | 5632-FM-FL | 1,850           | 30%                  | M: 15       | H: 1,202                   | H: 0    | H: 0      | 0 / 0                    |
|                           |            |                 |                      | V: 0        | O: 0                       | O: 0    | O: 0      |                          |

**Situation:** The Acting FEMA Region 4 Administrator approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Cow Creek Fire, burning in Levy County, FL (est. pop. 47k). At the time of the request, the fire had burned approximately 1,850 acres and was 30% contained on state and private land. No injuries or fatalities have been reported. There are 129 other wildfires burning uncontrolled within the state. Currently there are no additional requests for FEMA or federal assistance.

## Response:

- FMAG approved Apr 23
- FL SEOC at Partial Activation
- FEMA Region 4 RWC and NWC continue to monitor



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# Wildfire Summary

| Fire Name<br>(County, ST)             | FMAG #     | Acres<br>Burned     | Percent<br>Contained | Evacuations      | Structures (Homes / Other) |                |                | Fatalities /<br>Injuries |
|---------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|
|                                       |            |                     |                      |                  | Threatened                 | Damaged        | Destroyed      |                          |
| Pineland Road<br>(Clinch/Echols, GA)  | 5629-FM-GA | 29,606<br>(+20,695) | 10%                  | M: 140<br>(+136) | H: 158<br>(-592)           | H: 0           | H: 0           | 0 / 0                    |
|                                       |            |                     |                      | V: 0             | O: 104<br>(+48)            | O: 0           | O: 12<br>(+12) |                          |
| Highway 82<br>(Brantley, GA)          | 5630-FM-GA | 4,438<br>(-562)     | 15% (+5)             | M: 0 (-800)      | H: 1,000<br>(+700)         | H: 50<br>(+50) | H: 53<br>(+7)  | 0 / 0                    |
|                                       |            |                     |                      | V: 0             | O: 508<br>(-2)             | O: 20<br>(+20) | O: 18<br>(+1)  |                          |
| Railroad Complex<br>(Putnam/Clay, FL) | 5631-FM-FL | 5,586<br>(-9,362)   | 55% (+5)             | M: LIFTED        | H: 447<br>(-1,093)         | H: 0           | H: 0           | 0 / 1 (+1)               |
|                                       |            |                     |                      | V: 208           | O: 47<br>(+47)             | 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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# Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

| Region | State / Location | Incident                                     | IA | Number of Counties |           | Start – End |
|--------|------------------|----------------------------------------------|----|--------------------|-----------|-------------|
|        |                  |                                              | PA | Requested          | Completed |             |
| R7     | NE               | Morrill-Cottonwood Fire Complex<br>Mar 12-27 | IA | 0                  | 0         | N/A         |
|        |                  |                                              | PA | 7                  | 0         | 4/27 – TBD  |



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# Declaration Requests in Process – 20

| 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    |
| 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     |
| 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 <sup>7</sup> – Severe Winter Storm                                       | DR   | X  | X  | X  | Apr 16    |
| CNMI – Typhoon Sinlaku                                                       | DR   | X  | X  | X  | Apr 19    |
| ID – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides | DR   |    | X  | X  | Apr 14    |

<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 / <sup>7</sup>Native Village of Ambler



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