

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, April 24, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Severe Weather – Southern Plains to Upper Mississippi Valley

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Southern Plains to Lower Mississippi Valley
- Critical Fire Weather – Central Rockies/Central Plains

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approved – Major Disaster Declaration – CNMI

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Severe Weather – Southern Plains to Upper Mississippi Valley

Situation: Several strong tornadic storms touchdown last night across portions of the Southern Plains to the Upper Mississippi Valley. The NWC is monitoring the following: 17 tornado reports in Iowa, Kansas, and Oklahoma; 53 wind reports, 2 high wind reading (over 75 mph), and 73 hail reports with 8 instances of large hail (over 2" in diameter) reported. (NWS SPC, as of 8:03 a.m. ET).

State / Local Response:

FEMA Region 5:

- WI and MI SEOCs is Monitoring (Severe Weather)

FEMA Region 6:

- OK SEOC is Monitoring (Severe Weather)
- TX SEOC is Monitoring (Wildfires)

FEMA Region 7:

- NE SEOC is at Partial Activation (Wildfires)

FEMA / Federal Response:

FEMA Region 5:

- RWC is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- R-IMAT is available

FEMA Region 6:

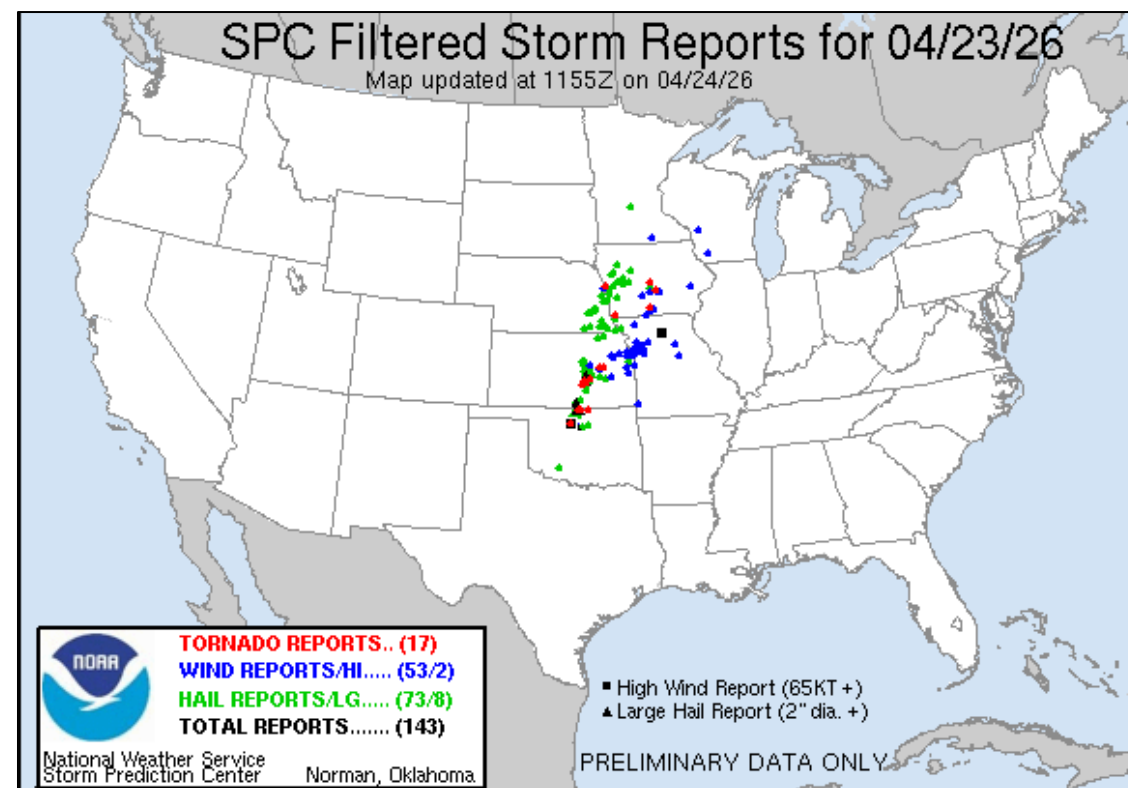
- Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- R-IMAT is available

FEMA Region 7:

- NWC is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- R-IMAT 1 deployed (FEMA-4872-MO)

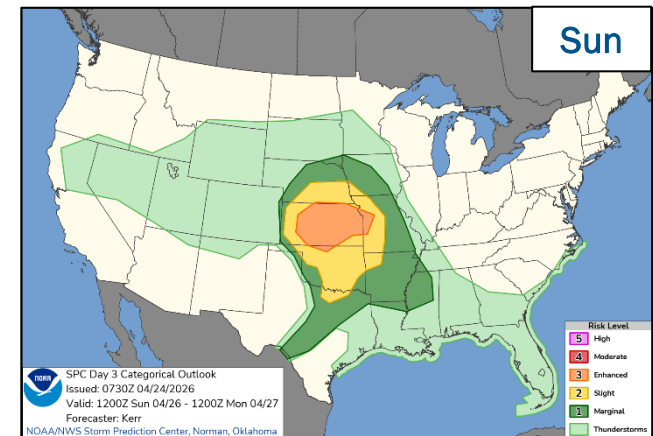
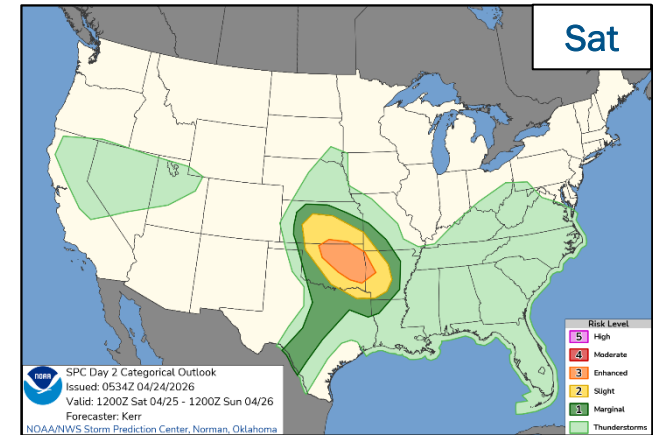
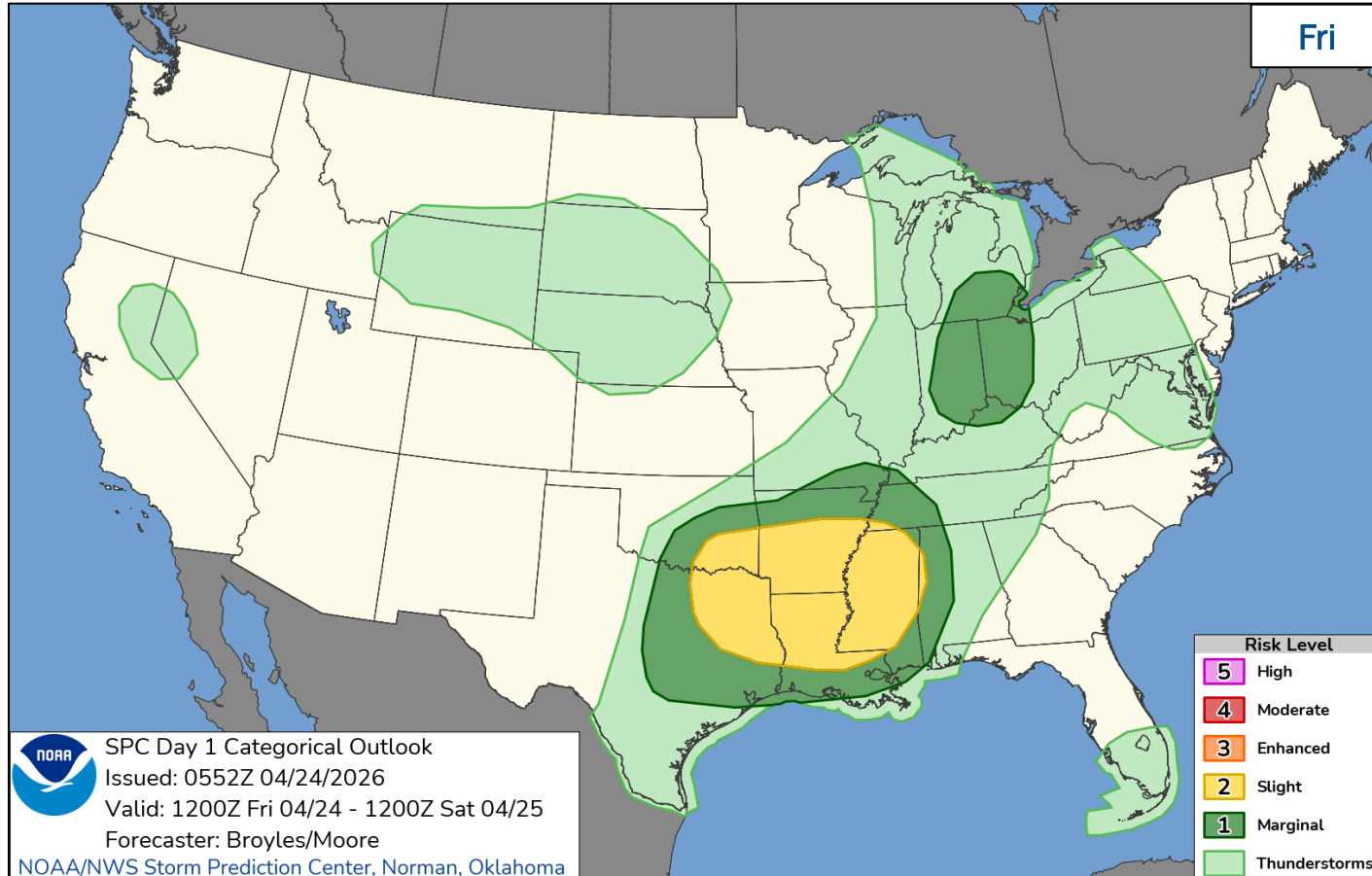
HQ:

- NRCC is Activated (TC Sinlaku); NWC is Monitoring



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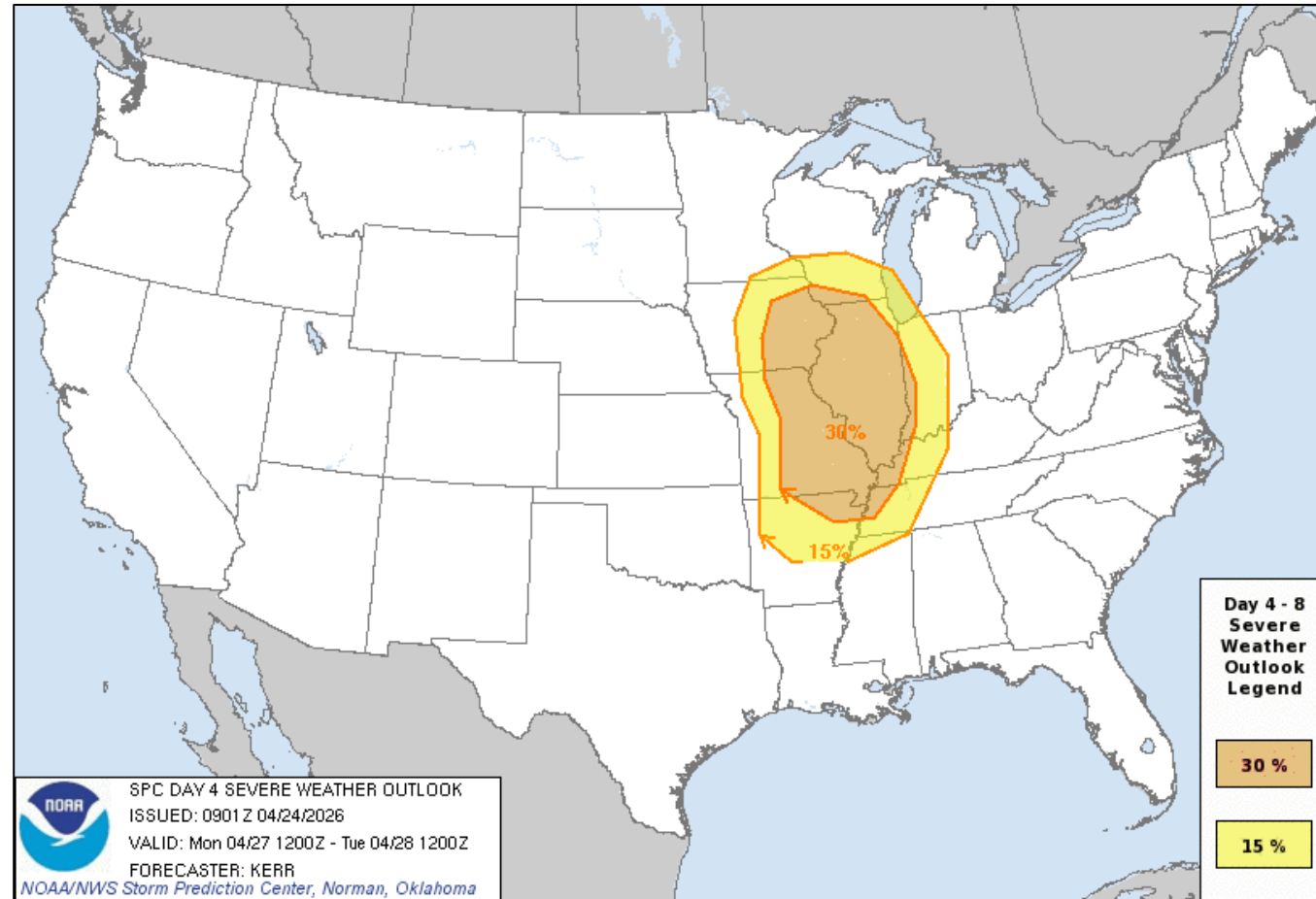
Severe Weather Outlook



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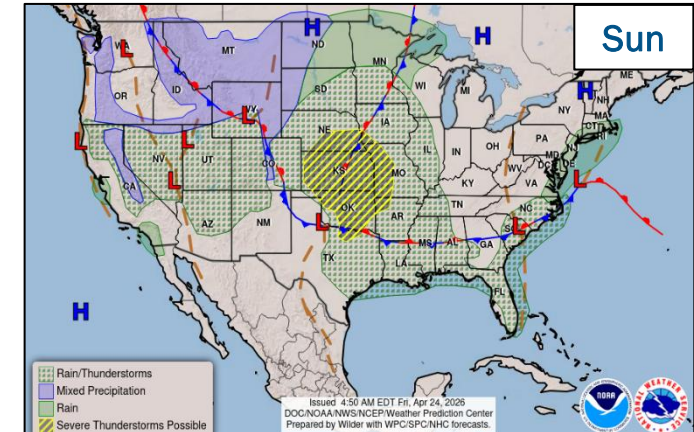
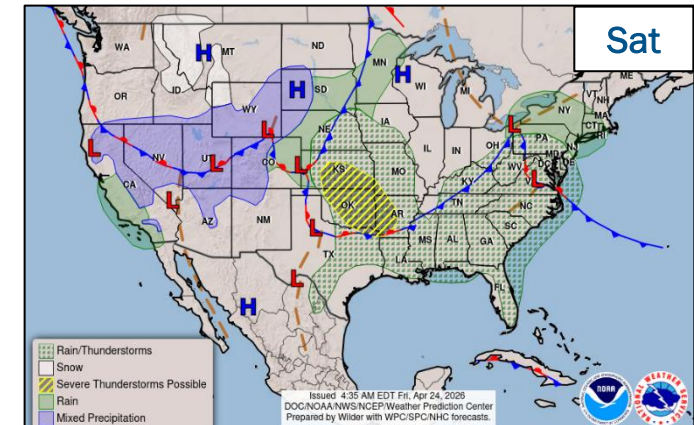
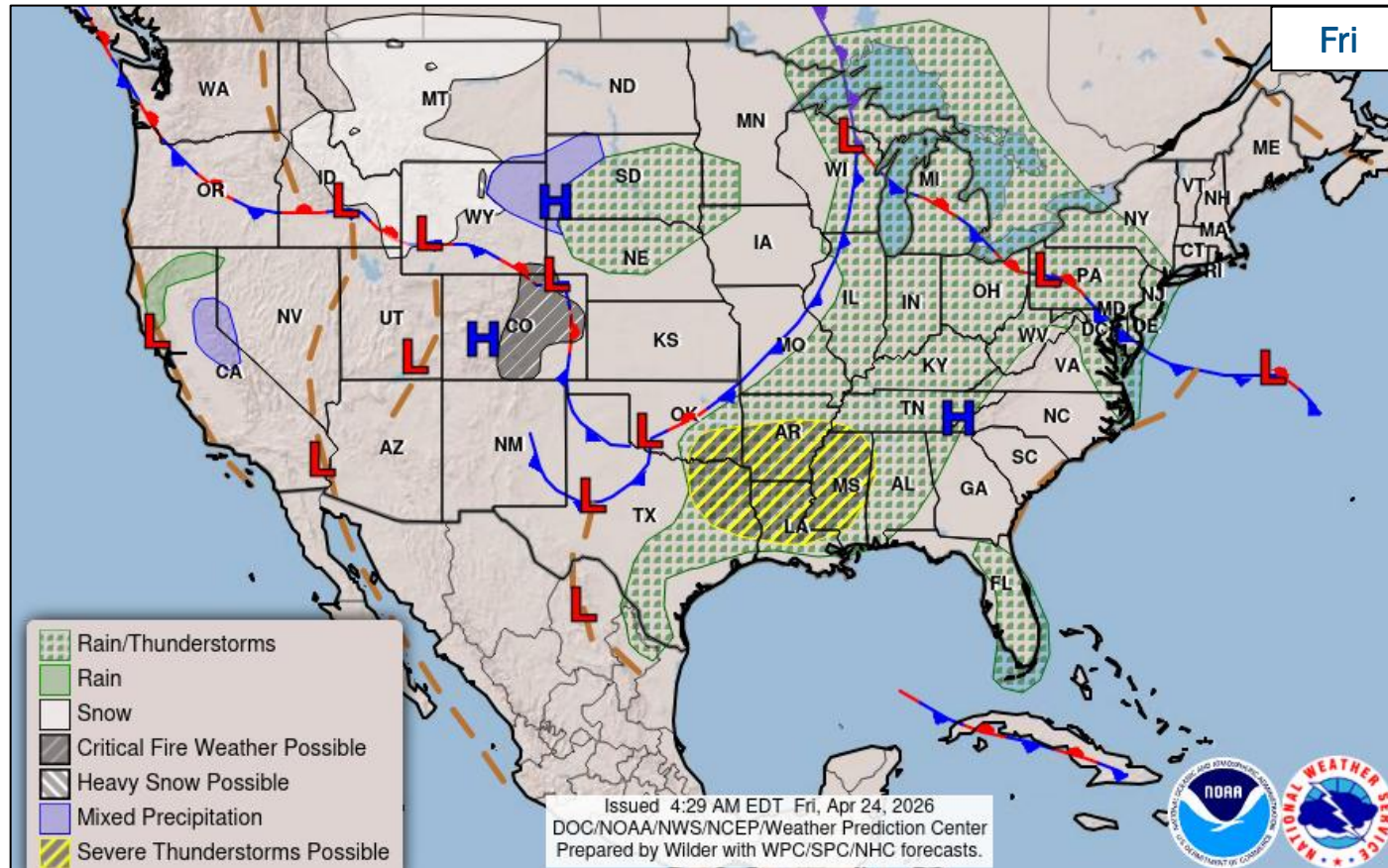
Severe Weather Outlook Day 4



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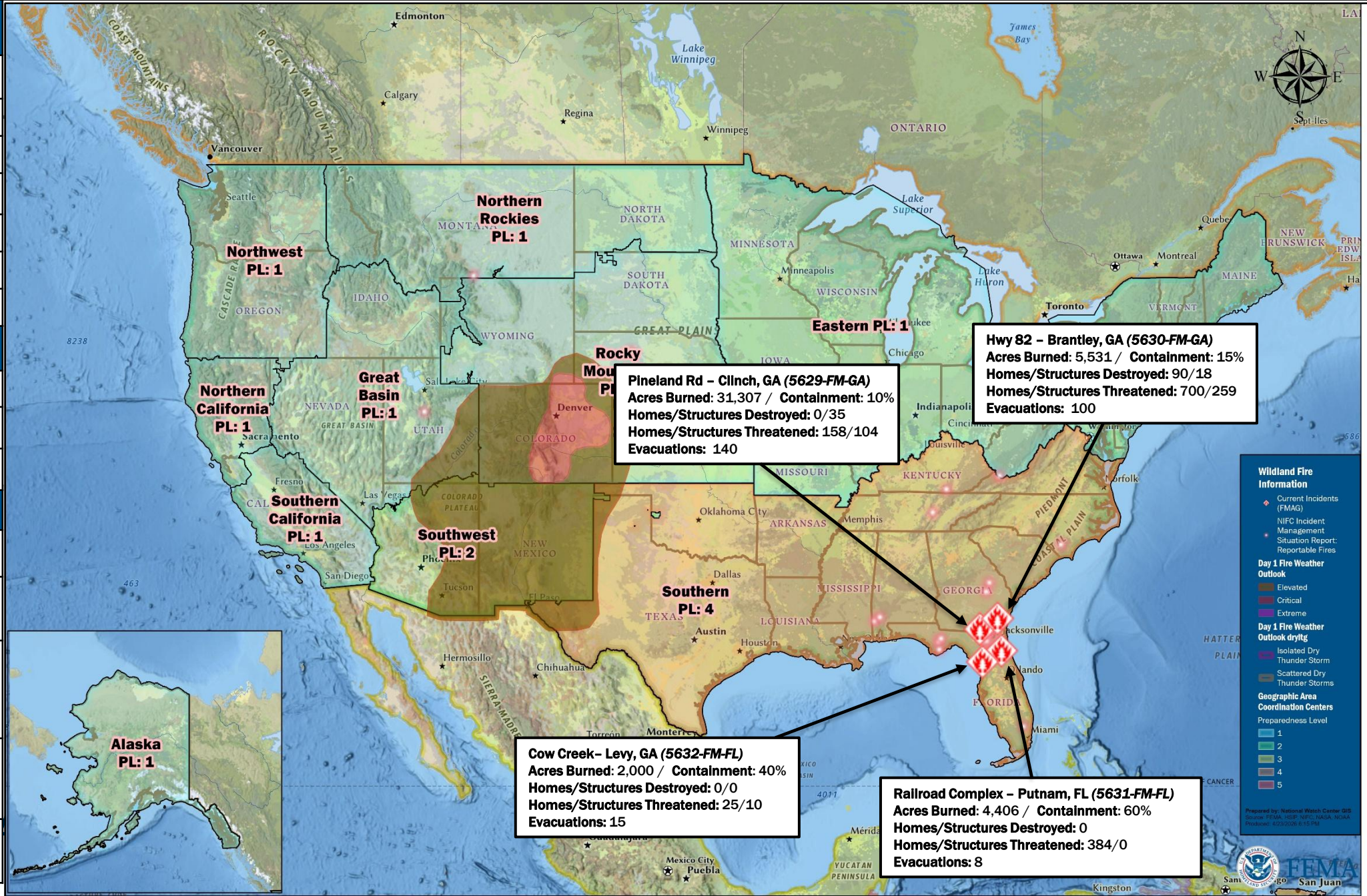
National Weather Forecast



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INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)		LIGHT (157 fires)
New Large Fires		5
Large Fires Contained		3
Uncontained Large Fires		24
Year-to-Date Acres Burned		1,793,550
Total Responders		1,500
Type 1 IMTs Deployed		0
Complex IMTs Deployed		2
FMAGS		Total
2026 (FYTD)		18
2025		75
3 Year Average		53
Preparedness Level: 2		
PL 1	Minimal fire activity; many resources available	
PL 2	Large wildland fires burning throughout country; resources mobilized from other areas	
PL 3	Wildfire activity ongoing throughout 25% of country; National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) sets priorities, allocates resources, and mobilizes assets at national level	
PL 4	High levels of fire activity and areas are competing for firefighting resources; 60% of the nation's wildland firefighting resources committed	
PL 5	Extremely high levels of fire activity; 80% of nation's firefighting resources committed	



FEMA Common Operating Picture

13

Joint Field
Offices

Supporting

30

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

Monitoring

R2 Rostered

Monitoring

R3 Rostered

Monitoring

R4 Rostered

Monitoring

R5 Rostered

Monitoring

R6 Rostered

Monitoring

R7 Rostered

Monitoring

R8 Rostered

Monitoring

R9 Rostered

Monitoring

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

• GA/NE/TX: Wildfires

• HI/OK: Severe Weather

• MS: Previous Weather

• ID: Spring Flood / Landslides/Debris Flow

• GU/CNMI: TC Sinlaku

• MI/WI: Severe Weather/Flooding

• PA: NFL Draft

Surge Capacity Force

Rostered

7,796 (+13)

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

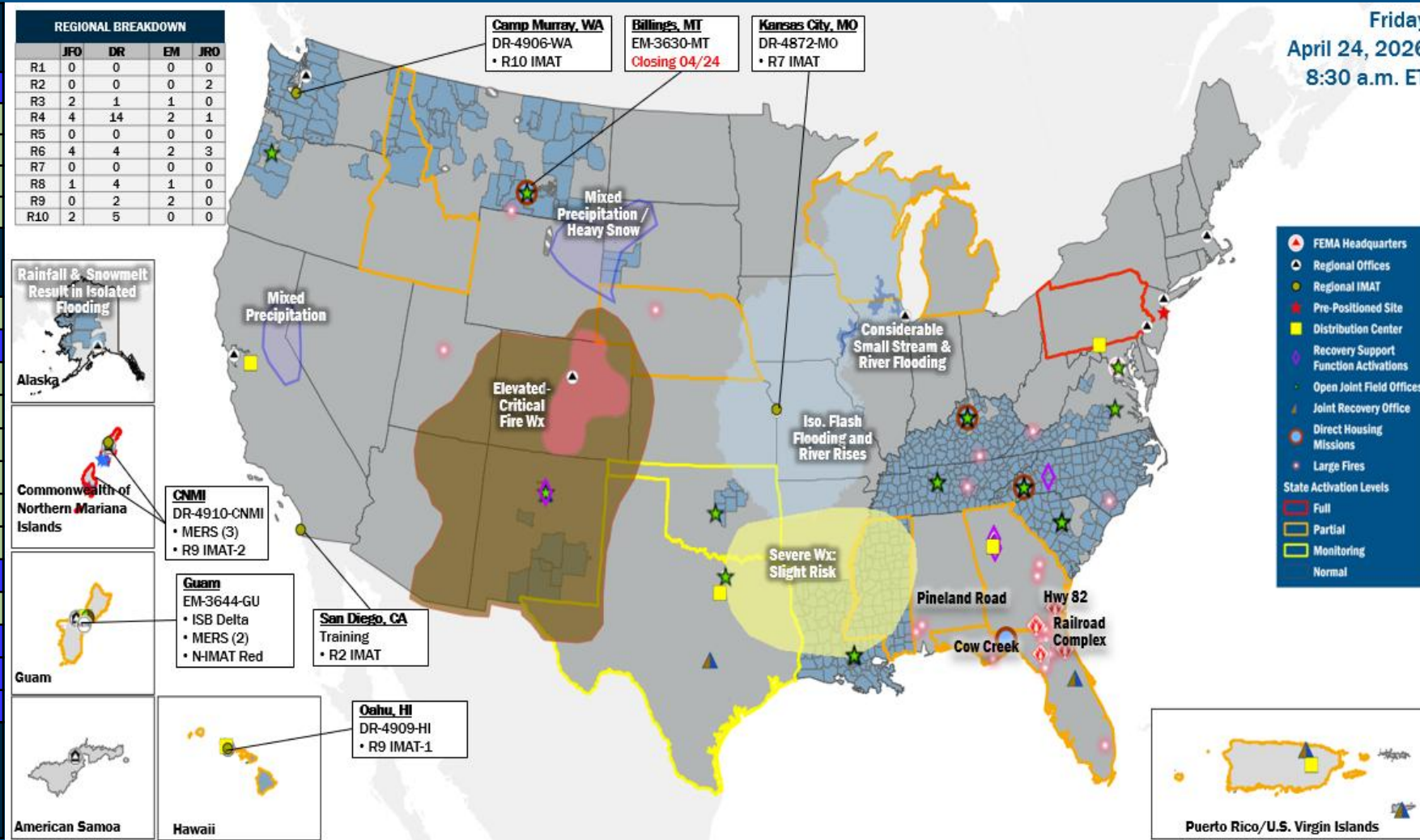
WA (Apr 15)

Fully Mission Capable (FMC)

Partially Mission Capable (PMC)

Not Mission Capable (NMC)

Deployed



IM Workforce

11,107 (+1) Assigned

4,033 (+25) Unavailable

3,232 (-49) Deployed

35% (+1) / 3,842 (+25) Available

IM Cadre Availability

11 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Alternative Dispute Resolution: 10% (3/29); Civil Rights: 22% (20/93); 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% (98/750); Operations: 25% (89/359); Planning: 18% (62/342); Safety: 13% (11/85); Security: 20% (22/110)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned

6 Unavailable

5 Deployed

25 Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned

0 Unavailable

0 Deployed

28 Available

FCO

≥ 4 Type I

35 Assigned

3 Unavailable

23 (15 FCOR) Deployed

9 Available

Friday

April 24, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

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



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Declaration Approval – Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4910-DR-MP

Requested: Apr 19

Date Approved: Apr 23

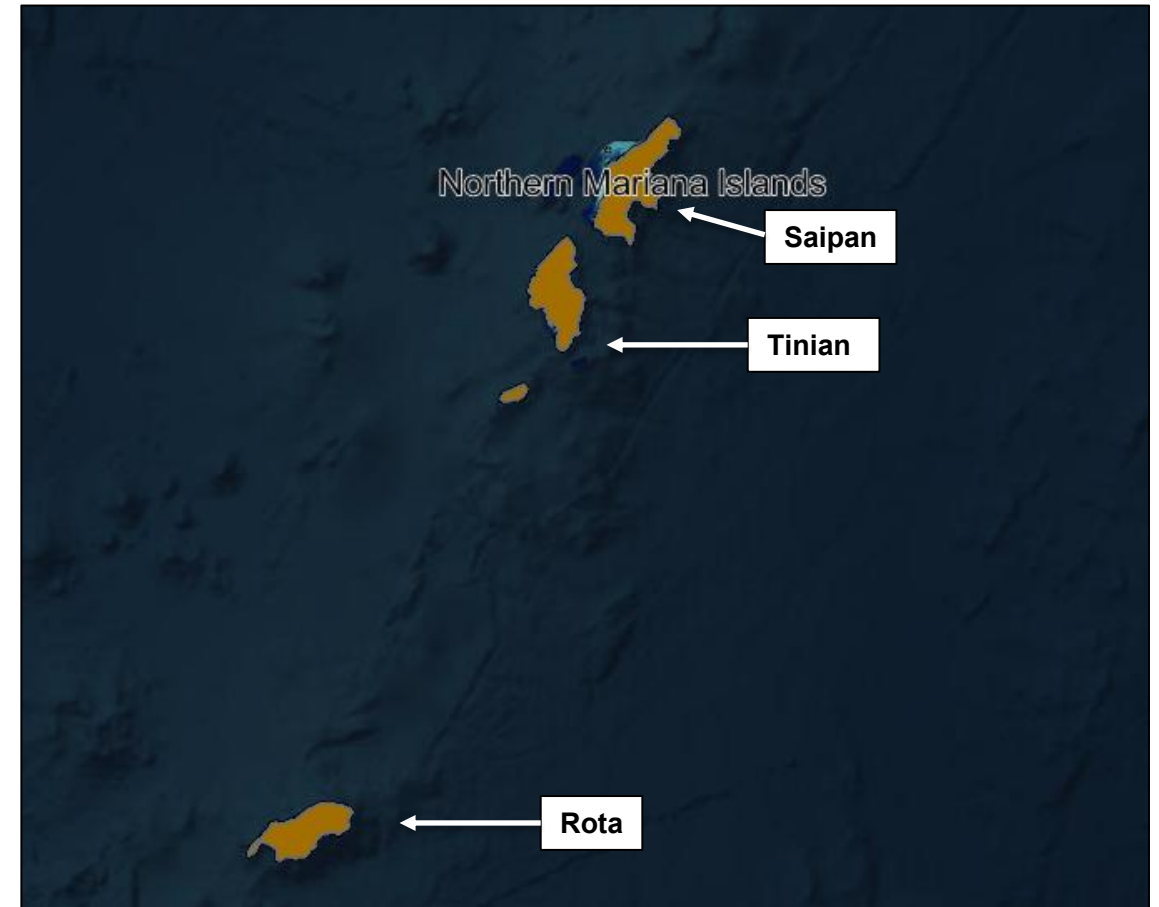
Incident: Typhoon Sinlaku

Incident Period: Apr 11-18

Provides:

- **IA / PA:** Entire Commonwealth

FCO: Andrew F. Grant



■ IA / PA



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Declaration Requests in Process – 19

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

⁷Native Village of Ambler



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