

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, April 25, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Potential Dam Failure – El Paso, TX

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Weather – Southern Plains to the Lower Mississippi Valley

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request – Major Disaster Declaration – Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Potential Dam Failure – El Paso, TX

Situation: Media report the potential for failure and overflow of the Cement Lake Dam/Portland Reservoir in El Paso, TX (bordering NM) due to heavy precipitation. The National Weather Service issued a Flash Flood Watch for western El Paso County, TX, and southern Doña Ana County, NM, through Saturday morning (ET) (NOAA NWS, as of 8:20 a.m. ET, Apr 25). EPWater is reinforcing the dam and pumping water out of clogged water lines. Roadways in the potential flood impact area remain closed; nearby residential communities on higher ground are not expected to be directly affected, but access could be disrupted. There are no evacuation orders. Currently, the incident response is being managed within the capacity of state, tribal, and territorial partners. Water rescue teams are standing by on-site. There are no requests for federal assistance. (R6 Advisory, as of 2:00 p.m. ET, Apr 24)

Potential Impacts:

NM:

- The area is near the Rio Grande and adjacent to recreational areas in Sunland Park, NM (pop. 19k). However, due to the urgent risk of a breach, public access to the immediate vicinity of the lake is strictly limited
- A 1-mile stretch of highway NM-273 west from the state line is closed for draining Cement Lake. (R6 Advisory, as of 7:32 p.m. ET, Apr 24)

TX:

- Multiple road closures reported within the vicinity of the dam

State / Local Response:

FEMA Region 6:

- NM SEOC is Monitoring (Wildfires)
- TX SEOC is Monitoring (Wildfires)

FEMA / Federal Response:

FEMA Region 6:

- Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- R-IMATs are available

HQ:

- NWC is Enhanced (TC Sinlaku)

Possible Inundation Map



Source: FEMA Region 6

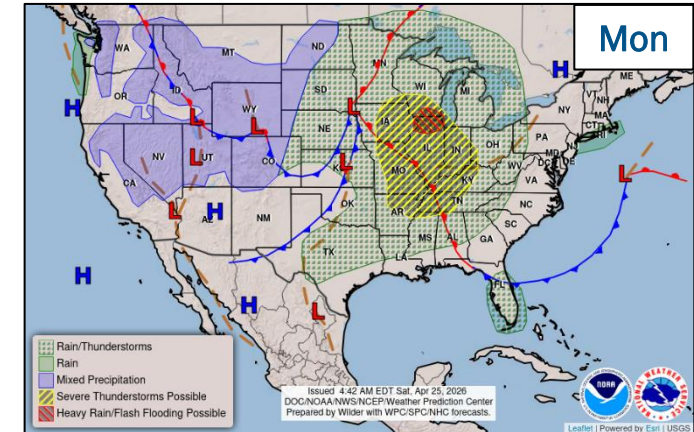
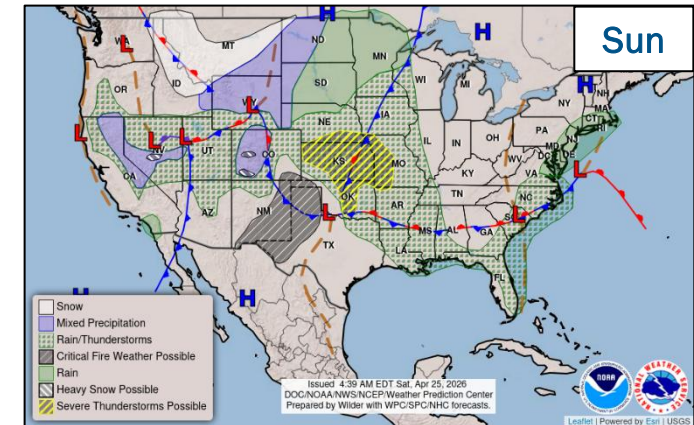
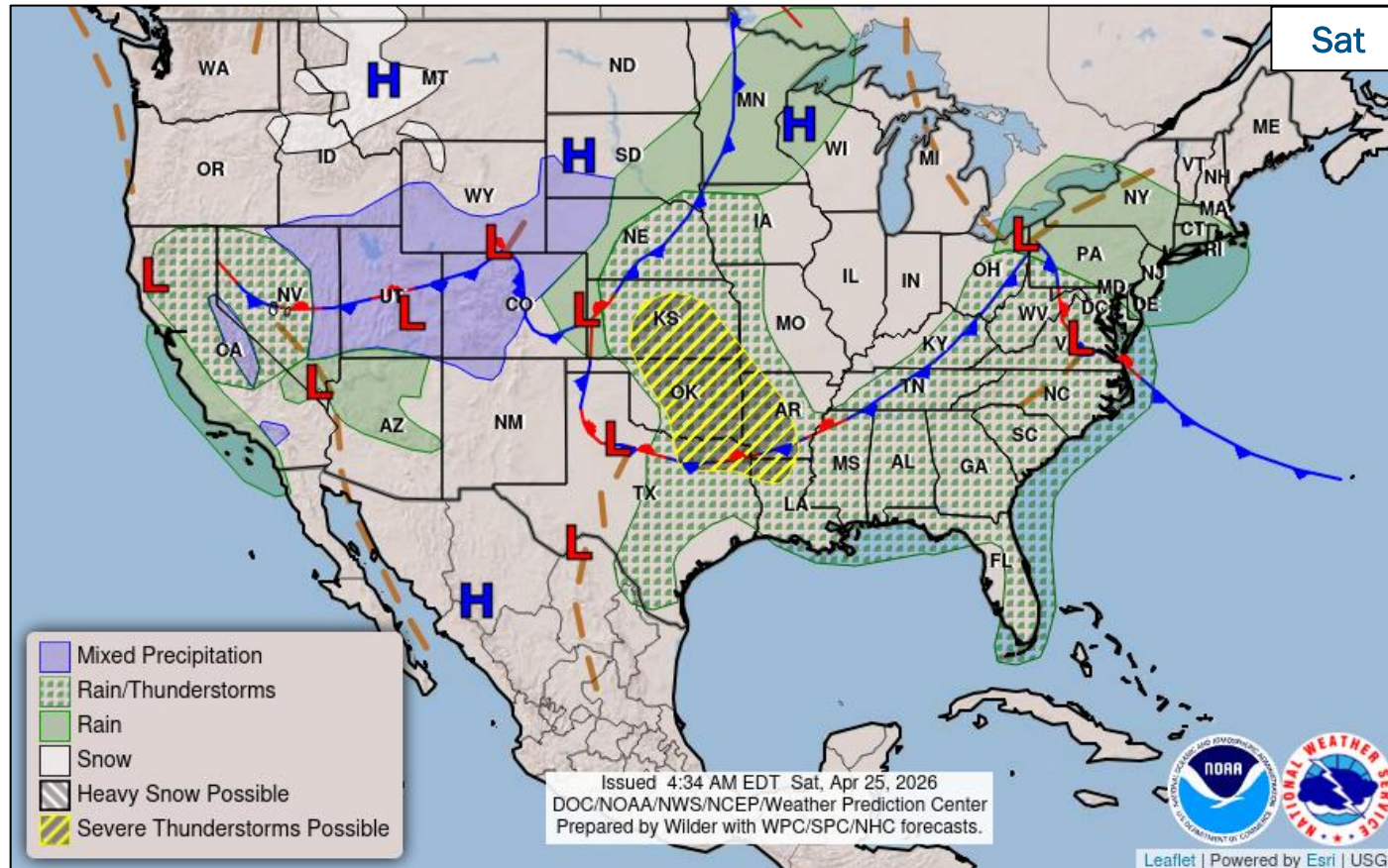
FEMA NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 6; the next update will be in the 5:00 p.m. ET National Situation Report



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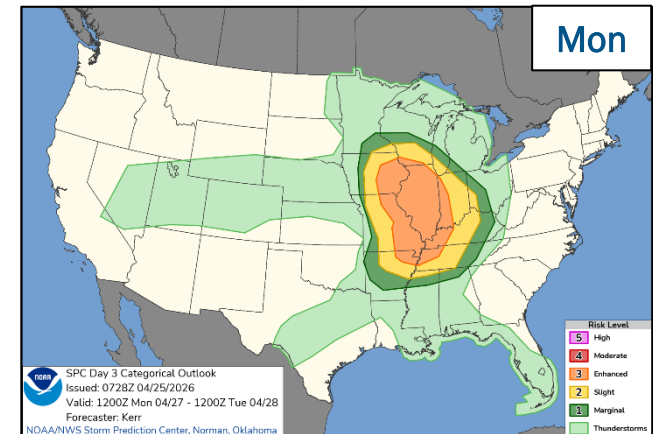
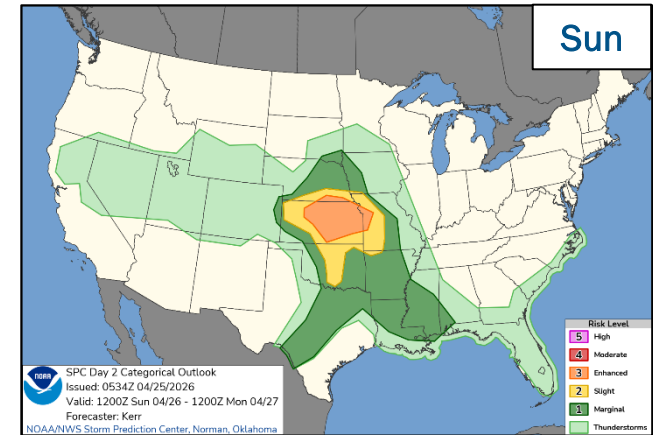
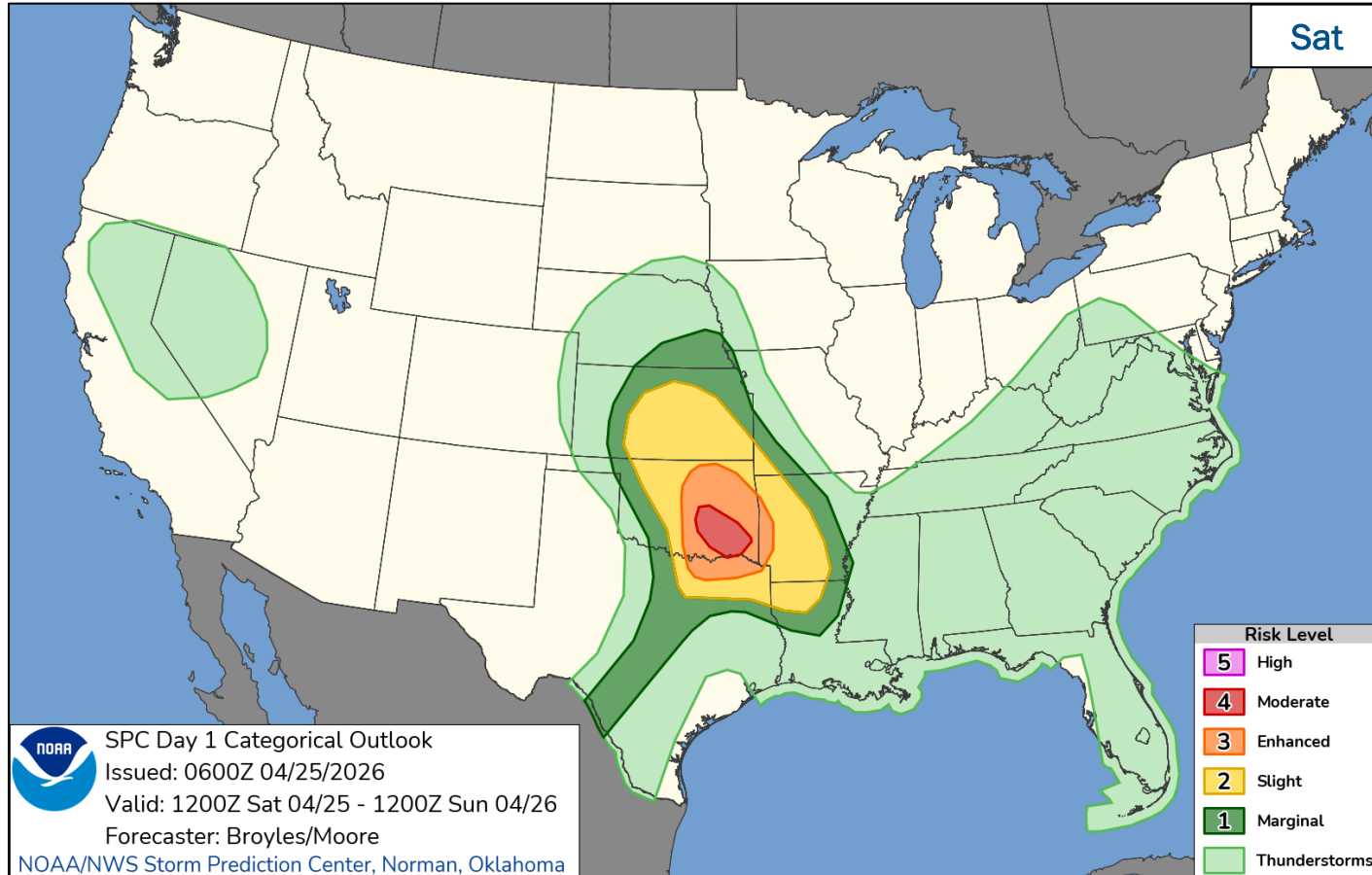
National Weather Forecast



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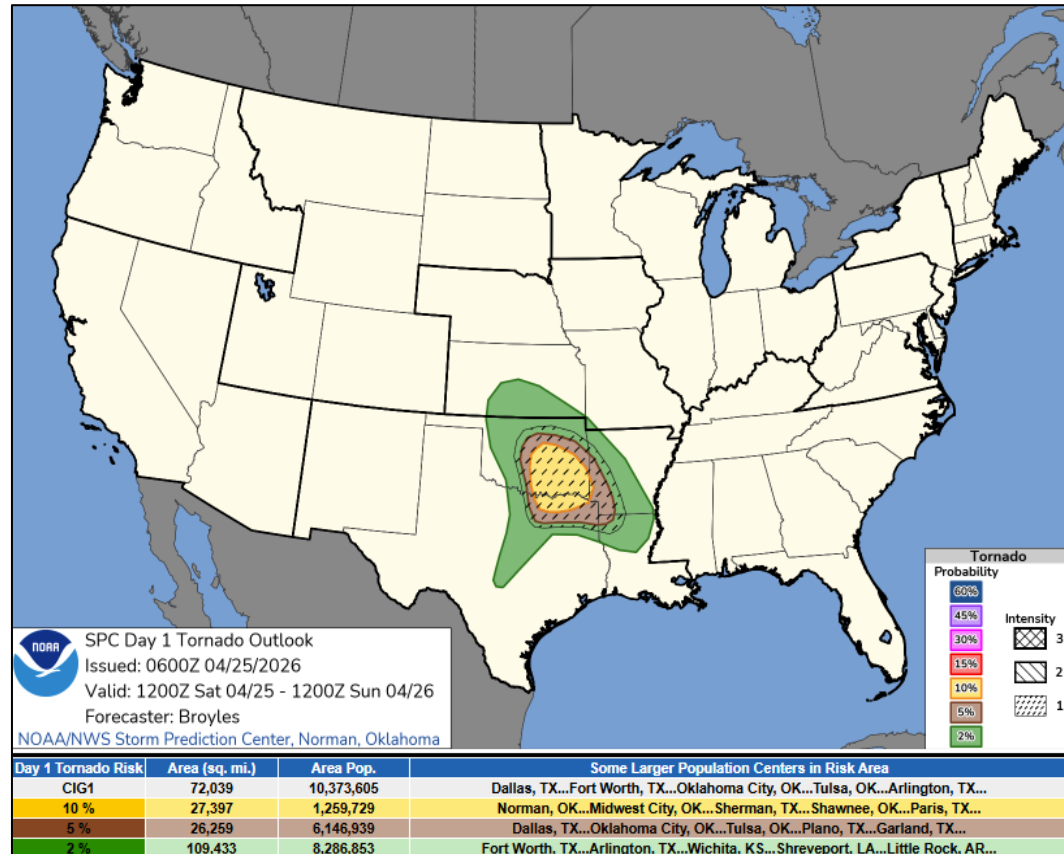
Severe Weather Outlook



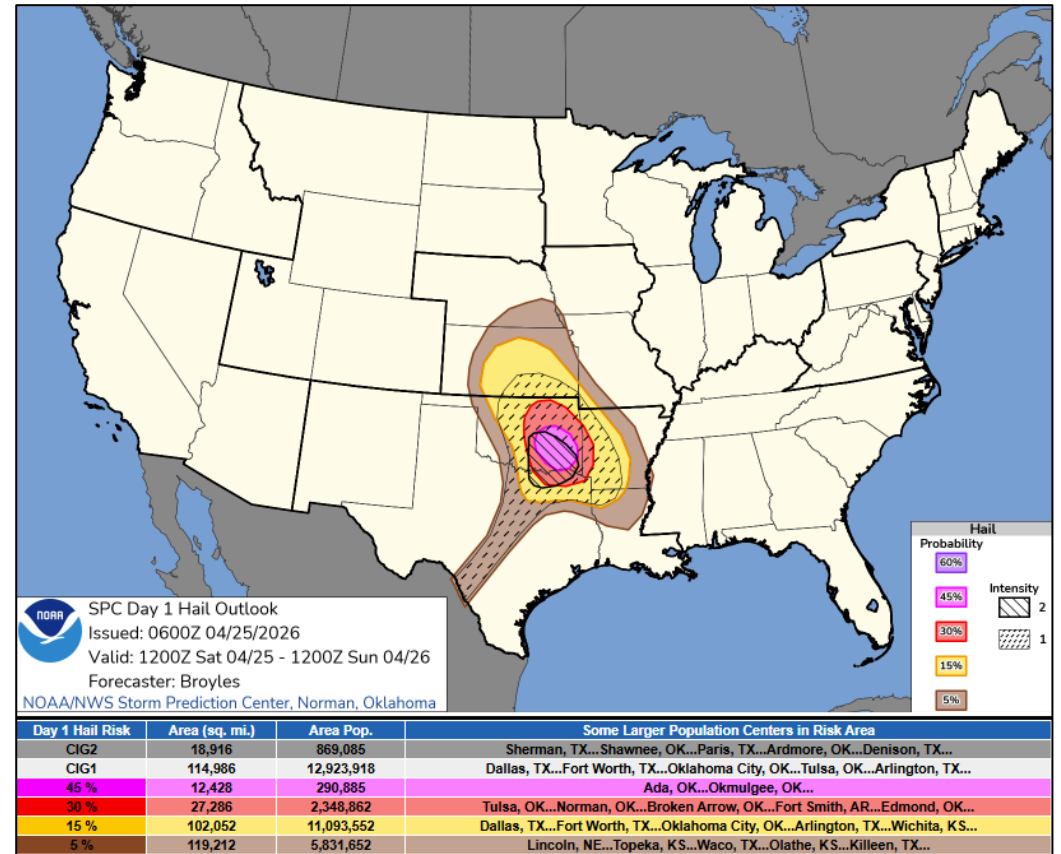
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Severe Weather Outlook – Moderate Risk Apr 25



Tornado Outlook



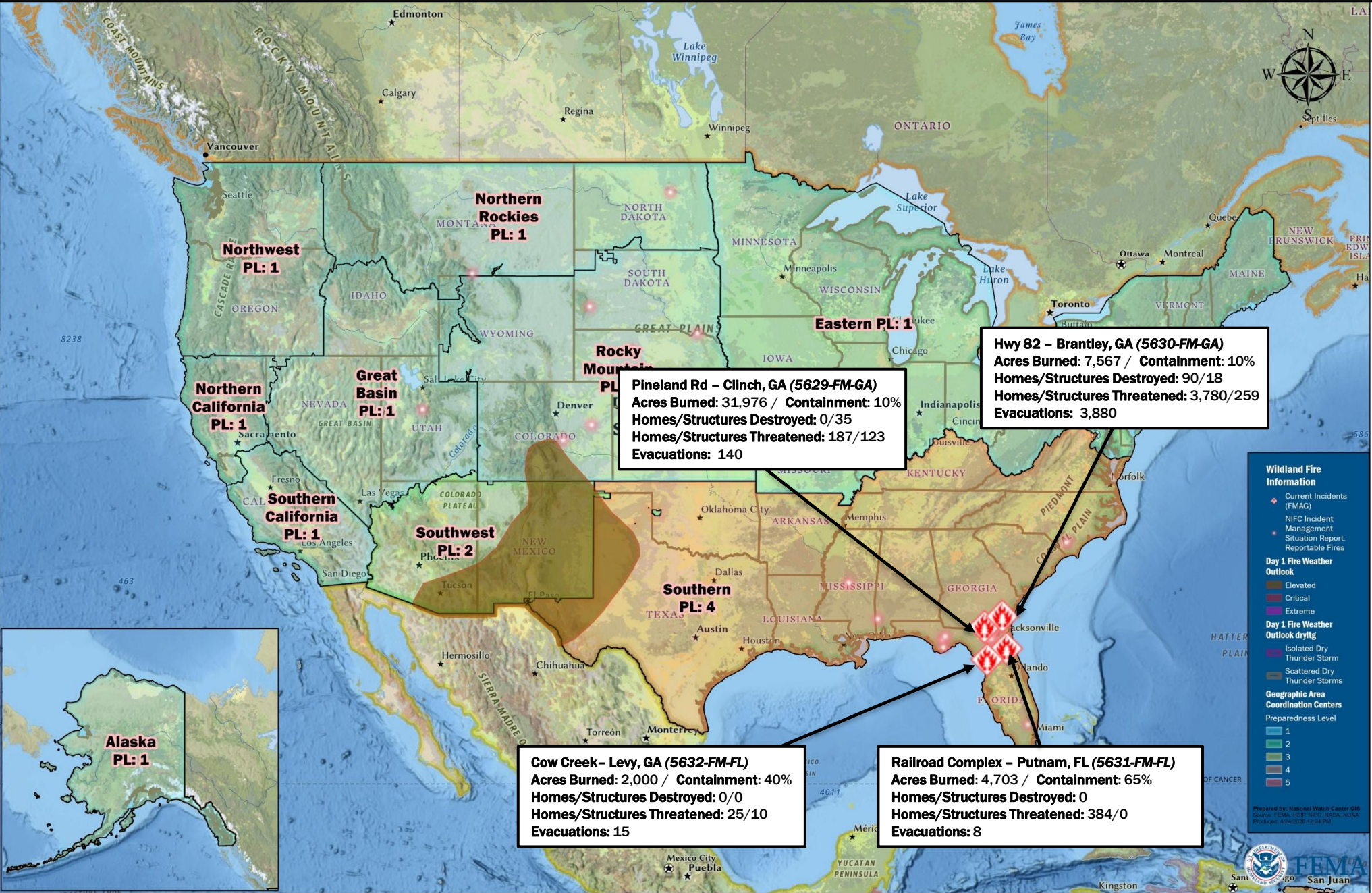
Hail Outlook



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INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	LIGHT (109 fires)
New Large Fires	6
Large Fires Contained	2
Uncontained Large Fires	25
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	1,815,628
Total Responders	1,898
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

+

7

Emergency
Declarations

6

Direct Housing
Missions

3

RSF-Supported
Disasters

6

Joint Recovery
Offices

FEDERAL HQ

NWC

Enhanced

NRCC

Steady State

FEDERAL REGIONS

Watch

R1

R2

R3

R4

R5

R6

R7

R8

R9

R10

RRCC

Rostered

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Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

• NWC: TC Sinlaku

• R5 RWC: Staffing (Day shift Only)

• R6 Watch: Enhanced Watch 3:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m. ET (Severe Weather)

IMATs:

• N-IMAT Blue: Training until 5/2

State EOCs:

• DC: Potomac Interceptor

• FL: Previous Incidents

• PR: Influenza Epidemic

• GA/NE/NM/TX: Wildfires

• HI/OK/KY: Severe Weather

• MS: Previous Weather

• ID: Spring Flood / Landslides/Debris Flow

• GU/CNMI: TC Sinlaku

• MI/WI: Severe Weather/Flooding

Surge Capacity Force

Rostered

7,796

Deployed

0

N-IMATs

2-5 Teams Available

Red

GU (Apr 17)

White

Blue

AL (Apr 24)

Gold

HS

R-IMATs

≥ 7 Teams Available

R1

R2

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	0	0
R9	0	2	2	0
R10	2	5	0	0

Alaska

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

CNMI

DR-4910-CNMI

• MERS (3)

• R9 IMAT-2

Guam

Guam

EM-3644-GU

• ISB Delta

• MERS (2)

• N-IMAT Red

American Samoa

Hawaii

Oahu, HI

DR-4909-HI

• R9 IMAT-1

Saturday
April 25, 2026
8:30 a.m. ET

IM Workforce

11,107 Assigned

4,123 (+90) Unavailable

3,176 (-56) Deployed

34 (-1)% / 3,808 (-34) Available

IM Cadre Availability

11 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Alternative Dispute Resolution: 14% (4/29); Civil Rights: 20% (19/93); Disability Integration: 19% (3/16); External Affairs: 16% (41/264); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 12% (73/624); Field Leadership: 10% (12/116); Hazard Mitigation: 11% (85/750); Operations: 25% (90/359); Planning: 18% (60/342); Safety: 14% (12/85); Security: 16% (18/110)

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 FCO) Deployed

9 Available

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 Request – Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

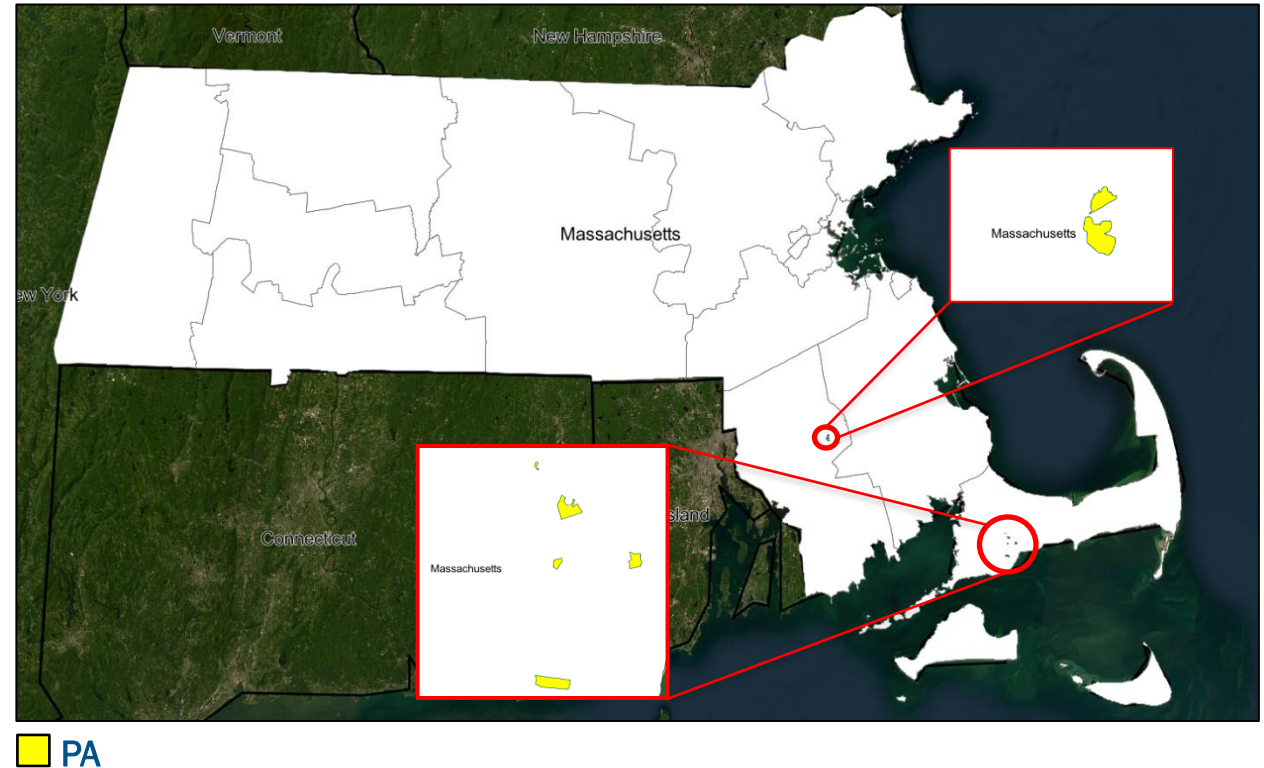
Declaration Type: Major Disaster – Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
Requested: Apr 22

Incident: Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm

Incident Period: Feb 22 – 23

Requested:

- **PA:** Snow assistance
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe



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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 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 – 20 (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 ⁷ – Severe Winter Storm	DR	X	X	X	Apr 16
ID – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	Apr 14
MWT ⁸ – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	DR		X	X	Apr 22

⁷Native Village of Ambler, ⁸Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe



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