

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Sunday, April 26, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Severe Weather – Central Plains to Lower Mississippi Valley – FINAL

Hazard Monitoring

- Fire Weather – Southwest to Central Plains
- Severe Weather – Southern to Central Plains
- Excessive Rainfall / Flash Flooding – Middle Mississippi Valley

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Severe Weather – Central Plains to Lower Mississippi Valley

Situation: Tornado damage was reported in western Runaway Bay, TX (pop. 1.5k). Local emergency services conducted search & rescue operations, medical response, and damage assessment, with a Red Cross reunification center open in the area. First responders reported significant damage to homes on Overland Trail, Cumberland Trail, Cactus Canyon Drive, and Brookview Drive in west Runaway Bay (pop. 2k). Wise County EMS, local fire, law enforcement, and mutual aid partners assisted with search and rescue, medical response, and damage assessment. There are additional reports of unspecified numbers of damaged structures near Springtown, TX (pop. 3k) and Weatherford, TX (pop. 31k), with emergency services reporting difficulty accessing areas due to tree damage and downed power lines. Response remains local, with no request for Federal assistance.

NOAA SPC is monitoring 12 tornado reports overnight across Nebraska, Texas, and Oklahoma; 21 wind reports from Nebraska to Louisiana—including 2 with gusts over 74 mph; and 92 hail reports from Nebraska to Arkansas and Texas, with 25 instances of hail larger than 2 inches in diameter. A Severe Thunderstorm Watch remains in effect covering eastern Oklahoma and the Ark-La-Tex region through 7:00 a.m. ET. (*Region 6 SPOTREP and open sources, as of 1:43 a.m. ET; NOAA SPC, as of 8:00 a.m. ET*) Severe weather concerns remain for portions of the Midwest through this week.

State / Local Response:

FEMA Region 6:

- OK SEOC is Monitoring (Severe Weather)
- TX SEOC is Monitoring (Wildfires)
- LA and AR SEOCs are at Normal Operations

FEMA Region 7:

- NE SEOC is at Partial Activation (Wildfires)

FEMA / Federal Response:

FEMA Region 6:

- Watch is Monitoring, transitioning to Enhanced Watch (Severe Weather) at 1:00 p.m. ET; RRCC is Rostered
- R-IMATs are Available

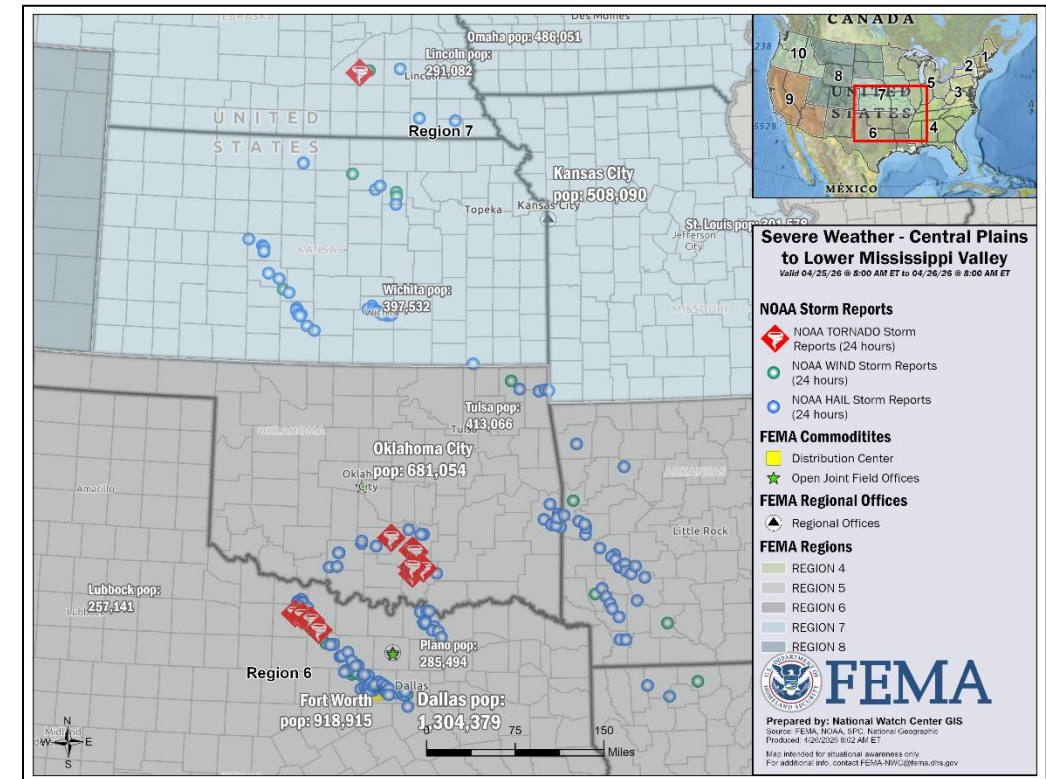
FEMA Region 7:

- RWC is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- R-IMAT is deployed to Kansas City, MO (DR-4872-MO)

HQ:

- NWC is Enhanced (TC Sinlaku)

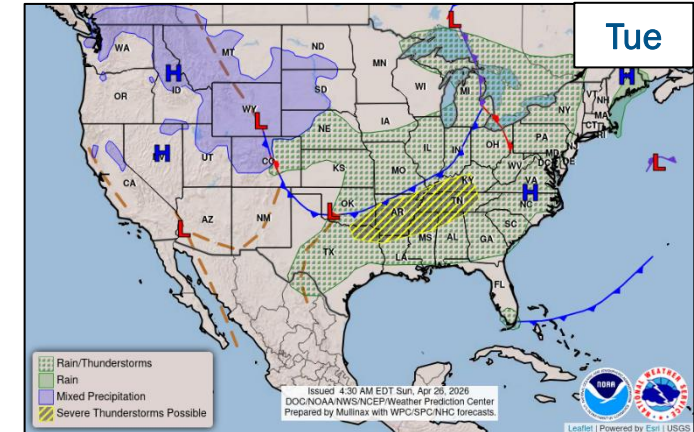
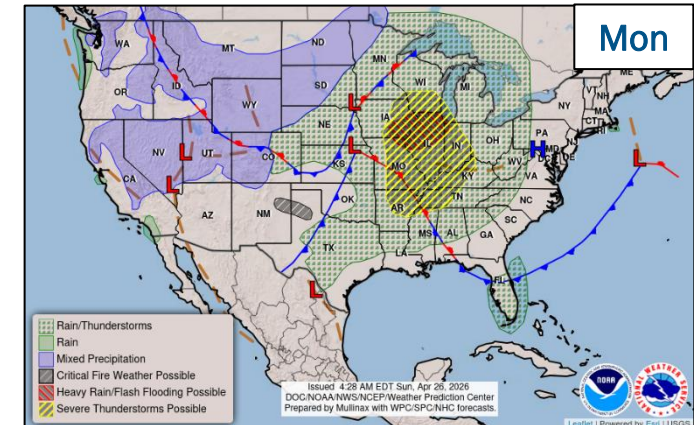
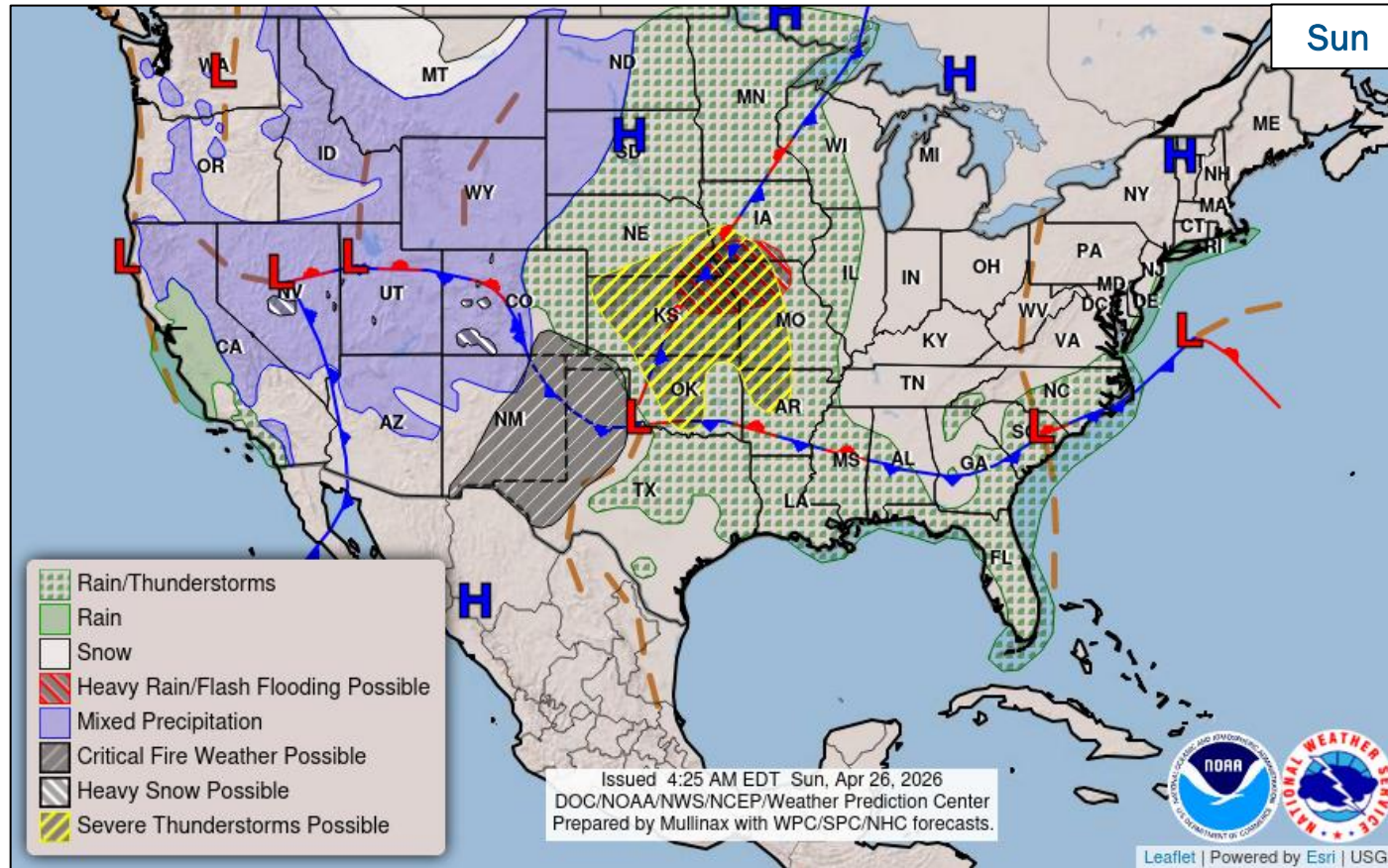
NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with Region 6 & 7 Watches and Denton MOC; barring any significant updates, this will be the final report.



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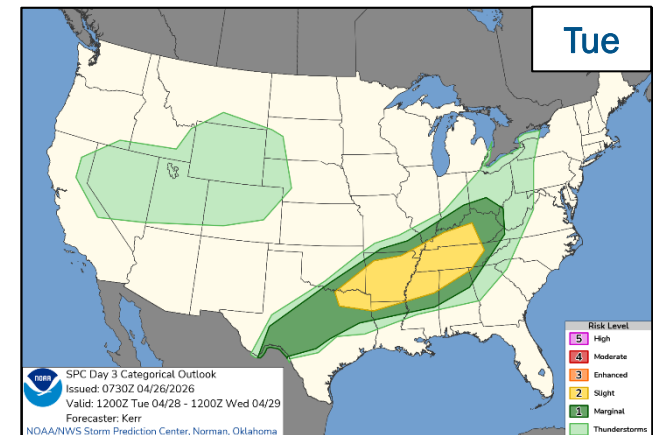
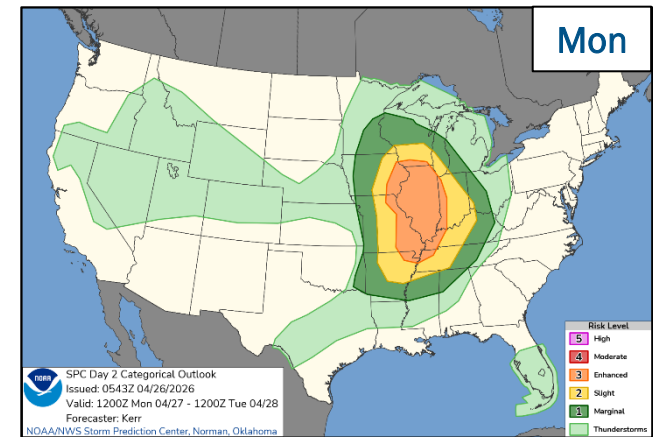
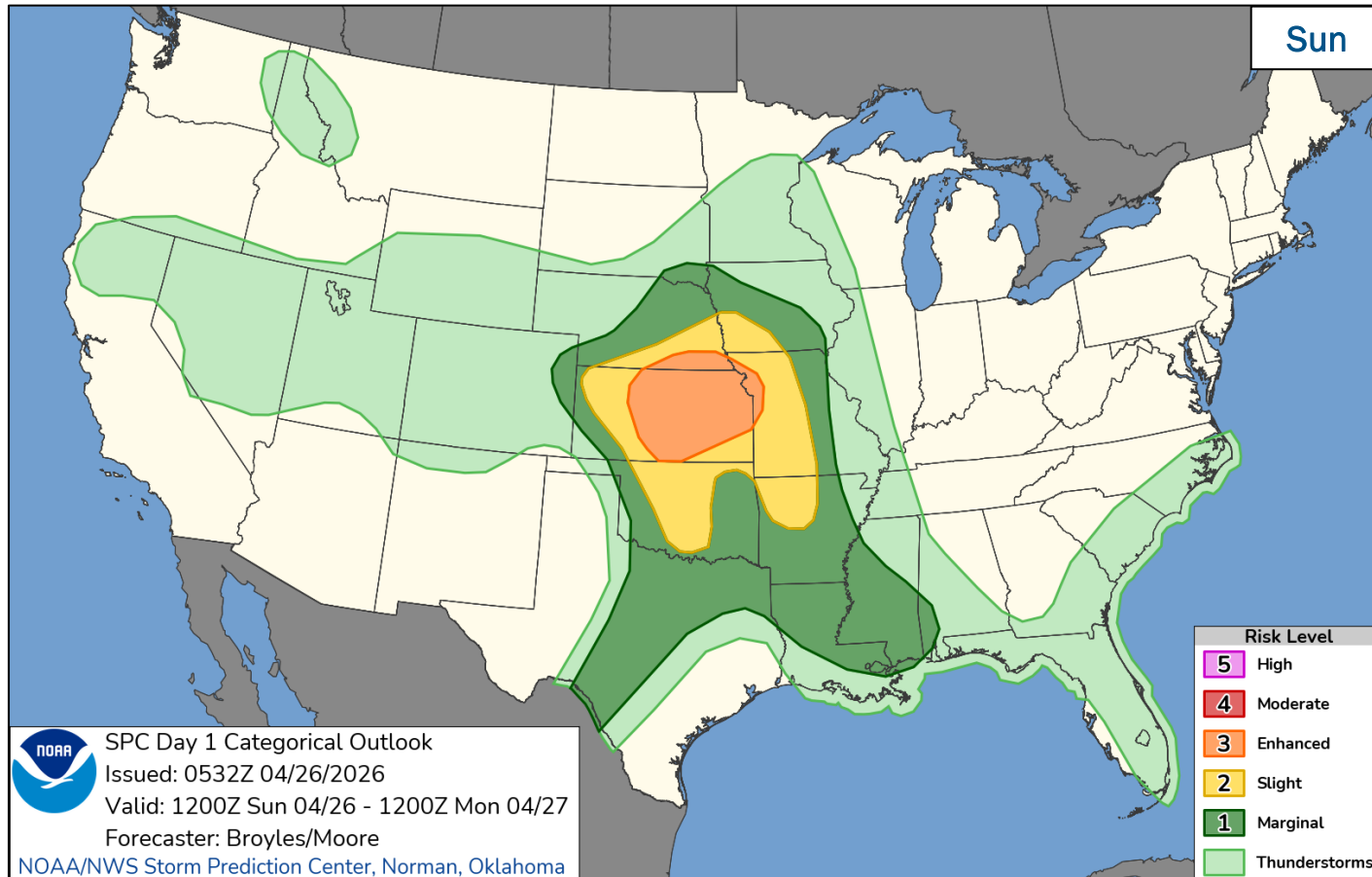
National Weather Forecast



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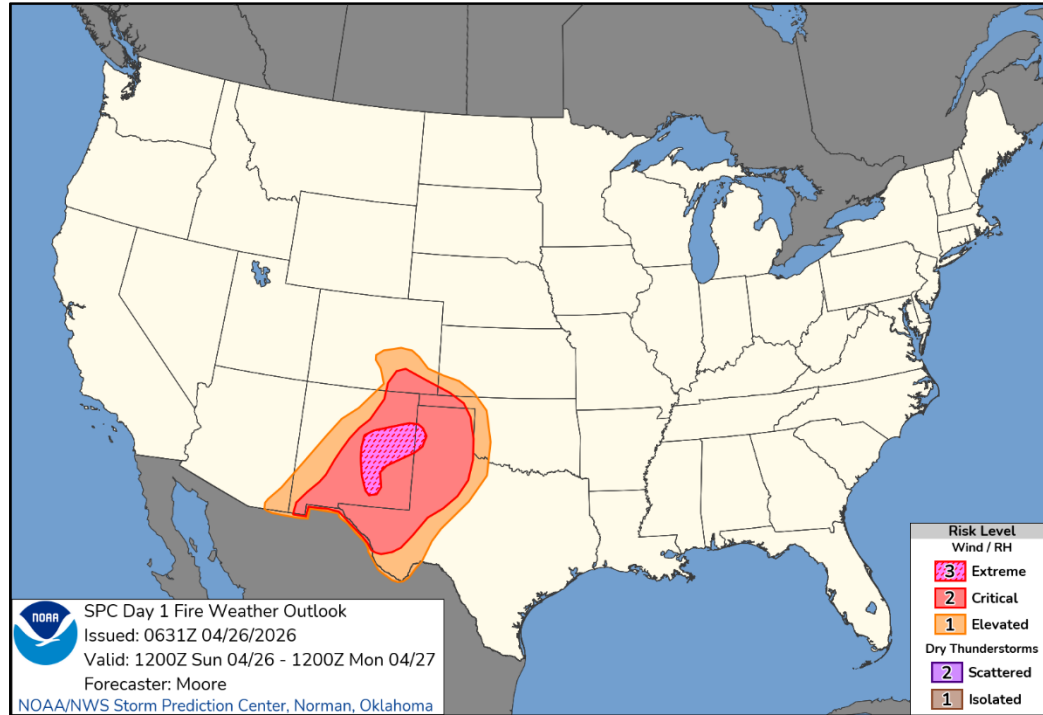
Severe Weather Outlook



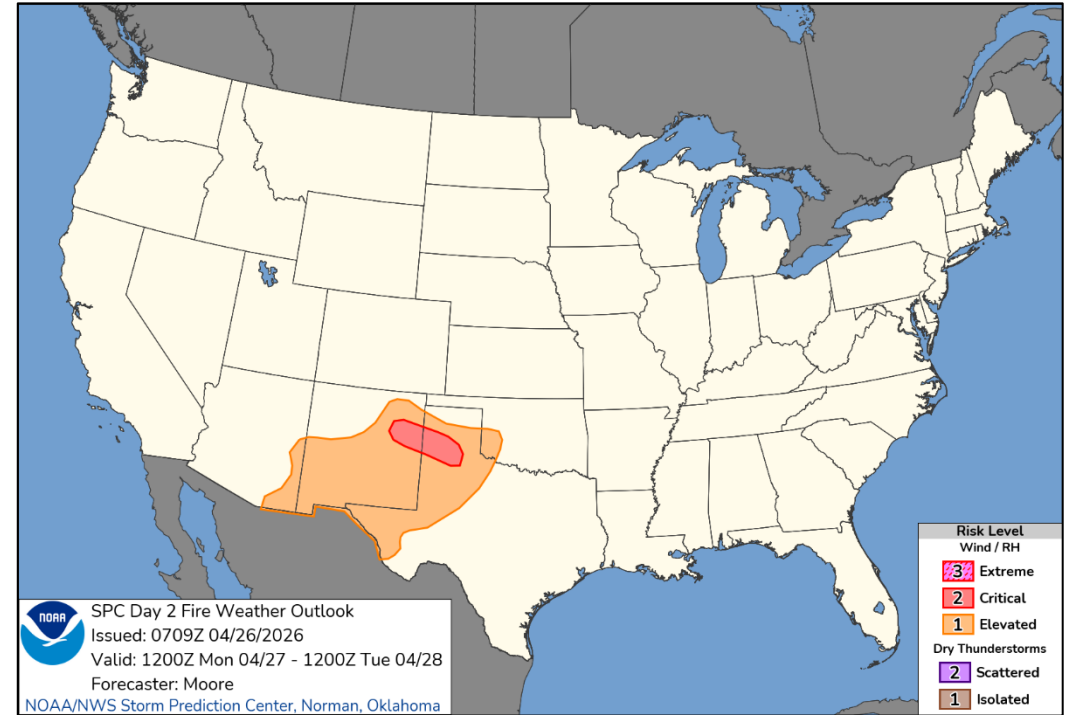
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Fire Weather Outlook



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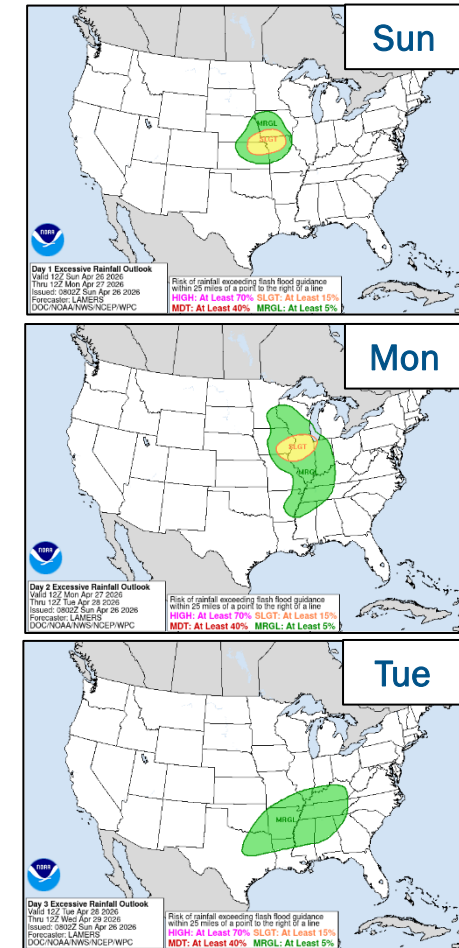
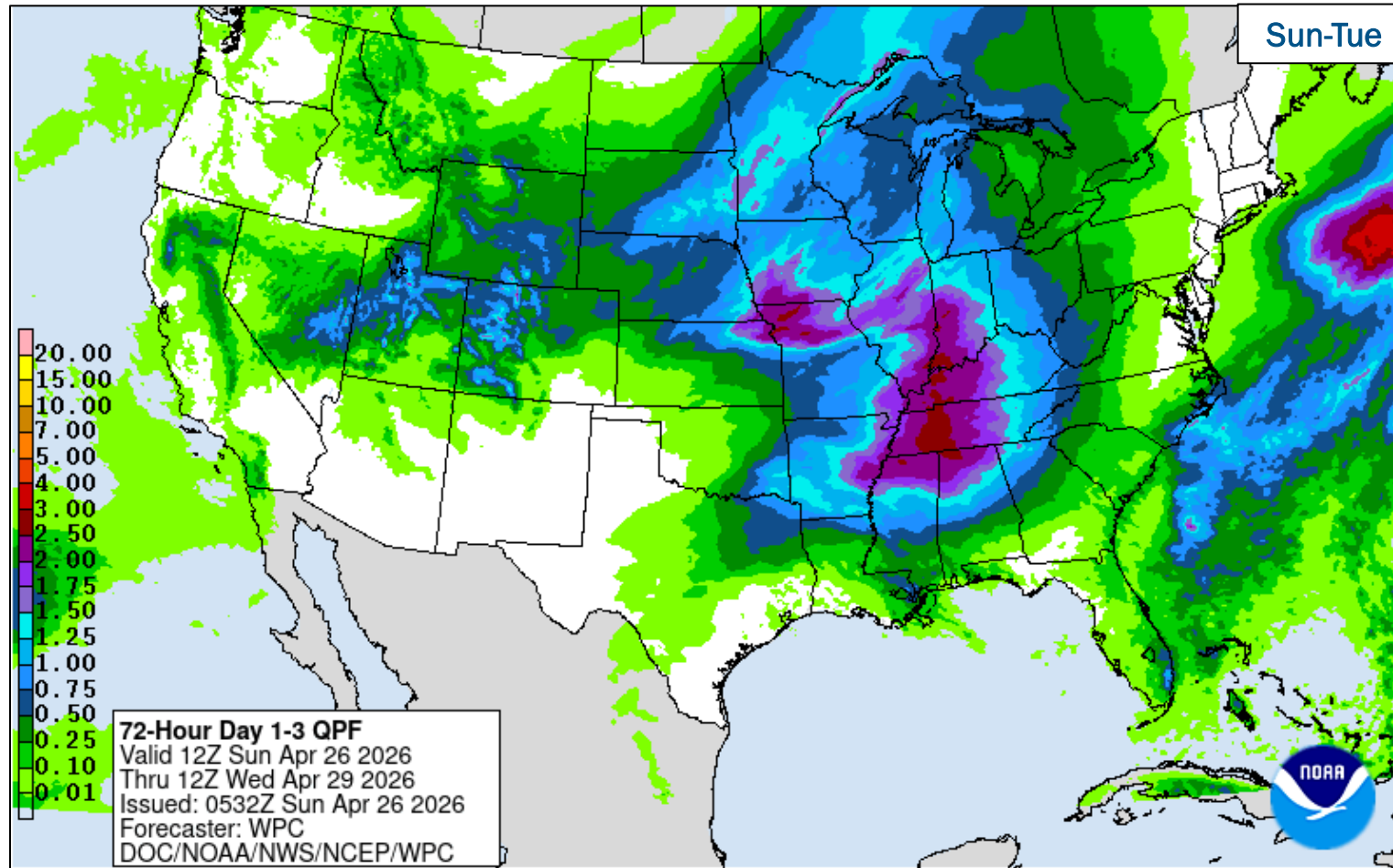
Tomorrow



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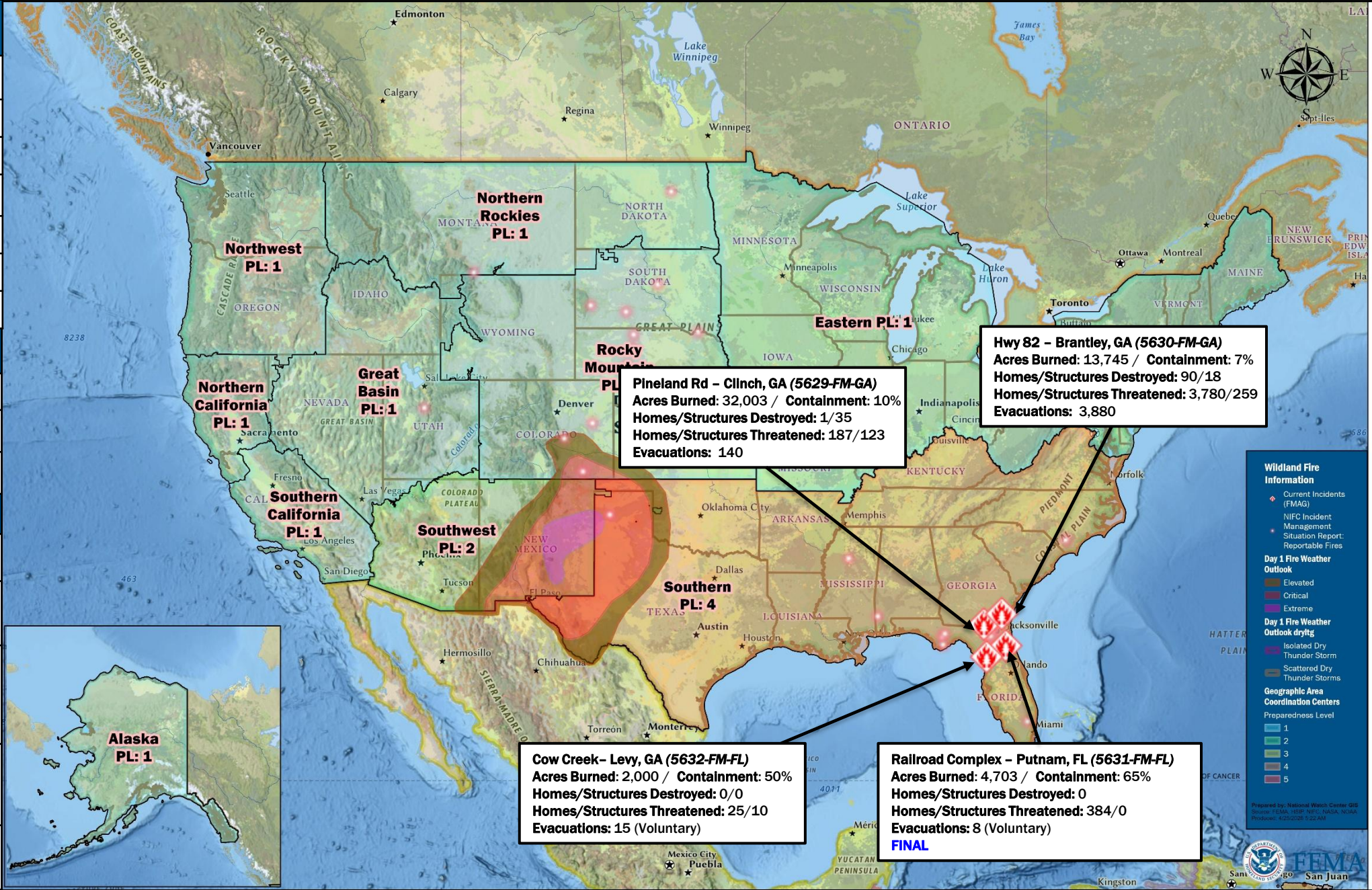
Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	LIGHT (106 fires)
New Large Fires	7
Large Fires Contained	8
Uncontained Large Fires	24
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	1,821,049
Total Responders	2,349
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

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Joint Field
Offices

Supporting

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Major
Disasters

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Emergency
Declarations

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Direct Housing
Missions

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RSF-Supported
Disasters

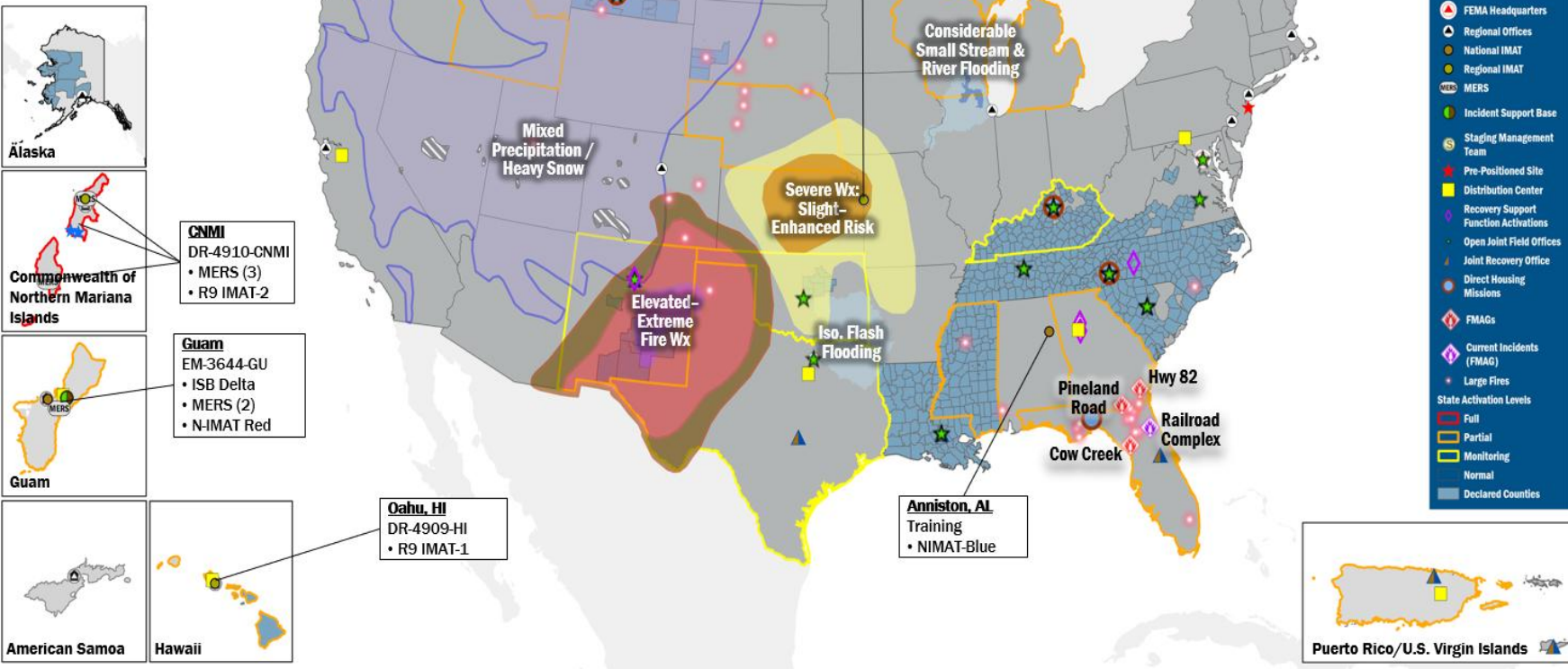
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Joint Recovery
Offices

FEMA HQ		
NWC		NRCC
Enhanced		Steady State
FEMA REGIONS		
Watch		RRCC
Monitoring	R1	Rostered
Monitoring	R2	Rostered
Monitoring	R3	Rostered
Enhanced	R4	Rostered
Monitoring	R5	Rostered
Monitoring	R6	Rostered
Monitoring	R7	Rostered
Monitoring	R8	Rostered
Monitoring	R9	Rostered
Monitoring	R10	Rostered
Notes:		
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:		
• NWC: TC Sinlaku		
• R4 RWC: Wildfires		
• R5 RWC: Staffing (Day shift Only)		
• R6 Watch: Enhanced Watch 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.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		Deployed
7,796		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



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IM Workforce

11,107 Assigned

4,126 (+3) Unavailable

3,168 (-8) Deployed

34% / 3,813 (+5) Available

IM Cadre Availability

10 (-1) Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Alternative Dispute Resolution: 17% (5/29); Civil Rights: 20% (19/93); Disability Integration: 19% (3/16); External Affairs: 17% (45/264); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 12% (75/624); Field Leadership: 11% (13/116); Hazard Mitigation: 11% (84/750); Planning: 17% (59/342); Safety: 15% (13/85); 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 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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