

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Severe Weather – Southern Plains to Ohio Valley – FINAL

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Southern Plains to Ohio Valley and Southeast
- Excessive Rainfall / Flash Flooding – Middle Mississippi Valley to Ohio Valley
- Critical Fire Weather – Southern Plains
- Tropical Activity:
 - Western Pacific: Invest 91W

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Nine Amendments Issued

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Severe Weather – Southern Plains to Ohio Valley – FINAL

Situation: Overnight, the Storm Prediction Center (SPC) continued to designate a Moderate Risk for severe thunderstorms across parts of Missouri, extending into Illinois and smaller areas of Kentucky and Tennessee. 3 confirmed tornadoes were reported in Illinois and Arkansas with minimal damage. FEMA Region 7 reported numerous incidents of wind and hail damage, including damaging wind gusts up to 70 mph, large hail ranging from 1 to 4 inches, downed power lines, power outages, uprooted trees, and collapsed exterior structures. No fatalities or injuries have been reported, and there are currently no requests for FEMA assistance.

Impacts: (DOE Eagle-I, as of 8:00 a.m. ET, Apr 28)

FEMA Region 5: 138k total customers without power

FEMA Region 7: 25k (-20k) customers without power

State / Local Response:

FEMA Region 4:

- MS SEOC at Partial Activation (Previous Weather / Severe Weather)
- TN SEOC at Partial Activation (Severe Weather)
- KY SEOC is Monitoring (Severe Weather)

FEMA Region 5: MI and WI SEOCs at Partial Activation (Severe Weather/Flooding)

FEMA Region 6: OK and TX SEOC is Monitoring (Severe Weather)

FEMA Region 7: KS and MO SEOC at Partial Activation (Severe Weather)

FEMA / Federal Response:

FEMA Region 4: RWC at Enhanced (Wildfires); RRCC is Rostered; R-IMATs are Available

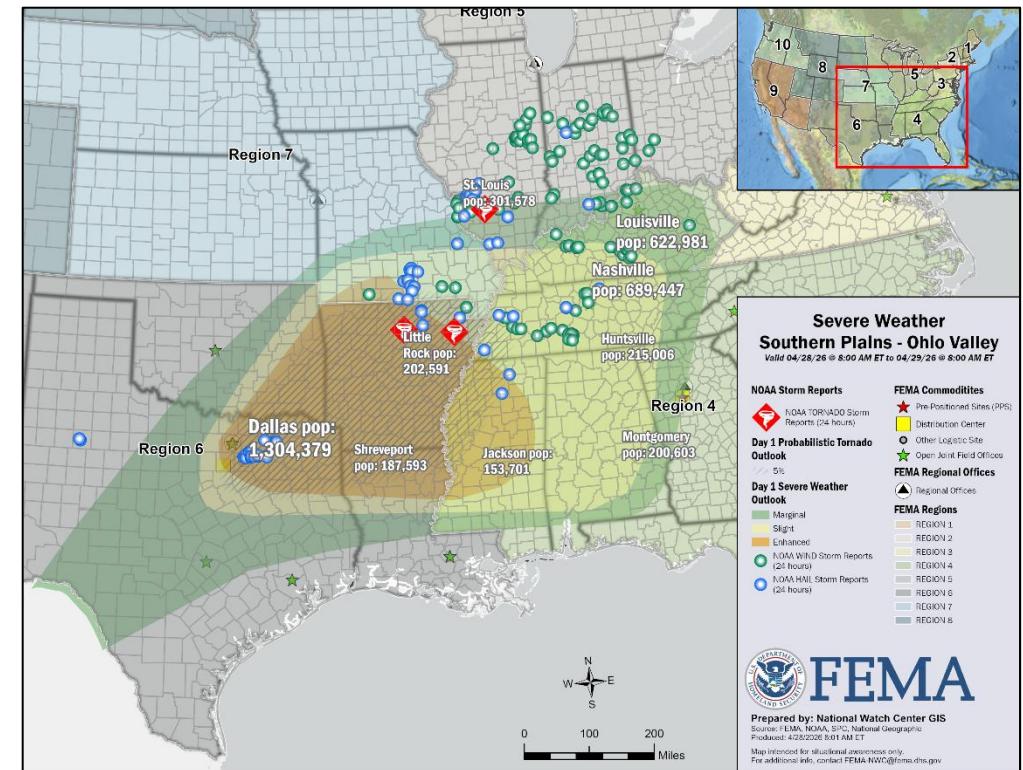
FEMA Region 5: RWC at Enhanced; RRCC is Rostered; R-IMATs are Available

FEMA Region 6: Watch is Monitoring; 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)

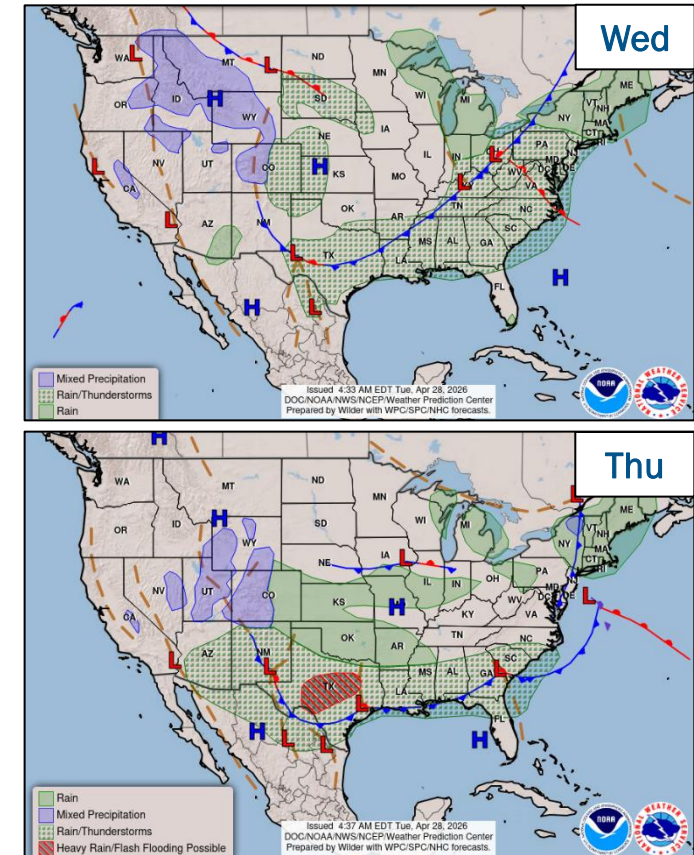
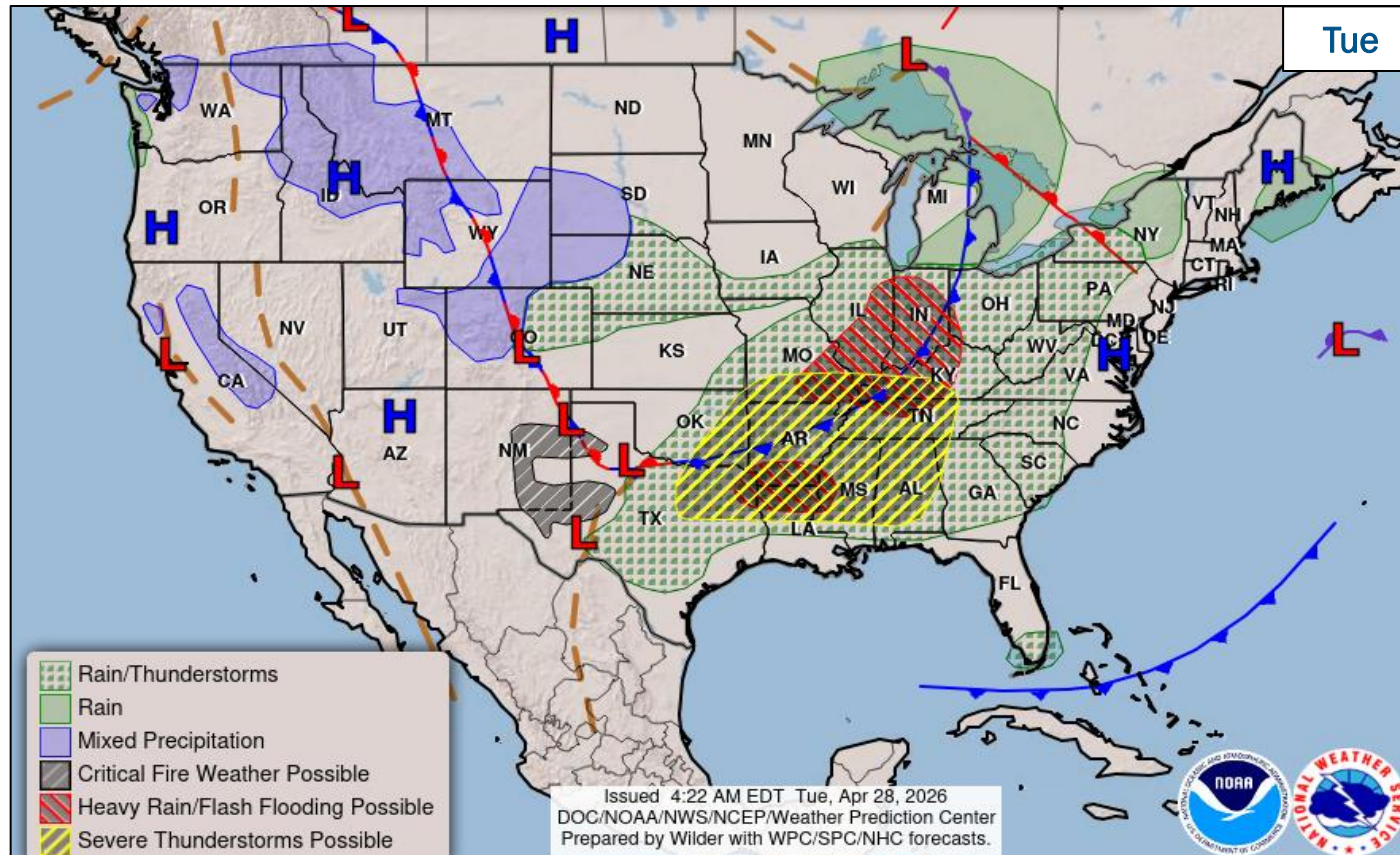
NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Regions 4 through 7. Updates will be provided in the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET) and in the twice daily FEMA National Situation Report (3:00 a.m. / 5:00 p.m. ET).



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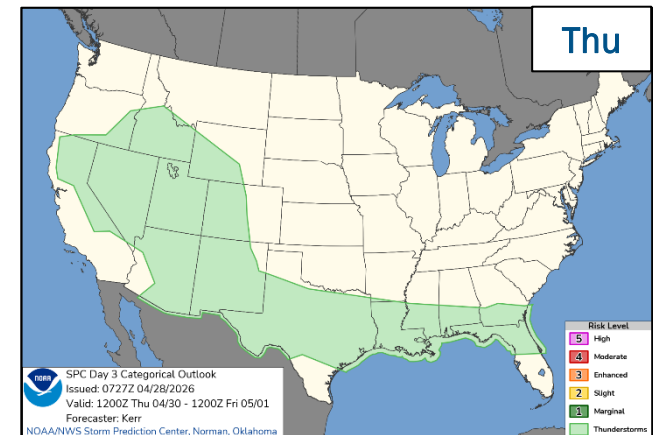
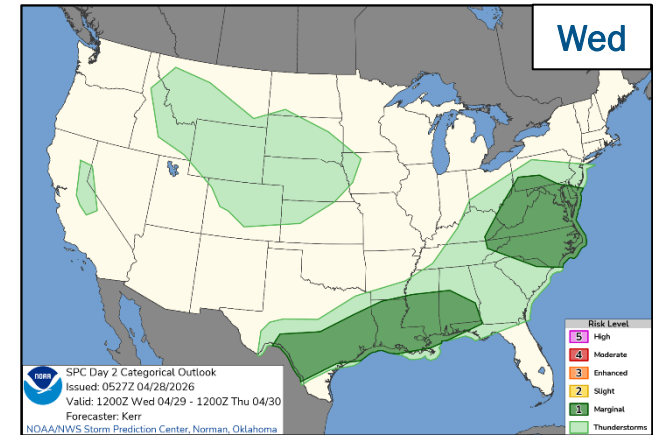
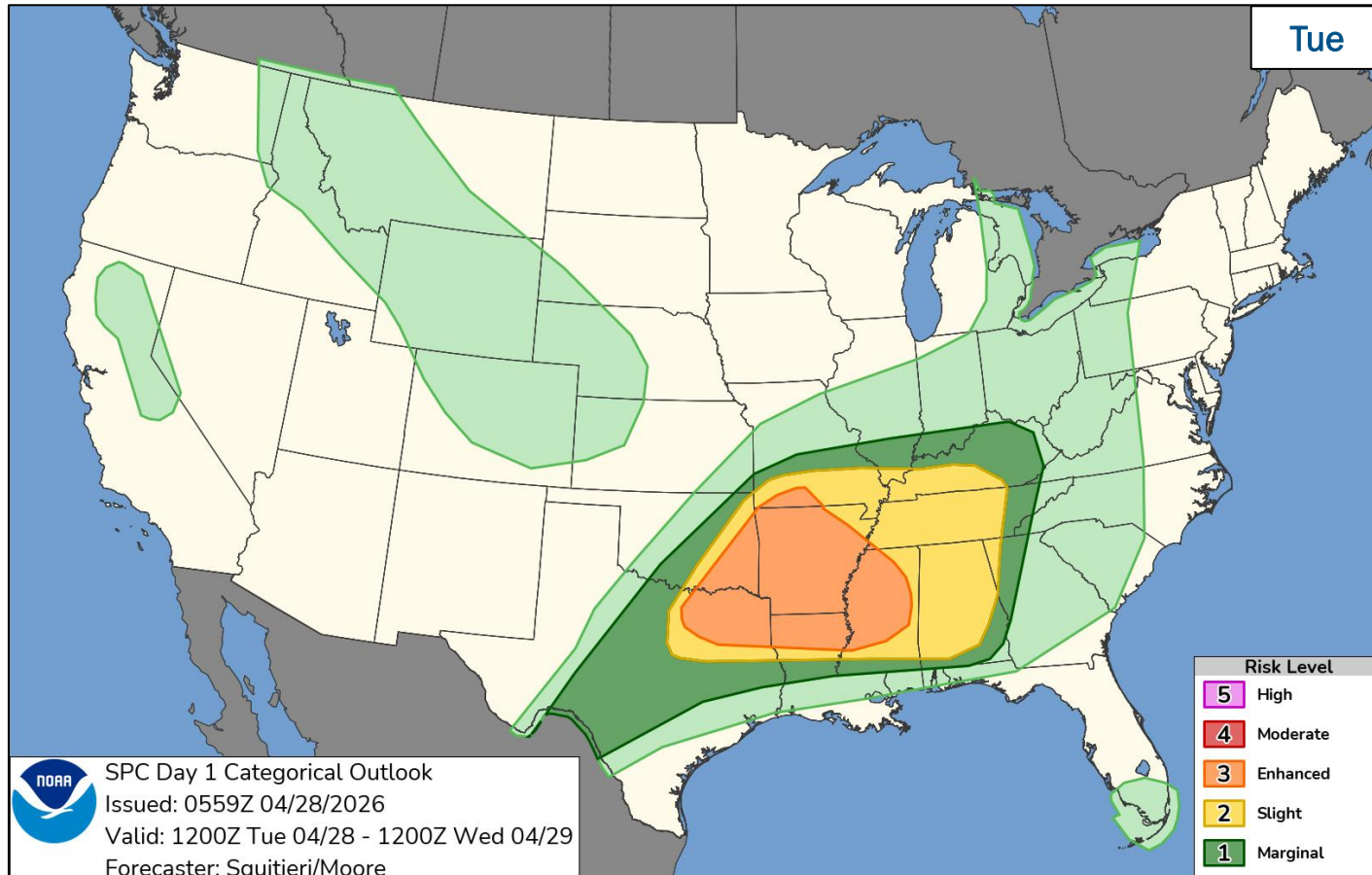
National Weather Forecast



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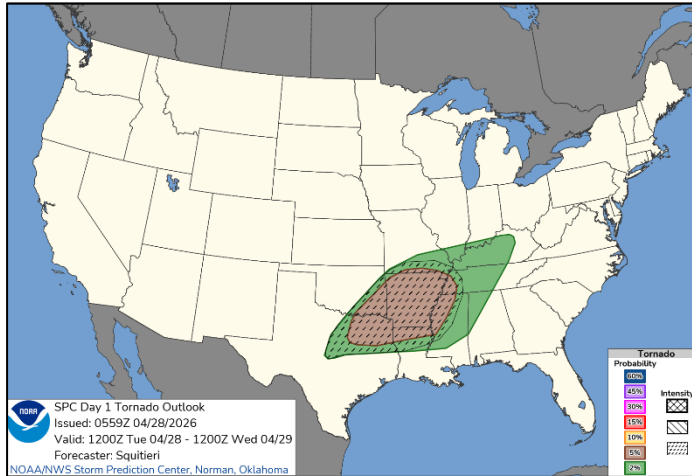
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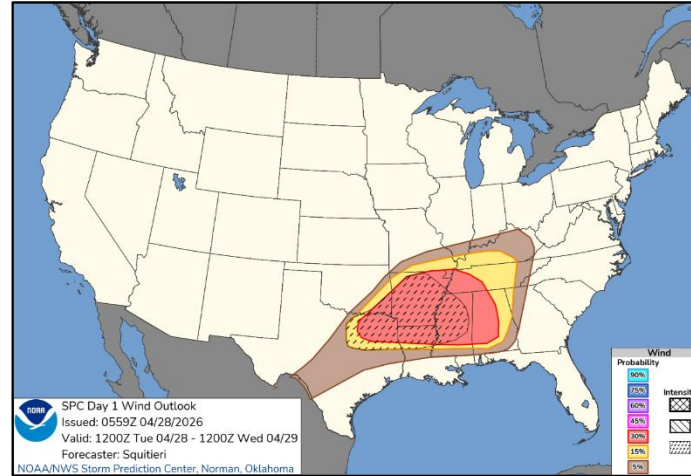
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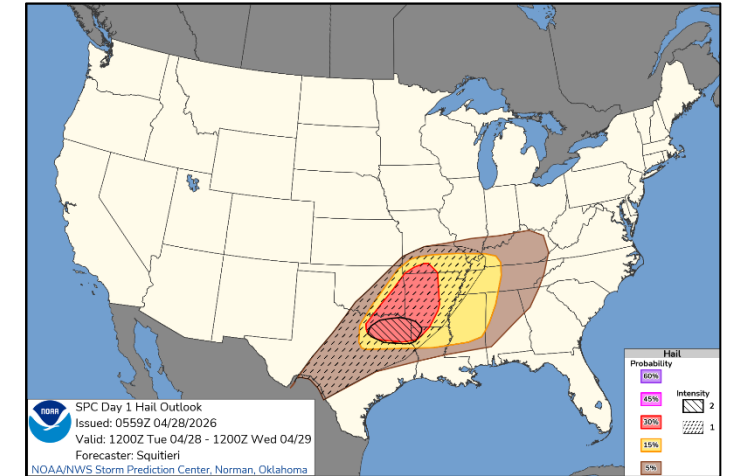
Severe Weather Outlook



Tornado Outlook



Wind Outlook



Hail Outlook

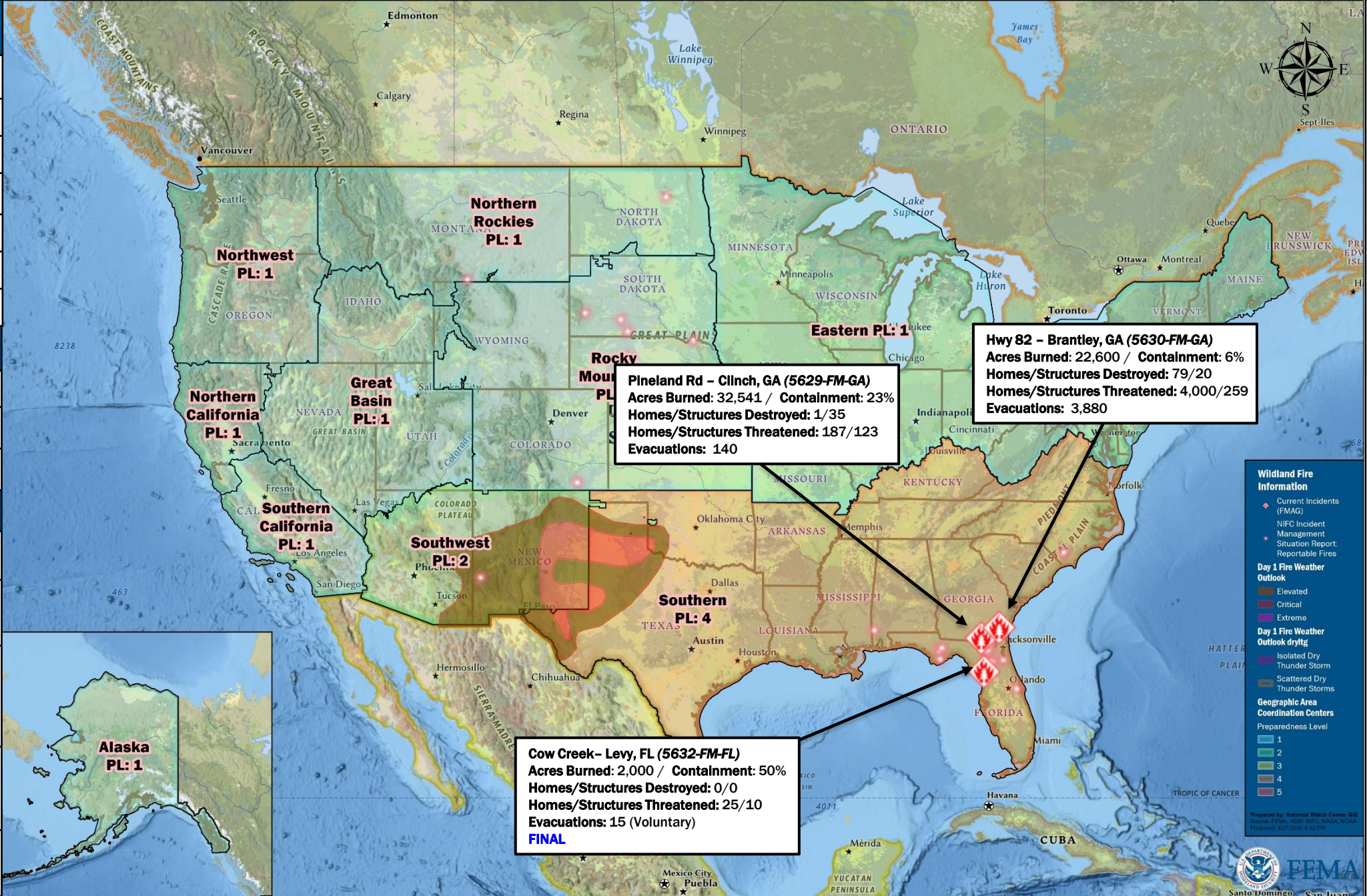


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National Fire Activity – April 28, 2026

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	LIGHT (52 fires)
New Large Fires	0
Large Fires Contained	1
Uncontained Large Fires	24
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	1,834,679
Total Responders	2,674
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

30 + 7

Major
Disasters

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

Enhanced

R5

R6

R7

R8

R9

R10

RRCC

Rostered

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Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

- NWC: TC Sinlaku
- R4 RWC: Wildfires
- R5 RWC: Severe Weather/Staffing (Day shift Only)

State EOCs:

- DC: Potomac Interceptor
- FL: Previous Incidents
- PR: Influenza Epidemic
- GA/TX: Wildfires
- HI/MS/KY/OK/MS/OK/TN: Severe Weather
- MS: Previous Weather
- ID: Spring Flood / Landslides/Debris Flow
- GU/MP: TC Sinlaku
- MI/WI: Severe Weather/Flooding

IMATs:

- N-IMAT Blue: Training until 5/2
- N-IMAT Red: MP

Surge Capacity Force

Rostered

7,796

Deployed

0

N-IMATs

2-5 Teams Available

Red

MP (Apr 26)

White

Blue

AL (Apr 24)

Gold

HS

R-IMATs

≥ 7 Teams Available

R1

1

R2

3

R3

2

R4 (1)

R4 (2)

R5

R6 (1)

R6 (2)

R7

MO (Feb 15)

R8

R9 (1)

HI (Apr 8)

R9 (2)

MP (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

Camp Murray, WA

DR-4906-WA

• R10 IMAT

Kansas City, MO

DR-4872-MO

• R7 IMAT

Alaska

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Guam

Oahu, HI

DR-4909-HI

• R9 IMAT-1

American Samoa

Hawaii

Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands

IM Workforce

11,107 Assigned

4,112 (+5) Unavailable

3,144 (-24) Deployed

35% / 3,851 (+19) Available

IM Cadre Availability

10 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Alternative Dispute Resolution: 21% (6/29); Civil Rights: 17% (16/93); Disability Integration: 19% (3/16); External Affairs: 19% (49/264); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 12% (75/624); Field Leadership: 11% (13/116); Hazard Mitigation: 10% (76/750); Planning: 17% (57/342); Safety: 13% (11/85); Security: 18% (20/110)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned

6 Unavailable

5 Deployed

25 Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned

1 (+1) Unavailable

0 Deployed

27 (-1) 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 – 22

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 – 22 (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
PoA ⁹ – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Apr 23
LLBO ¹⁰ – Fire – Appeal	DR		X	X	Apr 24

⁷Native Village of Ambler / ⁸Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe / ⁹Pueblo of Acoma / ¹⁰Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-3640-EM-MS	3	Apr 18	Appoints E. Craig Levy, Sr., as Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA-4832-DR-TN	7	Apr 17	Appoints Timothy S. Pheil as Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA-4860-DR-KY	11	Apr 18	Appoints Leda M. Khoury as Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA-4864-DR-KY	6	Apr 18	Appoints Leda M. Khoury as Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA-4875-DR-KY	4	Apr 18	Appoints Leda M. Khoury as Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA-4878-DR-TN	4	Apr 17	Appoints Timothy S. Pheil as Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA-4898-DR-TN	4	Apr 17	Appoints Timothy S. Pheil as Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA-4899-DR-MS	4	Apr 18	Appoints E. Craig Levy, Sr., as Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA-4909-DR-HI	1	Apr 15	Appoints Hirokazu Toiya as Federal Coordinating Officer



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