

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, May 16, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Severe Thunderstorms – Central to Eastern U.S.

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Southern Plains to Mid-Atlantic
- Heavy Rain/ Flash Flooding – Ohio Valley to Appalachians and Northeast
- Elevated Fire Weather – Middle Mississippi Valley to Great Lakes

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Severe Thunderstorms – Central to Eastern U.S.

Situation and Analysis: Overnight, a round of severe thunderstorms impacted FEMA Regions IV, V, and VII with 11 tornado reports, 3 high wind readings (over 75 mph), and 16 instances of large hail (over 2" in diameter) reported. (SPC, as of 5:00 a.m. ET, May 16) The primary impacts associated with these storms have been power outages. There are no requests for FEMA assistance.

The Storm Prediction Center has issued a Moderate risk (level 4 of 5) outlook for severe thunderstorms, affecting the Central U.S. from southeastern Missouri to central Kentucky. A larger area of Slight risk or higher (level 2 of 5) is in effect from northeastern Texas to southern New Jersey. The primary hazards associated with this severe weather include a risk of very large hail (up to 4" in diameter), damaging wind gusts (greater than 75 mph), and tornadoes (with several likely to be strong). (SPC, as of 1:58 a.m. ET, May 16) State Emergency Operations Centers (SEOCs) and FEMA Regional Watch Centers (RWCs) are adjusting posture and monitoring for potential impacts.

Lifeline Impacts:

Energy: Power outages in the affected area peaked and are beginning to decrease. Restoration may take multiple days in Michigan. (Region V SPOTREP, as of 12:05 a.m. ET, May 16)

- **Region V:** 387k customers without power in the region (Eagle-I, as of 7:30 a.m. ET, May 16)
 - MI: 257k customers without power (5%)
 - IN: 69k customers without power (2%)
 - IL: 45k customers without power (1%)
 - WI: 16k customers without power (1%)

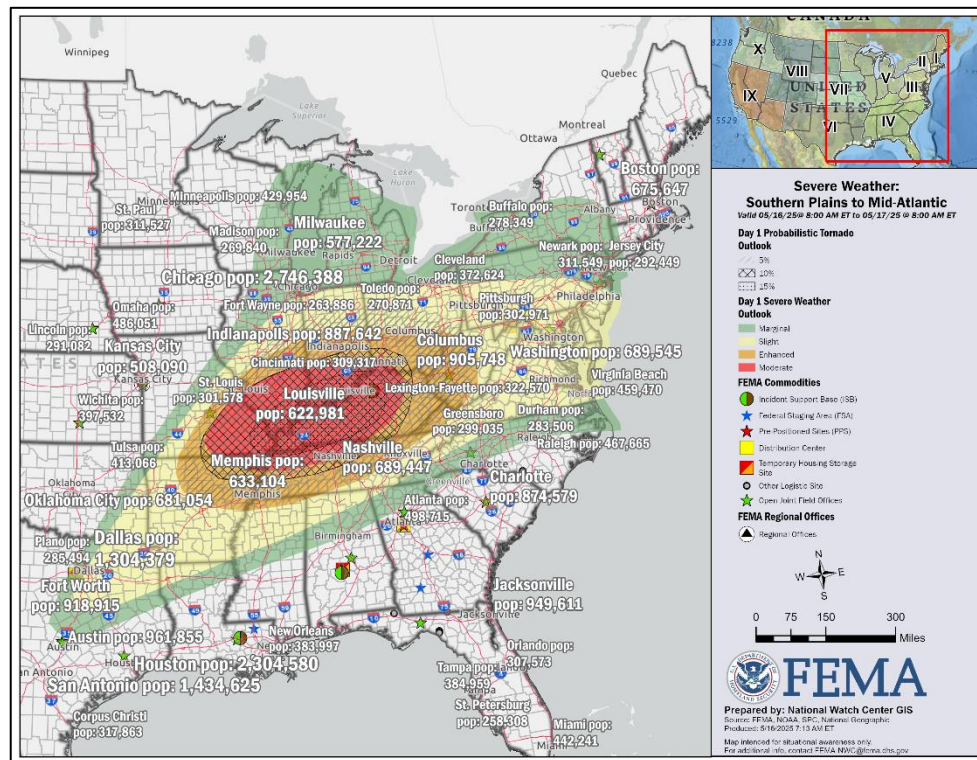
State / Local Response: (DSARs and RWCs, as of 6:00 a.m. ET, May 16)

- **Region IV:** KY SEOC is Monitoring (Severe Weather)
- **Region V:** All SEOCs are at Normal Operations
- **Region VII:** All SEOCs are at Normal Operations
 - MO SEOC will transition to Partial Activation (Severe Weather) at 1:00 p.m. ET.

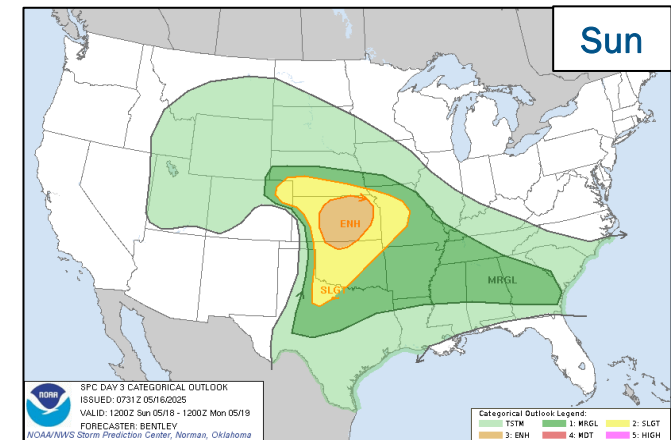
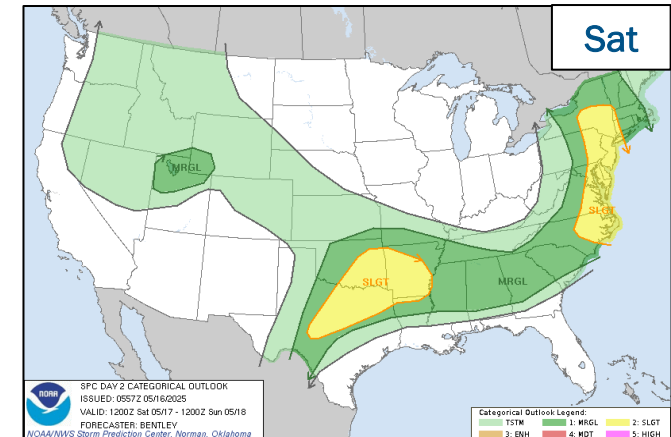
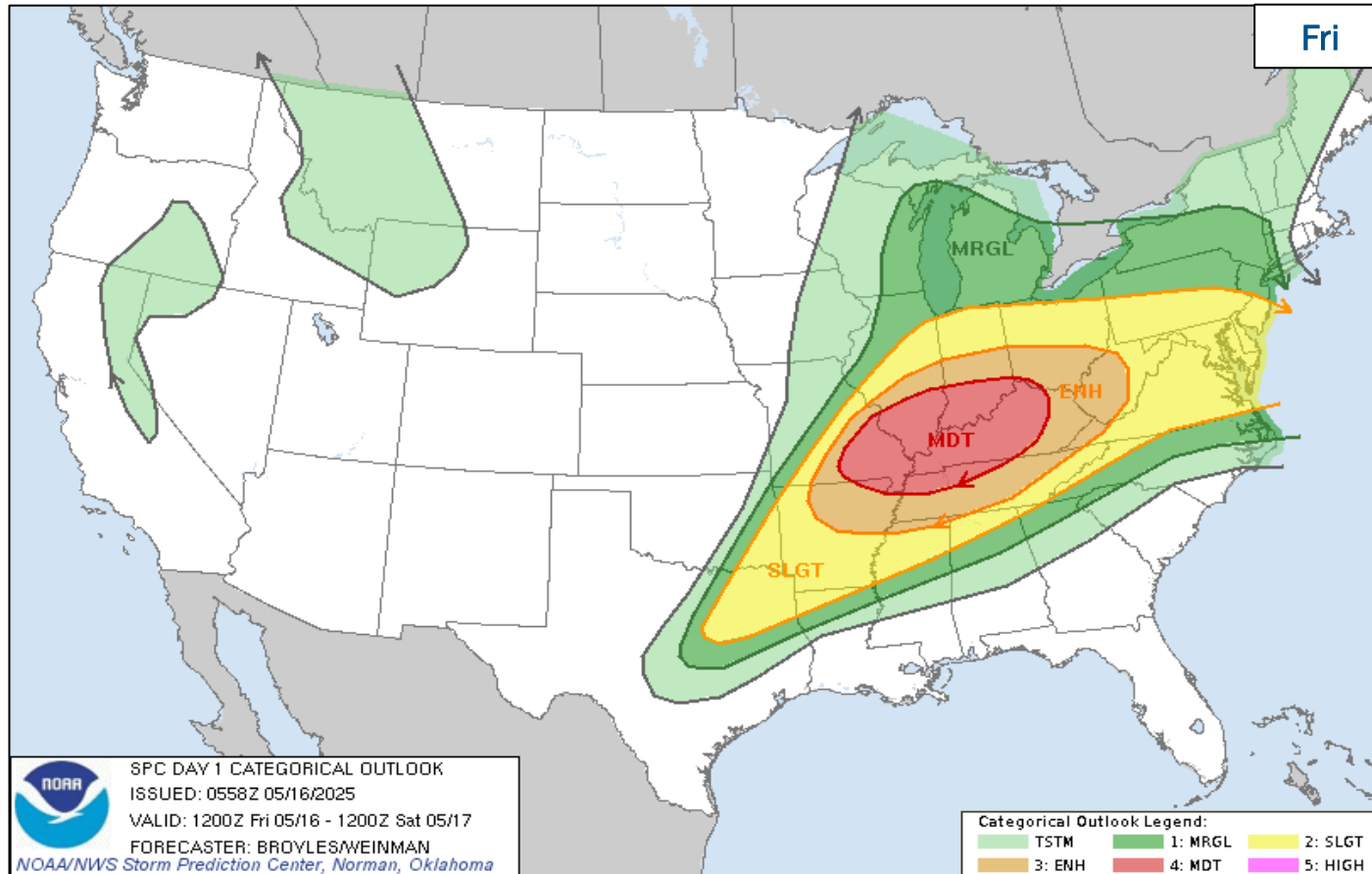
FEMA / Federal Response: (DSARs and RWCs, as of 6:00 a.m. ET, May 16)

- **Region IV:**
 - Regional Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
 - R-IMAT-1 is deployed to TN (FEMA-3625-EM-TN)
 - R-IMAT-2 is deployed to KY (FEMA-4860-DR-KY)
- **Region V:**
 - Regional Watch is at Enhanced Watch (Severe Weather); RRCC is Rostered
 - R-IMAT is FMC
- **Region VII:**
 - Regional Watch is Monitoring, transitioning to Enhanced Watch at 11:00 a.m. ET (Severe Weather); RRCC is Rostered
 - R-IMAT is FMC
- **HQ:** NWC is Monitoring; NRCC Gold Team is Rostered

NWC will continue to monitor the situation in coordination with FEMA Regions IV, V, and VII, with continued reporting twice daily in the FEMA National Situation Report (5:00 p.m. / 3:00 a.m. ET) and the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET).



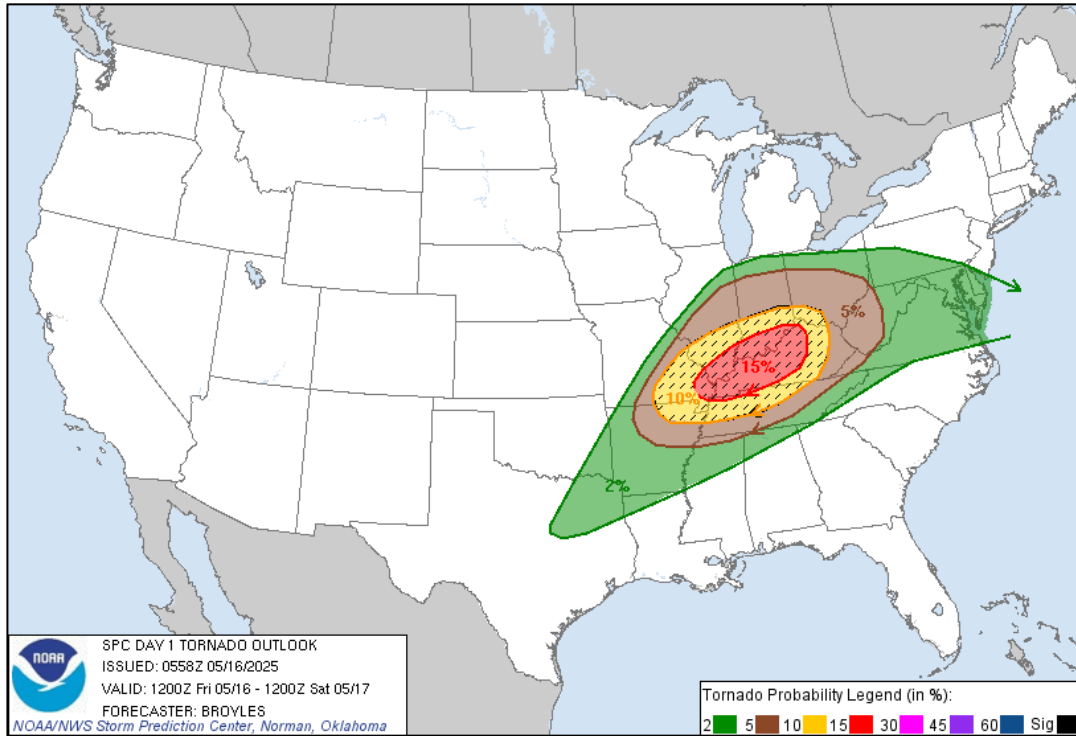
Severe Weather Outlook



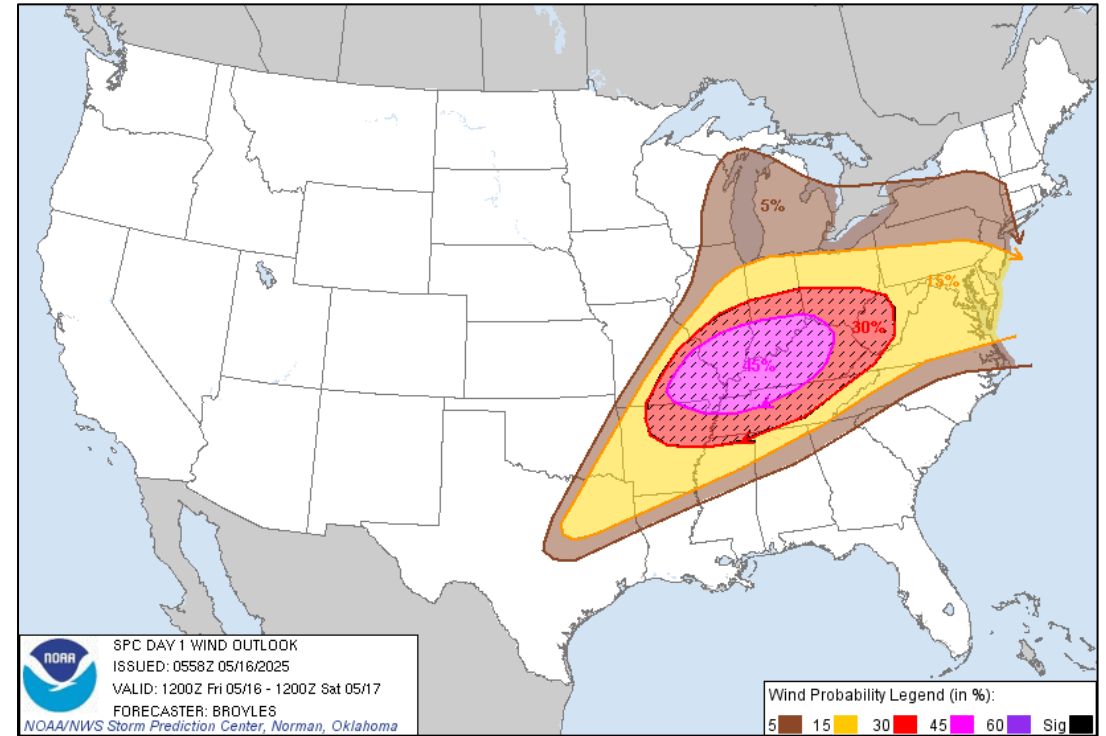
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Severe Weather Outlook – Tornado and Wind



Tornado

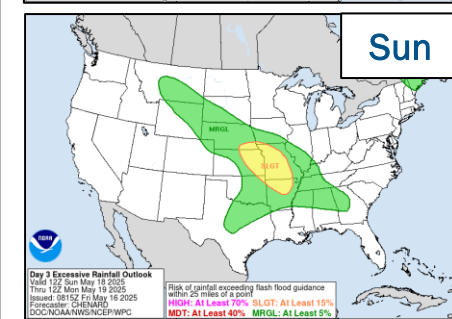
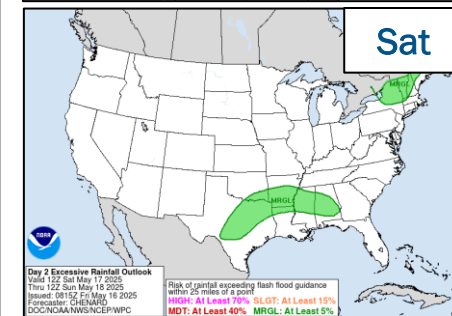
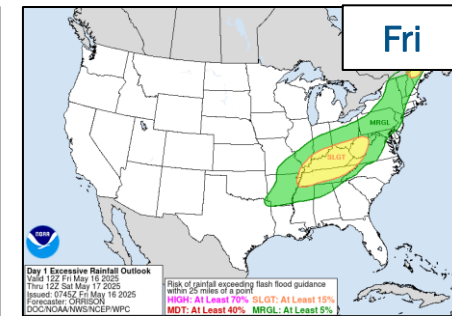
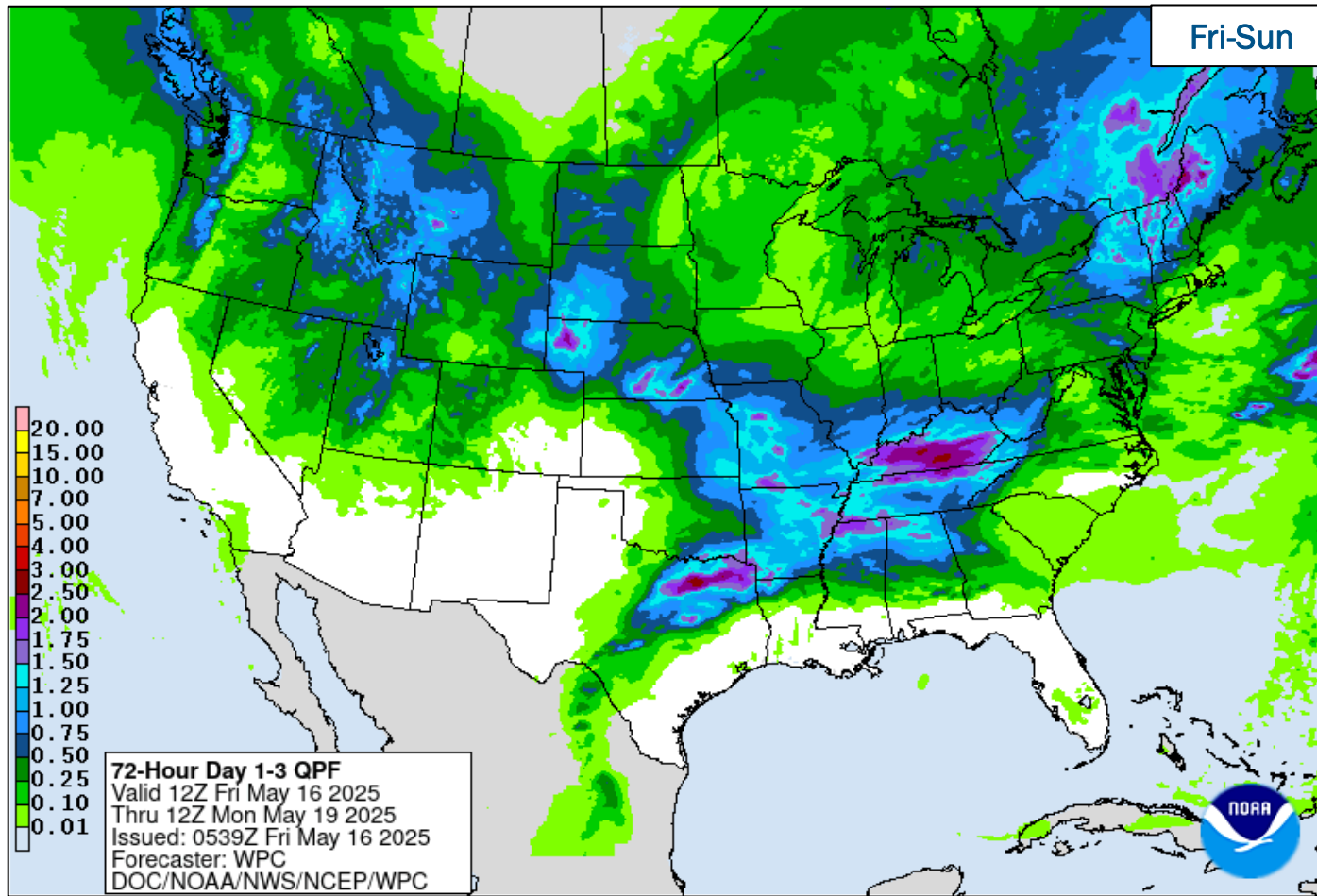


Wind



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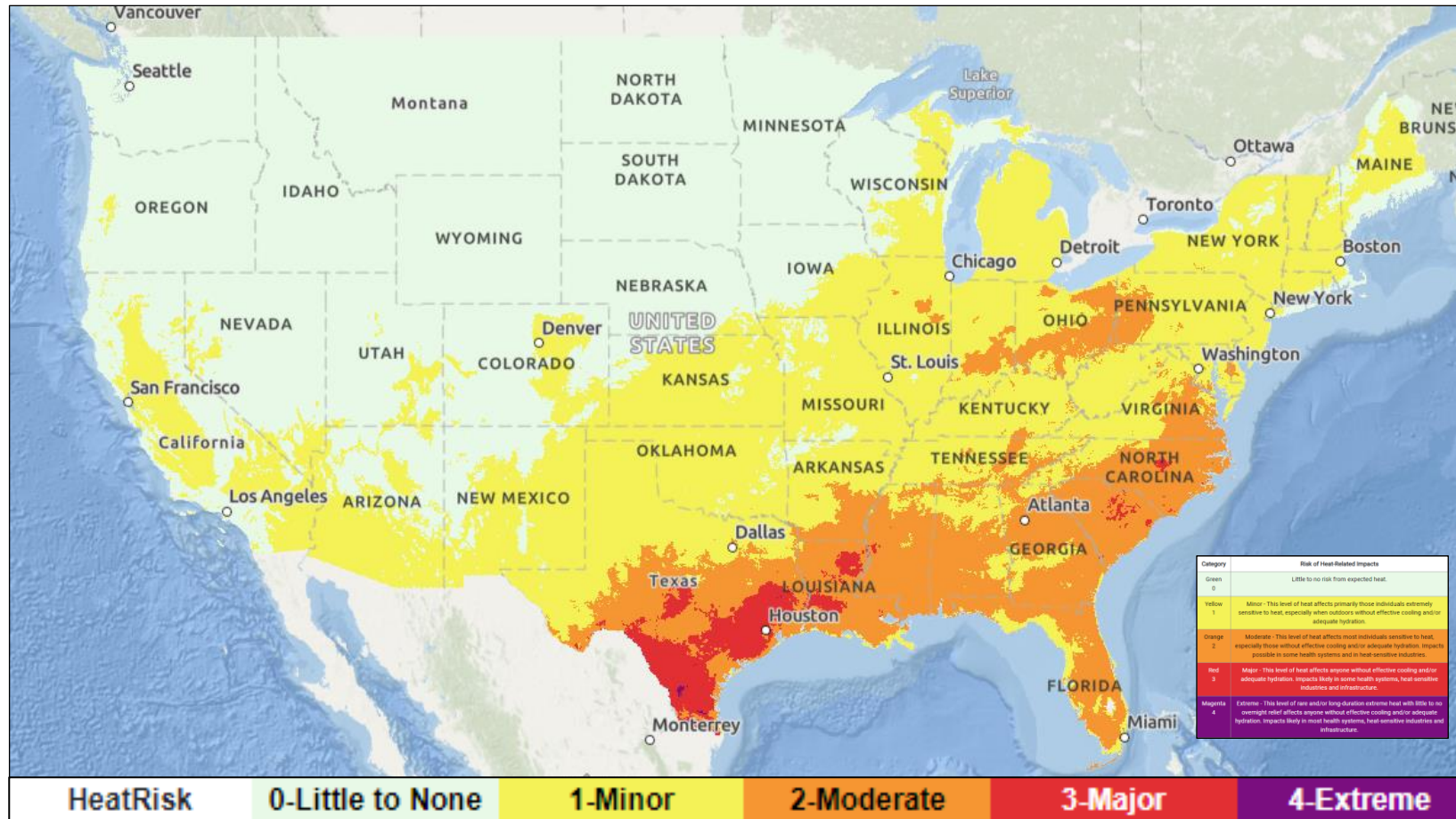
Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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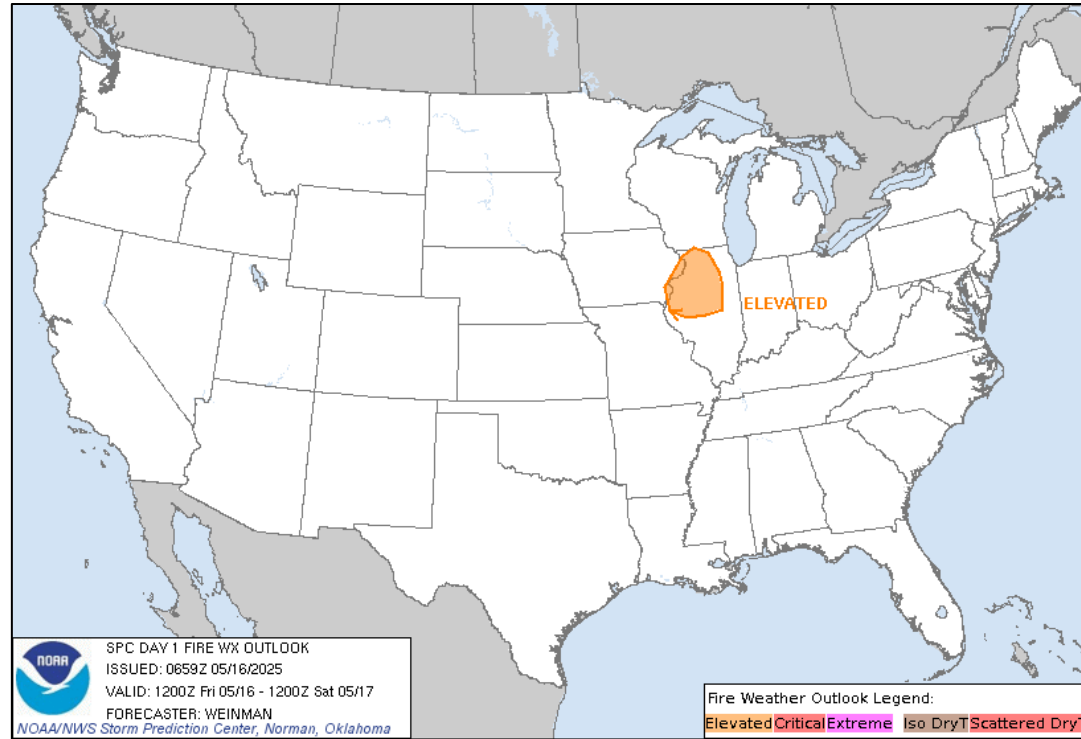
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National Heat Risk – May 16

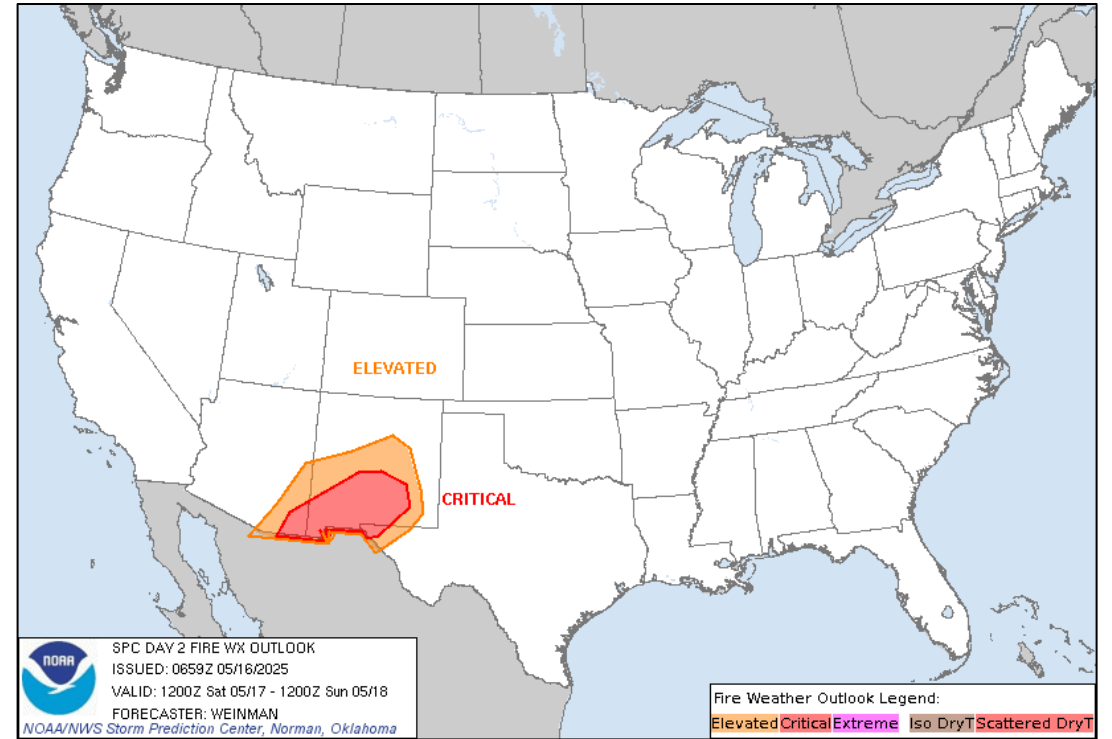


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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



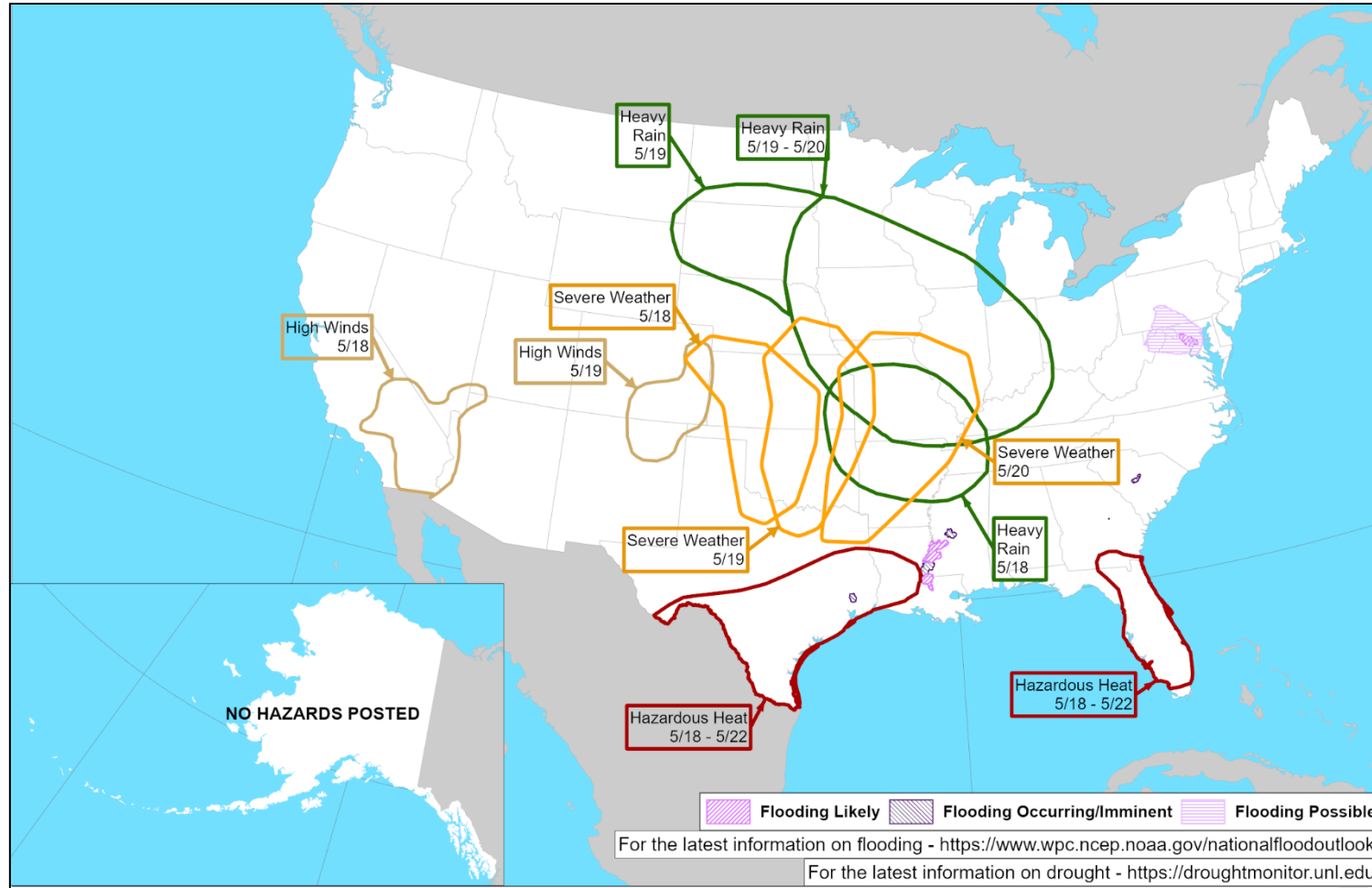
Tomorrow



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Hazards Outlook – May 18-22



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Wildfire Summary

| Fire Name (County, ST) | FMAG # | Acres Burned | Percent Contained | Evacuations | Structures (Homes / Other) | | | Fatalities / Injuries |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| | | | | | Threatened | Damaged | Destroyed | |
| Munger Shaw (Saint Louis, MN) | 5583-FM-MN | 1,600 (-100) | 25% (+25) | M: LIFTED* | H: 1 (-204) | H: 0 | H: 0 | 0 / 0 |
| | | | | V: 0 | O: 0 (-255) | O: 1 (+1) | O: 3 (+1) | |
| Greer (Apache, AZ) | 5584-FM-AZ | 9,508 (+2,008) | 0% | M: 600 (-1,100) | H: 200 (-2,194) | H: 0 | H: 7 (+7) | 0 / 0 |
| | | | | V: 0 | O: 0 | O: 0 | O: 0 | |

*St. Louis County Sheriff, as of 1:00 a.m. ET

(Evacuations: M = Mandatory / V = Voluntary; Structures: H = Homes and Mixed Commercial/Residential / O = Non-residential Commercial/Other Minor Structures)

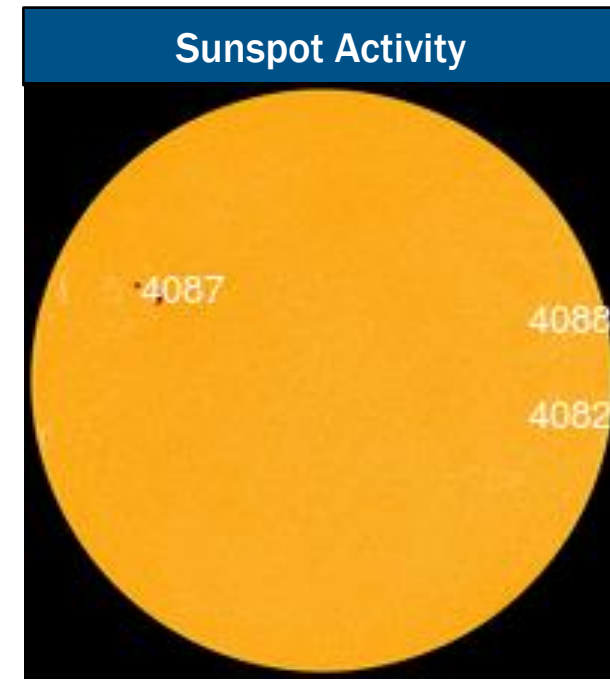
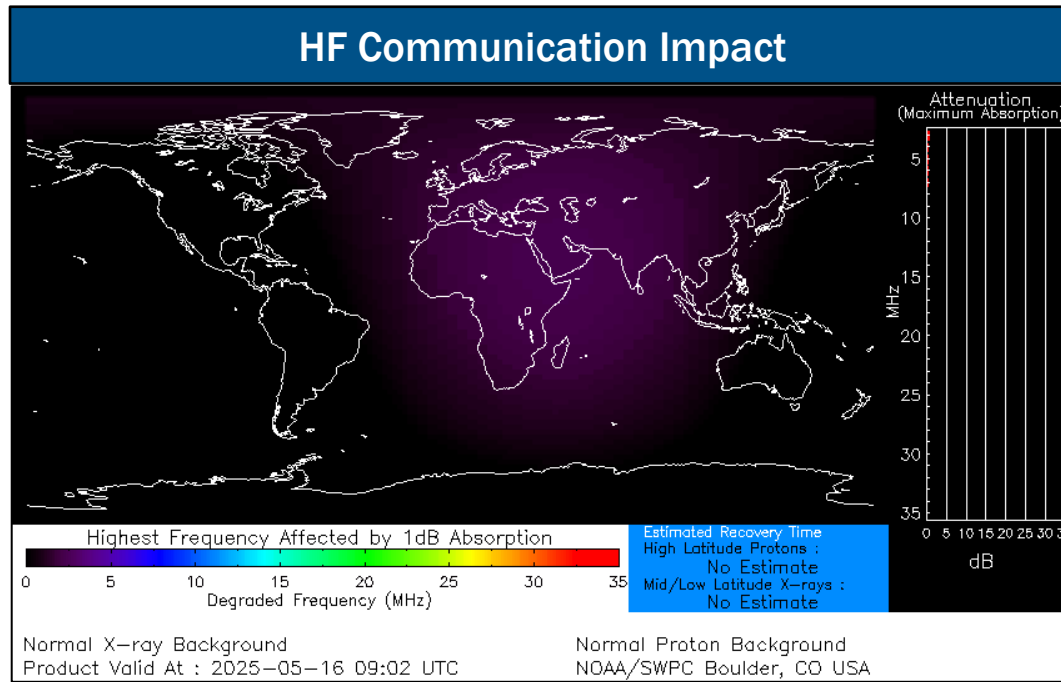


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Space Weather Outlook

| Minor | Space Weather Activity | Geomagnetic Storms | Solar Radiation | Radio Blackouts |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Past 24 Hours | Minor | None | None | R1 |
| Next 24 Hours | Moderate | None | None | R2 |

For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to: <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation>
 For further information on Sunspot Activity refer to: <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/phenomena/sunspotssolar-cycle>



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

24 Joint Field Offices **75 + 11** Major Disasters **10** Direct Housing Missions **20** RSF-Supported Disasters **6** Joint Recovery Offices

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| FEMA HQ | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| NWC | NRCC |
| Monitoring | Steady State |
| FEMA REGIONS | |
| Watch | RRCC |
| Monitoring I | Rostered |
| Monitoring II | Rostered |
| Monitoring III | Rostered |
| Monitoring IV | Rostered |
| Enhanced V | Rostered |
| Monitoring VI | Rostered |
| Monitoring VII | Rostered |
| Monitoring VIII | Rostered |
| Monitoring IX | Rostered |
| Monitoring X | Rostered |

| N-IMATs | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| 2-5 Teams Available | |
| Red | |
| White | |
| Blue | |
| Gold | |
| HS | Reconstituting |

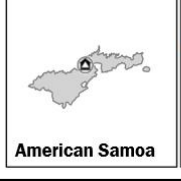
| R-IMATs | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| ≥ 7 Teams Available | |
| I | 2 |
| II | |
| III | 3 |
| IV-1 | TN (Apr 4) |
| IV-2 | KY (Feb 16) |
| V | 1 |
| VI-1 | AR (May 15) |
| VI-2 | |
| VII | |
| VIII | KY (Apr 6) |
| IX-1 | CA (Jan 8) |
| IX-2 | CA (Mar 6) |
| X | |

| Notes: | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs: | State EOCs: |
| • RV RWC: Severe Weather | • HI/TX/AZ: Wildfires |
| | • AL/FL/NC/TN/VA/KY: Severe Weather |
| | • FL/NC: Previous Incidents |
| | • AK: Ice Jams |
| | • ND: Fire Weather |
| | • WV/MD: Flooding |
| | • DC: U.S. Army Birthday |
| | • NJ: Transit Strike |

| Volunteer Force | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Rostered | Deployed |
| 7,985 | 4 |
| Surge Capacity Force | |
| Rostered | Deployed |
| 8,559 | 0 |

| |
|---------------------------------|
| Fully Mission Capable (FMC) |
| Partially Mission Capable (PMC) |
| Not Mission Capable (NMC) |
| Deployed |

| REGIONAL BREAKDOWN | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|----|----|-----|
| | JFO | DR | EM | JRO |
| I | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| II | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| III | 2 | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| IV | 7 | 26 | 9 | 1 |
| V | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VI | 2 | 7 | 1 | 3 |
| VII | 4 | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| VIII | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| IX | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| X | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 |

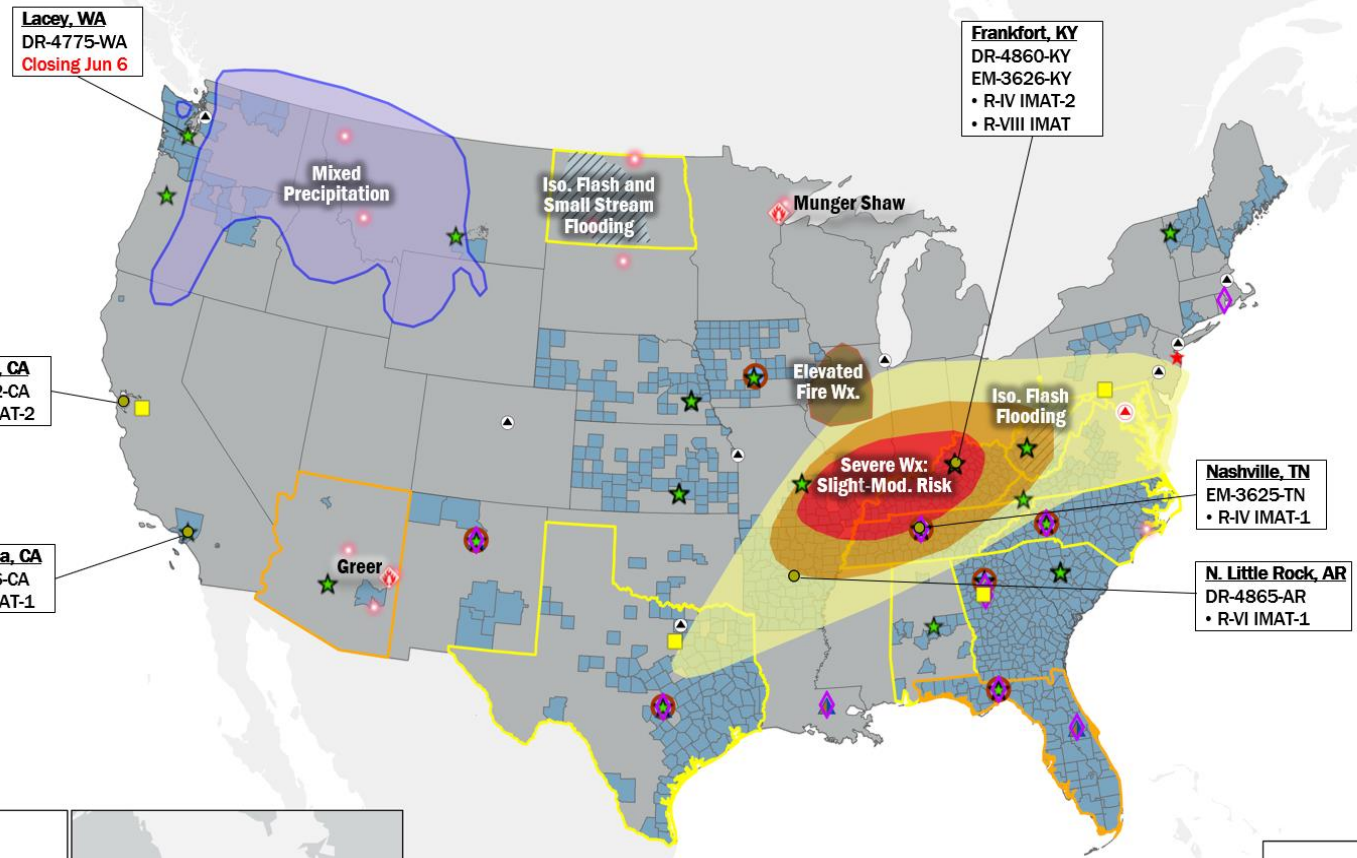


No Tropical Activity

Lacey, WA
DR-4775-WA
Closing Jun 6

Oakland, CA
DR-4482-CA
• R-IX IMAT-2

Pasadena, CA
DR-4856-CA
• R-IX IMAT-1



- FMAG
- FEMA HQ
- Regional Offices
- Joint Field Offices
- Joint Recovery Offices
- Direct Housing Mission
- Active RSF Missions
- Pre-Positioned Sites
- Federal Staging Area
- Incident Support Base
- Distribution Center
- Temporary Housing Storage Area/Site
- Large Fires
- Staging Management Team

State Activation

- Full
- Partial
- Monitoring
- Declared
- Counties



IM Workforce

13,294 (-81) Assigned
5,373 (-82) Unavailable
5,892 (+138) Deployed
15% (-1) / 2,029 (-137) Available

IM Cadre Availability

20 (+2) Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Alternative Dispute Resolution: 25% (8/32); Civil Rights: 13% (19/144); Disaster Field Training Operations: 20% (16/82); Disability Integration: 19% (6/32); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 23% (276/1,177); External Affairs: 6% (24/374); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 7% (57/837); Field Leadership: 2% (3/133); Financial Management: 17% (38/222); Hazard Mitigation: 8% (89/1,135); Human Resources: 14% (24/171); Individual Assistance: 17% (416/2,517); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 18% (51/290); Information Technology: 13% (88/688); Logistics: 16% (254/1,601); Operations: 9% (33/348); Public Assistance: 10% (219/2,195); Planning: 6% (27/432); Safety: 11% (10/95); Security: 12% (15/127)

MERS
≥ 66%

36 Assigned
3 Unavailable
1 Deployed
32 Available

US&R
≥ 66%

28 Assigned
4 Unavailable
0 Deployed
24 Available

FCO
3 Type I

49 Assigned
4 (-1) Unavailable
39 (22 FCOR) Deployed
6 (+1) Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

| Region | State / Location | Incident | IA | Number of Counties | | Start - End |
|--------|------------------|--|----|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| | | | PA | Requested | Complete | |
| V | IN | Severe Storms Mar 30 - Apr 9 | IA | 6 | 4 (+4) | 5/13 - TBD |
| | | | PA | 28 | 2 (+1) | 5/13 - TBD |
| VII | MO | Severe Storms and Tornadoes Apr 28 - 29 | IA | 0 | 0 | N/A |
| | | | PA | 6 | 6 (+6) | 5/13 - 5/15 |
| VIII | RST* | Severe Storms and Tornadoes Apr 27 | IA | 1 | 0 | 5/14 - TBD |
| | | | PA | 1 | 0 | 5/14 - TBD |

*Rosebud Sioux Tribe



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Declaration Requests in Process – 15

| State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description | Type | IA | PA | HM | Requested |
|--|------|----|----|----|-----------|
| KY – Severe Winter Storms and Snowstorms | DR | | X | X | Jan 30 |
| OK – Wildfires and Straight-line Winds | DR | X | | X | Mar 21 |
| HI – Flooding | DR | | X | X | Mar 27 |
| MS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding | DR | X | X | X | Apr 1 |
| MO – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Wildfires | DR | X | X | X | Apr 2 |
| MI – Severe Winter Storm | EM | | X | | Apr 11 |
| NE – Severe Winter Storm and Straight-line Winds | DR | | X | X | Apr 14 |
| KS – Severe Winter Storm, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, and Wildfire | DR | | X | X | Apr 14 |
| IA – Severe Winter Storm | DR | | X | X | Apr 15 |
| TX – Severe Weather and Flooding | DR | X | X | X | Apr 17 |
| TN – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding | DR | X | X | X | Apr 17 |
| Muscogee (Creek) Nation – Severe Winter Storm | DR | | X | X | Apr 21 |
| MO – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding | DR | X | X | X | Apr 30 |
| AR – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding | DR | X | X | X | May 3 |
| WA – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides and Mudslides (Appeal) | DR | | X | X | May 7 |



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