

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Sunday, May 18, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Ops / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Severe Thunderstorms – Southern Plains to Mid-Atlantic

## Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Southern/Central Plains
- Heavy Rain/ Flash Flooding – Central Plains, Lower/Middle Mississippi Valley
- Critical Fire Weather – New Mexico, western Texas

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## Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

## Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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## Lifeline Impacts:

**Energy:** *(Eagle-I, as of 8:00 a.m. ET, May 18)*

- Region IV: 84k (-17k) customers without power
- Region V: 78k (-99k) customers without power
- Region VI: 43k (-15k) customers without power
- Region VII: 51k (-15k) customers without power

**Food, Hydration, Shelter:**

- KY: 3 shelters open / 20 occupants

**Health & Medical:**

**Region IV:** *(RIV RWC Update, as of 9:14 p.m. ET, May 17)*

- KY 18 fatalities
- All hospitals are operational with no reported issues

**Region VII:** *(RVII Update, as of 12:00 p.m. ET, May 17)*

- MO: 7 fatalities / 30 injuries
- NWS teams are surveying the area for damage assessments

**Water Systems:**

**Region IV:** *(RIV Update, as of 3:52 p.m. ET, May 17)*

- Union, Magoffin, and Breathitt Co. water systems at limited ops; Southern Water & Sewer, Burnside Water Co., Hazard Water Dept., Jackson Municipal Water Works, & Western Pulaski Water & Sewage District systems are under limited operations
- 9,500 persons are under a boil water advisory

**Transportation:**

**Region IV:** *(RIV Update, as of 3:52 p.m. ET, May 17)*

- London airport request assistance clearing debris from runways, ramps, and taxiways

## State / Local Response:

**Region III:**

- MD, VA, and WV SEOCs are Monitoring

**Region IV:** *(RIV Update, as of 3:52 p.m. ET, May 17)*

- AL, NC, and TN SEOCs are Monitoring
- KY SEOC is at Partial Activation
  - RIV IMAT and FCO Slinker are in the EOC from the previous event and provided support to the Commonwealth and RIV overnight with situational analysis
  - There are no requests for Federal assistance; assessments are ongoing

**Region V:** All SEOCs at Normal Operations

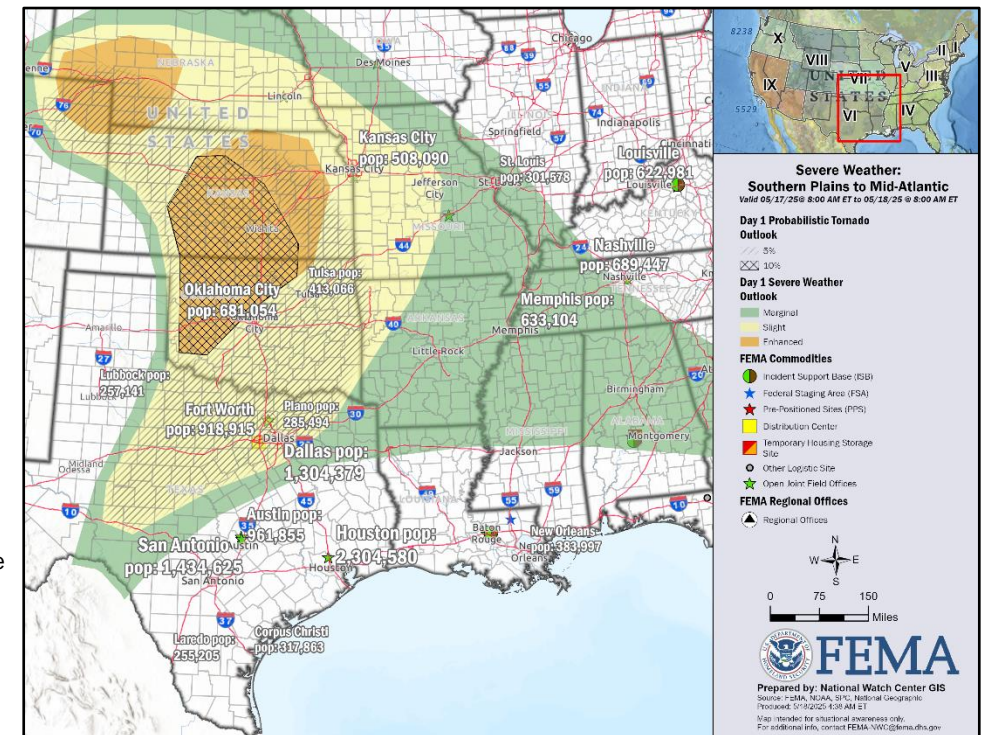
- Region V reports no critical infrastructure damage and remains in close contact with state SEOC partners

**Region VI:** *(RIV SPOTREP, as of 4:01 p.m. ET, May 17)*

- OK and TX SEOCs are at Monitoring
  - Region VI reports no critical infrastructure damage and remains in close contact with state SEOC partners

**Region VII:** *(RVII DSAR, as of 2:21 p.m. ET, May 17)*

- MO SEOC is Partial (Severe Weather)



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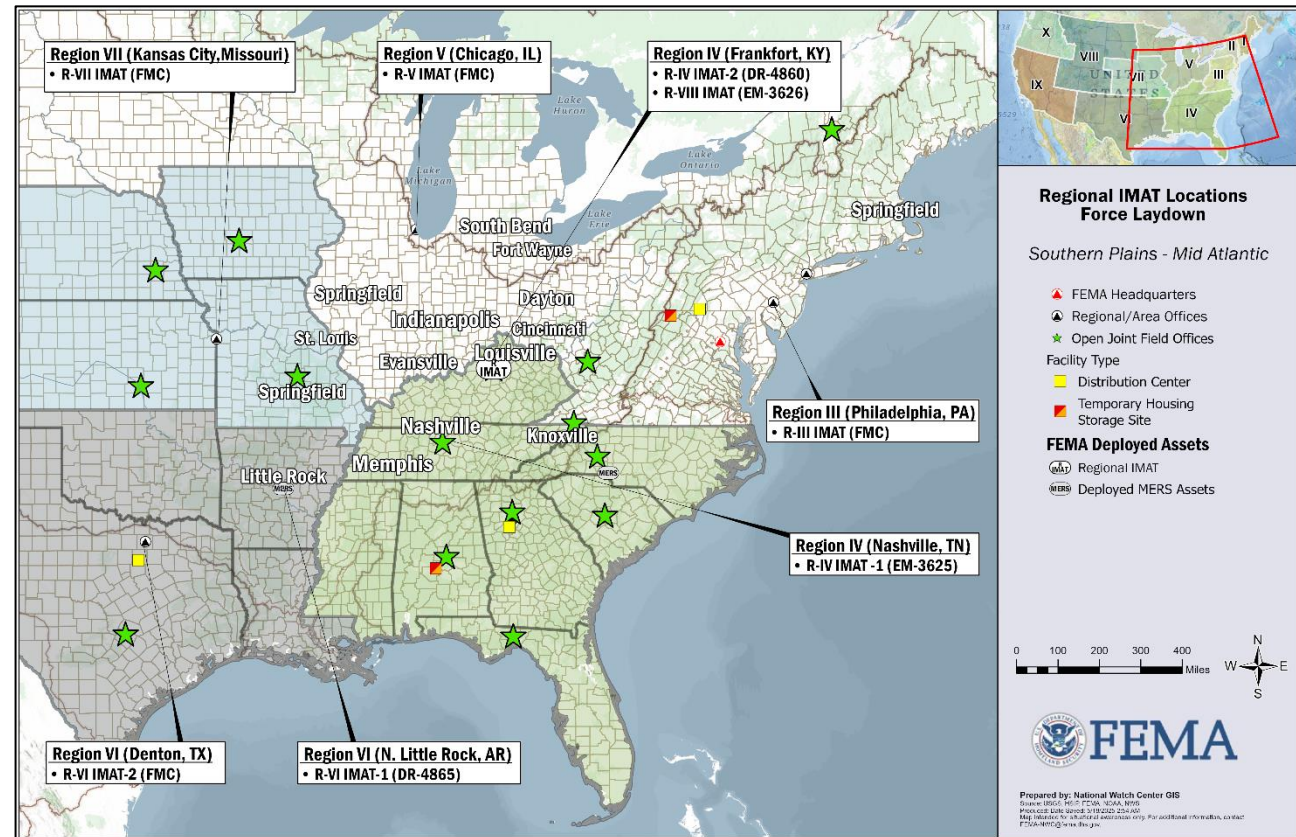
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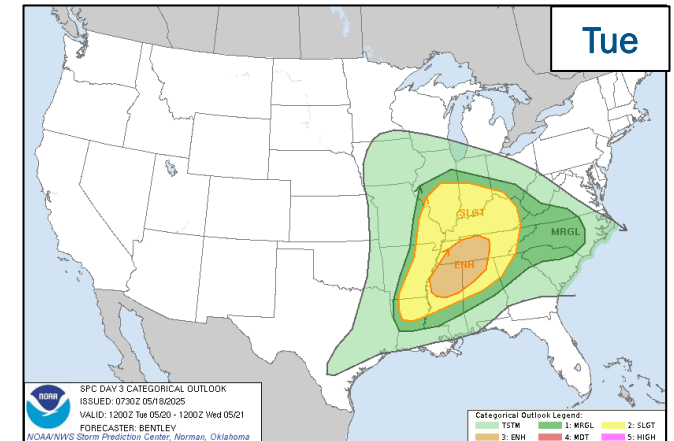
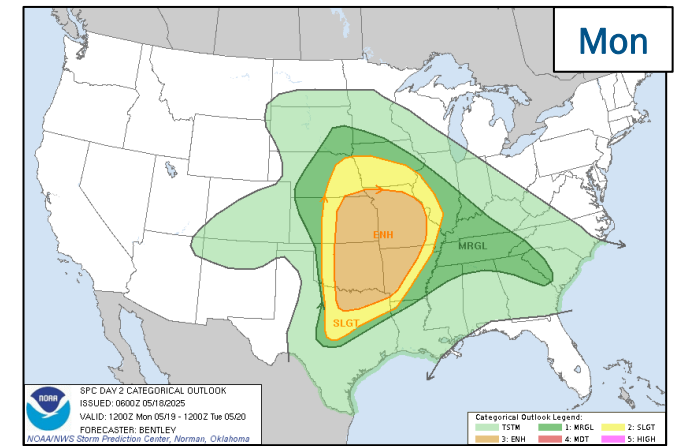
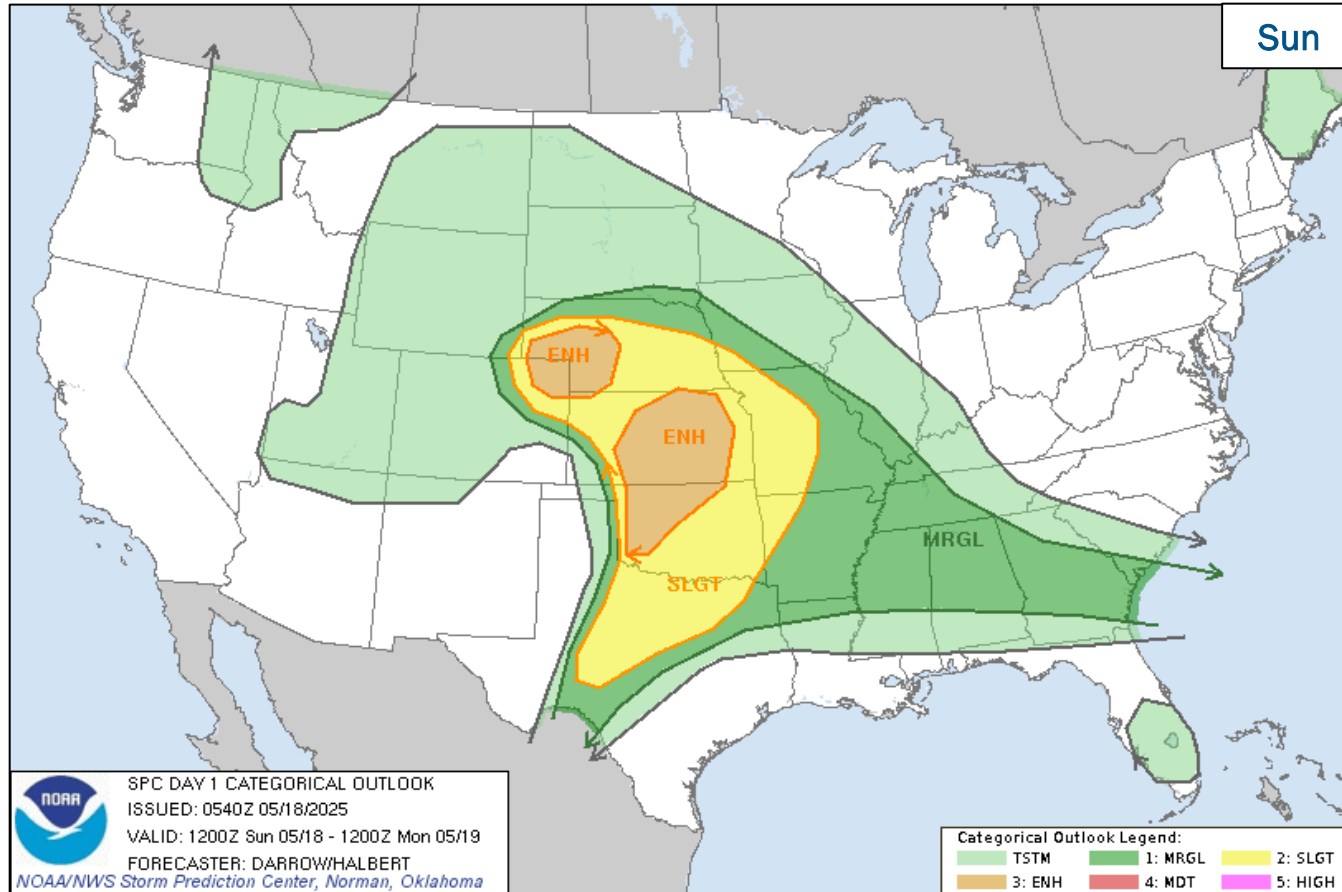
**FEMA / Federal Response:** (SPOTREP, as of 12:47 p.m. ET, May 17)

- Region III:
  - Regional Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
  - R-IMAT is FMC
- Region IV:
  - Regional Watch is at Enhanced (Severe Weather); 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 Monitoring (Severe Weather); RRCC is Rostered
  - R-IMAT is FMC
- Region VI:
  - Regional Watch is at Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
  - Regional IMAT-1 is deployed to AR (FEMA-4865-DR-AR)
  - Regional IMAT-2 is FMC
- Region VII:
  - Regional Watch is at Monitoring; 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, VI, 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).



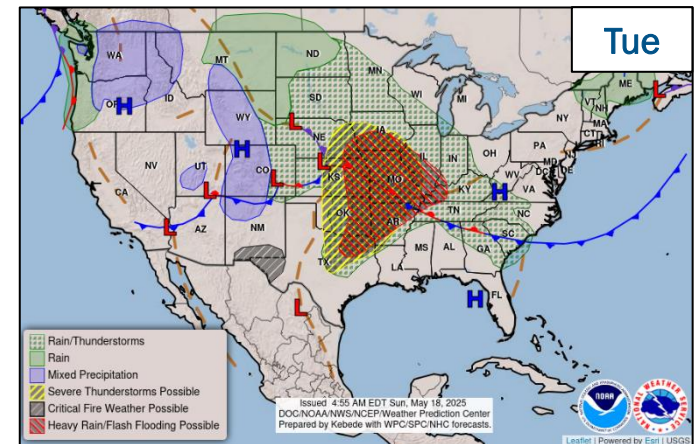
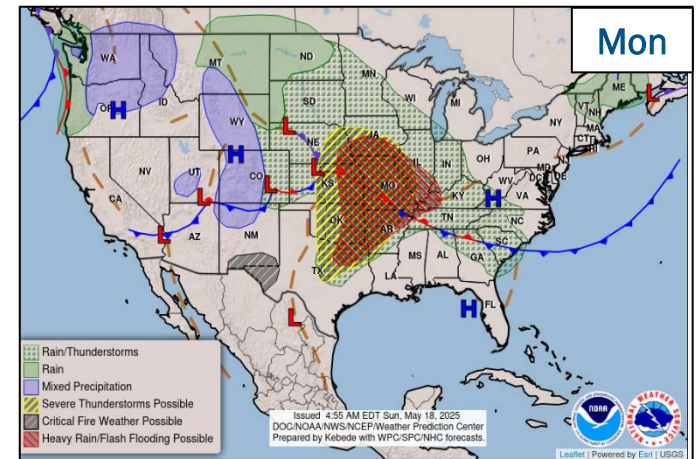
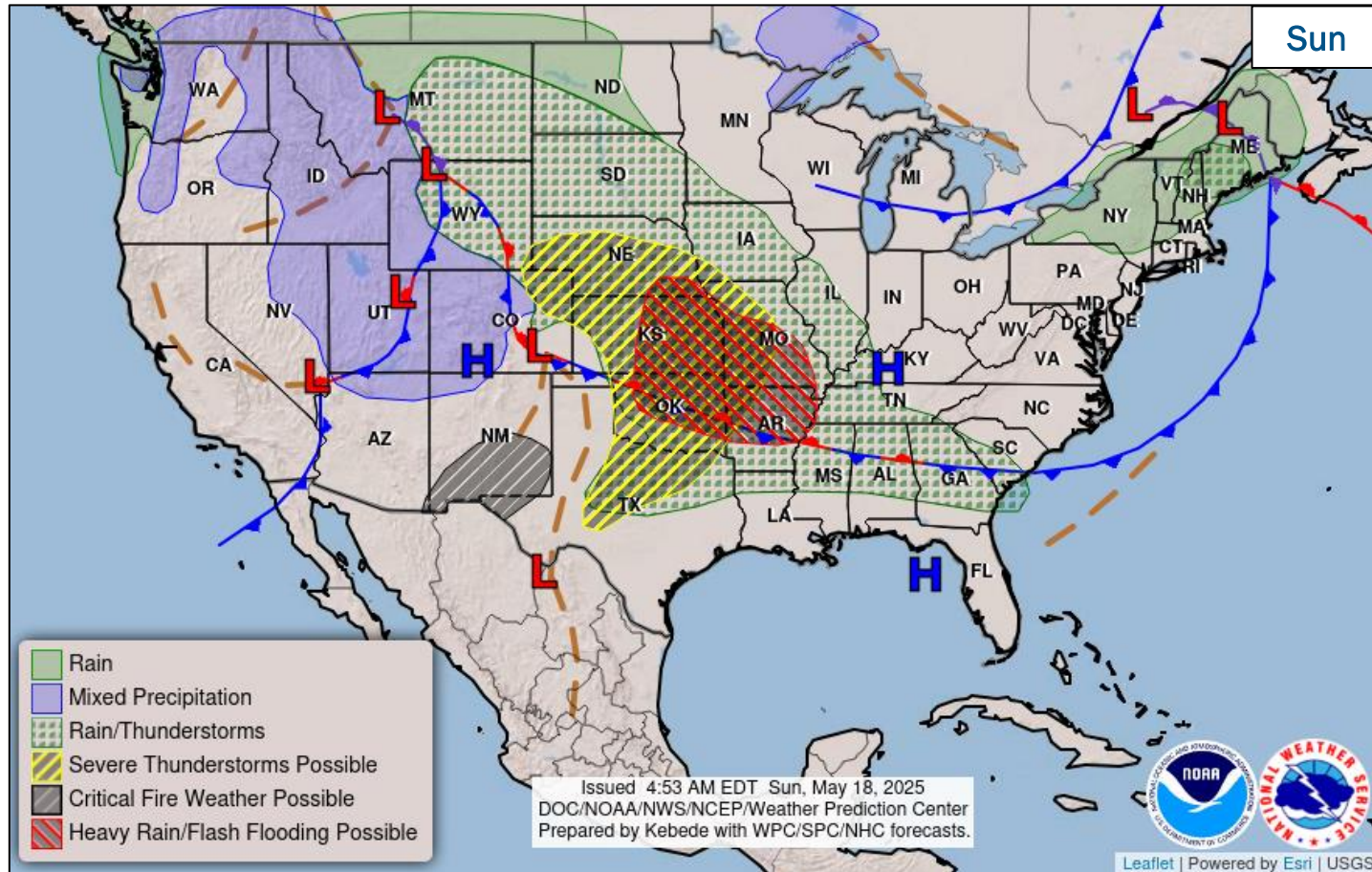
# Severe Weather Outlook



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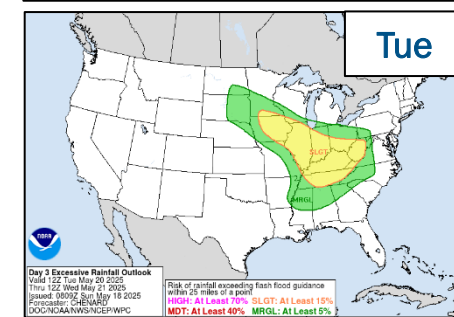
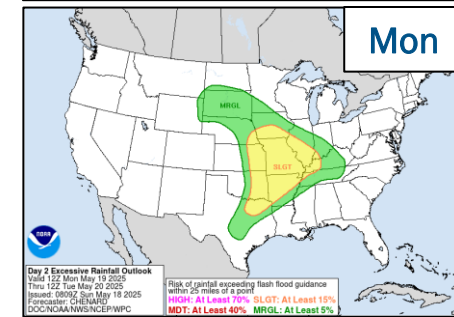
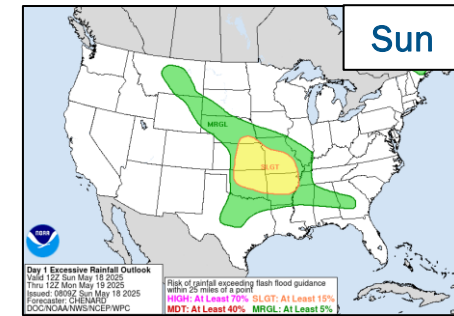
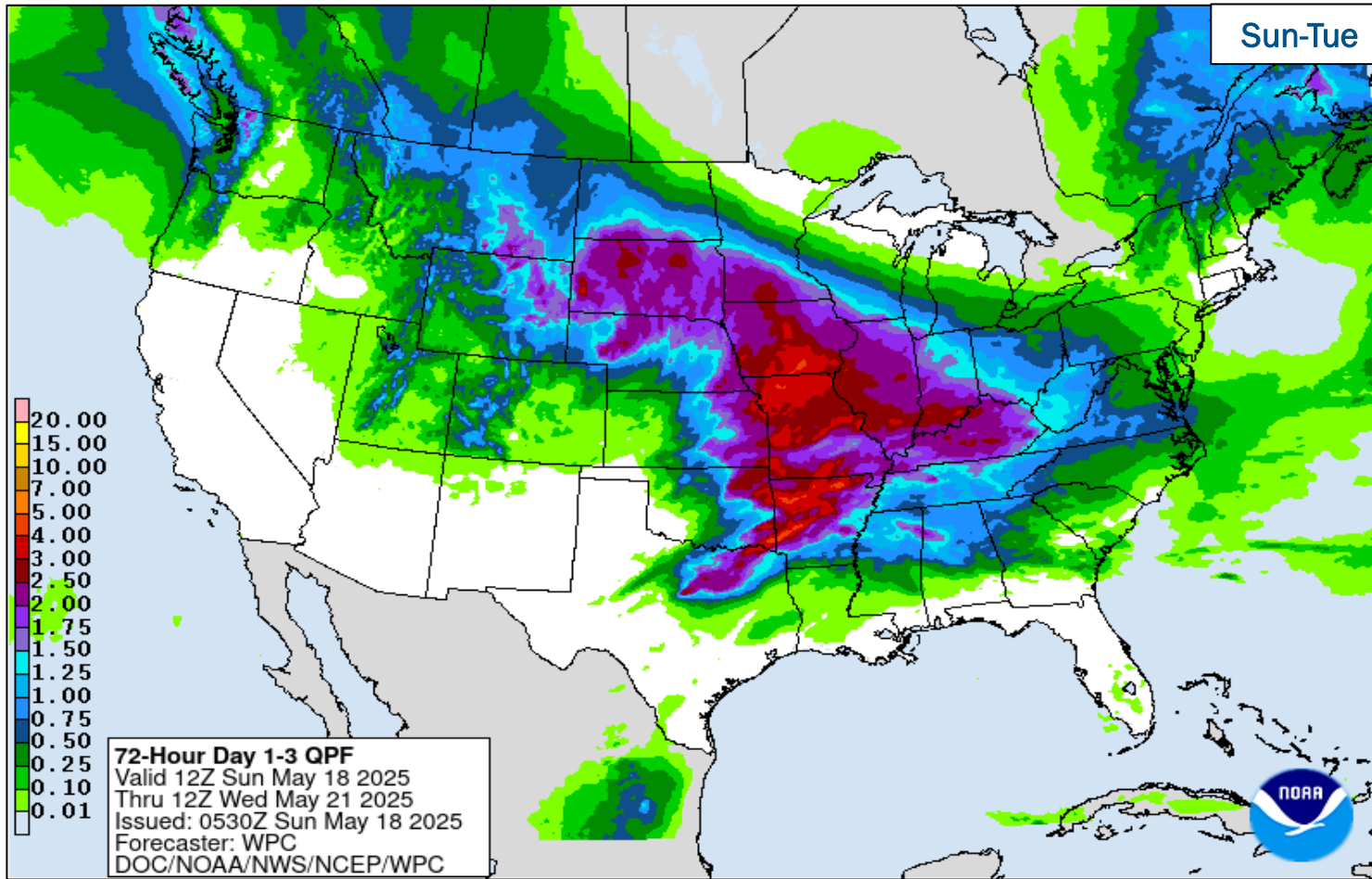
# National Weather Forecast



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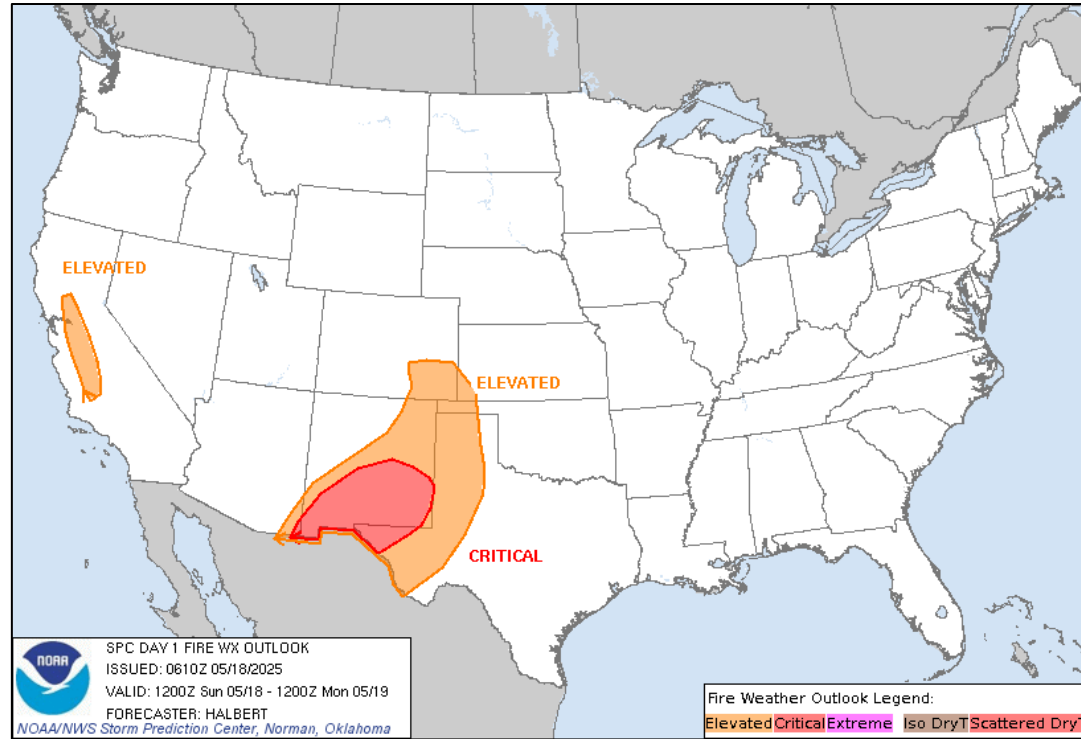
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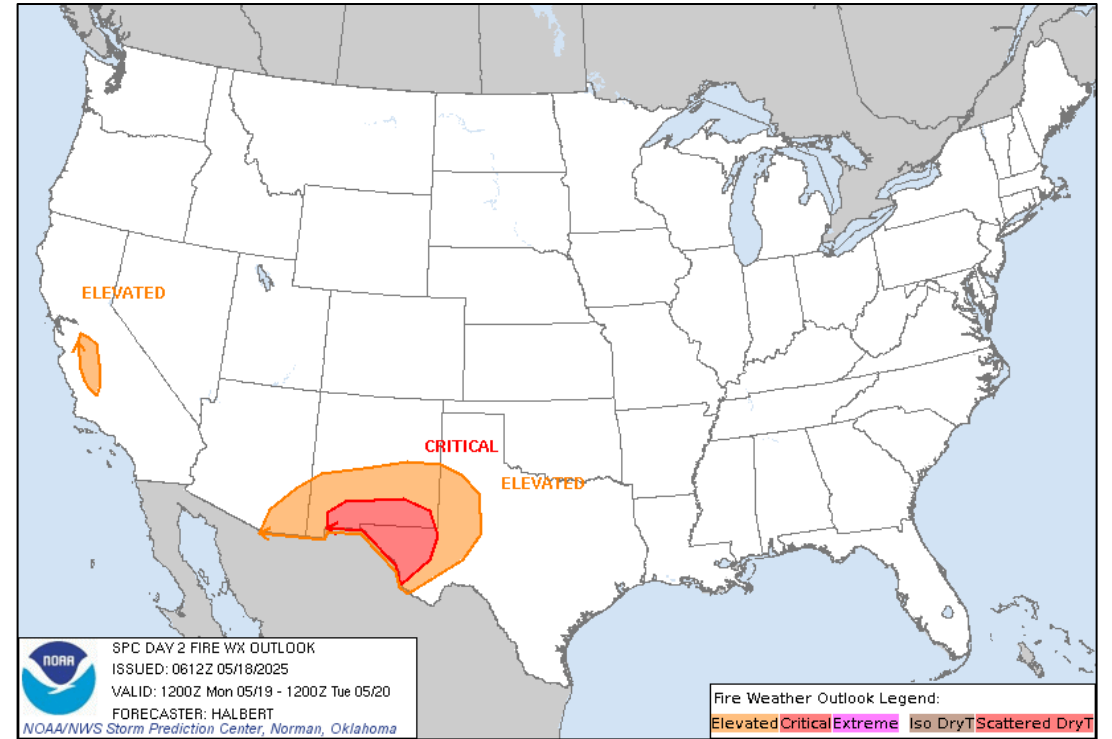
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# Fire Weather Outlook



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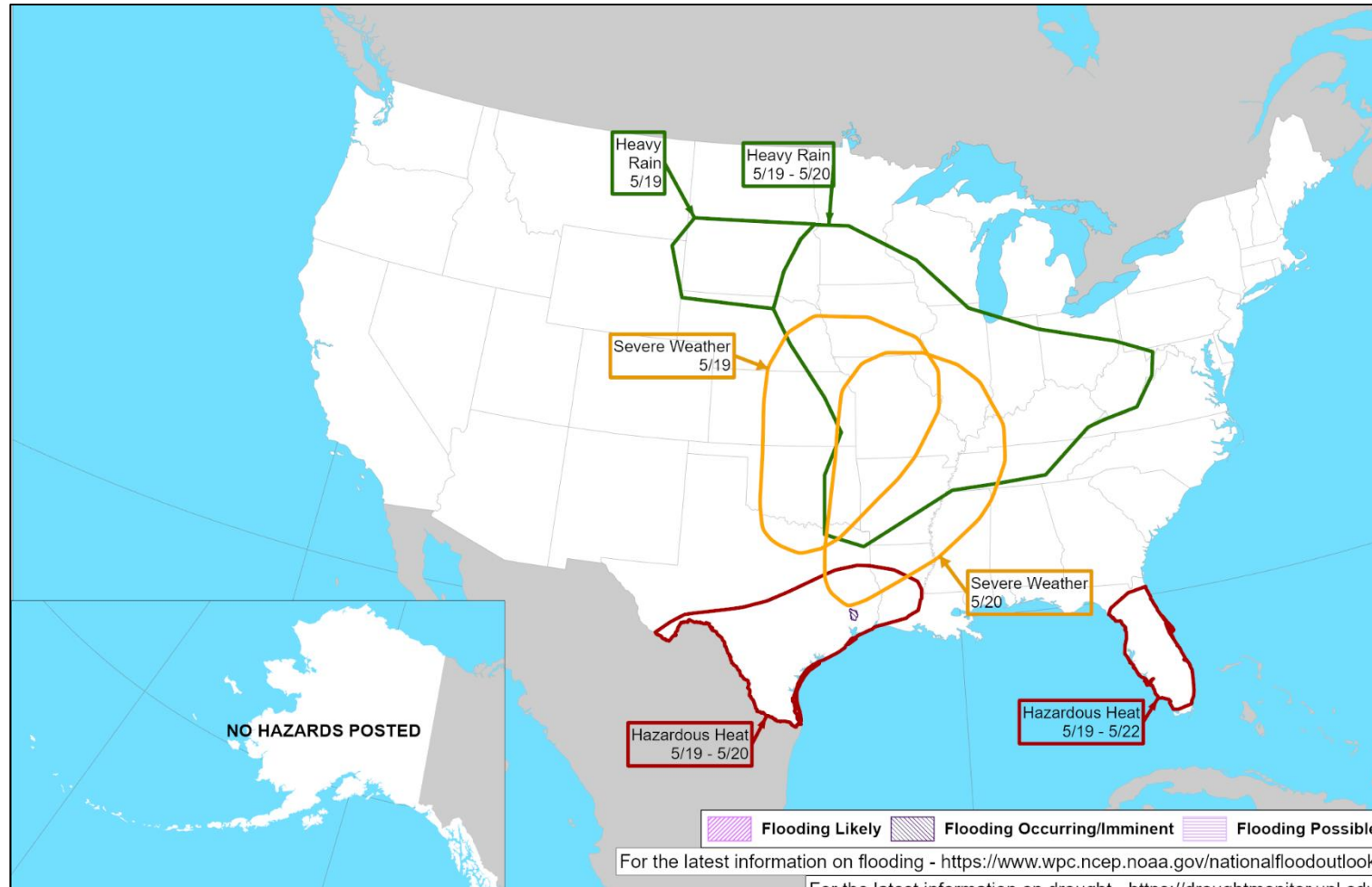
Tomorrow



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# Hazards Outlook – May 19-23



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# Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Greer (Apache, AZ)	5584-FM-AZ	18,617 (+6,001)	0%	M: 600	H: 200	H: 0	H: 7	0 / 1 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

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

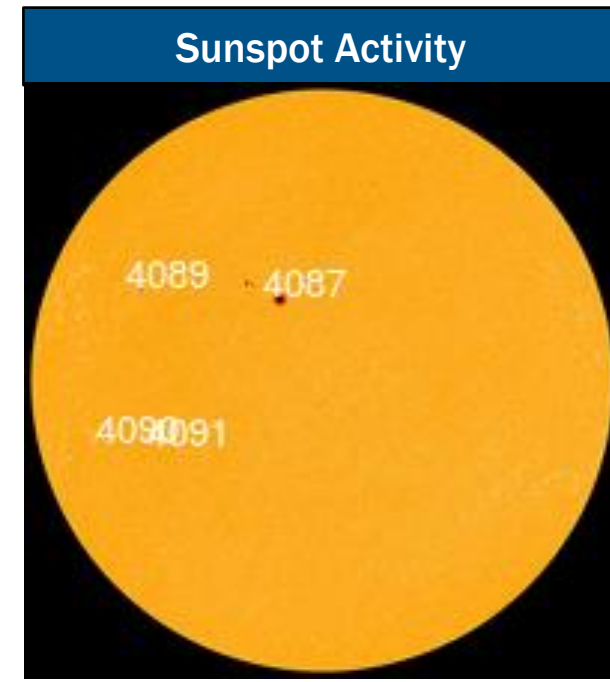
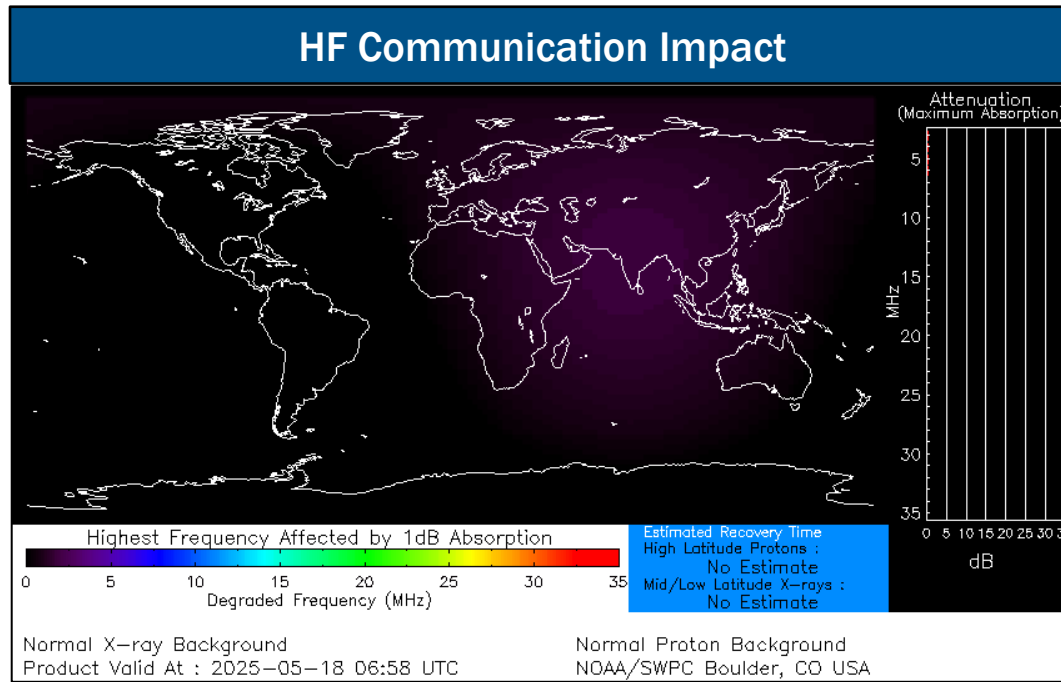


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# Space Weather Outlook

Minor	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	Minor	G1	None	None
Next 24 Hours	Minor	G1	None	None

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
Enhanced IV	Rostered
Monitoring 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	

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

**Notes:**

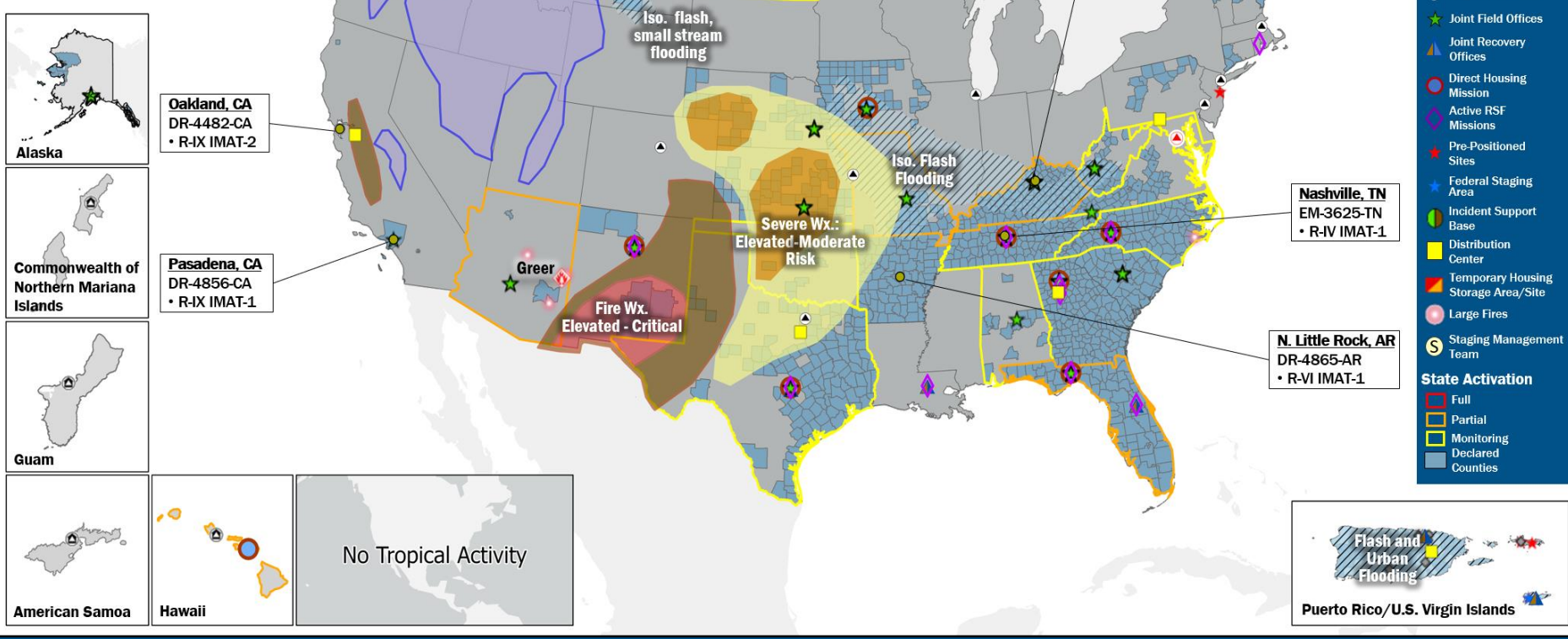
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:  
• RIV RWC (Severe Weather)

State EOCs:  
• HI/TX/AZ: Wildfires  
• AL/FL/KY/MO/NC/OK  
• TN/VA: Severe Weather  
• FL/NC: Previous Incidents  
• WV/MD: Flooding  
• DC: U.S. Army Birthday

Volunteer Force	
Rostered 7,671 (-314)	Deployed 4
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 8,559	Deployed 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



## IM Workforce

13,309 (+1) Assigned  
5,441 (+132) Unavailable  
5,788 (-104) Deployed  
16% (+1) / 2,079 (+21) Available

## IM Cadre Availability

20 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Alternative Dispute Resolution: 25% (8/32); Civil Rights: 15% (22/144); Disaster Field Training Operations: 20% (16/82); Disability Integration: 22% (7/32); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 23% (275/1,178); External Affairs: 6% (24/374); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 8% (64/828); Field Leadership: 3% (4/133); Financial Management: 17% (38/223); Hazard Mitigation: 8% (87/1,129); Human Resources: 13% (22/171); Individual Assistance: 17% (422/2,516); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 17% (50/290); Information Technology: 12% (85/688); Logistics: 17% (272/1,596); Operations: 10% (34/352); Public Assistance: 11% (238/2,224); Planning: 6% (25/432); Safety: 12% (11/95); Security: 13% (17/127)

**MERS**  
≥ 66%

36 Assigned  
3 Unavailable  
1 Deployed  
32 Available

**US&R**  
≥ 66%

28 Assigned  
5 (+1) Unavailable  
0 Deployed  
23 (-1) Available

**FCO**  
3 Type I

49 Assigned  
4 Unavailable  
40 (+1) (22 FCOR) Deployed  
5 (-1) Available

# Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
IV	KY	Severe Storms May 16 - May 17	IA	7	0	5/19 - TBD
			PA	7	0	TBD - TBD
V	IN	Severe Storms Mar 30 - Apr 9	IA	6	4	5/13 - TBD
			PA	28	6 (+2)	5/13 - TBD



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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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