

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Monday, May 18, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Severe Weather – Central Plains to Middle Mississippi Valley

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Weather – Southern Plains to the Great Lakes
- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Central Plains to Middle Mississippi Valley
- Critical-Extreme Fire Weather – Southwest to Central Plains

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Severe Weather – Central Plains to Middle Mississippi Valley

Situation: Overnight, a severe storm system resulted in tornadoes from Kansas up to southern Minnesota. There were a total of 25 tornado reports, 128 wind reports (including 7 reports of winds over 74 mph), and 85 hail reports (including 11 reports of hail over 2"). All watches in the impacted areas have expired. There are no requests for Federal assistance. (*SPC, as of 7:30 a.m. ET*)

Lifeline Impacts:

Safety & Security: (*Region 7 SPOTREP, as of 3:08 a.m. ET*)

- One (1) home destroyed in Worth County, IA
- Three (3) homes significantly damaged in Howard County, NE

State / Local Response:

FEMA Region 5:

- MI SEOC is at Partial Activation (Water Main Break); other SEOCs are at Normal Operations

FEMA Region 7:

- KS SEOC is at Partial Activation (Wildfires); other SEOCs are at Normal Operations

FEMA / Federal Response:

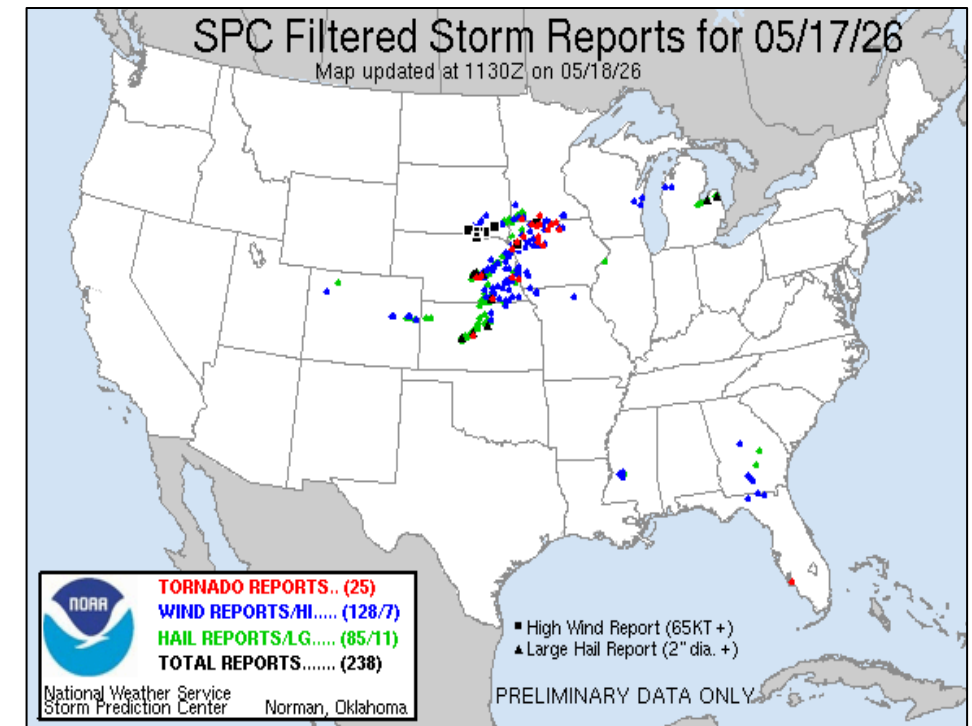
FEMA Region 5:

- Regional Watch is Enhanced (Severe Weather)
- R-IMAT is Fully Mission Capable

FEMA Region 7:

- Regional Watch is Monitoring, moving to Enhanced at 1:00 p.m. ET, May 18 (Severe Weather)
- R-IMAT is Deployed to MO (FEMA-4872-DR-MO)

HQ: NWC is Monitoring



FEMA NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with Regions 5 and 7; however, barring significant new developments this will be the final report.

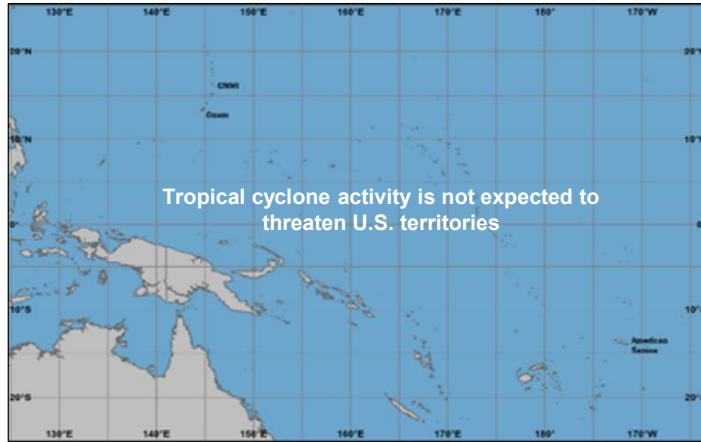


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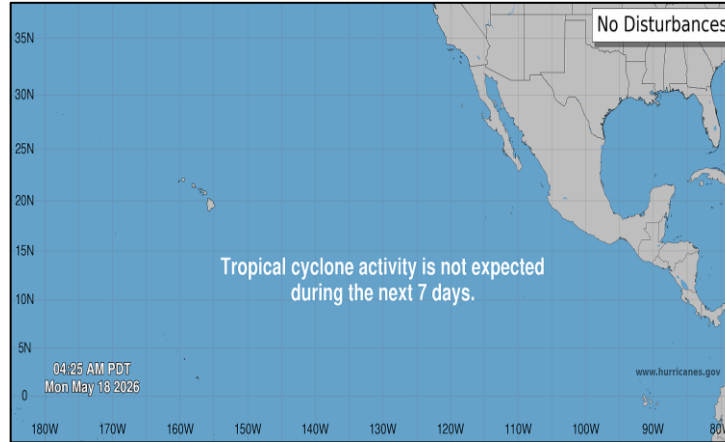
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



- No tropical cyclones threatening the U.S. territories

Eastern and Central Pacific



- No tropical cyclones expected during the next 7 days

Atlantic



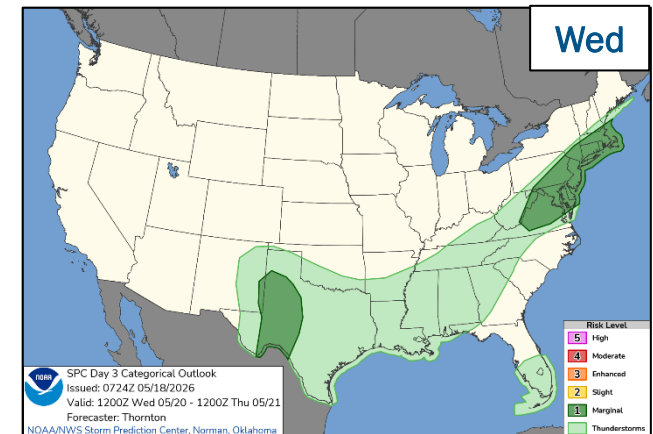
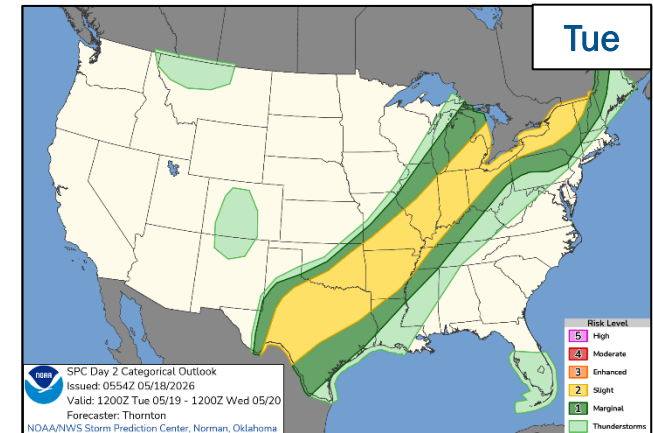
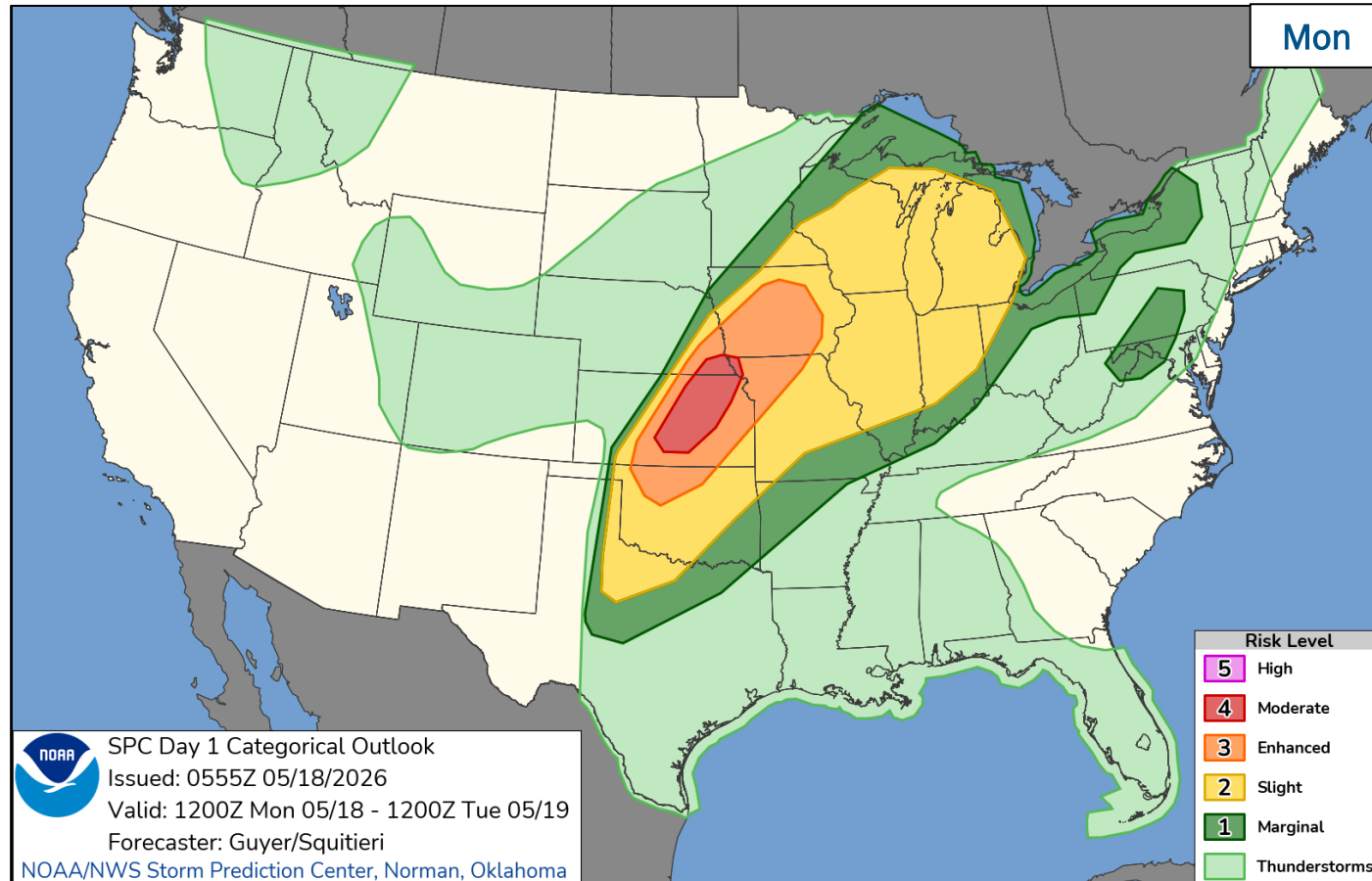
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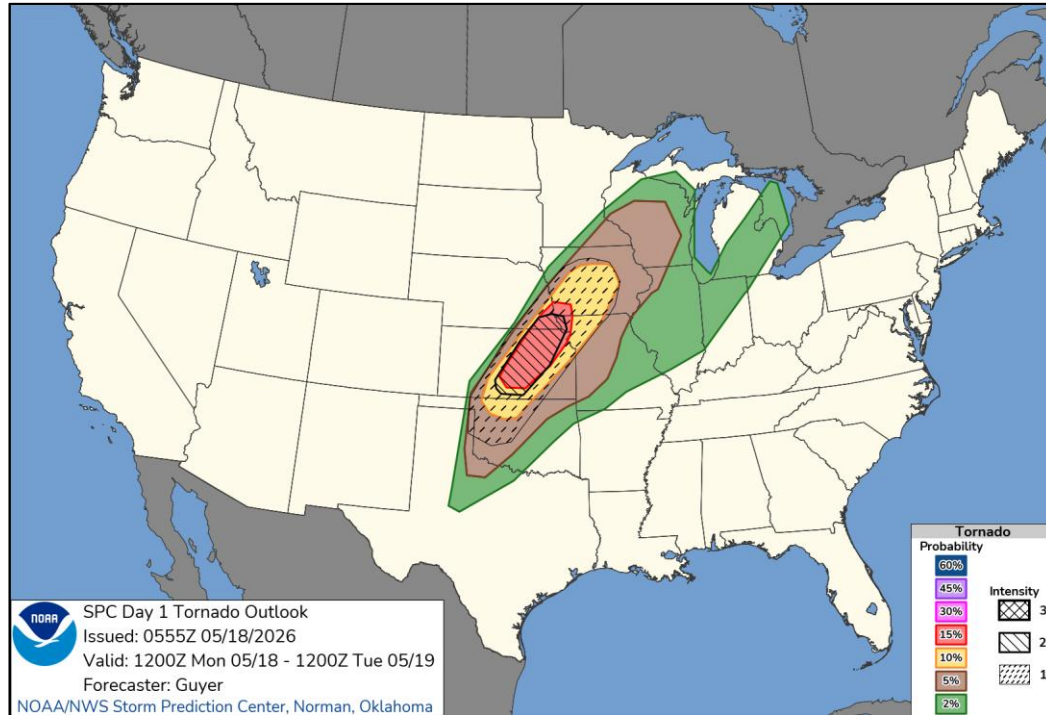
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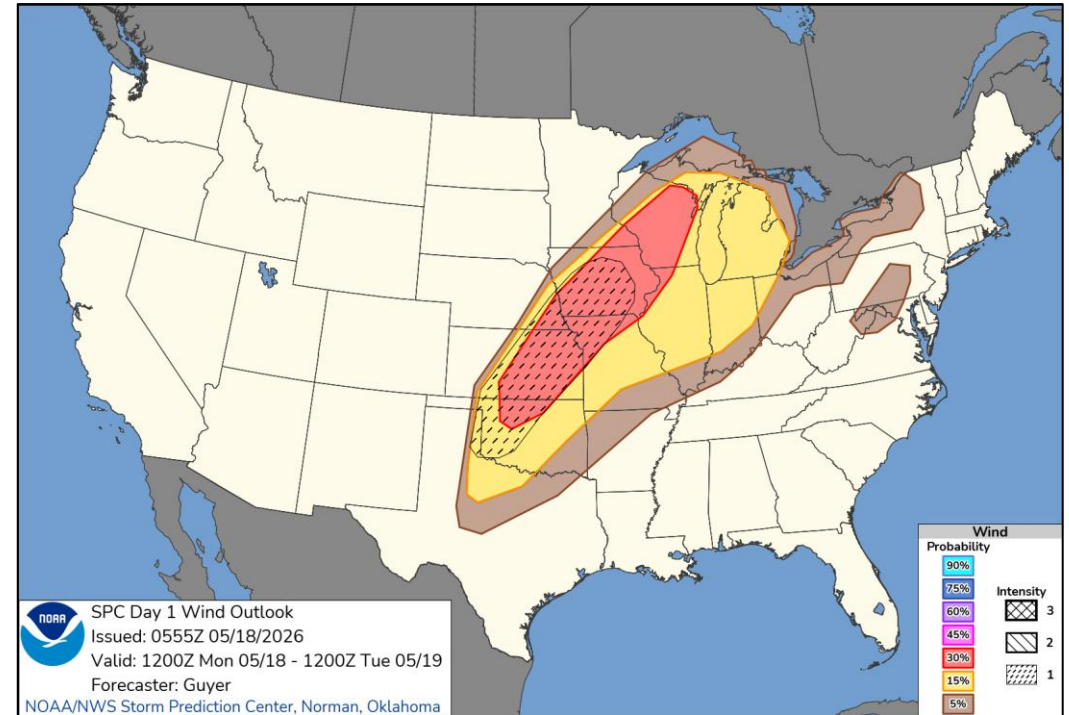
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Severe Weather Outlook



Tornado



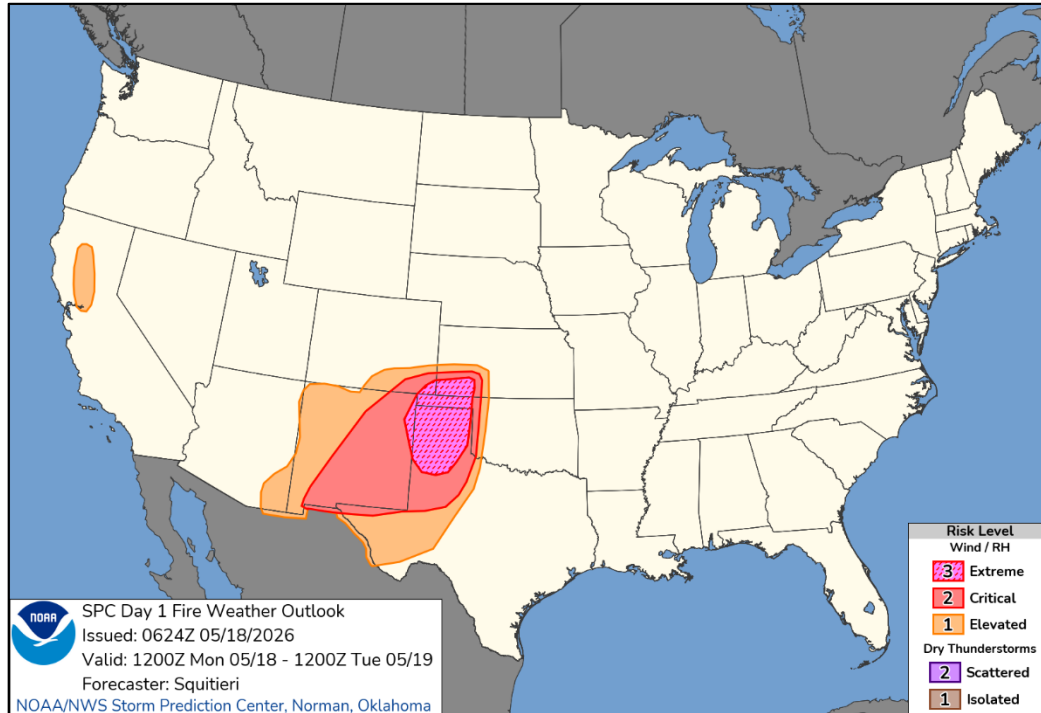
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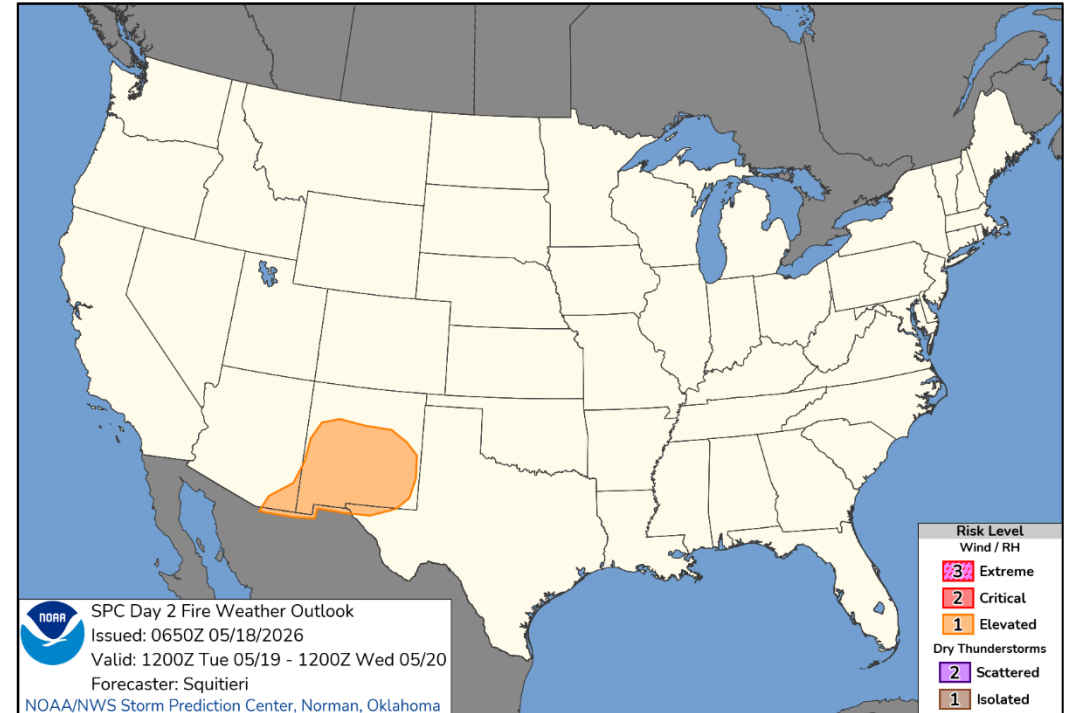
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



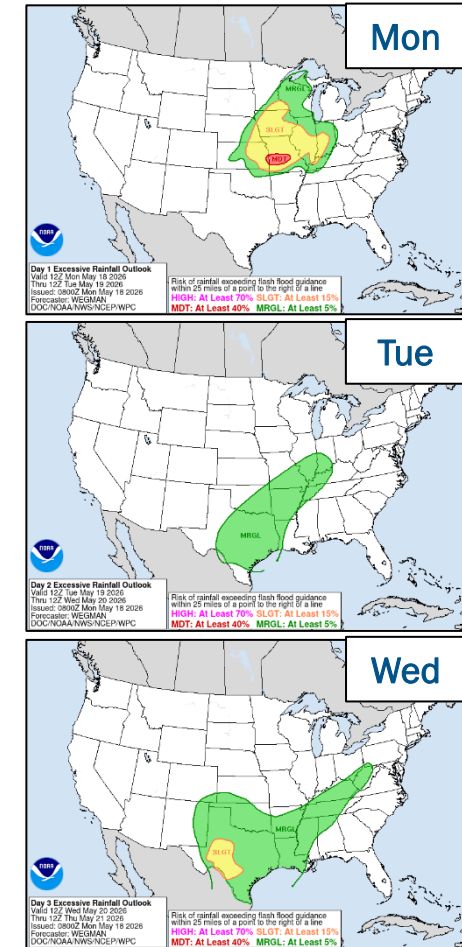
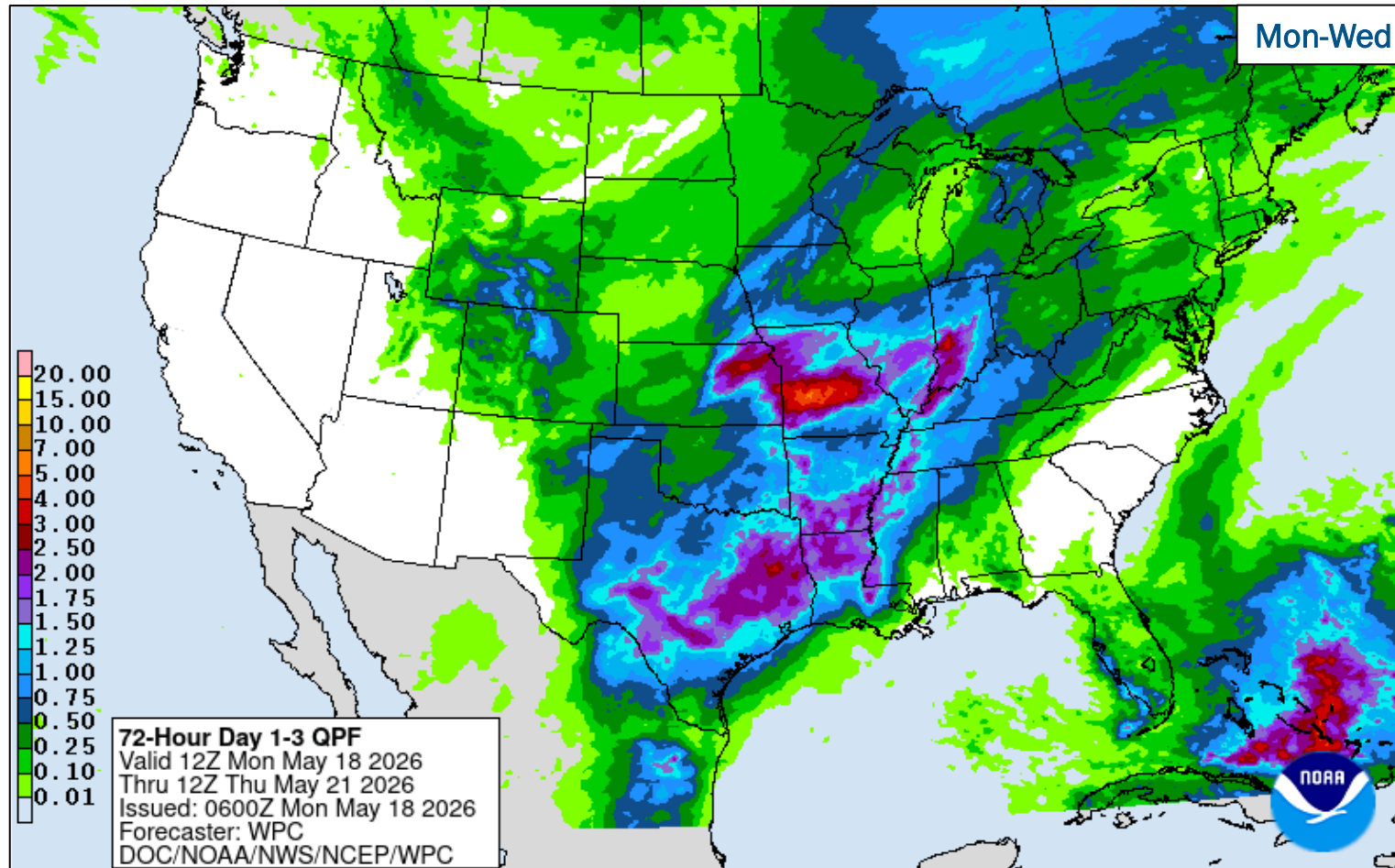
Tomorrow



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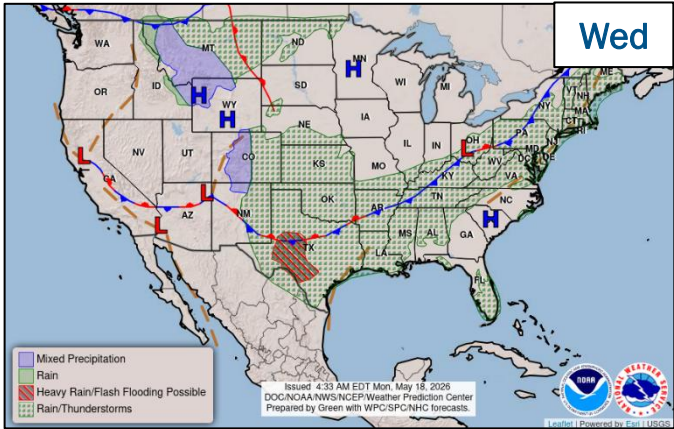
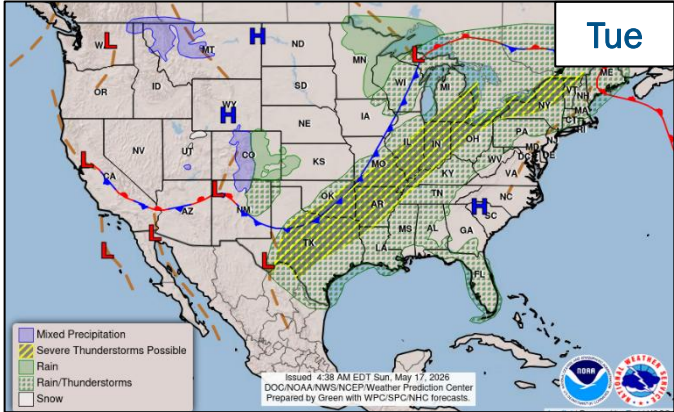
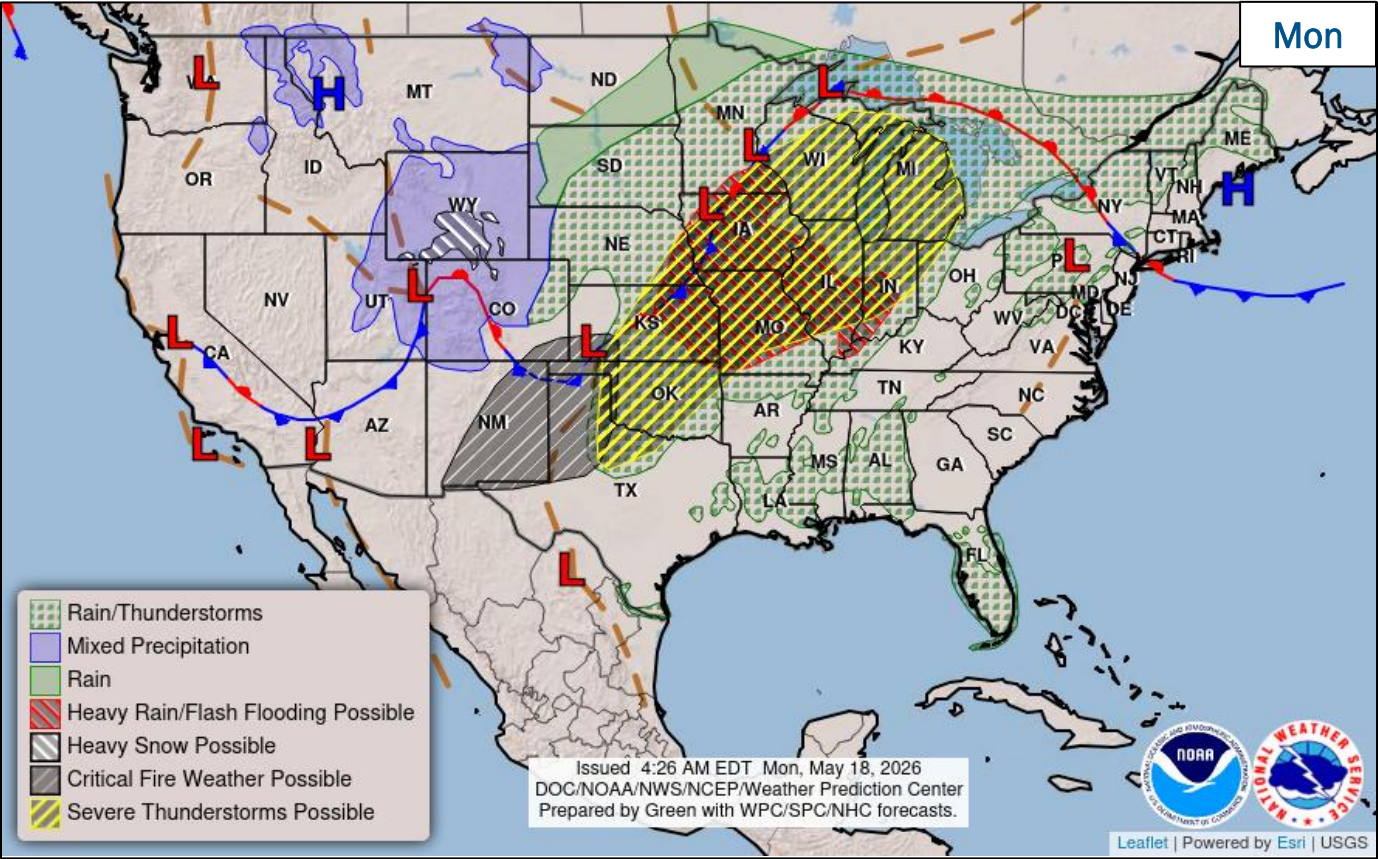
Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	LIGHT (90 fires)
New Large Fires	5
Large Fires Contained	8
Uncontained Large Fires	23
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	2,070,877
Total Responders	2,267
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	0
Complex IMTs Deployed	1
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



Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Hunggate (Randall, TX) FINAL	5663-FM-TX	34,124 (+119)	95% (+65)	M: 0	H: 10	H: 3 (+3)	H: 10 (+10)	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 6 (+6)	O: 13 (+10)	

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



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

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● NWC ● NRCC

Watch FEMA Regions RRCC

●	Region 1	●
	Maynard	
●	Region 2	●
	Brooklyn	
●	Region 3	●
	Philadelphia	
●	Region 4	●
	Atlanta	
●	Region 5	●
	Chicago	
●	Region 6	●
	Denton	
●	Region 7	●
	Kansas City	
●	Region 8	●
	Denver	
●	Region 9	●
	Oakland	
●	Region 10	●
	Bothell	

Notes

Watches/RRCCs:

- NWC: Staffing
- R1 Watch: Staffing
- R2 Watch: Equipment
- R5 Watch: Staffing (Day Only)
- R9 Watch: Staffing
- R10 Watch: Staffing
- R7 RRCC: Staffing
- R9 RRCC: Staffing
- R10 RRCC: Staffing

State EOCs:

- DC: Freedom 250
- FL: Previous Incidents
- GA/TX/KS/NM/OK: Wildfires
- HI/MS: Severe Weather
- GU/MP: TC Sinaloa
- MI: Water Main Break
- AK: River Watch/Flood Operations

IMATs:

- NIMAT-Red: TC Sinaloa
- NIMAT-White: Staffing
- NIMAT-Blue: Staffing
- R1 IMAT: Staffing
- R3 IMAT: Staffing
- R4 IMAT-1/2: Staffing
- R6 IMAT-1/2: Staffing
- R10 IMAT: Staff (Reconstituting)

Incident Workforce

19,824
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,247 / 32%
Deployed

6,269 / 32%
Available
to Deploy for 30 Days

7,308 / 36%
Remaining

Surge Capacity Force
7,688 / 0 / 768
Rostered / Deployed /
Est. Available to Deploy for 30 Days

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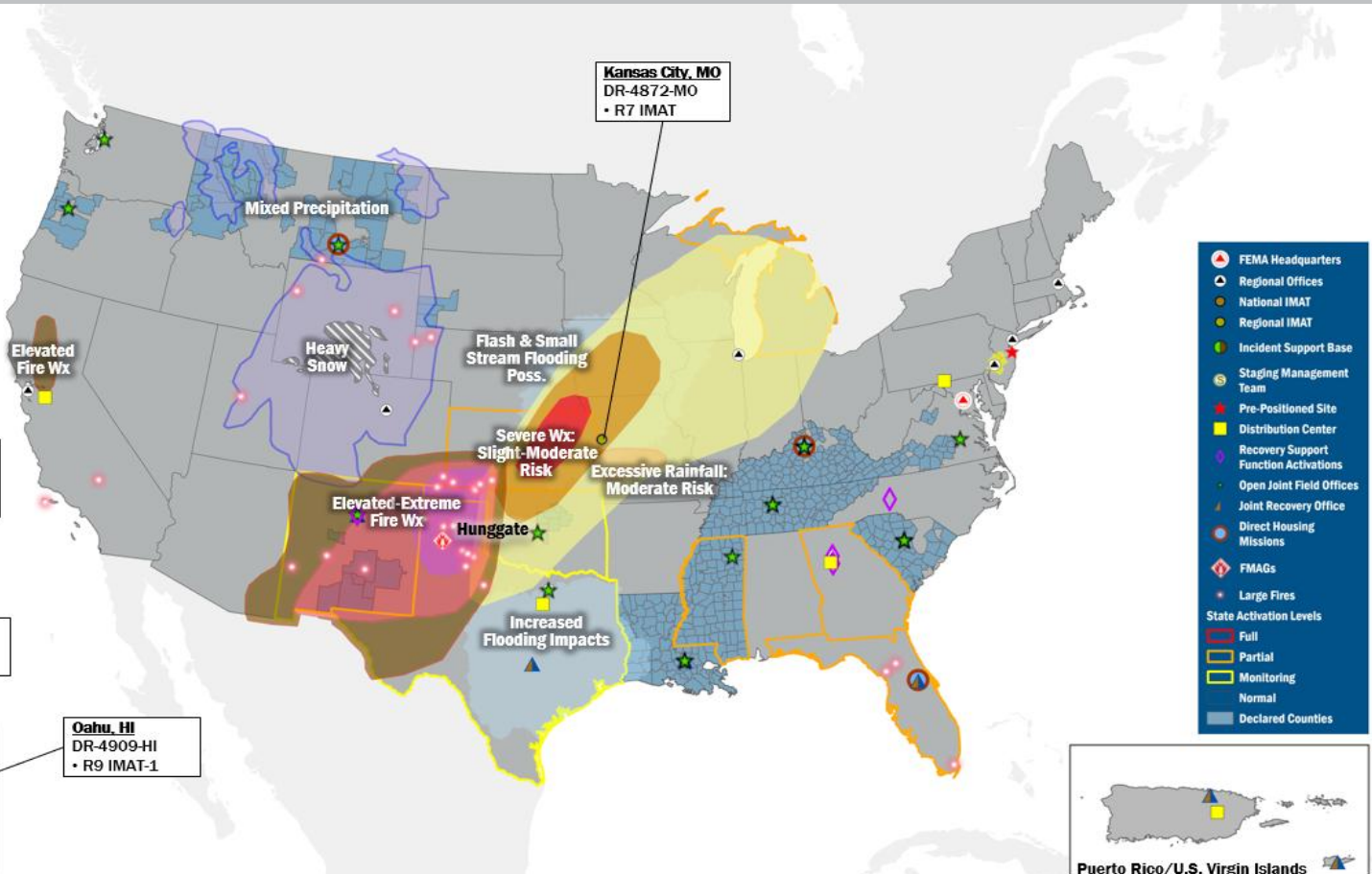
REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	0	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	1	1	0	0
R4	4	11	0	1
R5	0	0	0	0
R6	4	4	2	3
R7	0	0	0	0
R8	1	4	0	0
R9	0	2	2	0
R10	4	5	0	0



CNMI
DR-4910-MP
• N-IMAT Red
• R9 IMAT-2

Guam
EM-3644-GU
• ISB Delta

Oahu, HI
DR-4909-HI
• R9 IMAT-1



National IMAT

MP Red
● White
● Blue
● Gold
● HS

Regional IMAT

● Region 1
● Region 2
2 Region 3
3 Region 4
● Region 5
1 Region 6
MC Region 7
● Region 8
HI MP Region 9
● Region 10

Commodities & Equipment

CONUS	Distribution Centers			Housing		
	Water	Meals	Gen.	THSS Selma, AL	MHU	TTU
	DC Tracy, CA			THSS Selma, AL	66%	200%
	DC Atlanta, GA	36%	59%	THSS Cumberland, MD		
	DC Fort Worth, TX					
OCONUS	Distribution Centers			Housing		
	Water	Meals	Gen.	Winchester, VA (DISC)	Laptops	
	DC Greenville, PA					
	DC Guam	96%	134%		90%	
	DC Hawaii	62%	119%			
	DC Caribbean	86%	76%			

Stockage levels are based on catastrophic planning factors by location.

Logistics Staffing

CONUS	Distribution Centers		Staff		Housing		Staff	
	DC Tracy, CA		70%		THSS Selma, AL		65%	
	DC Atlanta, GA		80%		THSS Cumberland, MD		73%	
	DC Fort Worth, TX		54%					
	DC Greenville, PA		89%					
OCONUS	Distribution Centers		Staff		Housing		Staff	
	DC Guam		85%		Winchester, VA (DISC)		81%	
	DC Hawaii		70%					
	DC Caribbean		92%					

SMT

Operational 8
Not Mission Capable 3

MERS Det.

30/36 Operational
Maynard 4/6
Frederick 6/6
Thomasville 6/6
Denton 6/6
Denver 4/6
Bothell 4/6

US&R

FEMA Support Staff
24% out of 38
Assigned 28
State-Deployed 0
FEMA-Deployed 0
Not Mission Capable 1
Available 27

FCO

Assigned 35
Not Mission Capable 3
Deployed 20 (13 FCO)
Available 12

Legend

● Fully Mission Capable
● Partially Mission Capable
● Not Mission Capable
● Deployed/Activated

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
R4	MS	Tornadoes, Severe Weather, and Flash Flooding May 6-7	IA	5	0	5/14 – TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
R5	MI	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding Apr 10	IA	44	13	4/12 – TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
	WI	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding Apr 13-23	IA	22	22	4/30 – 5/8
			PA	14	14 (+14)	5/11 – 5/15
R7	KS	Severe Storms Apr 26-27	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	5	0	TBD – TBD
	MO	Severe Storms Apr 23-28	IA	6	2	5/12 – TBD
			PA	11	2	5/12 – TBD



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Declaration Requests in Process – 23

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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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
NE – Wildfires	DR		X	X	May 8

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



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