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Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

8:30 a.m. EST

Significant Activity – Mar 5-6



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Significant Events: Severe thunderstorms and tornadoes – AL and GA

Tropical Activity: No activity affecting U.S. interests

Significant Weather:

- Heavy rain, snow, and flash flooding possible – CA, including burn scar areas
- Heavy snow – Sierra Nevada; Central Great Basin, Central Rockies, Central/Southern Plains; upstate NY
- Freezing rain possible – Northern Intermountain

Declaration Activity:

- Major Disaster Declaration approved – Alabama

Tornadoes – AL and GA



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Current Situation: Search and Rescue, debris removal and damage assessments continue after multiple tornadoes touched down Sunday afternoon and evening in AL and GA. Largest tornado was an EF-4 tornado in Lee County, AL.

Lifeline Impacts:

Safety and Security

- GA: 22 homes destroyed; 42 homes and 11 businesses damaged (majority in Grady County)

Food, Water and Shelter (ARC Midnight shelter count, 6:35 a.m. EST)

- Shelters: AL: 2 open w/ 15 occupants; GA: 2 open w/ 17 occupants
- GA: Cairo Wastewater Plant experienced some structural damage, but plant is up & running

Health and Medical

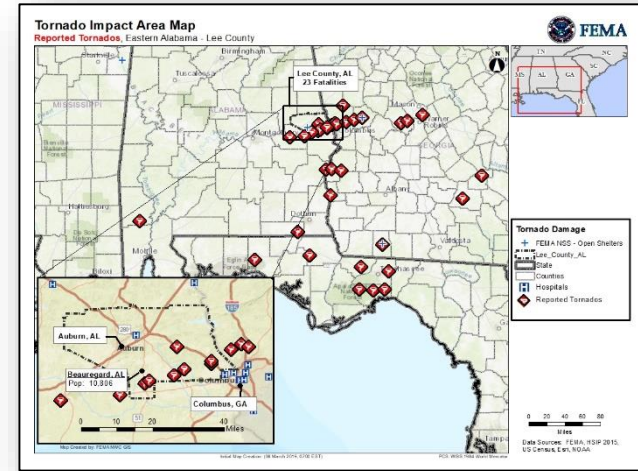
- AL: 23 confirmed fatalities; approx. 30 people missing
- AL: All hospitals & nursing homes are operating (normal power)

Communications

- AL: Verizon cell tower is down in Lee County; Cellular disruptions localized, may have impact to responder communication in the area
- GA: AT&T services restored; one tower destroyed in rural area

Transportation

- AL: Multiple aircraft and hangars damaged at airport in Barbour County; several roads impassable in Lee County
- GA: roads in 3 counties have been cleared of debris and re-opened



State and Local Response:

- Major Disaster Declaration approved for Individual and Public Assistance
- AL EOC at Partial Activation; Governor extended a State of Emergency
- GA EOC at Partial Activation; Governor declaring a State of Emergency
- PDA for 3 counties in GA to begin March 7

FEMA Region IV Response:

- RWC at Steady State, continues to monitor
- IMAT-1 deployed to AL EOC
- LNO deployed to AL

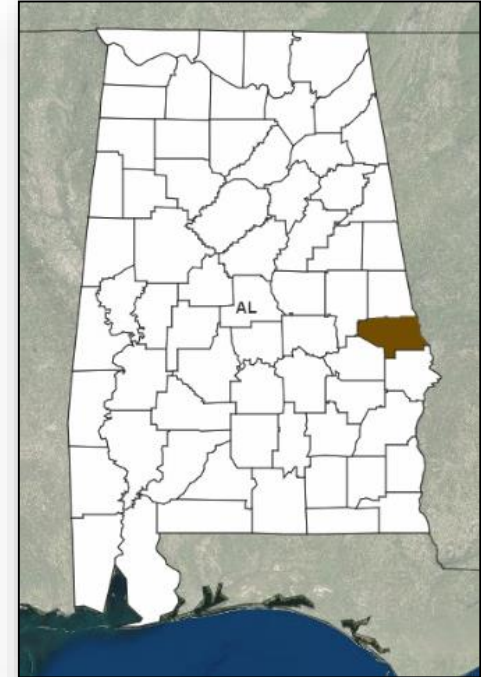
Declaration Approved



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- Major Disaster Declaration approved March 5, 2019 for the State of Alabama
- For severe storms, straight-line winds, and tornadoes that occurred March 3, 2019
- Provides:
 - Individual and Public Assistance for debris removal and emergency protective measure (Categories A and B) for Lee County
 - Hazard Mitigation statewide
- FCO is Gerard M. Stolar

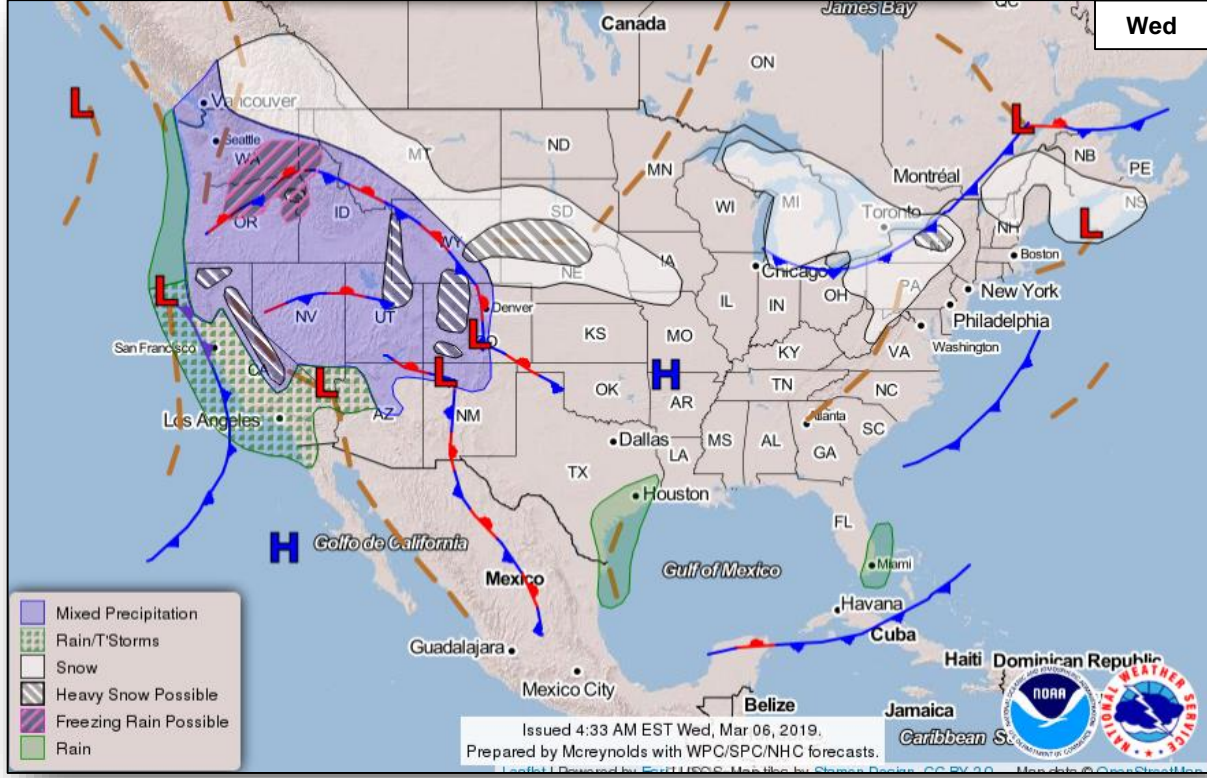


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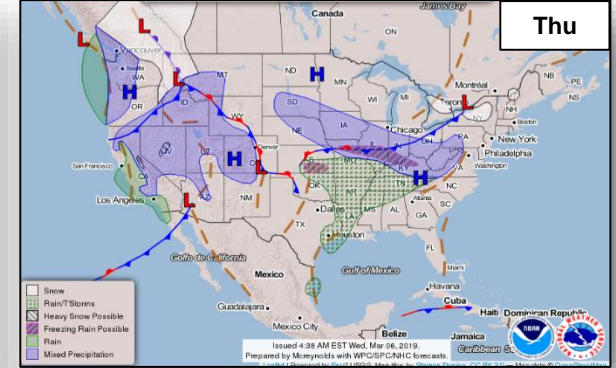
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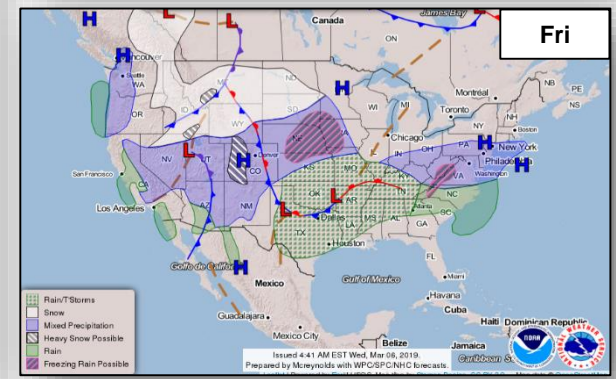
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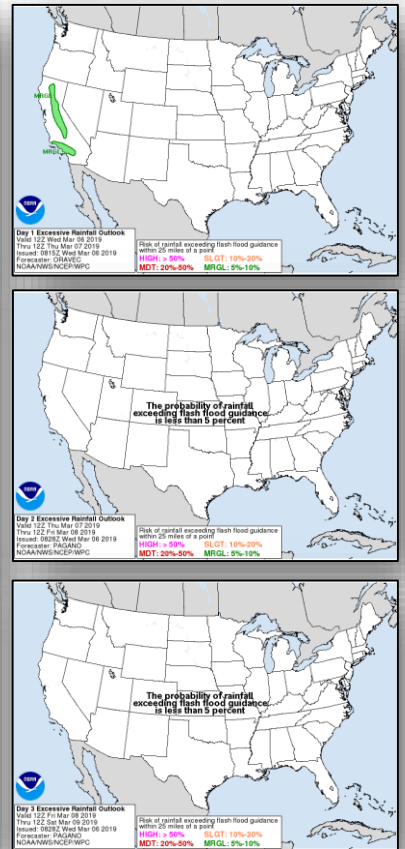
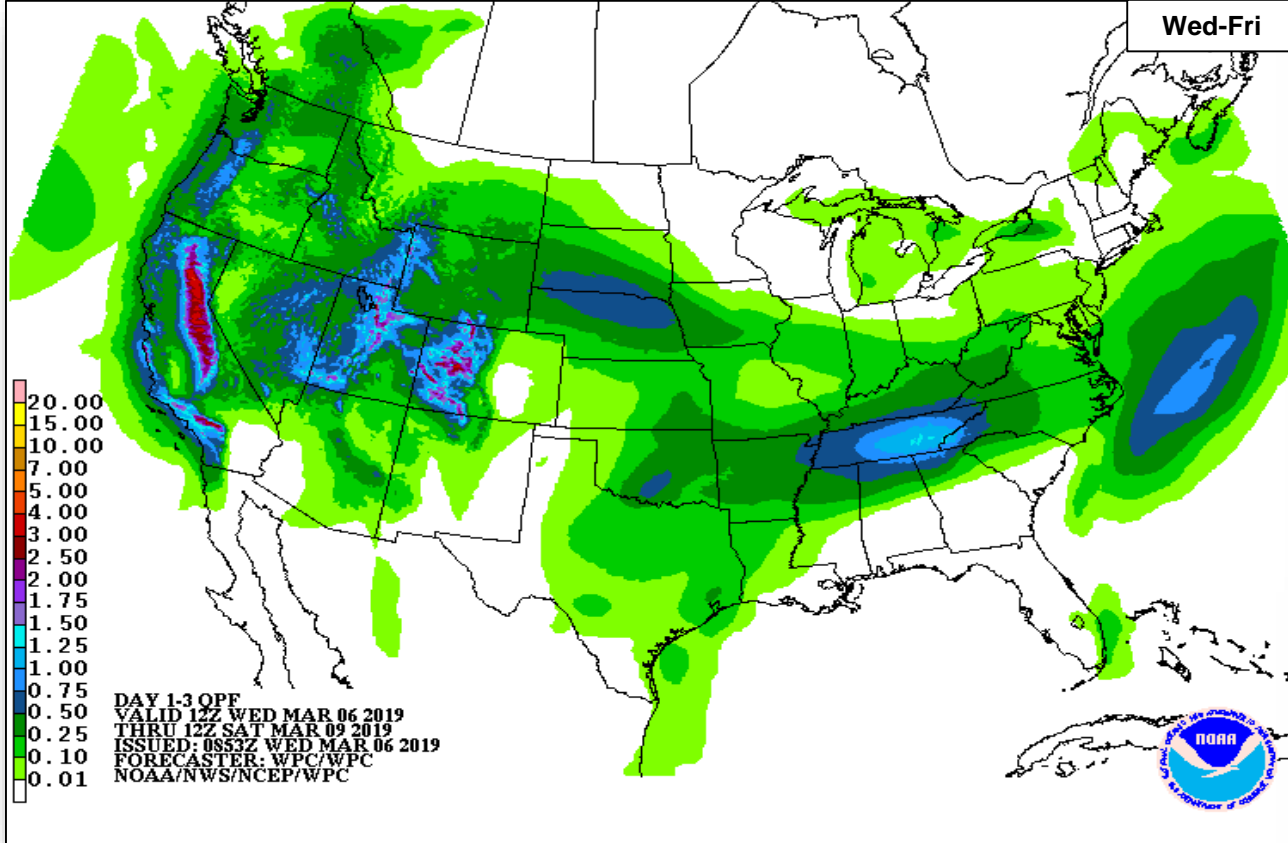


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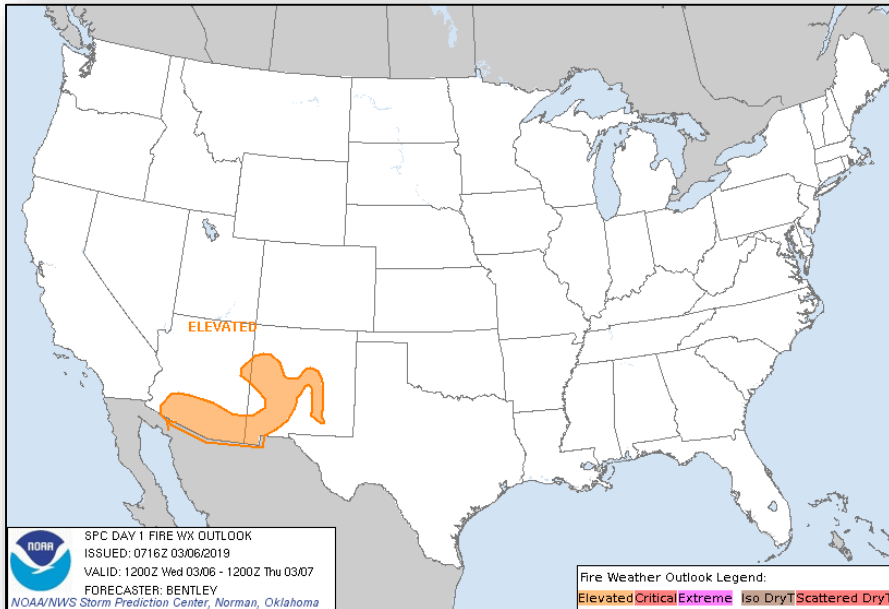
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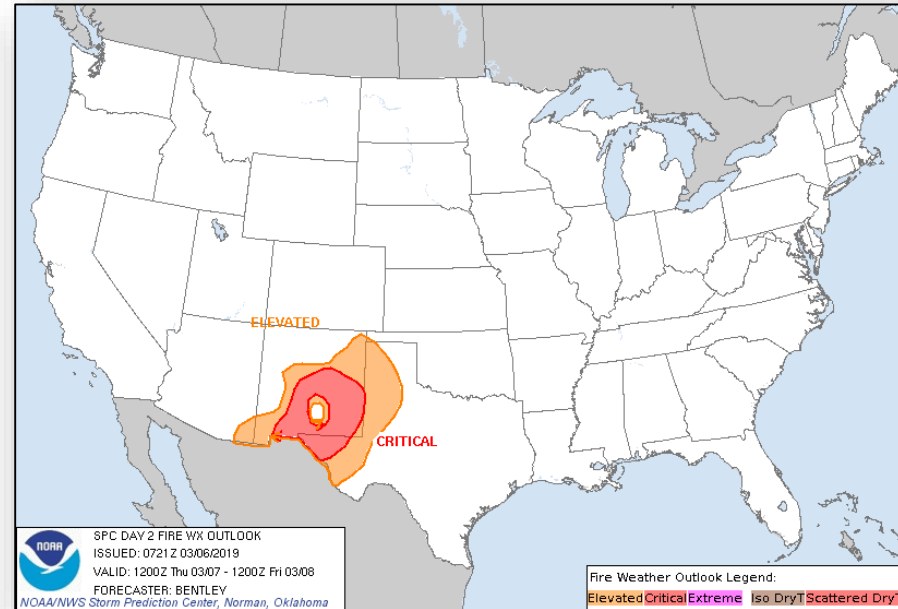
Fire Weather Outlook



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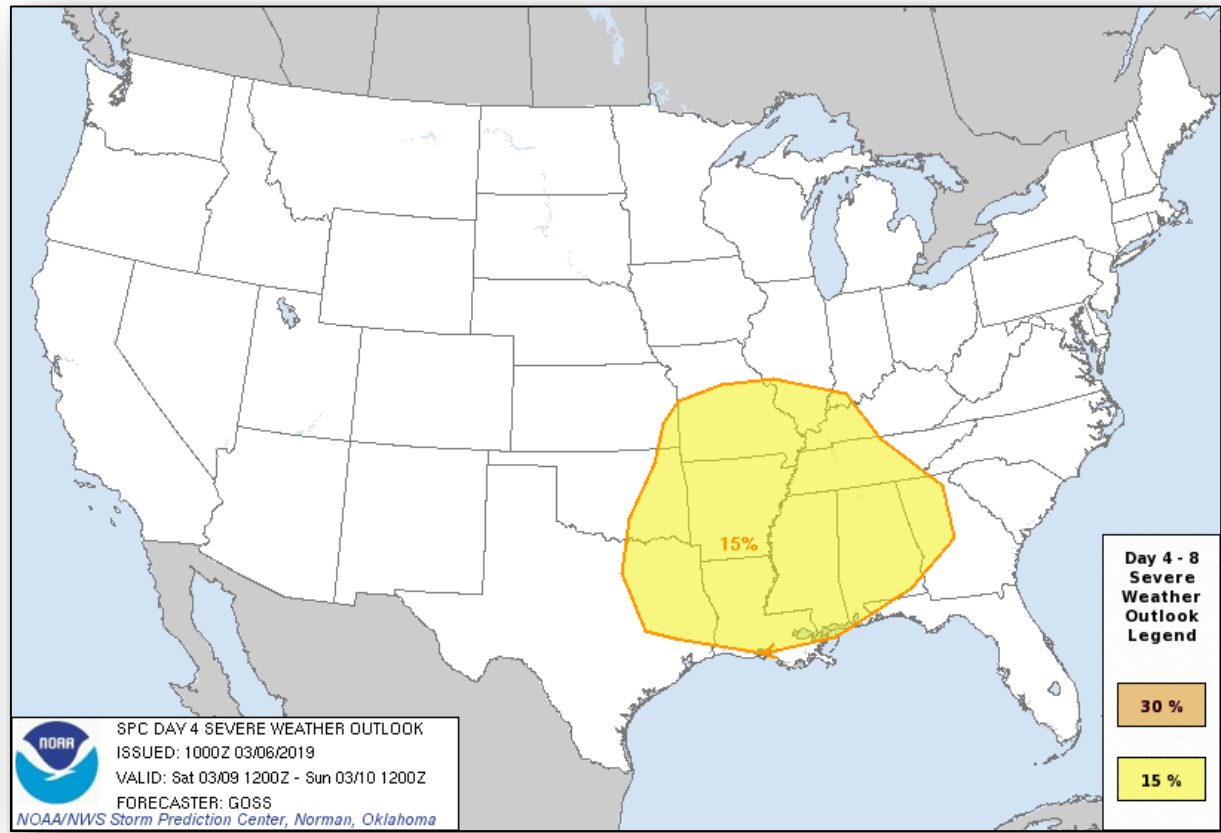


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Severe Weather Outlook



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Saturday

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



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Region	State / Location	Event	IA / PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Completed	
IV	GA	Severe Weather and Tornadoes March 3, 2019	IA	3	0	3/7-TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
IV	KY	Severe Weather and Flooding February 6, 2019	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	28	0	3/11-TBD

FEMA Readiness – Activation Teams



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Status		Activated Team	Activation Level	Activation Times	Reason / Comments
NWC (5 Teams)	Steady State				
NRCC (2 Teams)	Available				Primary – Gold Team
HLT	Available				
RWC / MOCs (10 Regions)	Activated	Region VI	Enhanced Watch	Day Shift	Mississippi River Flooding
RRCCs (10 Regions)	Available				

Backup Regions: VIII, VI, and II



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