

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Potomac Interceptor Spill – District of Columbia and Maryland

Hazard Monitoring

- Critical Fire Weather – Southern / Central Plains, Middle Mississippi Valley to the Great Lakes
- Heavy Snow – California, Central Great Basin to the Great Lakes
- Freezing Rain – Great Lakes to the Northeast

Disaster Declaration Activity

- FMAG Approval: Ranger Road Fire – OK
- FMAG Approval: Stevens Fire – OK
- FMAG Approval: 43 Fire – OK
- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – CTM
- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – FBIC
- 2 Amendments issued

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Potomac Interceptor Spill – District of Columbia and Maryland

Situation: On January 19, 2026, a large section of the Potomac Interceptor (PI) sewer line collapsed along Clara Barton Parkway, in Montgomery County. The collapse resulted in a significant overflow into the C & O Canal National Historical Park. The PI carries about 60 million gallons of wastewater daily from as far away as Dulles Airport to the Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant in Southwest DC for treatment (DC Water Potomac Interceptor Collapse, as of 6:00 a.m. ET, Feb 17). No overflow events impacting surface waters have been reported since February 9 (DC Water Feb 17 Update: Potomac Inceptor Repairs as of 5:00 a.m. ET, Feb 18). FEMA is supporting federal interagency coordination for any potential requirements.

State and Local Response:

DC:

- DCHSEMA is at Enhanced Watch (Winter Weather)
- DC Water crews continue to test and optimize the enhanced bypass system and expect it to be fully operational by the end of the week (DC Water Feb 17 Update: Potomac Inceptor Repairs as of 5:00 a.m. ET, Feb 18)
- DC Water reports 6 of 7 new high-capacity pumps are now operational with the seventh expected to be online today (DC Water Feb 17 Update: Potomac Inceptor Repairs as of 5:00 a.m. ET, Feb 18)
- Specialized cleaning equipment has been mobilized to assist with removing debris that may migrate within the pipe as excavation progresses (DC Water Feb 17 Update: Potomac Inceptor Repairs as of 5:00 a.m. ET, Feb 18)
- DC Water reports drinking water is not impacted and daily water sampling is being conducted as depicted on the map (DC Water Feb 15 Update: Potomac Inceptor Repairs as of 5:00 a.m. ET, Feb 17)

VA: VA SEOC at Normal Operations

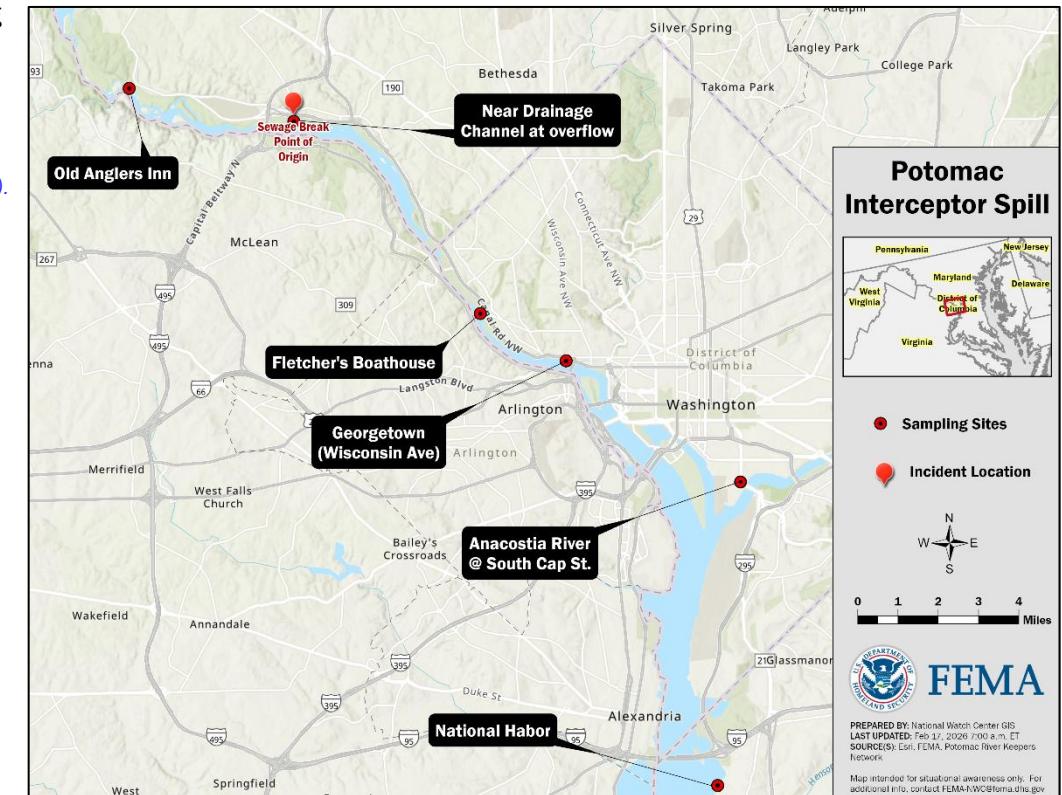
MD: MD SEOC at Normal Operations

FEMA/Federal Response:

FEMA R3:

- R3 RWC is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- R3 IMAT is Available

HQ: National Watch Center is Monitoring



The National Watch Center will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA R3 and other federal partners and will provide updates in the twice daily National Situation Report (5:00 p.m. ET/3:00 a.m. ET) and FEMA Daily Operations Brief (8:30 a.m. ET)



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Stevens Fire – Oklahoma

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Stevens (Texas/Beaver, OK)	5616-FM-OK	5,500	0%	M: 400	H: 263	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	0: 0	0: 0	0: 0	

Situation: The Acting Regional Administrator for FEMA Region 6 approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Stevens Fire. The fire is burning on state and private land around the communities of Tyrone, Little Ponderosa, and Turpin, Oklahoma (combined pop 721) in Texas and Beaver Counties (estimated pop 26k) . Oklahoma Highway 64 is closed due to the fire spreading. There are reports of 3 shelters open, and the fire is spreading into parts of Kansas, in FEMA Region 7.

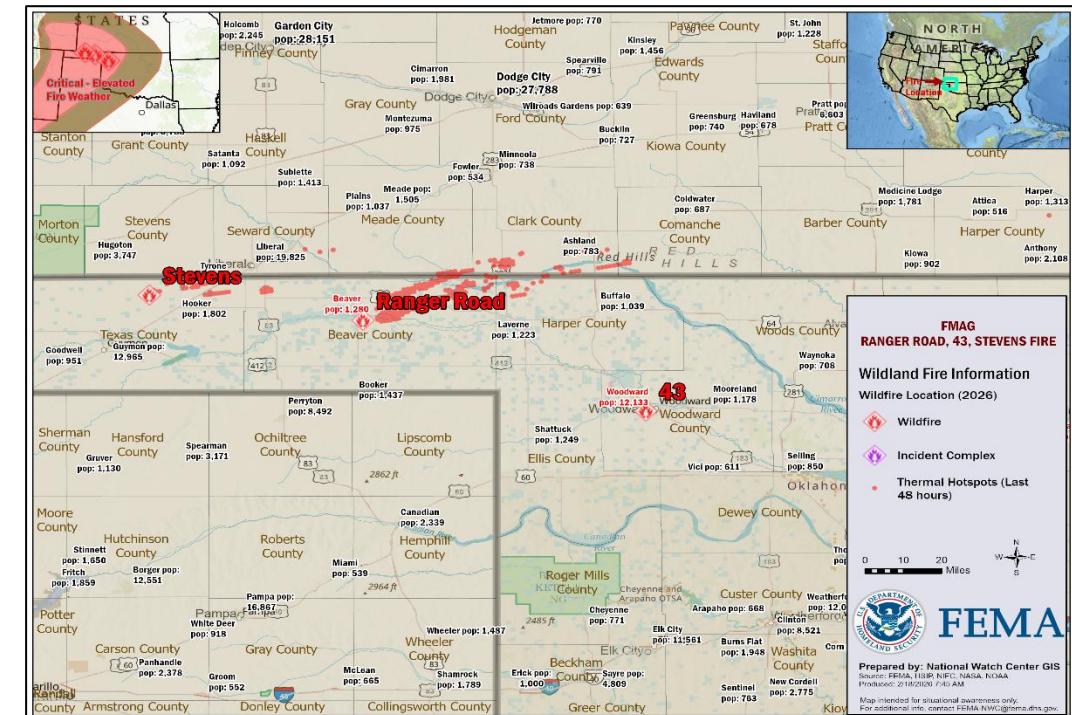
State and Local Response:

- OK SEOC is at Partial Activation (Fire Weather)

FEMA/Federal Response:

- FMAG approved Feb 17
- MOC-DENTON is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- R6 RIMAT Teams 1 and 2 are FMC
- NWC is Monitoring

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43 Fire – Oklahoma

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
43 (Woodward, OK)	5618-FM-OK	2,210	0%	M: 2,000	H: 1,297	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 4,052	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation: The Acting Regional Administrator for FEMA Region 6 approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the 43 Fire in Woodward County, Oklahoma. The fire is burning on state and private land and threatens homes, schools, airport, police station, commercial and public buildings and mandatory evacuations are in place.

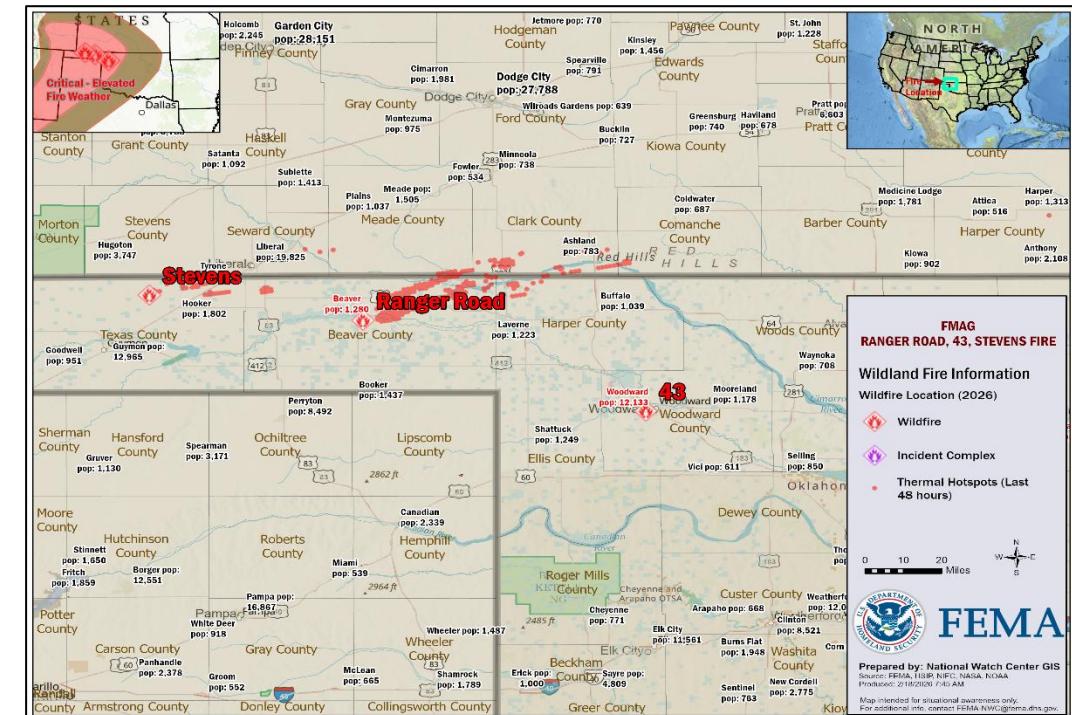
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Ranger Road Fire – Oklahoma

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Ranger Road (Beaver, OK)	5617-FM-OK	15,080	0%	M: 771	H: 926	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	0: 2	0: 0	0: 0	

Situation: The Acting Regional Administrator for FEMA Region 6 approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Ranger Road Fire. The fire threatens homes, commercial buildings, two schools, area roads, and government buildings with mandatory evacuations in place.

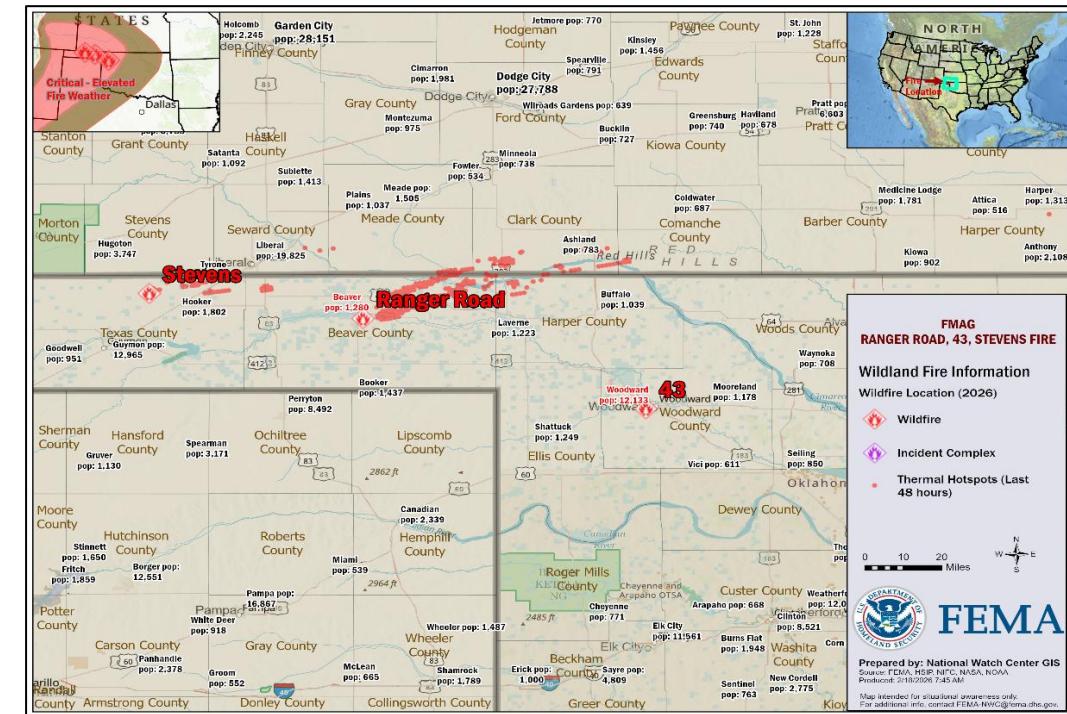
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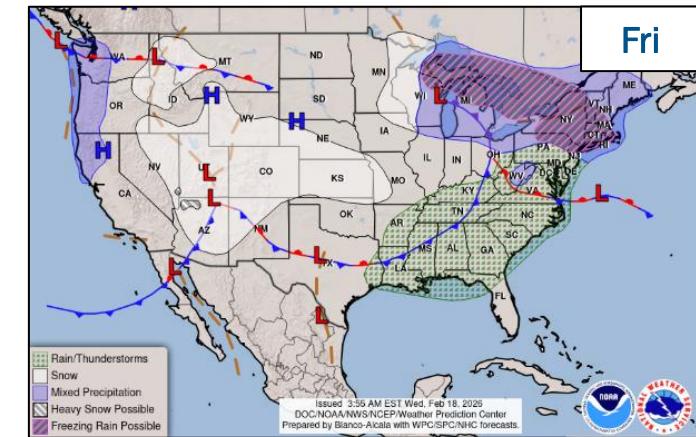
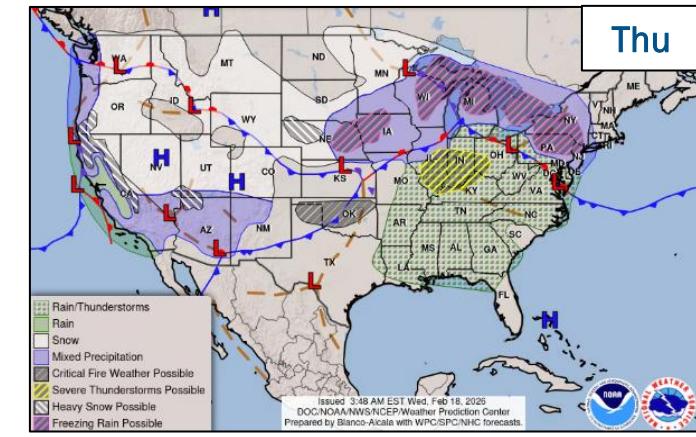
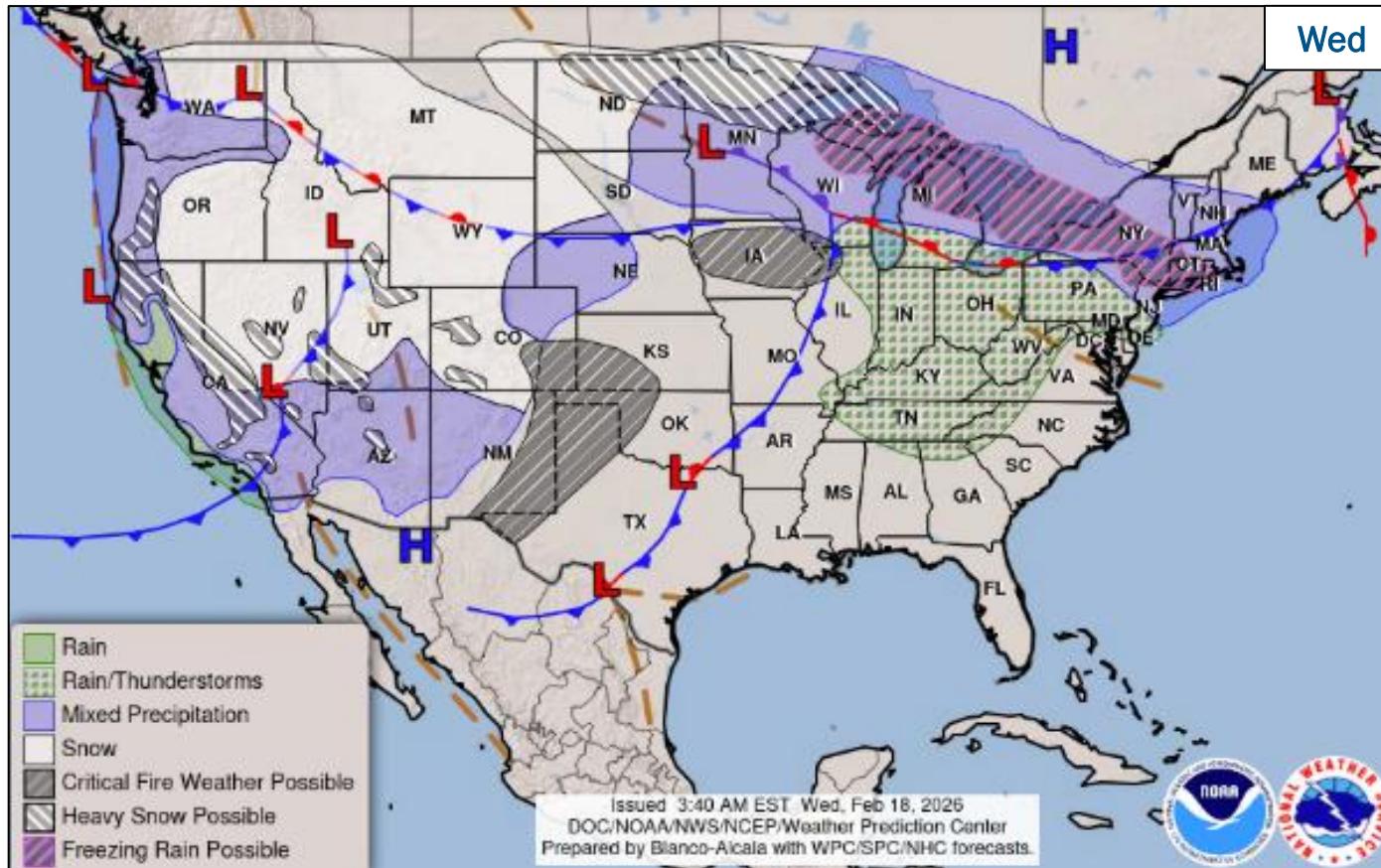
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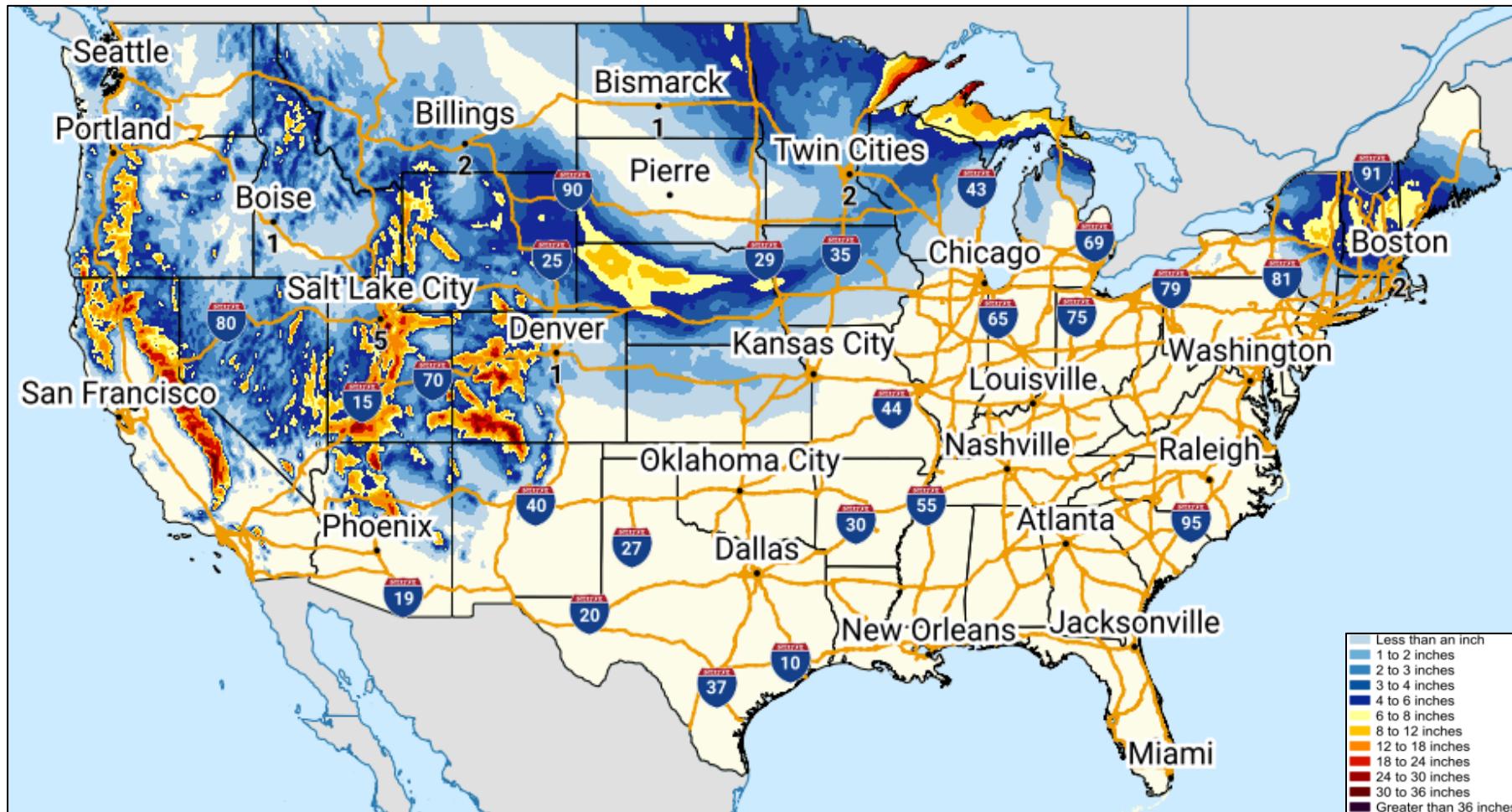
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Snowfall Forecast



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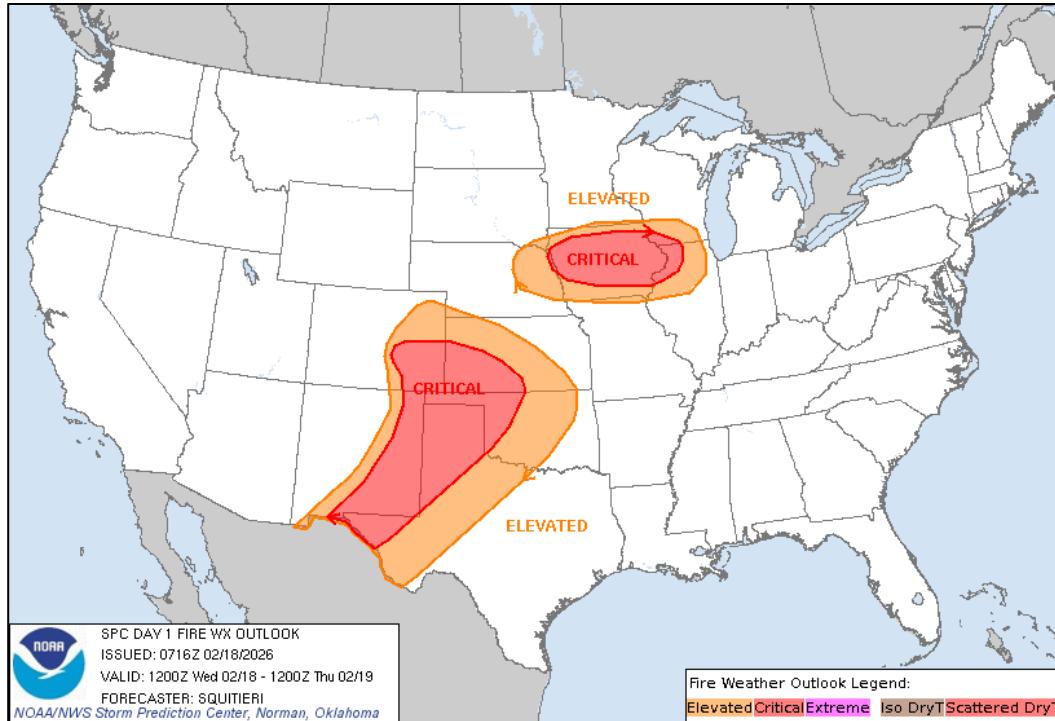
Ice Accumulation Forecast



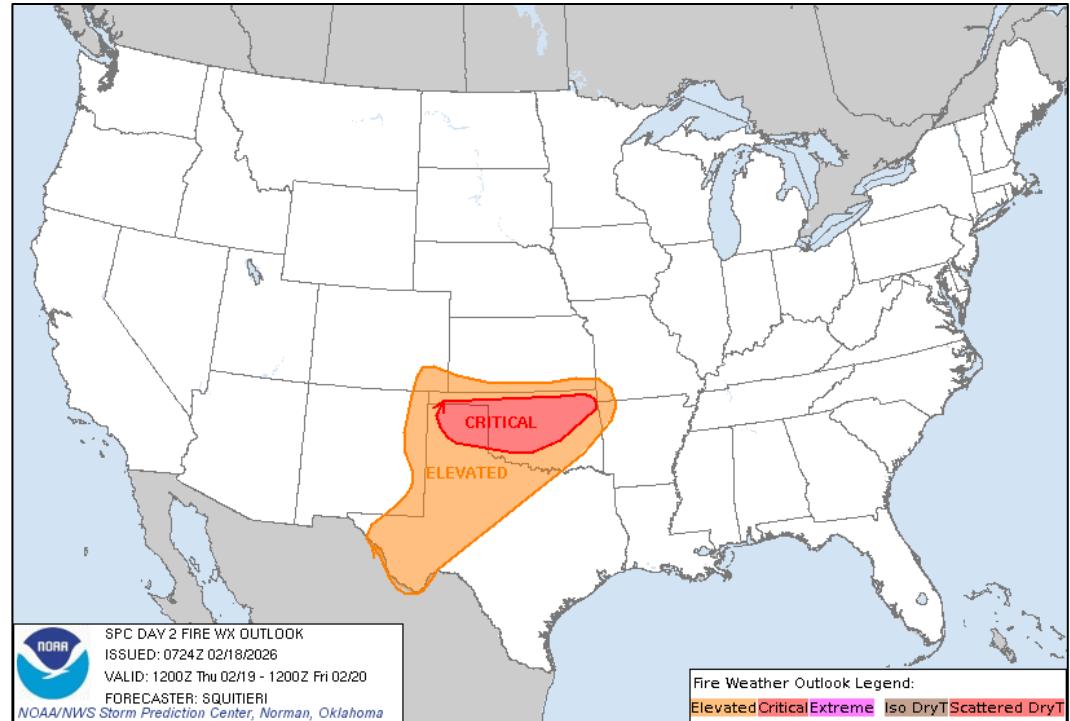
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

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Joint Field
Offices

Supporting
25 Major
Disasters + 18
Emergency
Declarations

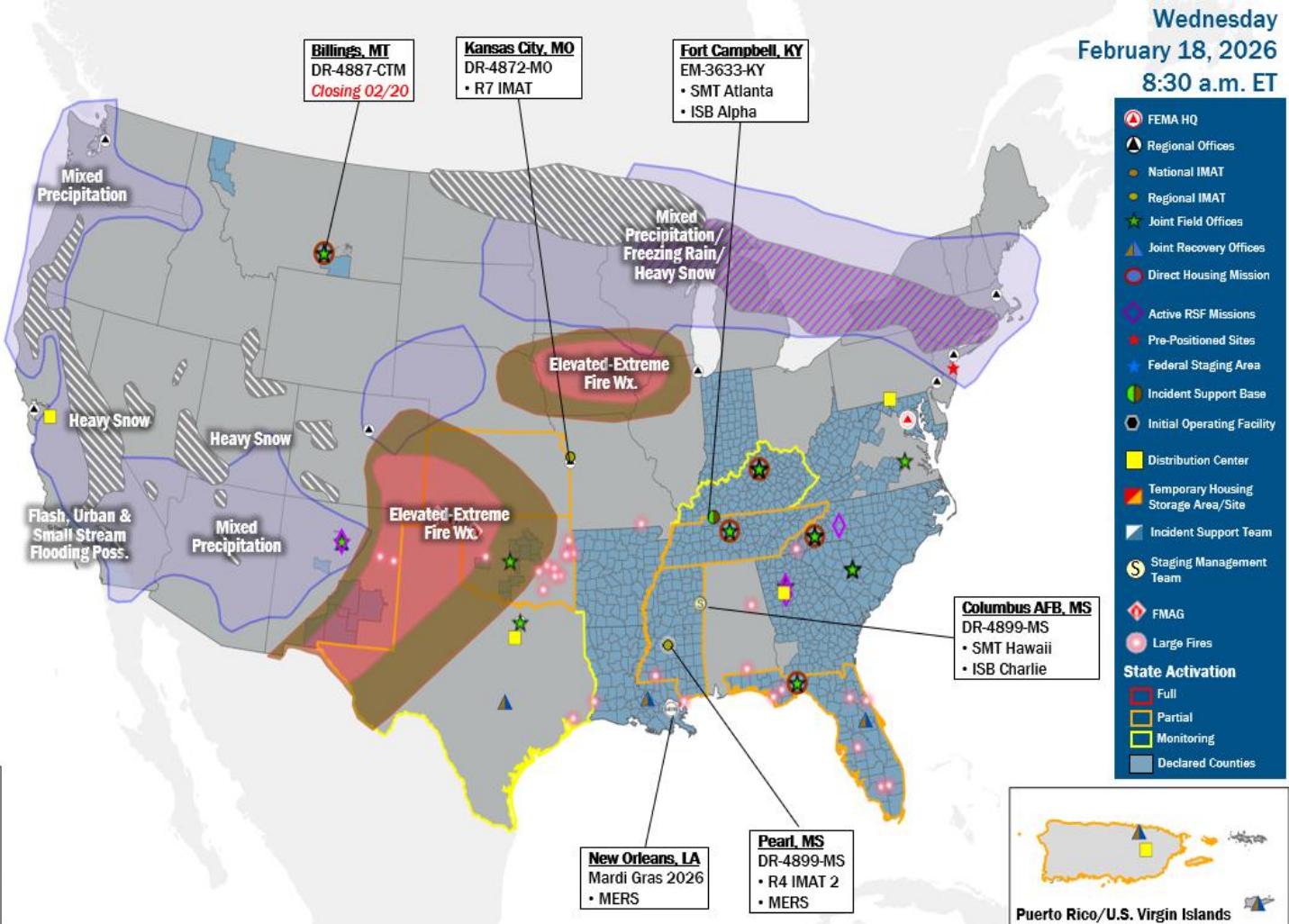
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Direct Housing
Missions

5
RSF-Supported
Disasters

6
Joint Recovery
Offices

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FEMA HQ		N-IMATs 2-5 Teams Available		REGIONAL BREAKDOWN
NWC	NRCC			JFO DR EM JRO
Monitoring	Steady State	Red		R1 0 0 0 0 R2 0 0 0 2 R3 1 1 2 0 R4 6 17 11 1 R5 0 0 1 0 R6 3 4 3 3 R7 0 0 0 0 R8 1 2 1 0 R9 0 0 0 0 R10 1 1 0 0
FEMA REGIONS		White		
Watch		Blue		
Monitoring	R1	Gold		
Monitoring	R2	HS		
Monitoring	R3			
Enhanced	R4			
Monitoring	R5			
Monitoring	R6			
Monitoring	R7			
Monitoring	R8			
Monitoring	R9			
Monitoring	R10			
Notes:				
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:		State EOCs:		
• R4 RWC: Enhanced (Severe Winter Storm)		• HI: Wildfires • FL: Previous Incidents • DC/KY/MS/TN/TX: Winter Storm		
IMATs:		• PR: Influenza Epidemic • KS/OK: Fire Weather		
Surge Capacity Force				
Rostered 7,974	Deployed 0	Fully Mission Capable (FMC)		
		Partially Mission Capable (PMC)		
		Not Mission Capable (NMC)		
		Deployed		



IM Workforce

11,391 (-3) Assigned
4,097 (+25) Unavailable
2,861 (-32) Deployed

39% / 4,433 (+4) Available

IM Cadre Availability

Civil Rights: 25% (24/96); Disability Integration: 25% (4/16); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 18% (119/653); Field Leadership: 19% (22/117); Hazard Mitigation: 19% (148/770); Planning: 18% (64/347)

6 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

MERS

≥ 66%
36 Assigned
6 Unavailable
2 Deployed
28 Available

US&R

≥ 66%
28 Assigned
0 Unavailable
0 Deployed
28 Available

FCO

3 Type I
36 Assigned
3 Unavailable
26 (+1) (16 FCOR) Deployed
7 (-1) Available

Declaration Request – Crow Tribe of Montana

Declaration Type: Major Disaster – Crow Tribe of Montana

Requested: Feb 12

Incident: Straight-Line Winds

Incident Period: Dec 17-20

Requested:

- **IA:** All tribal lands
- **Hazard Mitigation:** All tribal lands



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Declaration Request – Fort Belknap Indian Community

Declaration Type: Major Disaster – Fort Belknap Indian Community

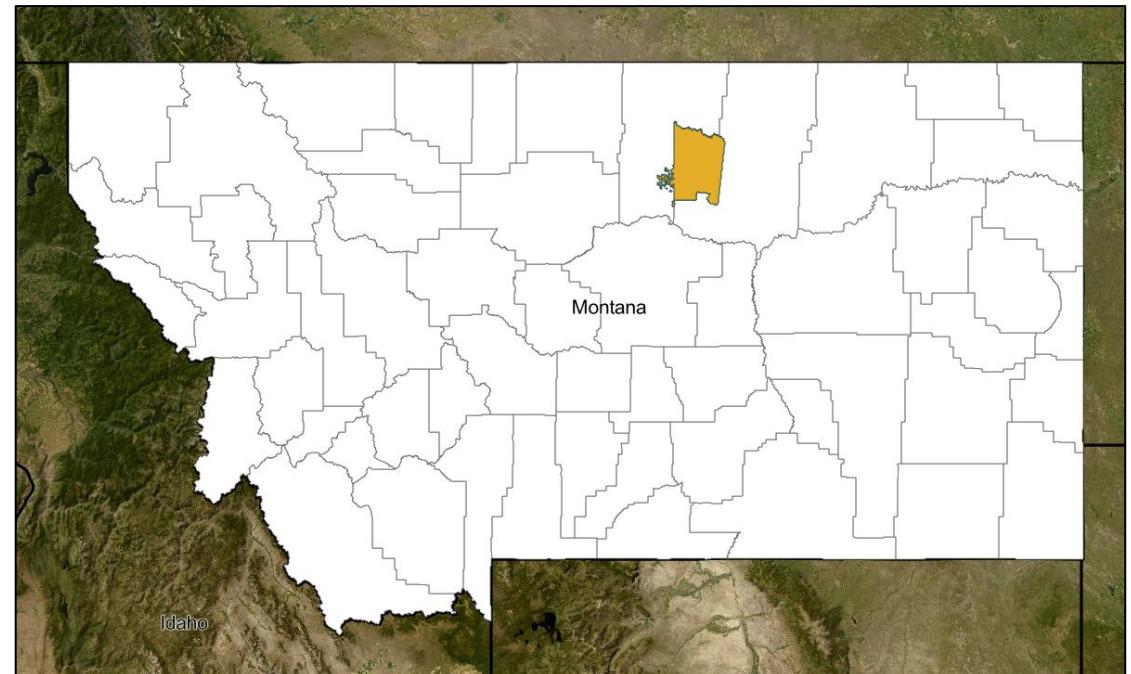
Requested: Feb 13

Incident: Severe Storms and Straight-Line Winds

Incident Period: Dec 17-18

Requested:

- **IA:** All tribal lands
- **Hazard Mitigation:** All tribal lands



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Declaration Requests in Process – 18

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
AZ – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Oct 24
IL – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR	X			Nov 21
SCA* – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Nov 26
SCA* – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Dec 15
MT – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jan 10
NVK* – Severe Storms, Flooding, and Remnants of Typhoon Halong	DR		X	X	Jan 11
MT – Severe Winter Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Jan 15
CO – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jan 16
CO – Lee and Elk Fires, Flooding, and Mudslides – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jan 16
WA – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR	X			Jan 21
SD – Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Jan 27
AK – Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Jan 30
LA – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Feb 5
KY – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Feb 5

*San Carlos Apache Tribe / Native Village of Kipnuk / Fort Peck Assiniboine / Sioux Tribes / [Crow Tribe of Montana](#) / [Fort Belknap Indian Community](#)



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Declaration Requests in Process – 18 (cont'd)

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
ID – Straight-Line Winds	DR		X	X	Feb 6
FPA & ST – Severe Storm and Straight-Line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 11
CTM – Straight-line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 12
FBIC – Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 13

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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-4898-DR-TN	1	Feb 13	Adds Categories A and C-G for 4 counties; Adds Category A for 3 counties under the Public Assistance program
FEMA-4899-DR-MS	1	Feb 13	Adds Categories A and C-G for 18 counties under the Public Assistance program



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