

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, February 19, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Operations / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Potomac Interceptor Spill – DC and Maryland (Final)

## Hazard Monitoring

- Critical Fire Weather – Southern Plains
- Severe Weather – Ohio Valley
- Freezing Rain – Upper Mississippi Valley to the Northeast
- Heavy Snow – Central Plains and Northern California

## Disaster Declaration Activity

- FMAG Approval: 8 Ball Fire – TX

## Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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# Potomac Interceptor Spill – District of Columbia and Maryland (FINAL)

**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. No overflow events impacting surface waters have been reported since February 9. [Since the incident was first reported, DC Water has provided daily updates and is engaged with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Park Service, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Governor's Office, District Department of Energy and the Environment, and other stakeholders to coordinate repair efforts and environmental restoration planning.](#)

## State and Local Response:

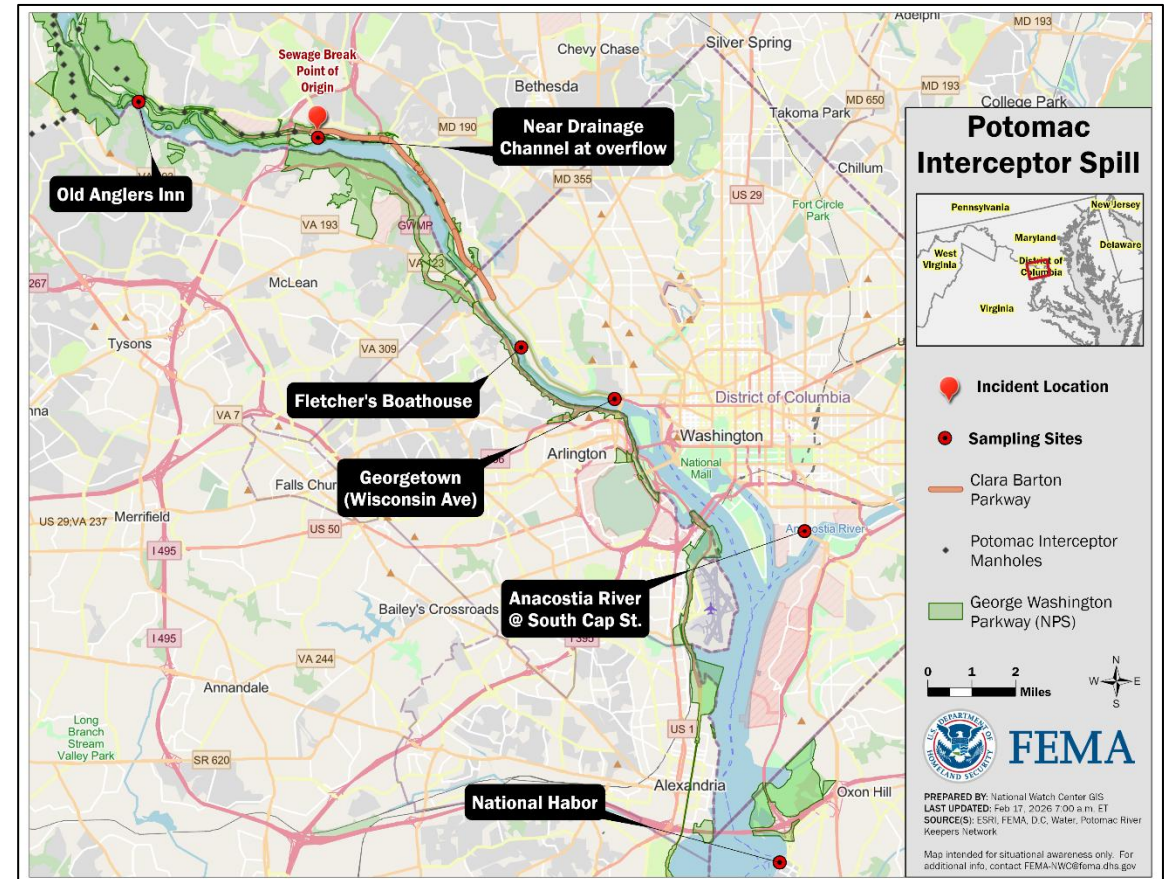
DC EOC is at Enhanced Watch (State of the Union)

- [Successful testing of bulkhead gate and enhanced bypass system allowed DC Water crews to draw down water at collapse site; material removal underway to access damaged pipe](#) *(DC Water Feb 18 Update)*
- Specialized cleaning equipment was mobilized to assist with removing debris that may migrate within the pipe as excavation progresses *(DC Water Feb 17 Update)*
- [DC Mayor declared a local Public Emergency on Feb 18](#)
- MD and VA SEOCs at Normal Operations

## FEMA / Federal Response:

[FEMA Region 3:](#) RWC is Monitoring

[HQ:](#) NWC is Monitoring



The NWC will continue monitoring the situation in coordination with FEMA Region 3 and other federal partners. Updates will be provided in the twice-daily National Situation Report (5:00 p.m. ET and 3:00 a.m. ET) and the FEMA Daily Operations Brief (8:30 a.m. ET).



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# 8 Ball Fire – Texas

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
8 Ball (Armstrong/Donley, TX)	5619-FM-TX	9,000	0%	M: 431	H: 1,113	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

**Situation:** The FEMA Region 6 Acting Regional Administrator has approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the 8 Ball Fire, which has burned 9k acres of state and private land with 0% containment in and around Howardwick, Texas (pop. 2,226). At the time of the request, the fire was threatening 1,113 homes, 1 fire station, 1 police station, an electrical COOP, a state highway, transmission lines, and a water reservoir (supplies water to approximately 26k residents across 6 counties). Mandatory evacuations are in place for 431 people. No additional federal assistance has been requested

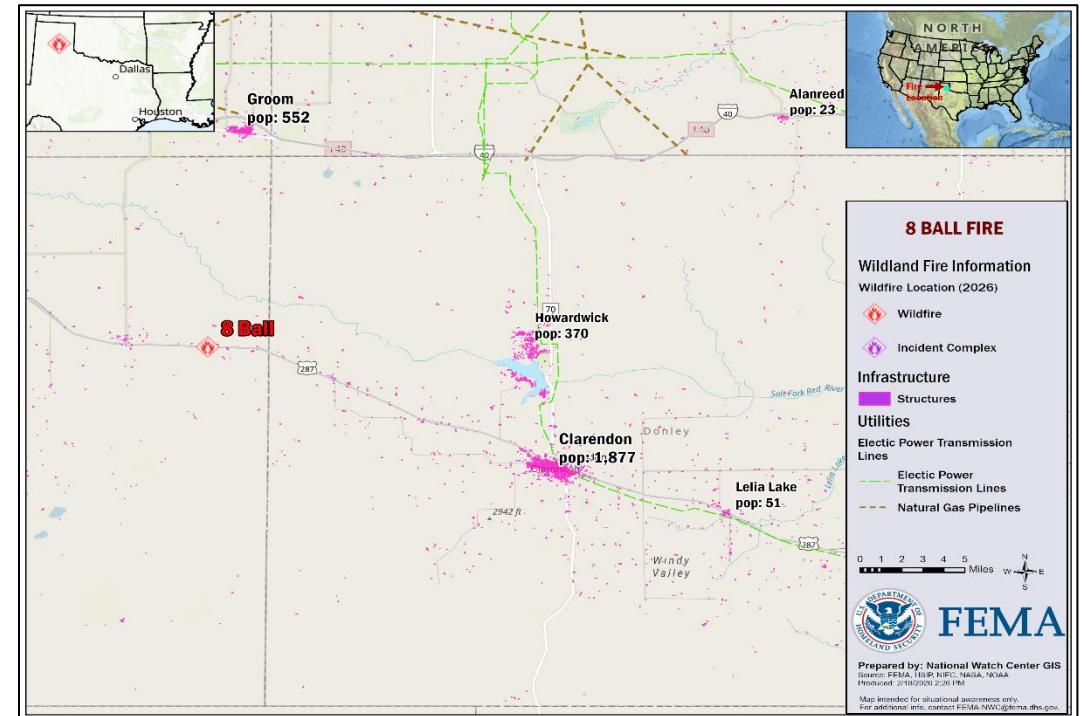
## State and Local Response:

- TX SEOC is Partial Activation (Fire Weather)

## FEMA/Federal Response:

- FEMA Region 6 is Monitoring
- NWC is Monitoring

The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 6; Reporting will continue in the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET) and twice daily in the FEMA National Situation Report (3:00 a.m./5:00 p.m. ET)



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# Wildfire Summary

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	12,428 (+6,928)	50% (+50)	M: 729* (+329)	H: 263	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Ranger Road (Beaver, OK)	5617-FM-OK	283,283 (+138,283)	15% (+15)	M: 771	H: 926	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 1 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 2	O: 0	O: 0	
43 (Woodward, OK)	5618-FM-OK	1,680 (-530)	30% (+10)	M: 2,000	H: 4,803 (+3,506)	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 10,242 (+9,068)	O: 0	O: 0	

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

\*As of 1:00 a.m. ET, open sources indicate that the town of Tyrone, OK (pop. 729) remains under evacuation.

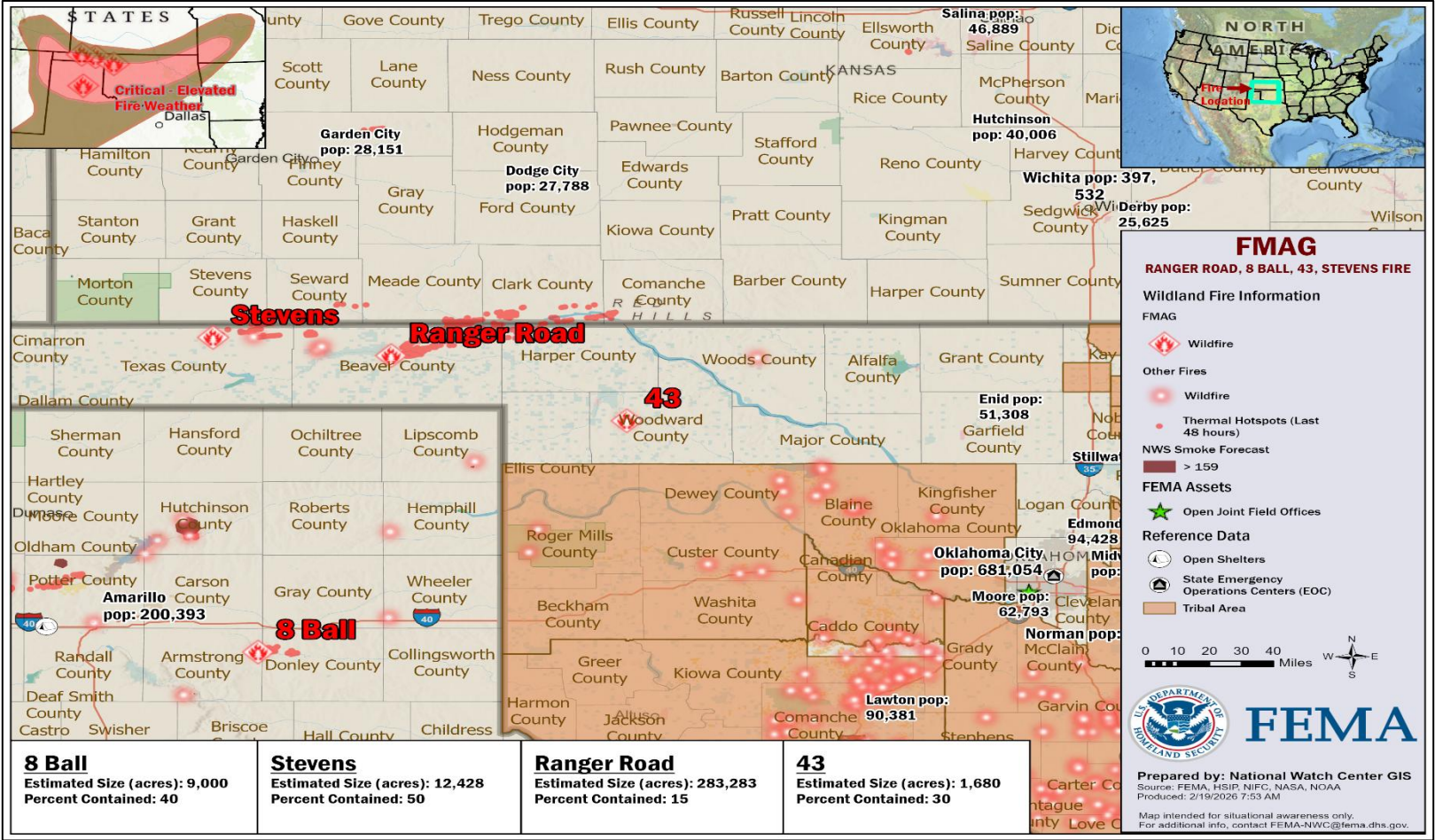


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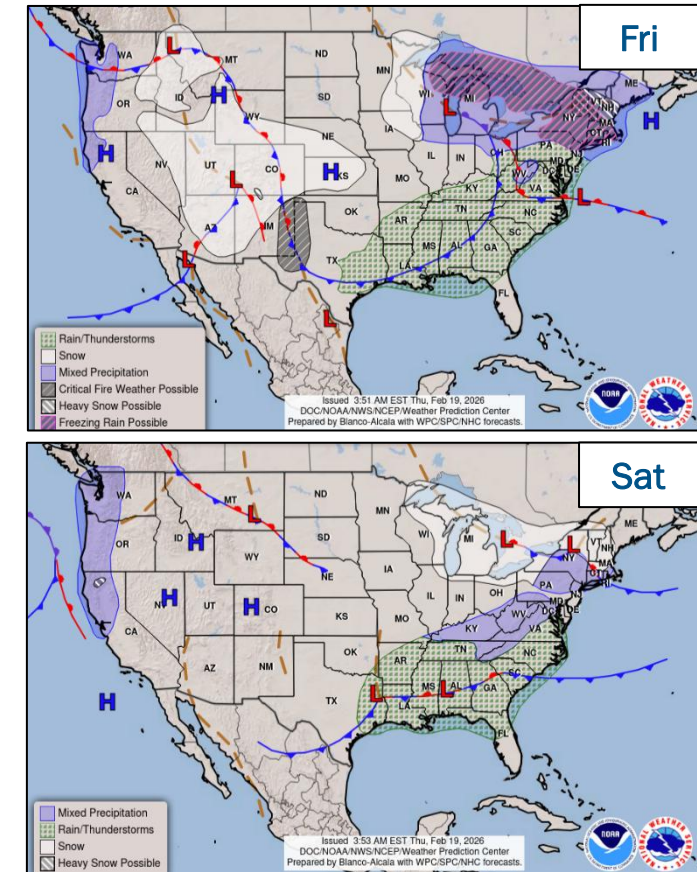
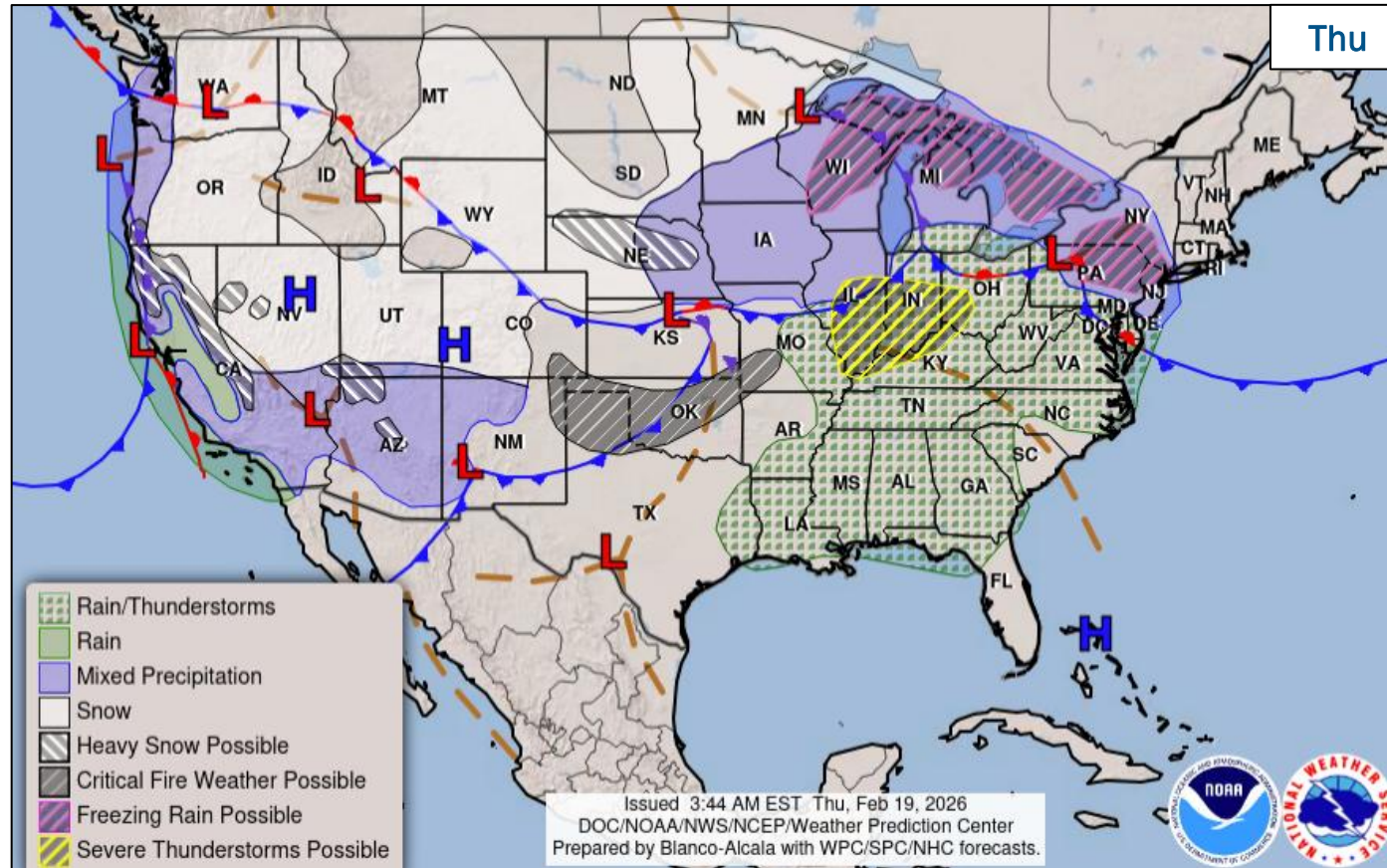


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# National Weather Forecast

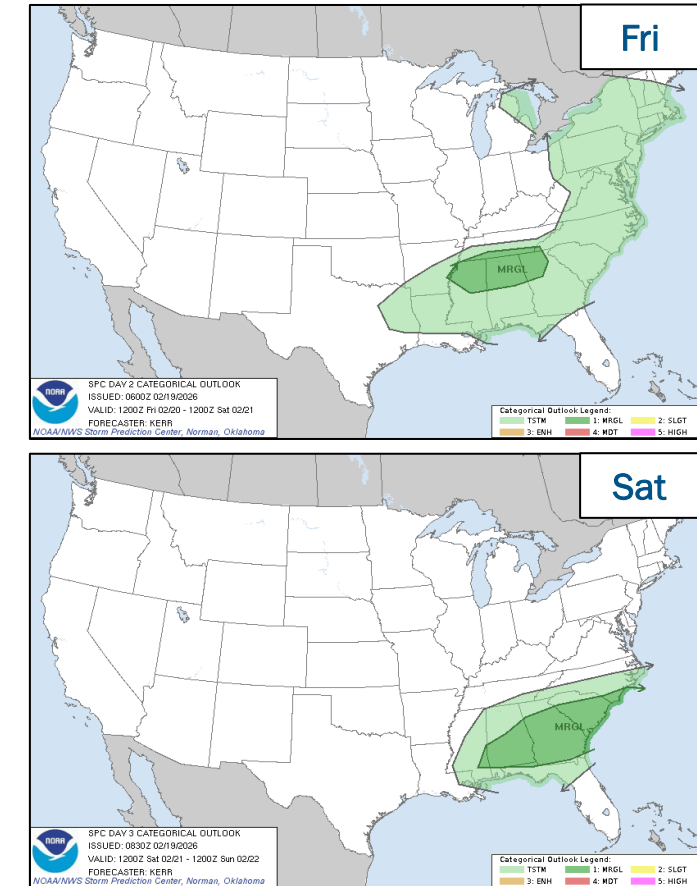
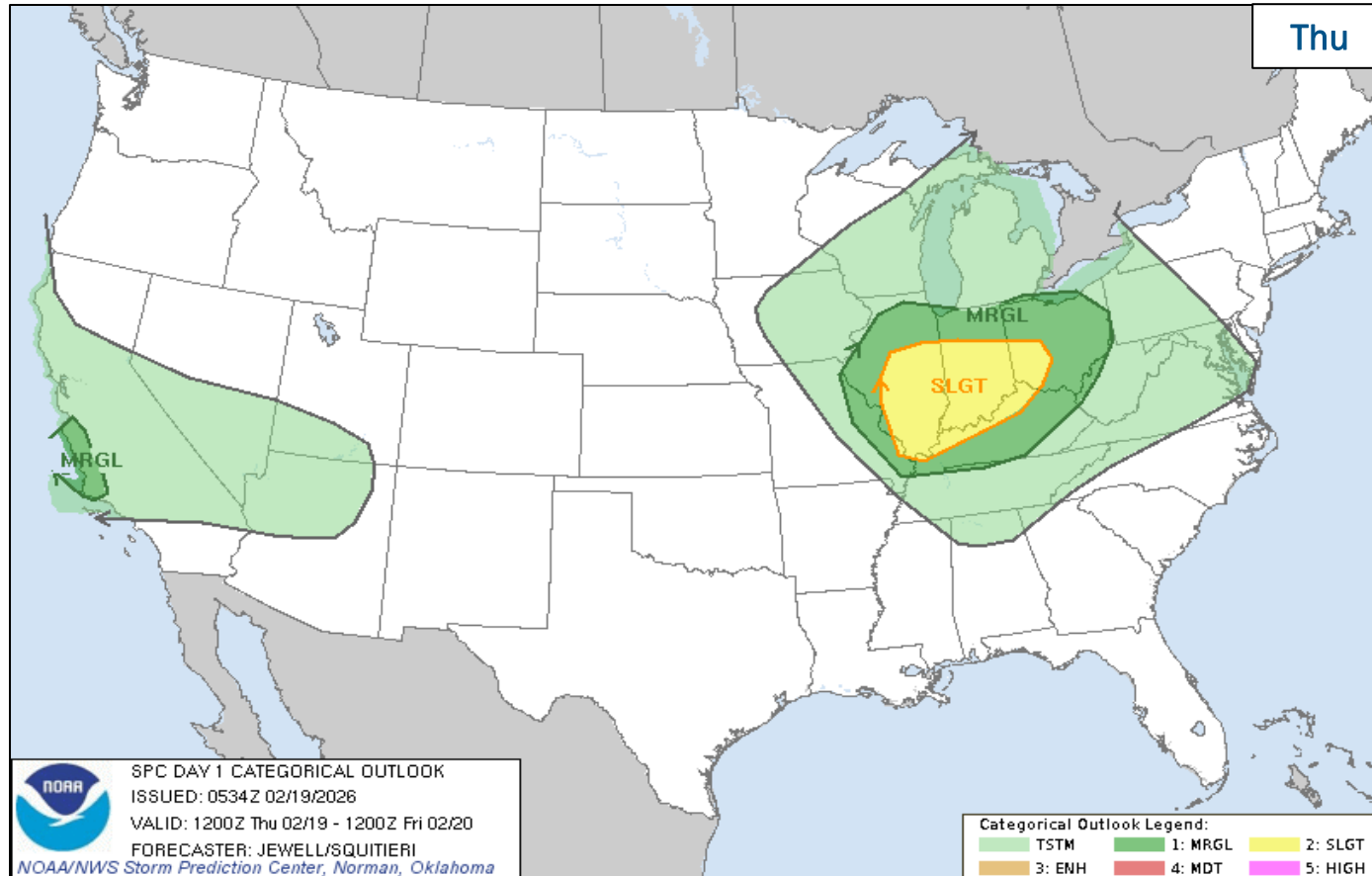


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# Severe Weather Outlook

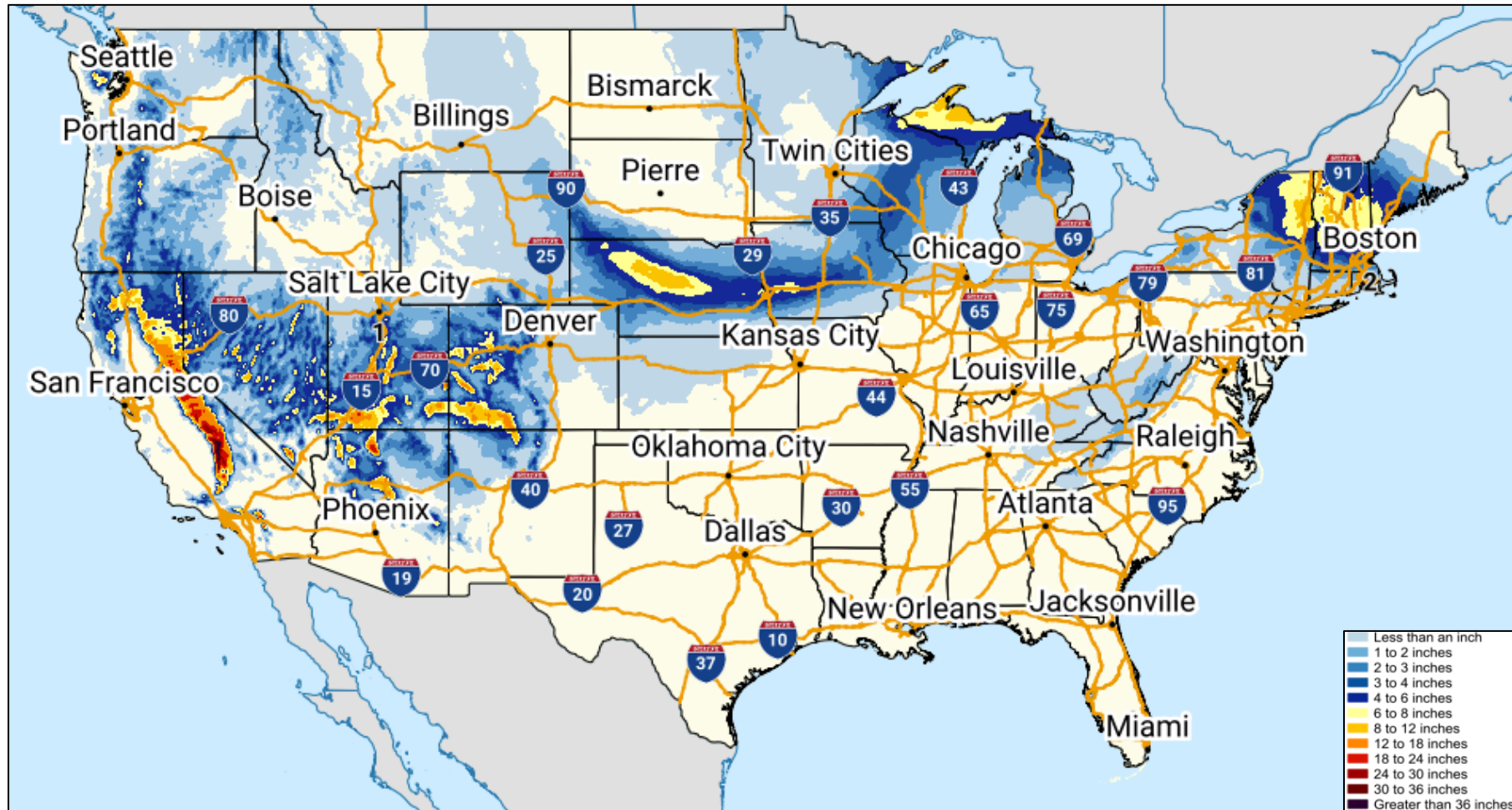


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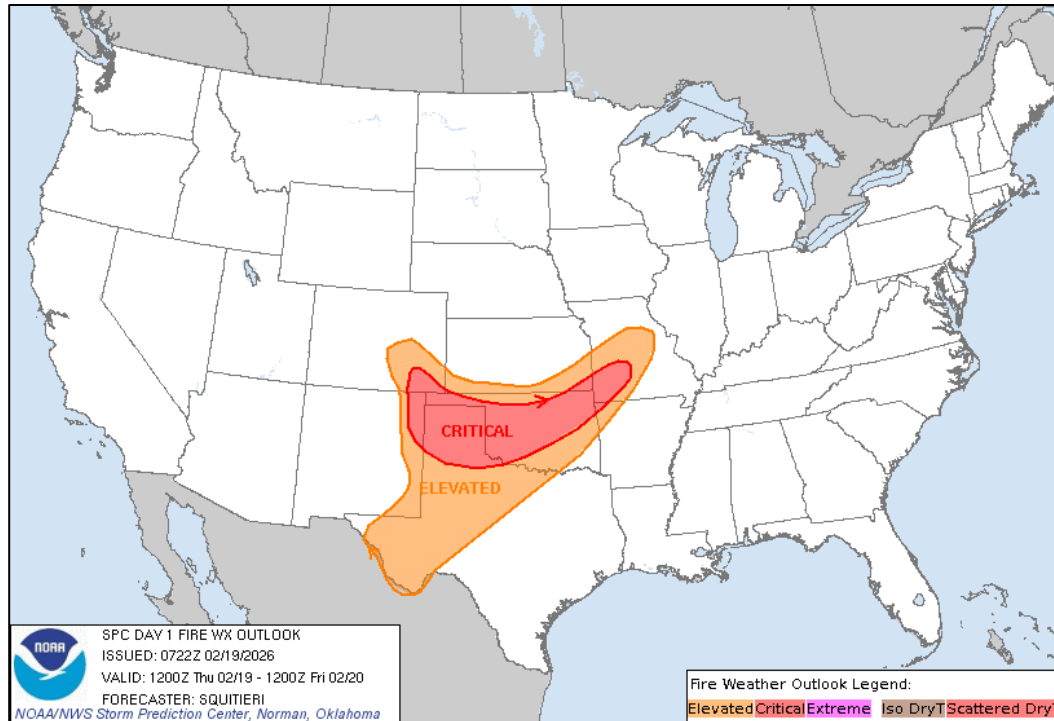


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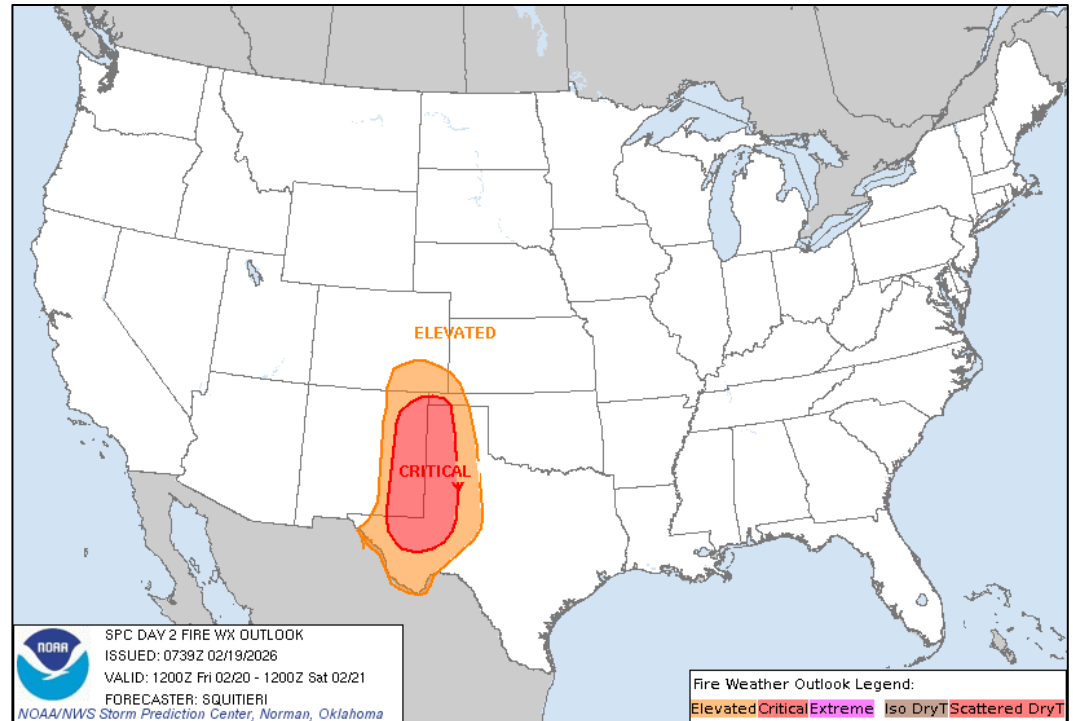


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# Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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# FEMA Common Operating Picture

12

Joint Field  
Offices

25

Major  
Disasters

+ 18

Emergency  
Declarations

8

Direct Housing  
Missions

5

RSF-Supported  
Disasters

6

Joint Recovery  
Offices

FEMA HQ

NWC

Monitoring

NRCC

Steady State

FEMA REGIONS

Watch

Monitoring

RRCC

R1 Rostered

Monitoring

R2 Rostered

Monitoring

R3 Rostered

Enhanced

R4 Rostered

Monitoring

R5 Rostered

Monitoring

R6 Rostered

Monitoring

R7 Rostered

Monitoring

R8 Rostered

Monitoring

R9 Rostered

Monitoring

R10 Rostered

Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

• R4 RWC: Enhanced (Severe Winter Storm)

IMATs:

• NSTR

State EOCs:

• HI: Wildfires

• FL: Previous Incidents

• KY/MS/TN: Winter Storm

• PR: Influenza Epidemic

• KS/OK/TX: Fire Weather

• DC: State of the Union

Surge Capacity Force

Rostered

7,974

Deployed

0

N-IMATs

2-5 Teams Available

Red

White

Blue

Gold

HS

R-IMATs

≥ 7 Teams Available

R1

2

R2

R3

R4 (1)

R4 (2)

MS (Jan 26)

R5

1

R6 (1)

R6 (2)

R7

MO (Feb 15)

R8

3

R9 (1)

R9 (2)

R10

Fully Mission Capable (FMC)

Partially Mission Capable (PMC)

Not Mission Capable (NMC)

Deployed

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
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

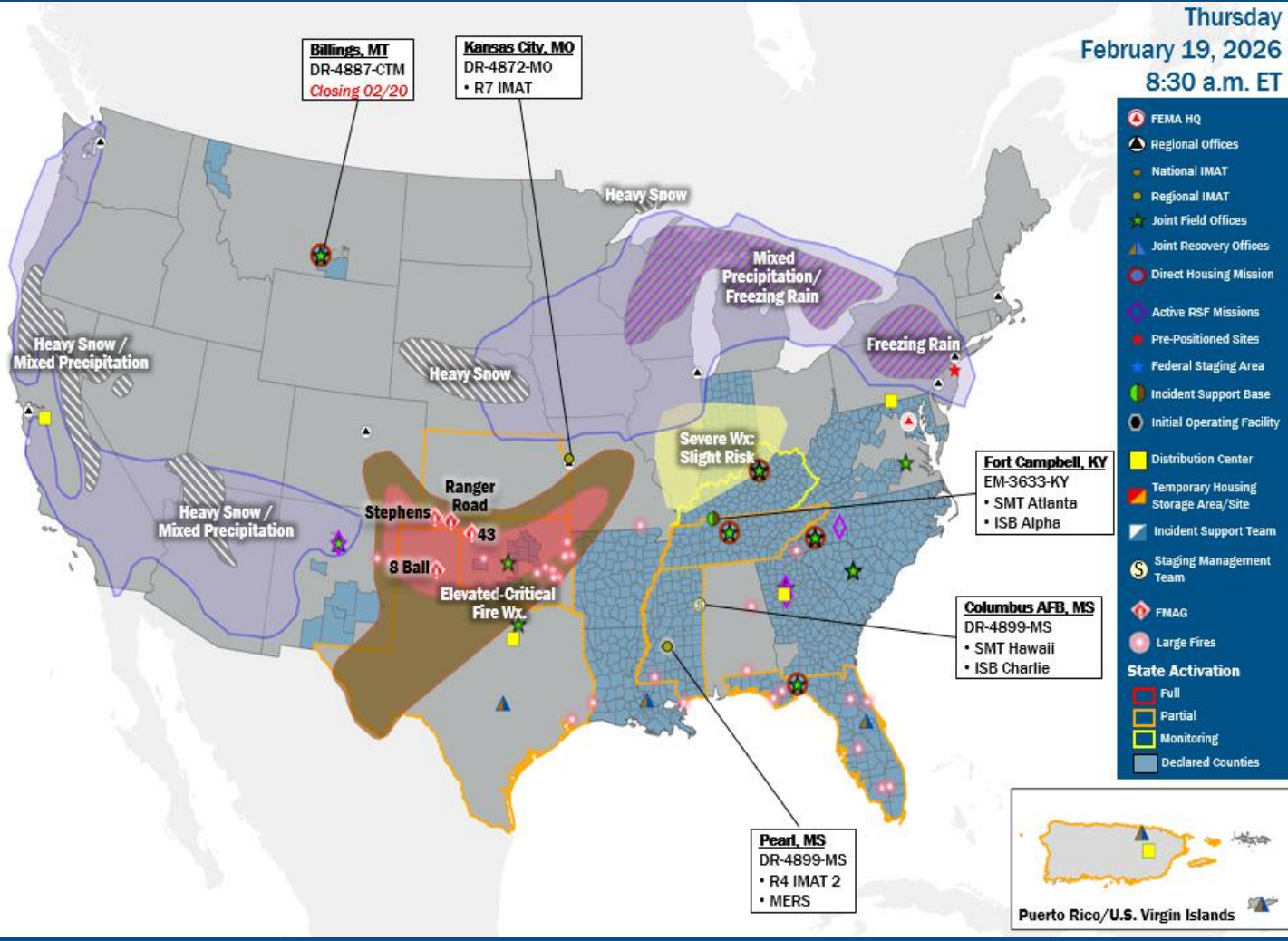
Alaska

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Guam

American Samoa

Hawaii



IM Workforce

11,389 (-2) Assigned

4,144 (+47) Unavailable

2,801 (-60) Deployed

39% / 4,444 (+11) Available

IM Cadre Availability

6 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 25% (24/96); Disability Integration: 25% (4/16); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 17% (113/653); Field Leadership: 20% (23/117); Hazard Mitigation: 19% (147/770); Planning: 18% (64/347)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned

6 Unavailable

1 (-1) Deployed

29 (+1) Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned

0 Unavailable

0 Deployed

28 Available

FCO

3 Type I

36 Assigned

3 Unavailable

26 (16 FCOR) Deployed

7 Available



# 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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