

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, February 19, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

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:

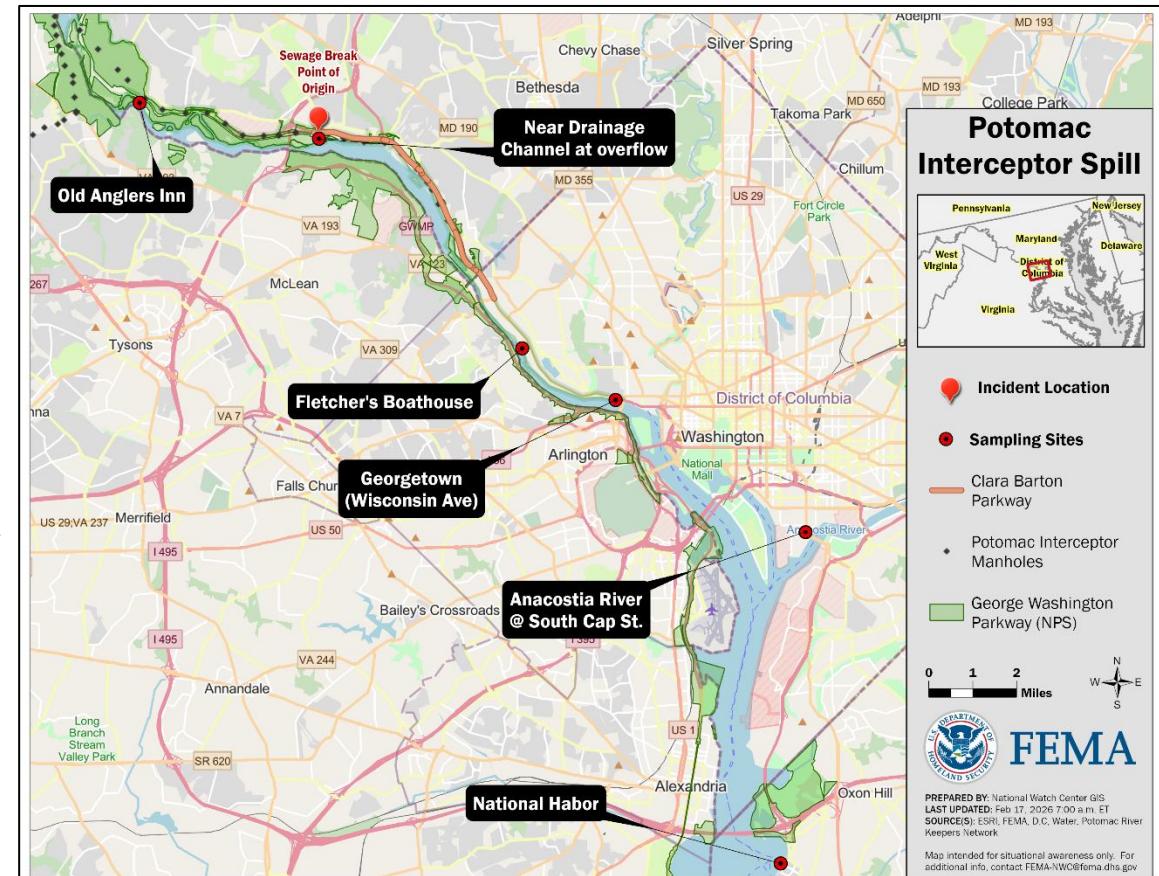
DC EOC is at Enhanced Watch (State of the Union)

- 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 | 0: 0 | 0: 0 | 0: 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

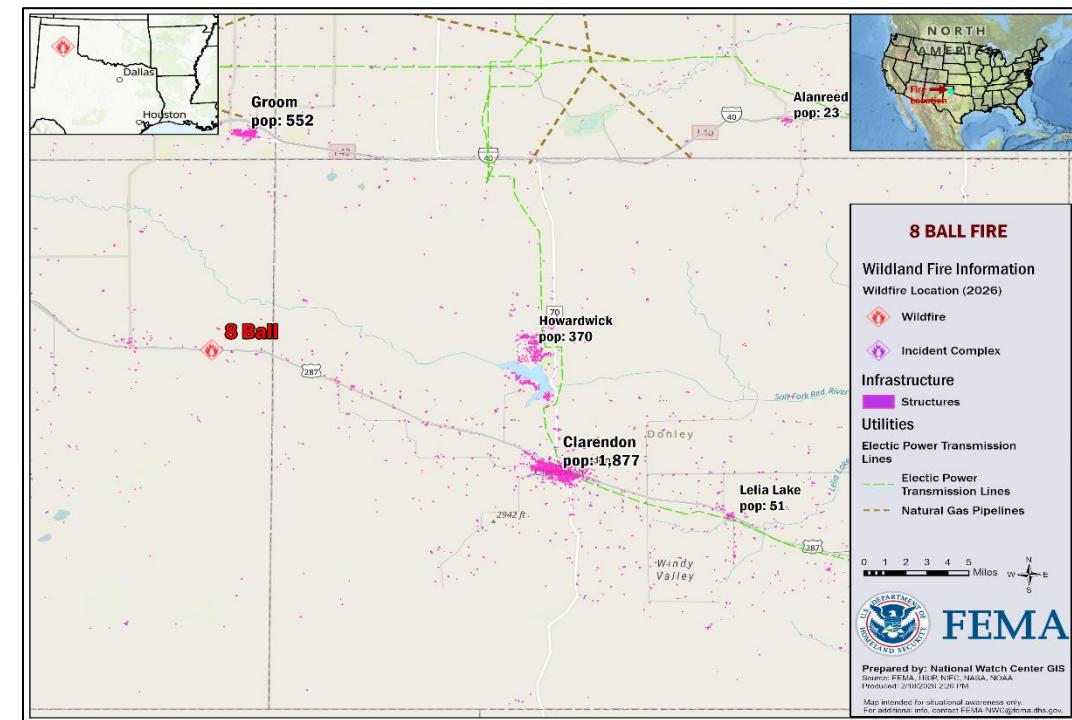
State and Local Response:

- 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)

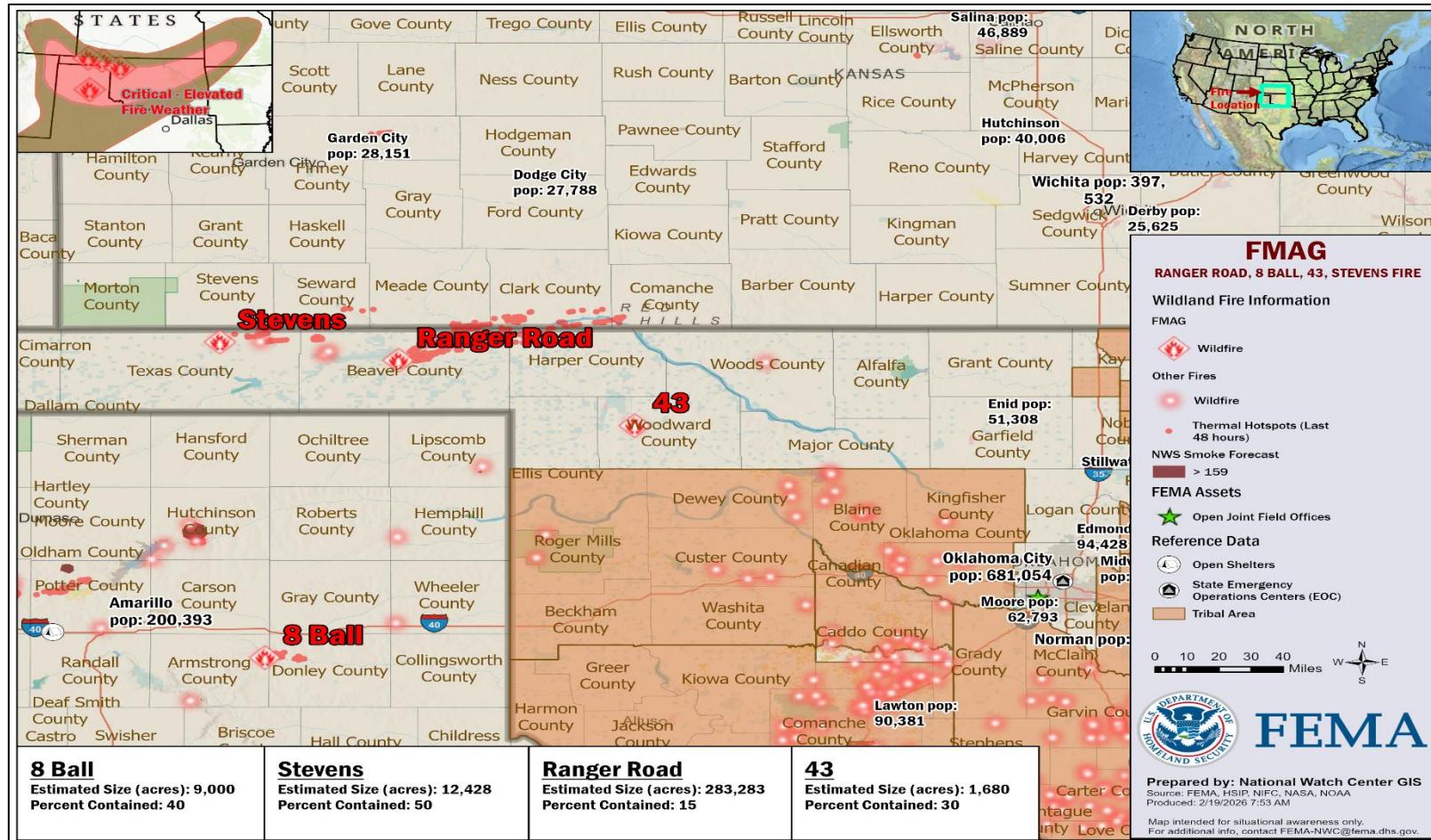
*As of 1:00 a.m. ET, open sources indicate that the town of Tyrone, OK (pop. 729) remains under evacuation.



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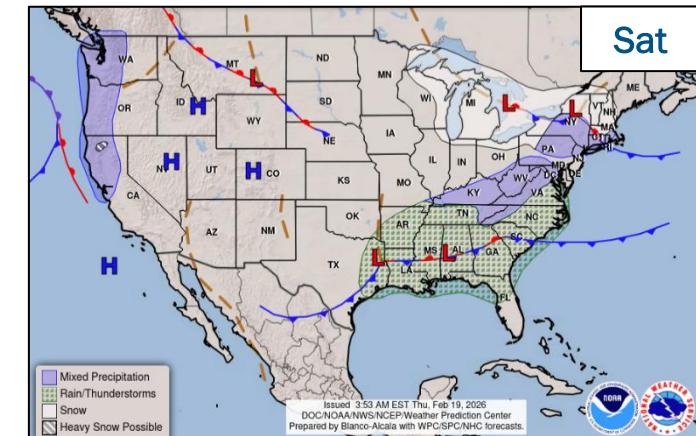
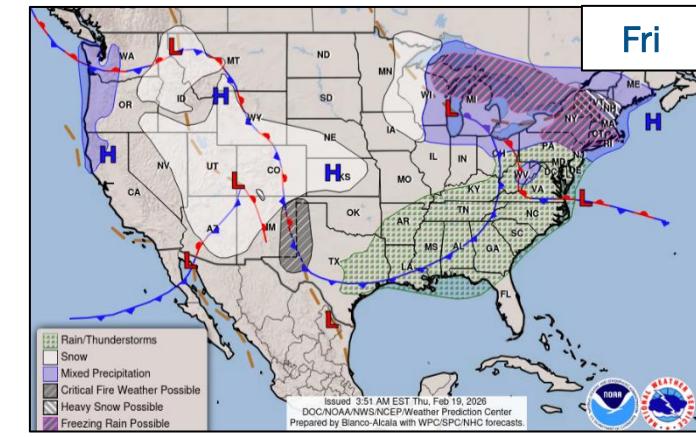
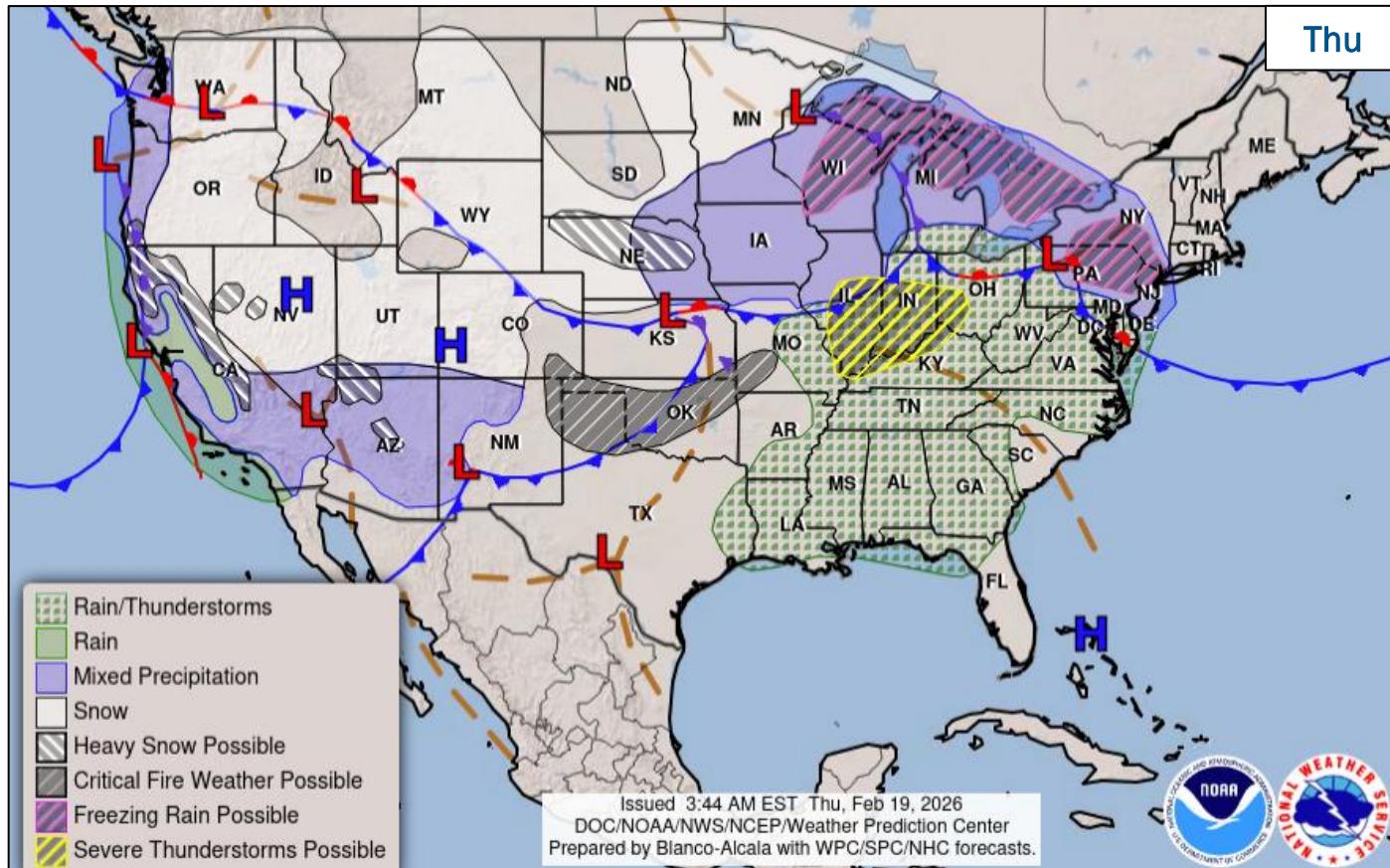
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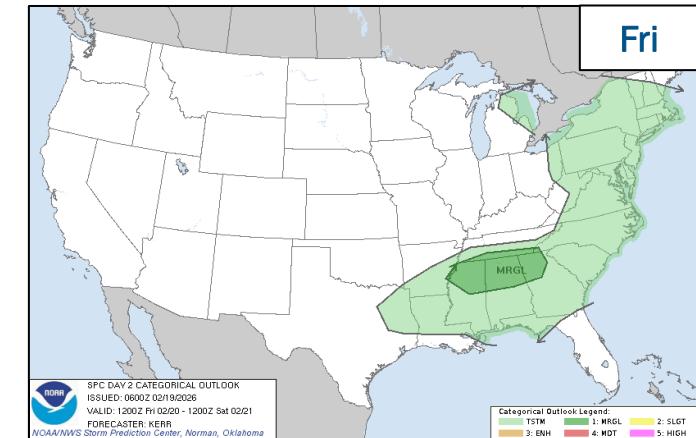
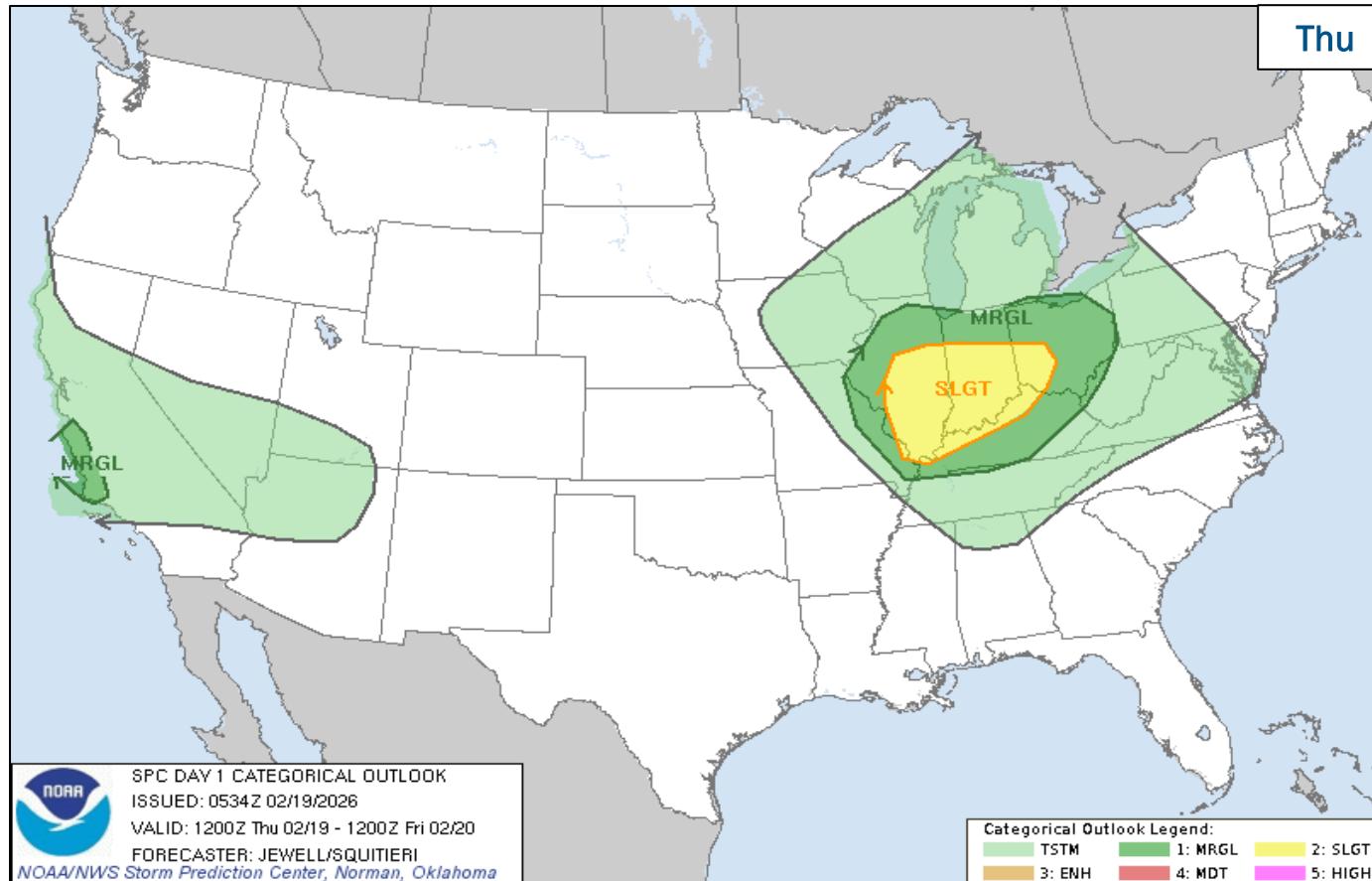
National Weather Forecast



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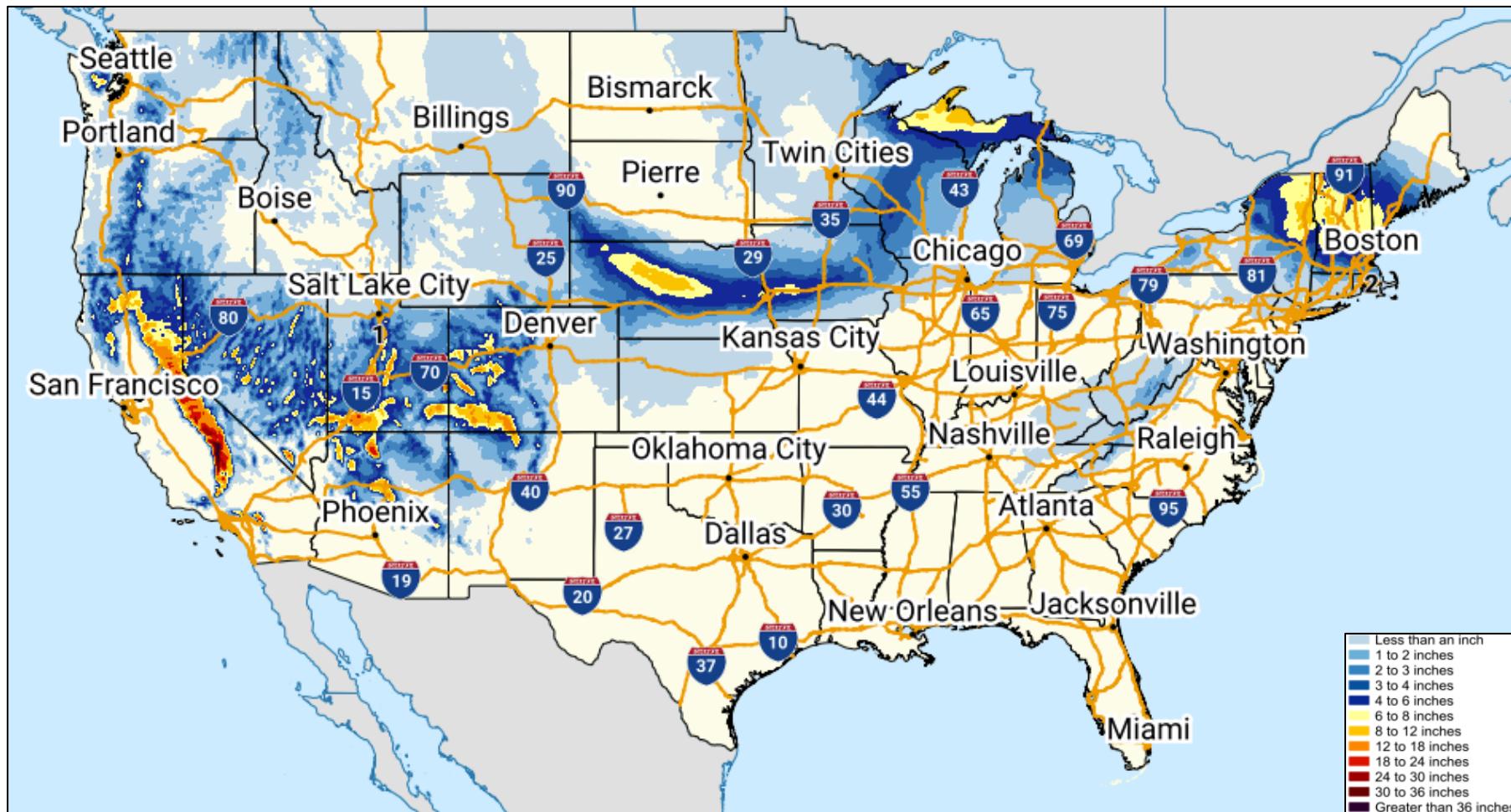
Severe Weather Outlook



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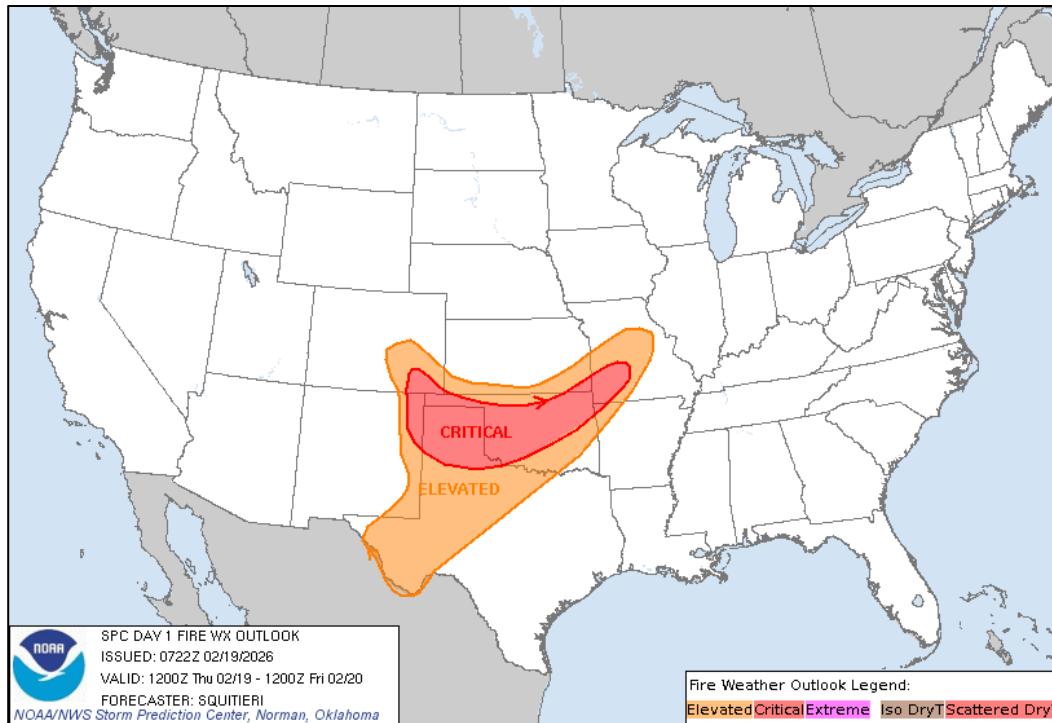
Snowfall Forecast



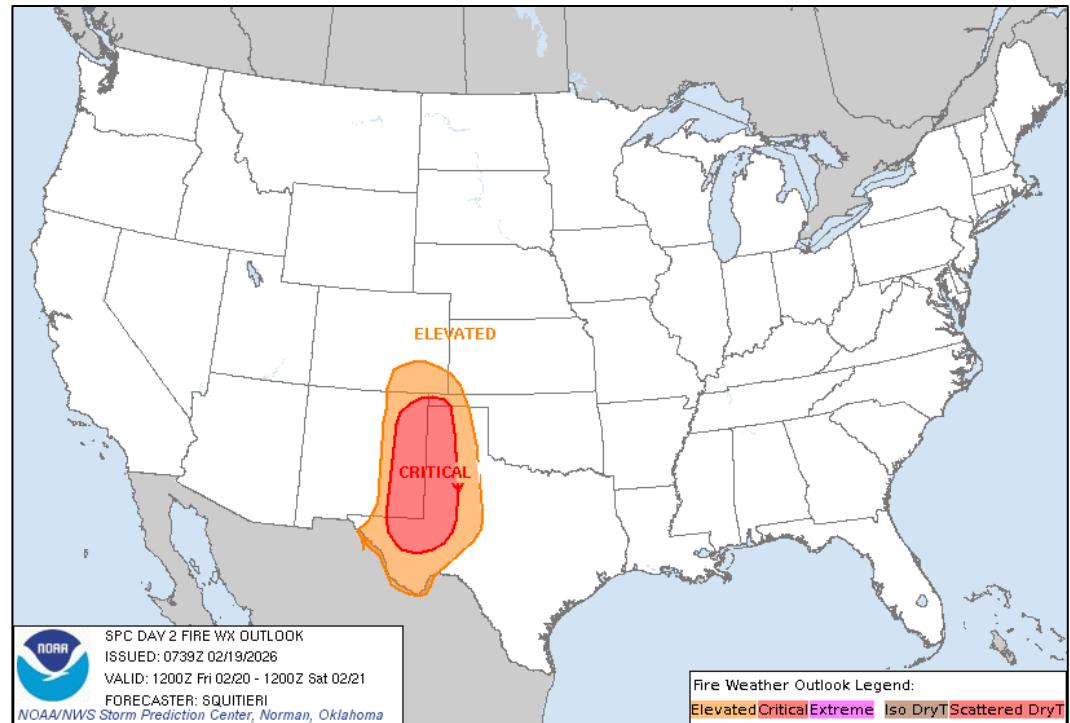
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Fire Weather Outlook



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Tomorrow



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

12
Joint Field Offices

25 Supporting Major Disasters
+ **18** Emergency Declarations

8 Direct Housing Missions

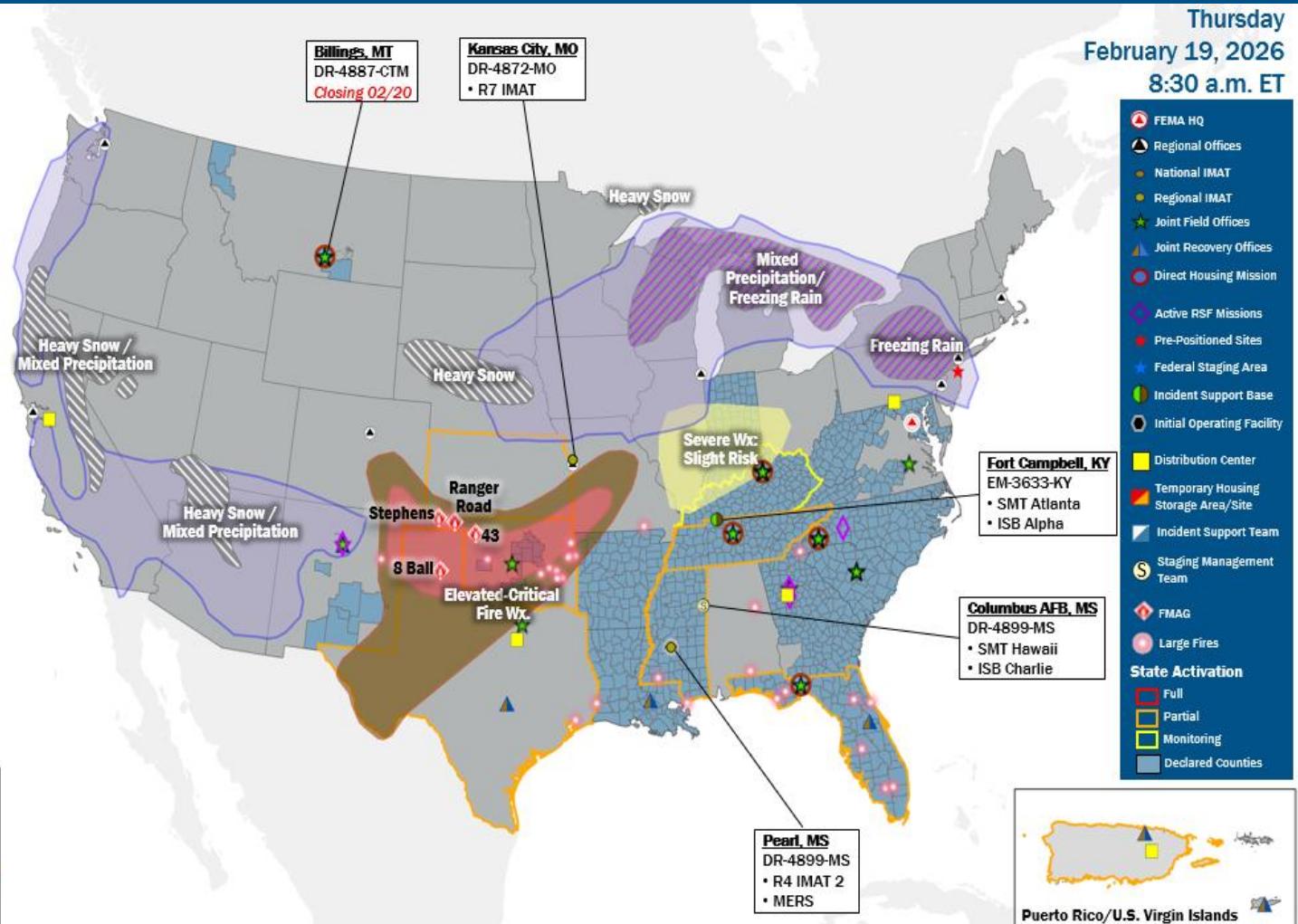
5 RSF-Supported Disasters
6 Joint Recovery Offices

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| FEMA HQ | | N-IMATs 2-5 Teams Available | | REGIONAL BREAKDOWN | |
|--|--------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| NWC | NRCC | Red | | R1 0 0 0 0 | |
| Monitoring | Steady State | White | | R2 0 0 0 2 | |
| | | Blue | | R3 1 1 2 0 | |
| | | Gold | | R4 6 17 11 1 | |
| | | HS | | 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 | | | | | |
| Watch | | RRCC | | R-IMATs ≥ 7 Teams Available | |
| Monitoring | R1 | Monitoring | Rostered | R1 2 | |
| Monitoring | R2 | Monitoring | Rostered | R2 | |
| Monitoring | R3 | Monitoring | Rostered | R3 | |
| Enhanced | R4 | Enhanced | Rostered | R4 (1) | |
| Monitoring | R5 | Monitoring | Rostered | R4 (2) MS (Jan 26) | |
| Monitoring | R6 | Monitoring | Rostered | R5 1 | |
| Monitoring | R7 | Monitoring | Rostered | R6 (1) | |
| Monitoring | R8 | Monitoring | Rostered | R6 (2) MO (Feb 15) | |
| Monitoring | R9 | Monitoring | Rostered | R8 3 | |
| Monitoring | R10 | Monitoring | Rostered | R9 (1) | |
| | | | | R9 (2) | |
| | | | | R10 | |
| Notes: | | | | | |
| NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs: | | State EOCs: | | | |
| • R4 RWC: Enhanced (Severe Winter Storm) | | • HI: Wildfires | | | |
| IMATs: | | • FL: Previous Incidents | | | |
| • KY/MS/TN: Winter Storm | | • KY: Epidemic | | | |
| • PR: Influenza Epidemic | | • KS/OK/TX: Fire Weather | | | |
| • DC: State of the Union | | • DC: State of the Union | | | |
| Surge Capacity Force | | | | | |
| Rostered 7,974 | Deployed 0 | Fully Mission Capable (FMC) | Partially Mission Capable (PMC) | Not Mission Capable (NMC) | Deployed |



IM Workforce

11,389 (-2) Assigned
4,144 (+47) Unavailable
2,801 (-60) Deployed

39% / 4,444 (+11) Available

IM Cadre 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)

6 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

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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|--|------|----|----|----|-----------|
| 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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