

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, March 14, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Severe Weather (Kona Low) – Hawaii

Hazard Monitoring

- Flash Flooding – Hawaii
- Fire Weather – The Plains
- Heavy Snow – Northern CONUS

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – GA
- Amendment No. 1 to FEMA-4880-DR-MI
- FMAG Approval: Qury Fire – SD
- FMAG Approval: Morrill-Cottonwood Fire – NE

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Severe Weather (Kona Low) – Hawaii

Situation: Severe weather continues across Hawaii and is forecasted to last until Monday. Excessive rain, thunderstorms and increasing winds are presently affecting the region. Flash Flood Warnings are in effect for the Island of Hawaii in Hawaii County, the Island of Oahu in Honolulu County, the island of Molokai and the island of Maui, both in Maui County. All warnings end by 10:00 a.m. ET. Flood Watches will continue through as late as Sunday night for these areas along with Kauai and Niihau in Kauai County. As a result of the severe weather, significant power losses have occurred statewide. Department of Energy is reporting over 25% of customers reporting outages within the state through Eagle-I as of 8:15 a.m. ET. Currently, incident response remains local and there are no requests for FEMA assistance. (FEMA Region 9 Spot Report as of 2:55 a.m. ET and Region 9 Watch as of 7:15 a.m. ET)

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA Region 9 Spot Report as of 2:55 a.m. ET)

Safety and Security: Evacuation orders and pre-evacuation notices issued in Oahu

- Otake Camp in Waialua on the North Shore evacuated due to flooding
- Oahu Department of Emergency Management issued a pre-evacuation notice due to potential dam failure

Food, Hydration, Shelter: 29 shelters / 77 occupants statewide including non-ARC shelters

- Oahu County: 7 shelters / 20 occupants
- Maui County: 6 shelters / 18 occupants
- Kauai County: 4 shelters / 0 occupants
- Hawaii County: 12 shelters / 39 occupants

Energy: 132k / 26% customers without power statewide (Eagle-I as of 8:15 a.m. ET)

- Oahu County: 105k customers affected (33%)
- Maui County: 19k customers affected (27%)
- Hawaii County: 8k customers affected (9%)

Water Systems:

- Wahiawā Dam: Hawaii Emergency Management Agency continues to monitor water levels; Water Levels are at 83' with dam failure at 90'
- USACE and DCE are engaged in dam discussions



Oahu Evacuation Map (Region 9 SPOTREP, as of 2:55 a.m. ET)

The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 9; barring any significant developments, the next update will be provided in the 5:00 p.m. ET National Situation Report.

Transportation: Closures reported on local roads and State highways in Maui, Oahu, and Kauai

Maui:

- Closures due to downed trees, landslides, washouts, and flooding reported on local roads and Hawaii state highways 37, 83, 360, and 378

Oahu:

- Closures due to downed trees and flooding reported on local roads and Hawaii state highways H1, H2, and H3
- Landslides reported on local roads and in the Pacific Heights area

Kauai:

- Local road closures reported due to flooding and debris on roads

State / Local Response:

- State of Hawaii EOC is at Partial Activation
- The Governor of Hawaii has issued 2 Emergency Proclamations for March 2026 Kona Low Weather Event

FEMA / Federal Response:

Region 9: RWC is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
HQ: NWC is Monitoring



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Qury Fire – South Dakota

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Qury (Custer, SD)	XXXX-FM-SD	5,371	0%	M: 100	H: 100	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation: The Acting Regional Administrator for FEMA Region 8 approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Qury Fire. The fire is burning on federal, state and private land in the vicinity of Custer State Park in Custer, SD (estimated population 1.9k) in Custer County, and threatening infrastructure including radio and cell towers, roads, bridges, and electric and gas utilities.

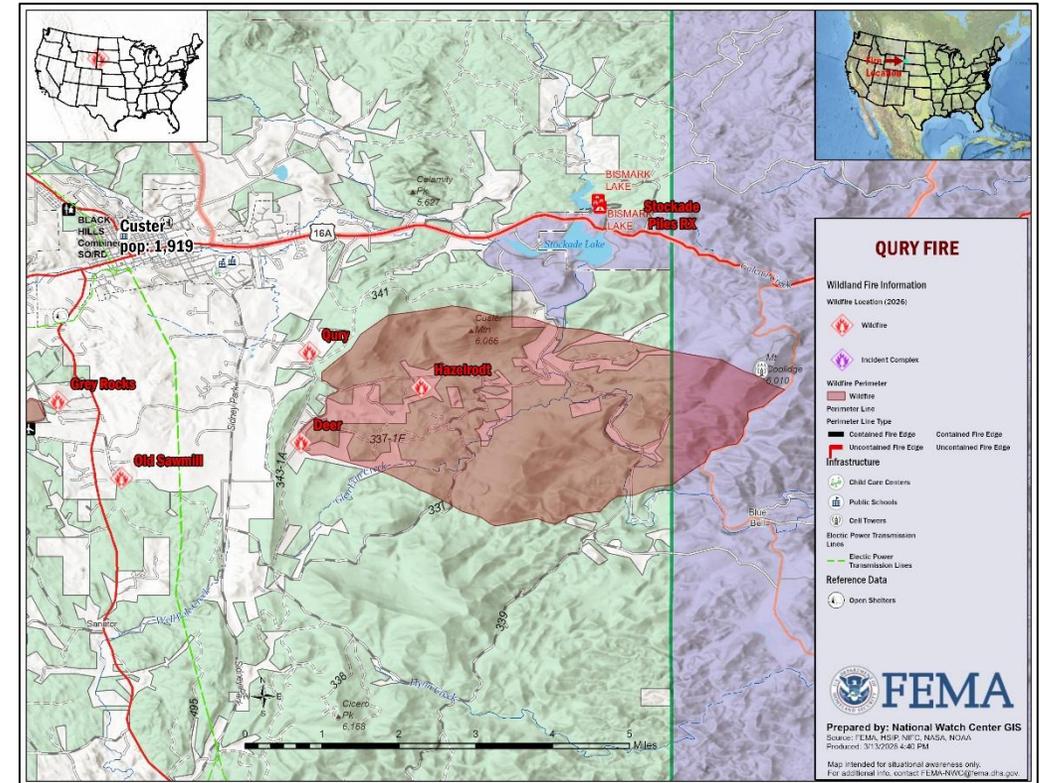
State and Local Response:

- SD SEOC is at Normal Operations

FEMA/Federal Response:

- Denver MOC/Region 8 Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered; R-IMAT is Fully Mission Capable (FMC)
- NWC is Monitoring

The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 8; 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)



Morrill-Cottonwood Fire – Nebraska

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Morrill-Cottonwood (Morrill, Garden, Arthur, Keith, Lincoln, and Dawson, NE)	XXXX-FM-NE	553,299	0%	M: 100+	H: 5,214	H: 0	H: 0	1 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 12	

Situation: The Acting Regional Administrator for FEMA Region 7 approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Morrill-Cottonwood Fire. The fire is burning on state and private land in the vicinity of Morrill, Garden, Arthur, Keith, Lincoln, and Dawson County, NE (estimated combined pop. 10k). One civilian fatality is reported in Arthur County. (*R7 RWC, as of 11:28 p.m. ET, Mar 13*) Mandatory evacuation orders have been issued by local emergency managers.

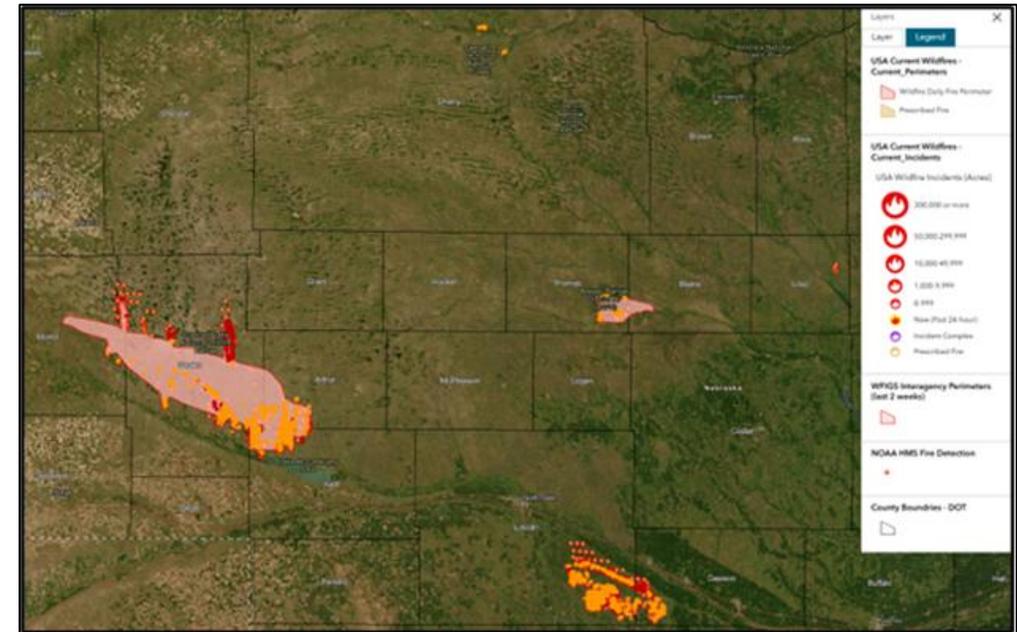
State and Local Response:

- NE SEOC is at Full Activation (Wildfires)
- NE Governor declared a State of Emergency (*NE Office of the Governor, as of Mar 13*)

FEMA/Federal Response:

- Region 7 Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered; R-IMAT is deployed (DR-4872-MO)
- NWC is Monitoring

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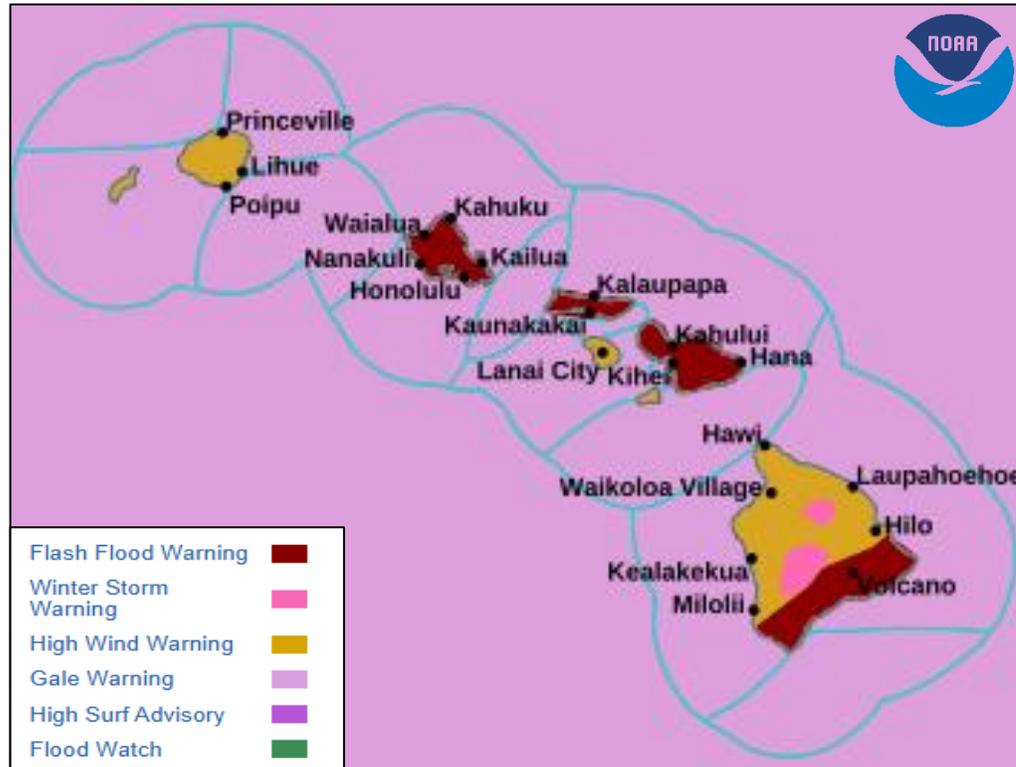


(NE SEOC SITREP, as of 11:30 p.m. ET)

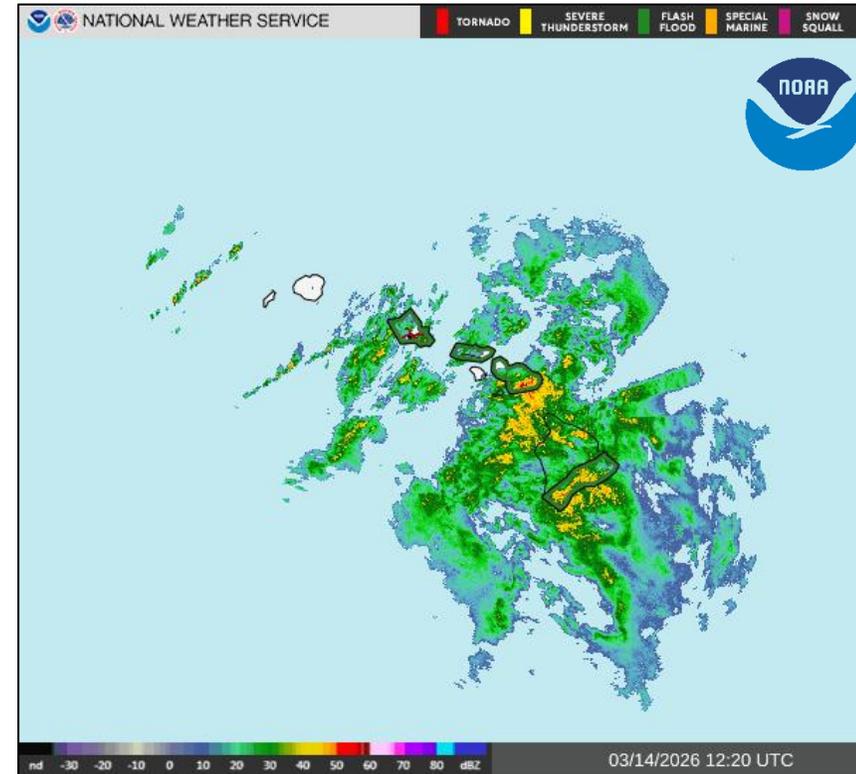


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Hawaii Weather Outlook



Watches and Warnings

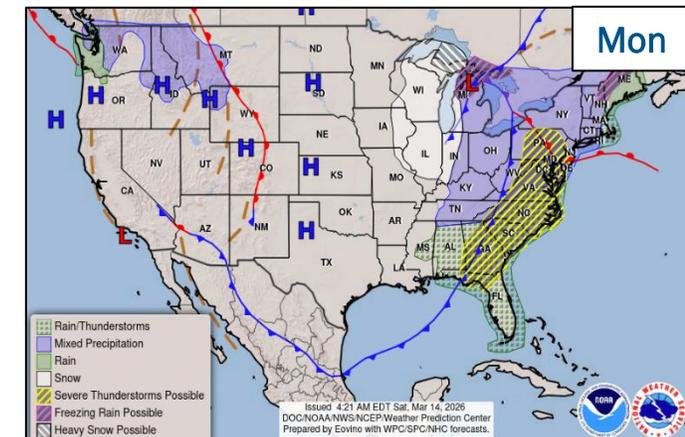
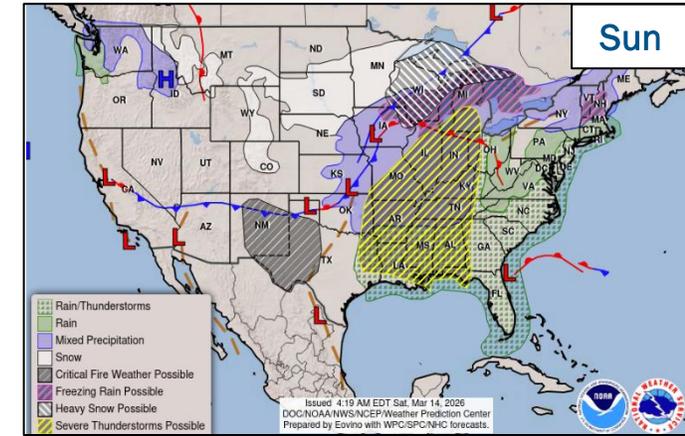
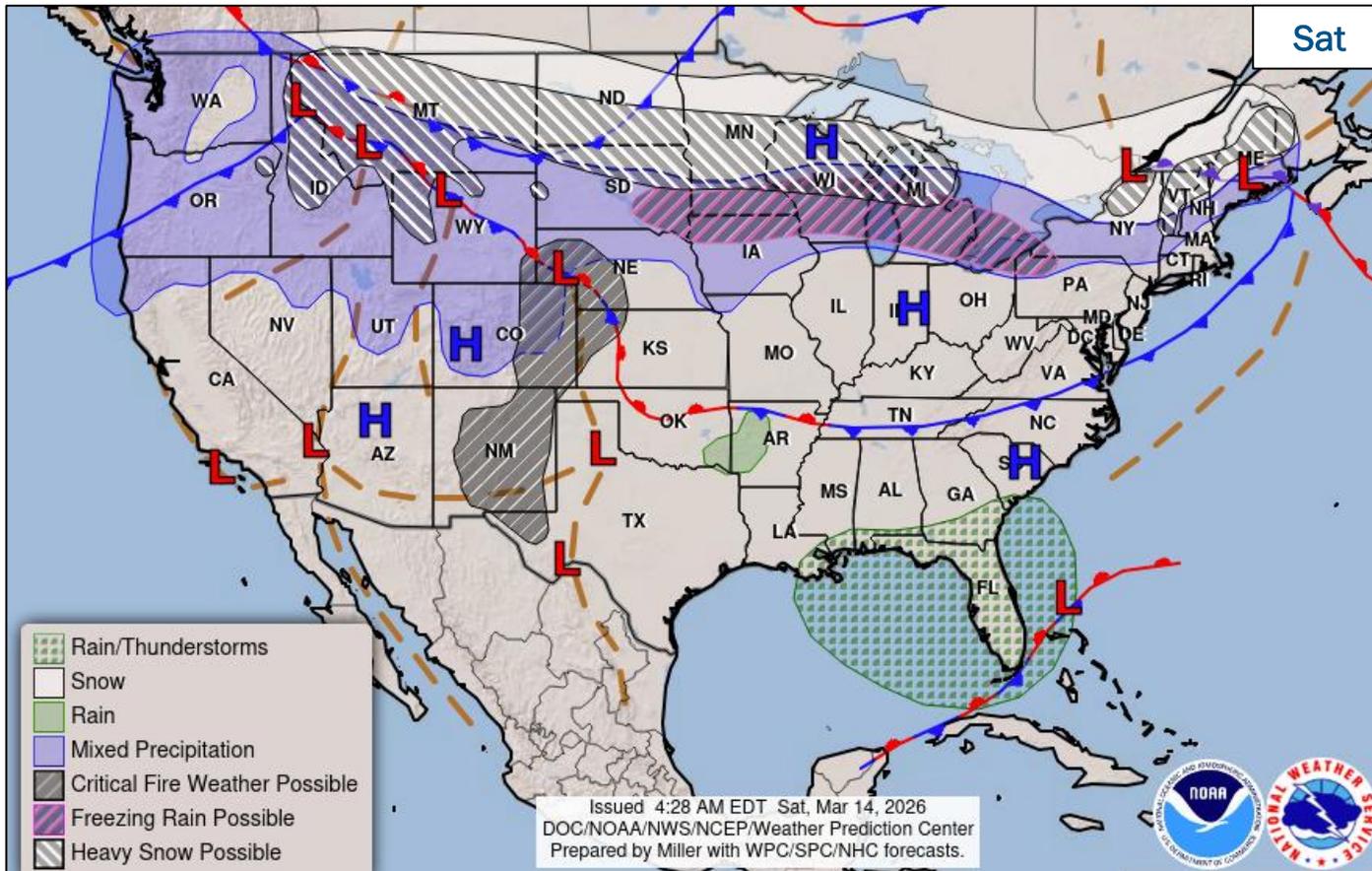


Weather Radar



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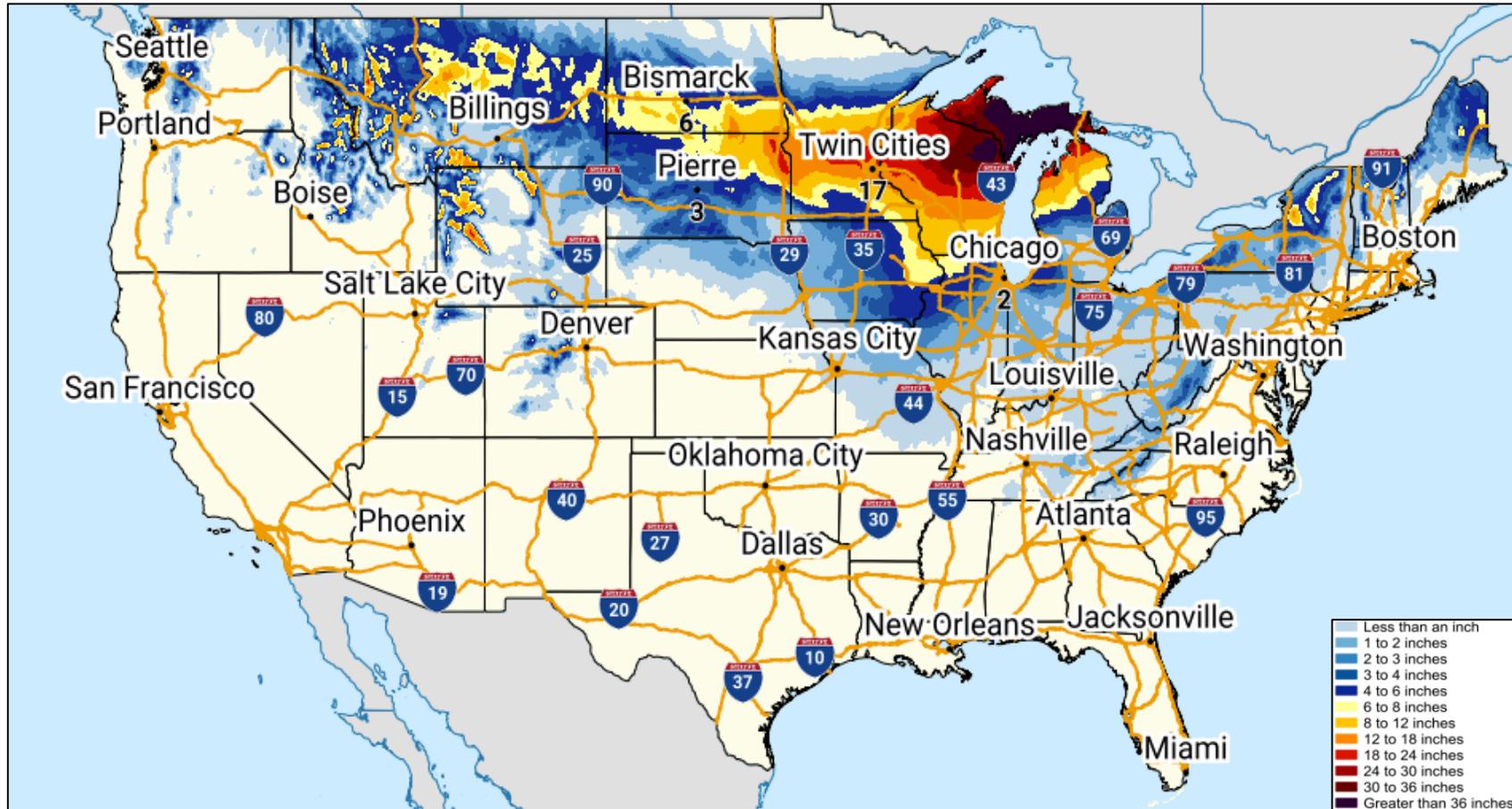
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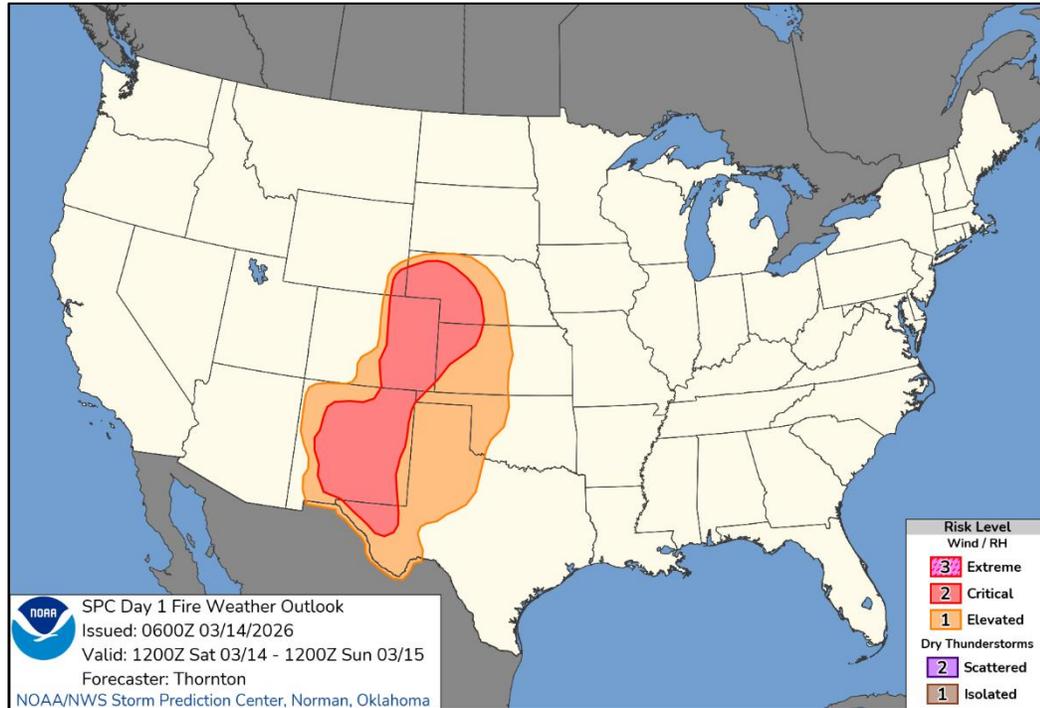
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Snowfall Forecast

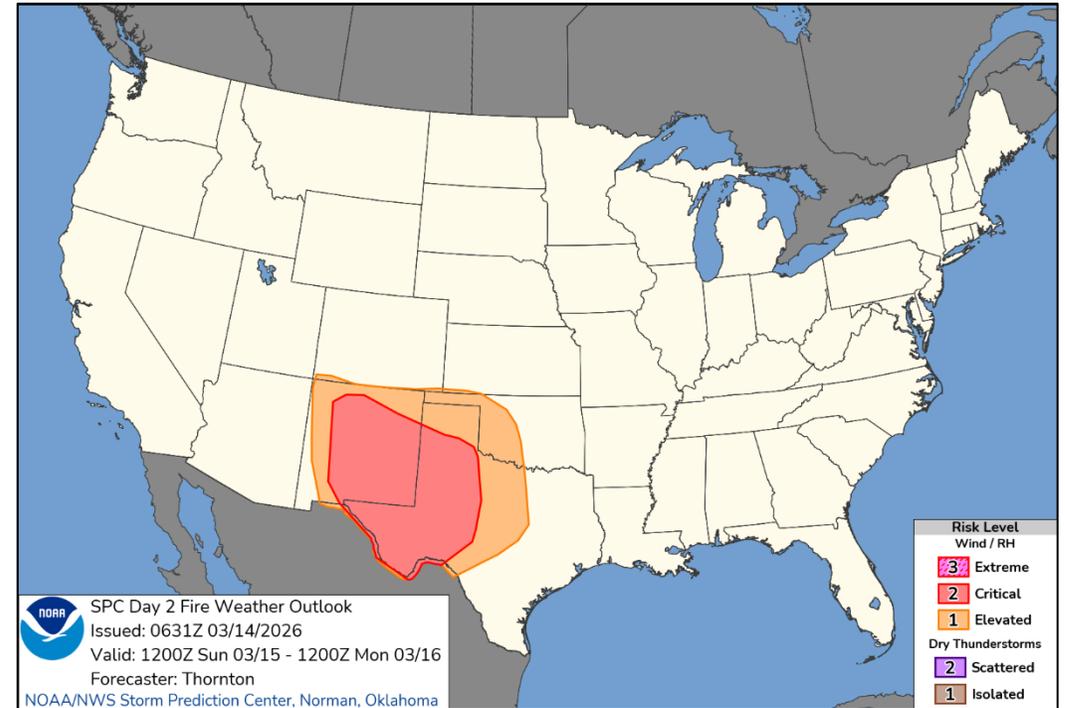


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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

14 Joint Field Offices **24** + **10** Supporting Major Disasters **8** Direct Housing Missions **5** RSF-Supported Disasters **6** Joint Recovery Offices

Saturday
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FEMA HQ	
NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Steady State
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Monitoring	R1 Rostered
Monitoring	R2 Rostered
Alt. Location	R3 Rostered
Monitoring	R4 Rostered
Monitoring	R5 Rostered
Monitoring	R6 Rostered
Monitoring	R7 Rostered
Monitoring	R8 Rostered
Monitoring	R9 Rostered
Monitoring	R10 Rostered

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	
Blue	
Gold	
HS	

R-IMATs	
≥ 7 Teams Available	
R1	
R2	
R3	DC (Feb 24)
R4 (1)	
R4 (2)	MS (Jan 26)
R5	
R6 (1)	
R6 (2)	
R7	MO (Feb 15)
R8	1
R9 (1)	
R9 (2)	3
R10	2

Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

- R3 RWC: Alternate location effective Feb 22, 2026, for approximately 4 weeks
- R5 RWC: Staffing (Dayshift Only)

IMATs:

- NSTR

State EOCs:

- DC: Potomac Interceptor Sewer Line
- HI/KS/NE: Wildfires
- FL: Previous Incidents
- MS/TN: Winter Storm
- PR: Influenza Epidemic
- OK/TX: Wildfires and Severe Weather
- MD/NY: Repatriation
- KY/IL/IN/MT/WY: Severe Weather

Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered	Deployed
7,972	0

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	0	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	2	1	1	0
R4	6	17	6	1
R5	0	0	0	0
R6	4	4	2	3
R7	0	0	0	0
R8	1	1	1	0
R9	0	0	0	0
R10	1	1	0	0

Alaska

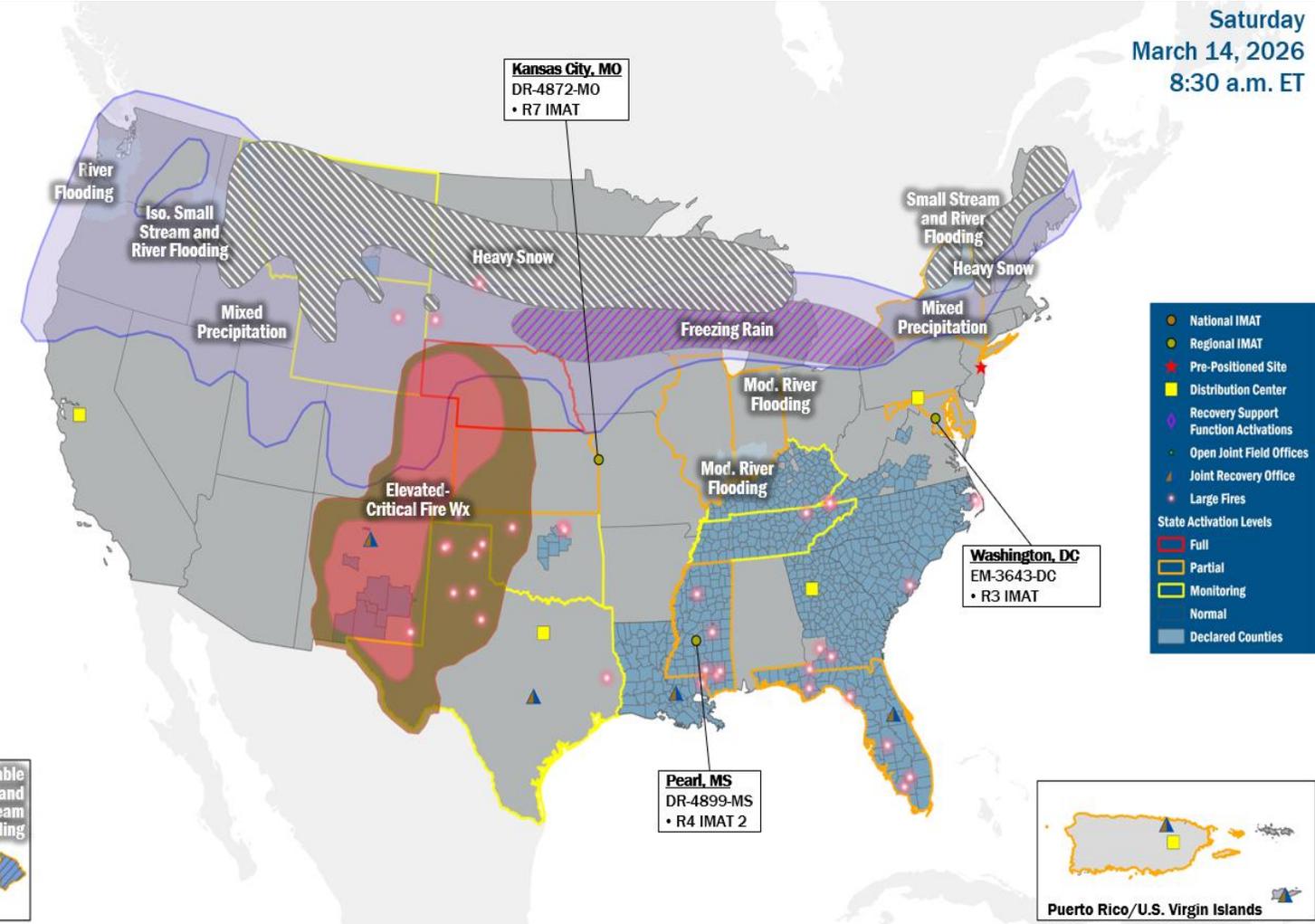
Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Guam

American Samoa

Hawaii

Considerable flash and small stream flooding



IM Workforce

11,267 (-1) Assigned
4,165 (+30) Unavailable
2,553 (-35) Deployed

40% / 4,549 (+4) Available

IM Cadre Availability

6 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Disability Integration: 19% (3/16); External Affairs: 25% (67/270); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 19% (122/641); Field Leadership: 17% (20/117); Hazard Mitigation: 20% (153/765); Planning: 19% (66/345)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned
6 Unavailable
0 Deployed

30 Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned
0 Unavailable
0 Deployed

28 Available

FCO

2 Type I

35 Assigned
3 Unavailable
26 (-1) (14 FCO) Deployed

6 (+1) Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Completed	
R1	MA	Severe Winter Storm Feb 22-23	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	14	0	3/11 - TBD
	MWT*	Severe Winter Storm Feb 22-23	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	TBD - TBD
	RI	Severe Winter Storm	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	5	0	3/12 - TBD
R3	DE	Severe Winter Storm Feb 22-23	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	3	0	3/16 - TBD
R5	MI	Severe Weather and Tornadoes Mar 6	IA	3	0	3/16 - TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A

*Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe



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Declaration Request – Georgia

Declaration Type: Major Disaster – Georgia

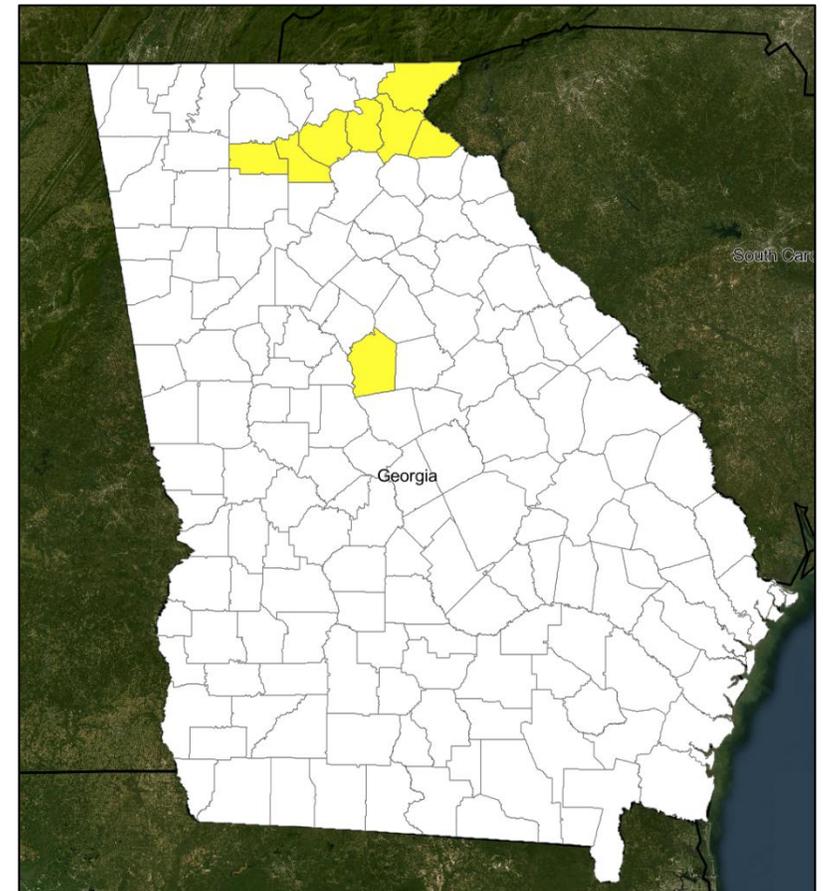
Requested: Mar 12

Incident: Severe Winter Storm

Incident Period: Jan 22-27

Requested:

- **PA:** 8 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



■ PA



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Declaration Requests in Process – 21

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
KY – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Feb 5
ID – Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Feb 6
FPA & ST* – Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 11

*San Carlos Apache Tribe / Native Village of Kipnuk / Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes



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Declaration Requests in Process – 21 (cont'd)

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
CTM* – Straight-line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 12
FBIC* – Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 13
OR – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	Feb 18
WA – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	Feb 17
SC – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Feb 25
GA – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Mar 12

*Crow Tribe of Montana / Fort Belknap Indian Community



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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-4880-DR-MI	1	Mar 10	Adds 13 counties and 1 tribe for Public Assistance (Category F)



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