

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, May 22, 2026

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# National Current Operations / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- No new significant incidents / operations

## Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Ohio Valley and Carolinas
- Severe Thunderstorms – Southern Plains

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## Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

## Event Monitoring


- No new significant events



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# NOAA Hurricane Season Outlook – Atlantic

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<b>ATLANTIC</b> 	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>MAY OUTLOOK</b>
<b>NAMED STORMS</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8-14</b>
<b>HURRICANES</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3-6</b>
<b>MAJOR HURRICANES</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1-3</b>



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# NOAA Hurricane Season Outlook – Central Pacific

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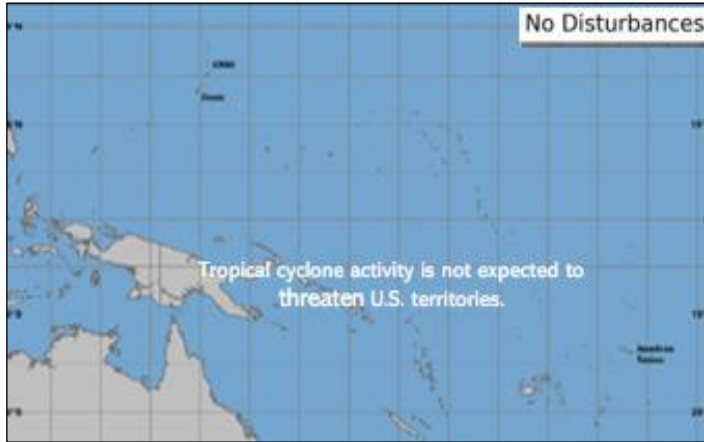
<b>CENTRAL PACIFIC</b> 	<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>MAY OUTLOOK</b>
<b>TROPICAL CYCLONES</b>	<b>4-5</b>	<b>5-13</b>



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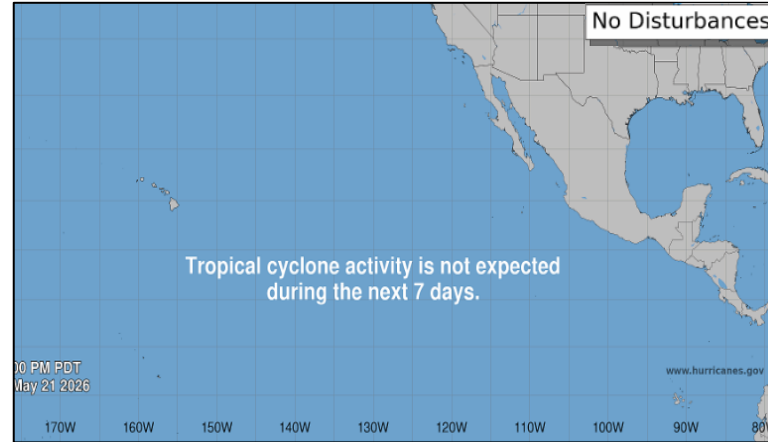
# Tropical Outlook

## Western Pacific



- No tropical cyclones threatening U.S. territories

## Eastern and Central Pacific



- No tropical cyclones expected during the next 7 days

## Atlantic

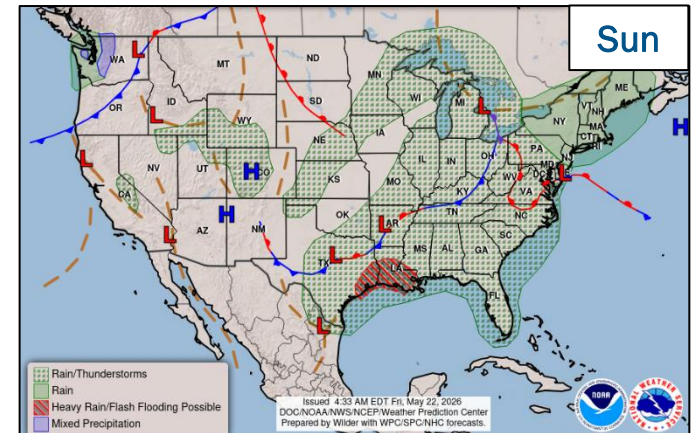
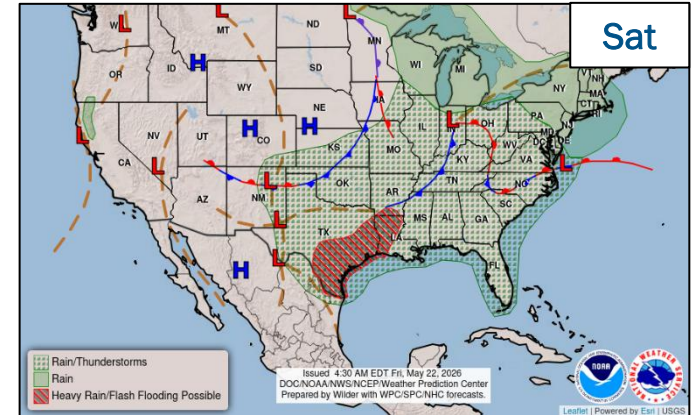
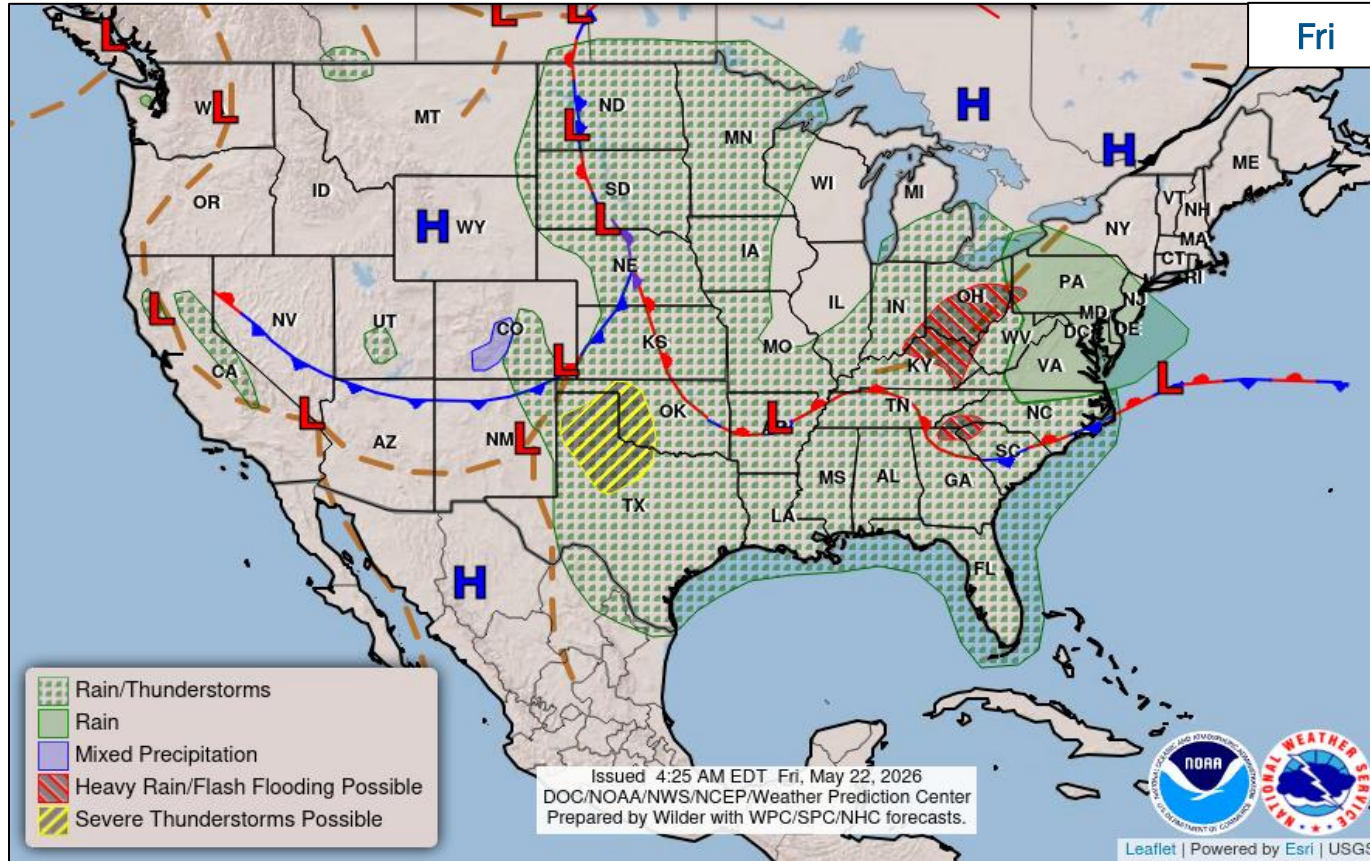


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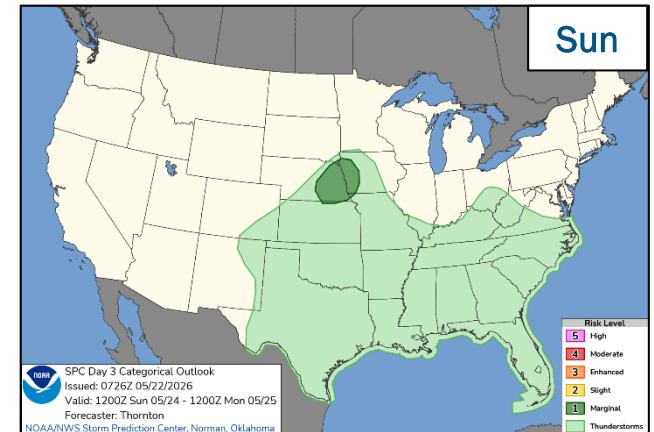
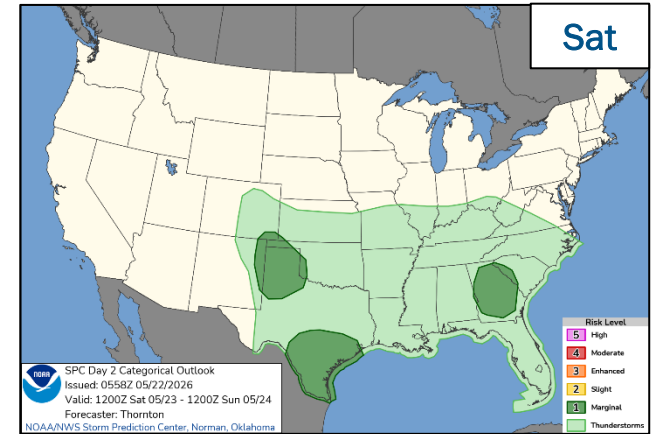
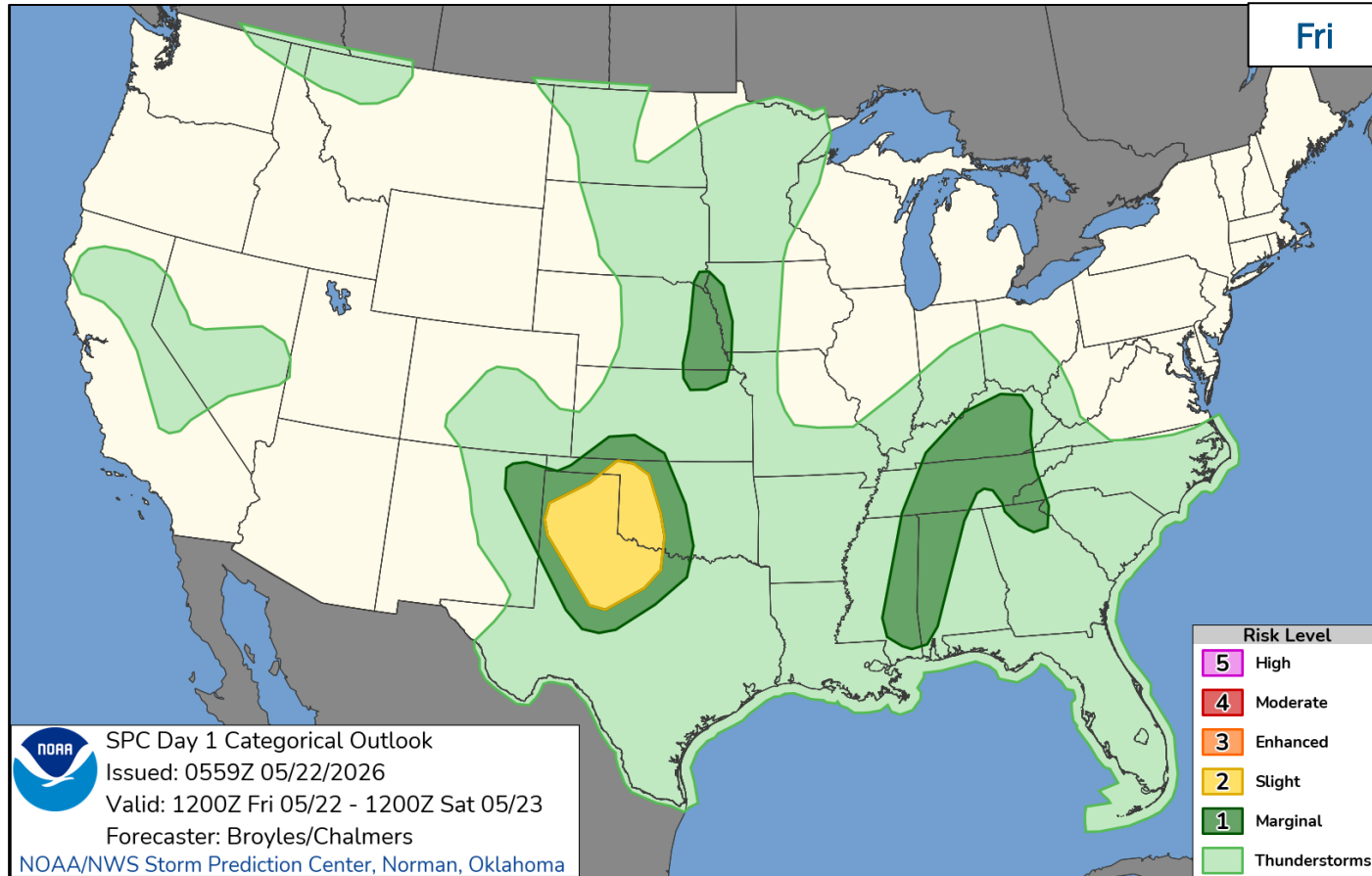
# National Weather Forecast



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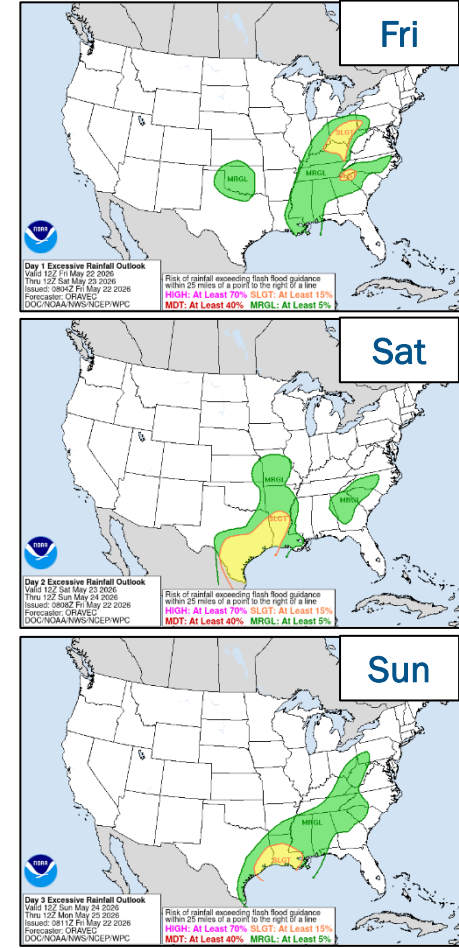
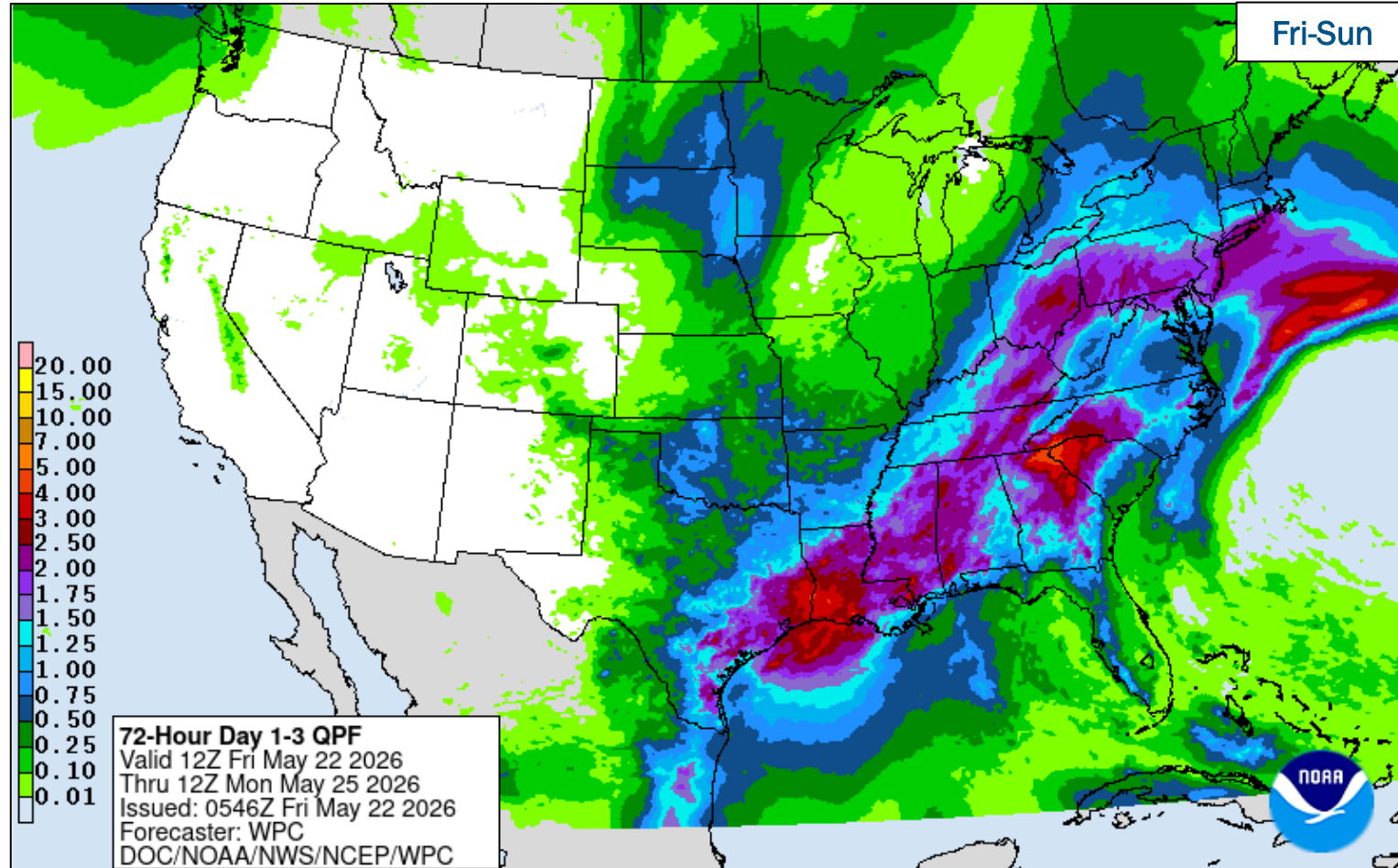
# Severe Weather Outlook



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# Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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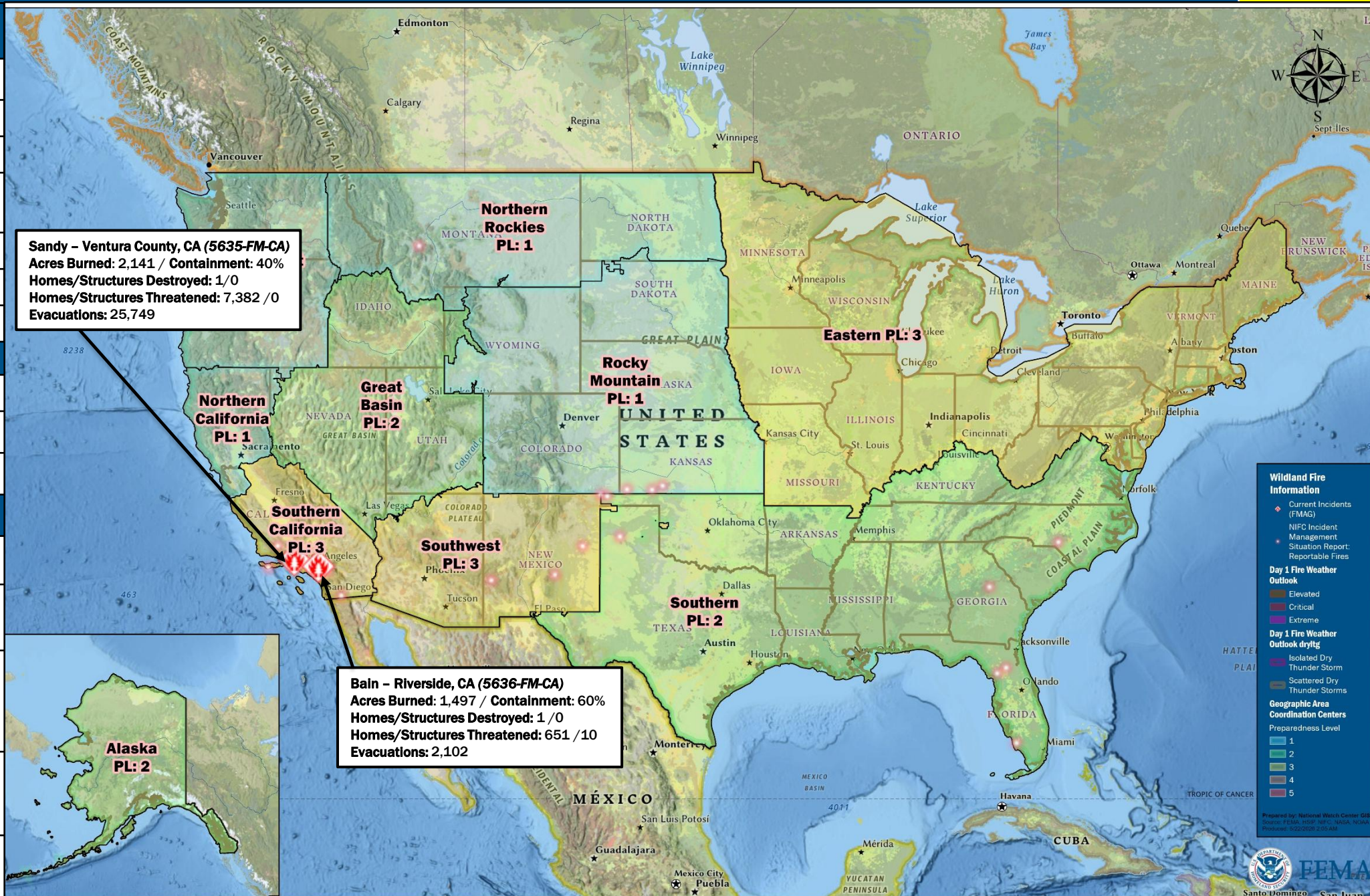
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# National Fire Activity – May 22, 2026

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	LIGHT (85 fires)
New Large Fires	5
Large Fires Contained	3
Uncontained Large Fires	19
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	2,340,778
Total Responders	5,219
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	0
Complex IMTs Deployed	1
FMAGS	Total
2026 (FYTD)	22
2025	75
3 Year Average	53

## Preparedness Level: 2

PL 1	Minimal fire activity; many resources available
PL 2	Large wildland fires burning throughout country; resources mobilized from other areas
PL 3	Wildfire activity ongoing throughout 25% of country; National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) sets priorities, allocates resources, and mobilizes assets at national level
PL 4	High levels of fire activity and areas are competing for firefighting resources; 60% of the nation's wildland firefighting resources committed
PL 5	Extremely high levels of fire activity; 80% of nation's firefighting resources committed



**Wildland Fire Information**

- Current Incidents (FMAG)
- NIFC Incident Management Situation Report: Reportable Fires

**Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook**

- Elevated
- Critical
- Extreme

**Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook dry/g**

- Isolated Dry Thunder Storm
- Scattered Dry Thunder Storms

**Geographic Area Coordination Centers**

Preparedness Level

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

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# Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Sandy Fire (Ventura, CA)	5635-FM-CA	2,141(+26)	40% (+18)	M: 25,749 (-22,965)	H: 7,382 (-7,765)	H: 2	H: 1	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Bain Fire (Riverside, CA)	5636-FM-CA	1,497 (+41)	60% (+26)	M: 2,102 (-117)	H: 651 (-33)	H: 5	H: 1	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 10	O: 0	O: 0	

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



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# FEMA Common Operating Picture

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● NWC ● NRCC

**Incident Workforce**

19,565 Assigned a Disaster Title

6,499 / 30% Deployed

5,900 / 30% Available to Deploy for 30 Days

7,177 / 37% Remaining

Surge Capacity Force 7,688 / 0 / 768

Rostered / Deployed / Est. Available to Deploy for 30 Days

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**FEMA Regions**

Region 1: Maynard (Green)

Region 2: Brooklyn (Green)

Region 3: Philadelphia (Green)

Region 4: Atlanta (Green)

Region 5: Chicago (Green)

Region 6: Denton (Green)

Region 7: Kansas City (Yellow)

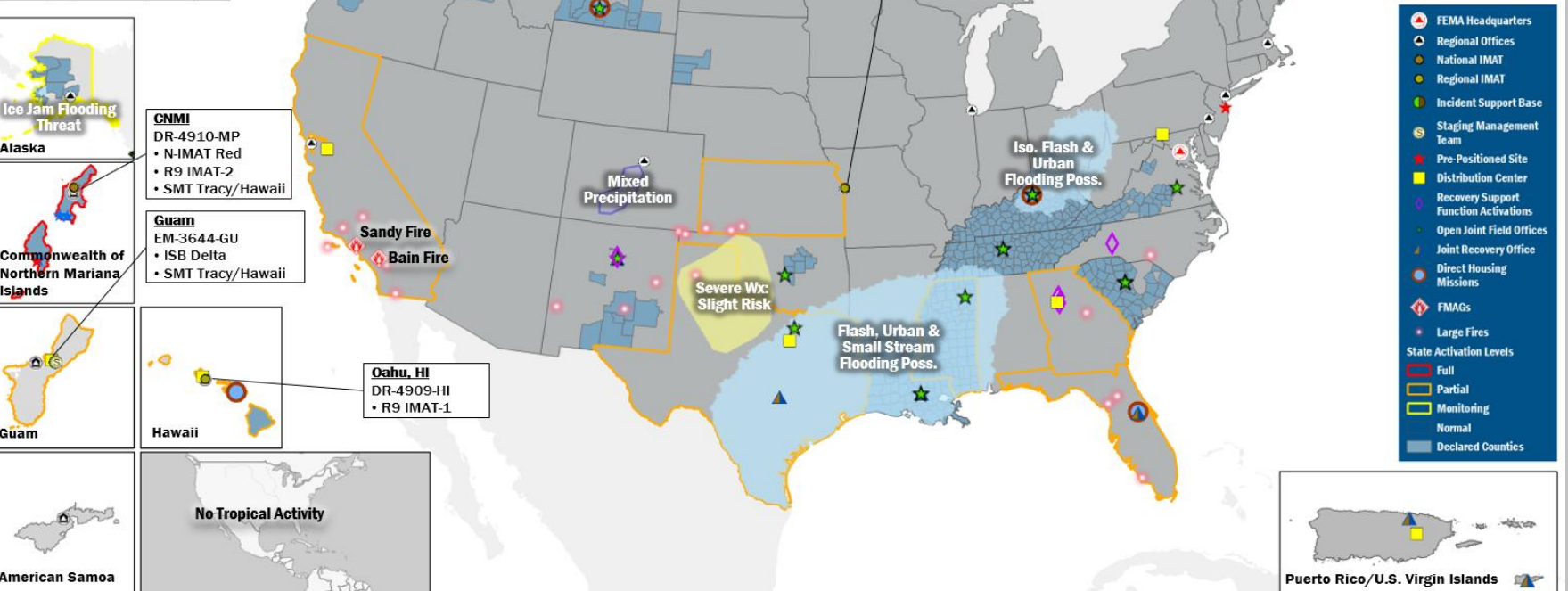
Region 8: Denver (Green)

Region 9: Oakland (Yellow)

Region 10: Bothell (Yellow)

**REGIONAL BREAKDOWN**

	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	0	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	1	1	0	0
R4	4	11	0	1
R5	0	0	0	0
R6	4	4	2	3
R7	0	0	0	0
R8	1	4	0	0
R9	0	2	2	0
R10	4	5	0	0



**National IMAT**

MP Red

White

Blue

Gold

HS

**Notes**

**Watches/RCCs:**

- NWC: Staffing
- R1 Watch: Staffing
- R2 Watch: Equipment
- R5 Watch: Staffing (Day Only)
- R9 Watch: Staffing
- R10 Watch: Staffing
- R7 RRCC: Staffing
- R9 RRCC: Staffing
- R10 RRCC: Staffing

**State EOCs:**

- DC: Freedom 250
- FL: Previous Incidents
- CA/GA/KS: Wildfires
- HI/MS/TX: Severe Weather
- GU/MP: TC Sinlaku
- AK: River Ice Monitoring

**IMATs:**

- NIMAT-Red: TC Sinlaku
- NIMAT-White: Staffing
- NIMAT-Blue: Staffing
- R1 IMAT: Staffing
- R3 IMAT: Staffing
- R4 IMAT-1/2: Staffing
- R6 IMAT-1/2: Staffing
- R10 IMAT: Staffing

**Regional IMAT**

Region 1 (Red)

Region 2 (Green)

Region 3 (Yellow)

Region 4 (Yellow)

Region 5 (Green)

Region 6 (Red)

Region 7 (Blue)

Region 8 (Green)

Region 9 (Blue)

Region 10 (Red)

**Commodities & Equipment**

Distribution Centers	Water	Meals	Gen.	Housing	MHU	TTU
DC Tracy, CA				THSS Selma, AL	66%	200%
DC Atlanta, GA				THSS Cumberland, MD		
DC Fort Worth, TX	36%	59%	96%			
DC Greencastle, PA						
Systems		Laptops				
DC Guam	96%	134%	0%	Winchester, VA (DISC)	83%	
DC Hawaii	62%	119%	44%			
DC Caribbean	86%	76%	78%			

Stockage levels are based on catastrophic planning factors by location.

**Logistics Staffing**

Distribution Centers	Staff	Housing	Staff
DC Tracy, CA	70%	THSS Selma, AL	65%
DC Atlanta, GA	80%	THSS Cumberland, MD	73%
DC Fort Worth, TX	54%		
DC Greencastle, PA	89%	Systems	
DC Guam	85%	Winchester, VA (DISC)	81%
DC Hawaii	70%		
DC Caribbean	92%		

**SMT**

Operational	6
Requires Augmentation	3
Deployed	2

**MERS Det.**

30/36 Operational

Maynard	4/6
Frederick	6/6
Thomasville	6/6
Denton	6/6
Denver	4/6
Bothell	4/6

**US&R**

FEMA Support Staff 24% out of 38

Assigned	28
State-Deployed	0
FEMA-Deployed	0
Not Mission Capable	0
Available	28

**FCO**

Assigned	35
Not Mission Capable	2
Deployed	20 (13 FCO)
Available	13

**Legend**

- Fully Mission Capable (Green)
- Partially Mission Capable (Yellow)
- Requires Augmentation (Red)
- Deployed/Activated (Blue)

# Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
R5	MI	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding Apr 10	IA	44	13	5/12 - TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
R7	KS	Severe Storms Apr 26-27	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	5	0	TBD - TBD



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# Declaration Requests in Process – 25

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
AZ – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Oct 24
SCA <sup>1</sup> – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Nov 26
SCA <sup>1</sup> – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Dec 15
NVK <sup>2</sup> – Severe Storms, Flooding, and Remnants of Typhoon Halong	DR		X	X	Jan 11
KY – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Feb 5
FPA & ST <sup>3</sup> – Severe Storm and Straight-Line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 11
CTM <sup>4</sup> – Straight-Line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 12
FBIC <sup>5</sup> – Severe Storms and Straight-Line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 13
GA – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Mar 12
CN <sup>6</sup> – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Mar 18
DE – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Mar 23
NY – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Mar 25
MI – Severe Storm and Tornadoes	DR	X		X	Apr 1
HI – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	EM	X	X		Apr 7

<sup>1</sup>San Carlos Apache Tribe / <sup>2</sup>Native Village of Kipnuk / <sup>3</sup>Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes / <sup>4</sup>Crow Tribe of Montana / <sup>5</sup>Fort Belknap Indian Community / <sup>6</sup>Chickasaw Nation



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# Declaration Requests in Process – 25 (cont'd)

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
NJ – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Apr 7
MA – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	DR		X	X	Apr 7
RI – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	DR		X	X	Apr 7
NVA <sup>7</sup> – Severe Winter Storm	DR	X	X	X	Apr 16
ID – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	Apr 14
MWT <sup>8</sup> – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	DR		X	X	Apr 22
PoA <sup>9</sup> – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Apr 23
LLBO <sup>10</sup> – Fire – Appeal	DR		X	X	Apr 24
NE – Wildfires	DR		X	X	May 8
GU – Super Typhoon Sinlaku	DR	X	X	X	May 18
MS – Severe Storm	DR	X	X	X	May 19

<sup>7</sup>Native Village of Ambler / <sup>8</sup>Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe / <sup>9</sup>Pueblo of Acoma / <sup>10</sup>Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



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