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# **FEMA**

# **Daily Operations Briefing**

Wednesday, April 17, 2019 8:30 a.m. EDT

## Significant Activity – April 16-17



Significant Events: FEMA Support to IBEC

**Tropical Activity:** No activity affecting U.S. interests

#### **Significant Weather:**

- Severe thunderstorms Southern/Central Plains to Upper Mississippi Valley
- Heavy rain and flash flooding possible Southern Plains, Lower Mississippi Valley, and Upper Midwest
- Elevated/Critical fire weather Big Bend, TX

**Declaration Activity: None** 

#### FEMA support to IBEC



#### **Current Situation:**

FEMA continues to support DHS and the Interagency Border Emergency Cell (IBEC) with operations on the southwest border.

#### **FEMA Headquarters Actions:**

- IBEC met with the National Security Council
  - Task Forces proposed Courses of Action to CBP and ICE
- Volunteer Force Coordination Cell (VFCC):
  - Deploying 13 personnel today to serve in RSOI\* teams in El Paso, RGV, and Yuma
  - 1,034 Volunteers across DHS, 45 within FEMA
- Interagency volunteer Deployment Tracking System (DTS) Importer tool live; ready to be pushed to production upon solidification of contract documents

#### Way Ahead:

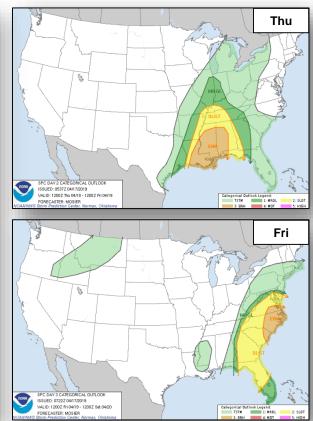
- FEMA ROC transitioning coordination mission to Subject Matter Experts
- IBEC Developing Concept of Operations to transition mission to the DHS Joint Incident Advisory Group (JIAG) on/about June 1, 2019



#### Severe Weather Outlook



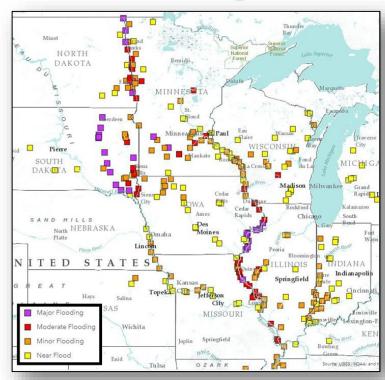




#### Nation Water Center – River Forecast



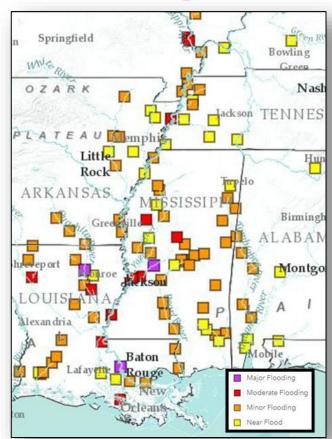
- Runoff is prolonging and enhancing minor flooding on Red River tributaries, and moderate to major flooding continues on the Red River, impacting roads and structures
- Generally, Upper Mississippi River stages will hold steady or slowly recede from Wabasha, MN to St Louis, MO
- Forecast rain should have minor impact on river levels in this area
- Major flooding along the James River (SD) is expected into May
- The Big Sioux River (SD) is forecast to hold steady at current minor to moderate stages through the end of the month
- Crest levels and timing remain uncertain with the variability of the spring weather
- Record levels are not expected from the current snowmelt moving through the Mississippi River system. However, current high levels will leave the river prone to additional river rises with any significant rainfall in the future
- Roads, bridges, structures and agricultural lands continue to be impacted



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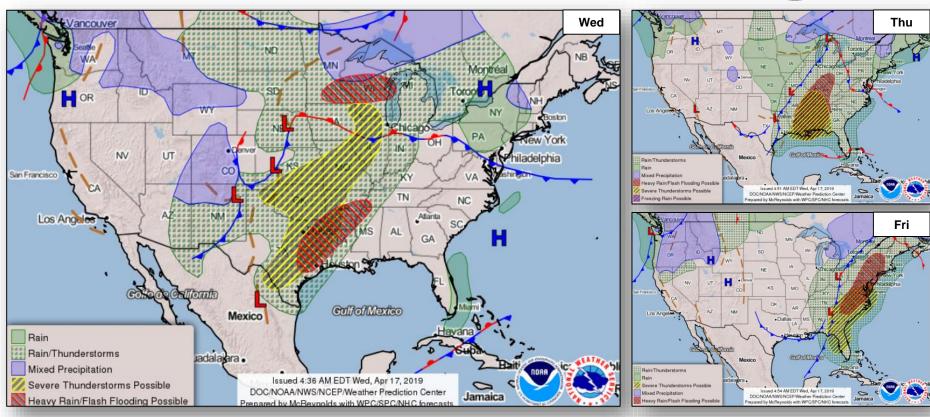


- Minor to moderate flooding continues over the Lower Ohio and Lower Mississippi Rivers, including renewed rises from weekend rain
- Rises of two to three feet are currently forecast from the junction of Ohio and Mississippi Rivers downstream to Helena, AR
- Minor to moderate flooding will continue over smaller tributaries of Northeast TX, LA, MS, North AL, and West TN
- Two to four inches of rainfall over the next 72 hours will cause additional flooding over the Lower Mississippi River Valley
- The 16-day future rainfall guidance shows another crest on the Lower Ohio and Lower Mississippi Rivers for the beginning of May. This rise will be 7 to 8 feet lower than the Feb/March event. This will keep stages elevated on the lower Mississippi River through May
- River Forecast Centers continue to work closely with the USACE and other water partners



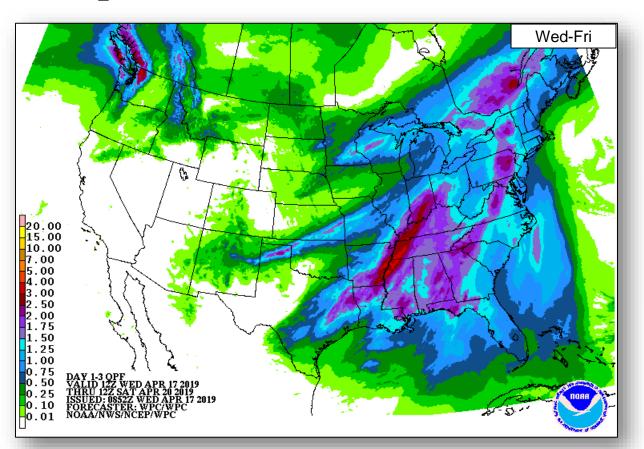
#### National Weather Forecast





## **Precipitation Forecast**











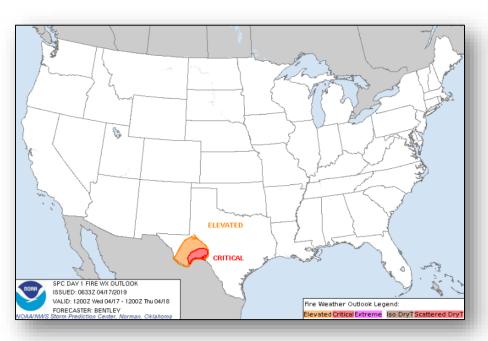
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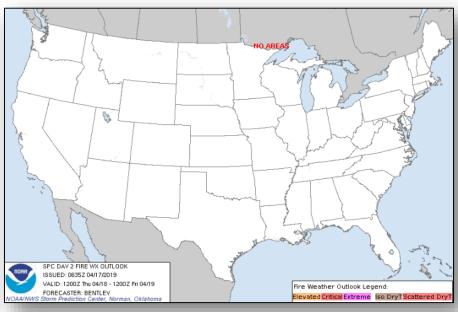


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#### Fire Weather Outlook





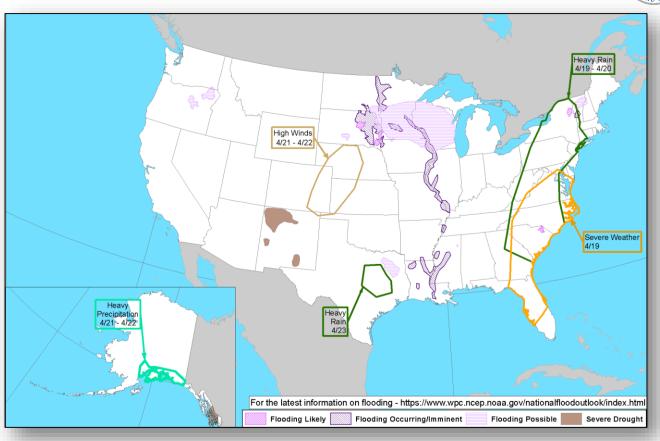


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## Hazards Outlook – April 19-23



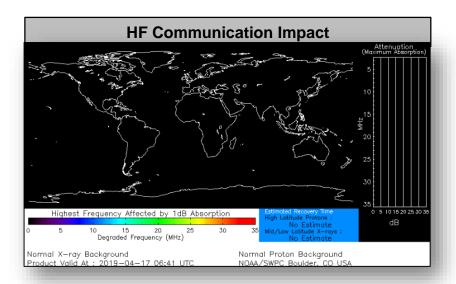


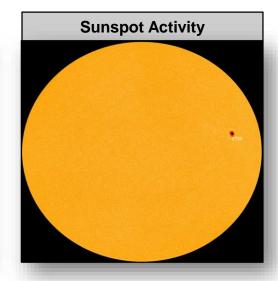
## Space Weather



	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts	
Past 24 Hours	None	None	None	None	
Next 24 Hours	None	None	None	None	

For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to: http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation





### Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



Region	State / Location	Event	IA/PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Complete	Start – End
IV	AL	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding February 19 – March 20, 2019	IA	3	3	3/20 – 3/28
			PA	13	11	3/20 – TBD
\/II	\/II	Severe Storms and Flooding March 11, 2019 and continuing	IA	5	0	4/10 – TBD
VII MO	IVIO		PA	13	11	4/10 – TBD
IX FSM*	ECM*	Typhoon Wutip February 19-22, 2019	IA	0	0	N/A
	FOIVI		PA	2	0	3/20 – TBD

<sup>\*</sup>Federated States of Micronesia

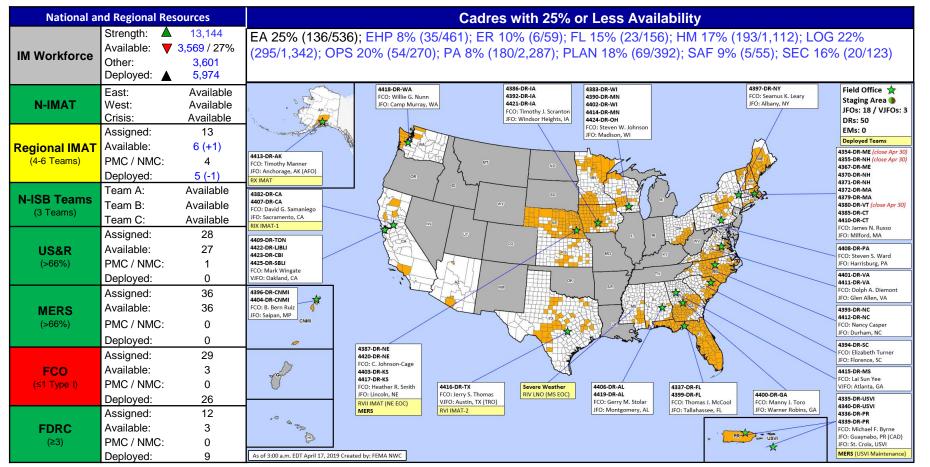
### Disaster Requests & Declarations



Declaration Requests in Process						Requests DENIED (since last report)
8	IA	PA	нм	Date Requested	0	0
MS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornado, and Flooding	х	х	Х	March 21, 2019		
TN – DR Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	Х	Х	Х	March 22, 2019		
U.S. Territory of Guam – DR Super Typhoon Wutip		х	х	March 25, 2019		
AL – DR Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornado, and Flooding	Х	Х	Х	March 26, 2019		
KY – DR Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides		Х	Х	April 3, 2019		
Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa – DR Severe Storms and Flooding		Х	Х	April 11, 2019		
CA – DR Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides		х	Х	April 13, 2019		
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#### Readiness – Deployable Teams and Assets





#### FEMA Readiness – Activation Teams



Status		Activated Team	Activation Level	Activation Times	Reason / Comments
NWC (5 Teams)	Steady State				
NRCC (2 Teams)	Activated	NRCS	ROC	Day shift	DHS Support Primary – Blue Team
HLT	Available				
RWC/MOCs (10 Regions)	Available				
RRCCs (10 Regions)	Available				

Backup Regions: I, VIII, & V



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