

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Severe Weather – Southern Plains to Great Lakes

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Weather – Southern Plains to Northeast
- Excessive Rainfall – Southern Plains to the Ohio Valley
- Fire Weather – Southern Plains

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Amendment No. 1 to FEMA-3644-EM-GU
- Amendment No. 1 to FEMA-3645-EM-MP
- FMAG Approval: Sandy Fire - CA
- FMAG Approval: Stinky Fire - TX

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Severe Weather – Southern Plains to Great Lakes

Situation: There have been 20 tornado reports in Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, and Nebraska following several strong tornadic storms that developed across the Southern Plains and expanded into the Great Lakes overnight; 220 wind reports; 13 high wind readings over 75 mph; and 67 hail reports, including 4 instances of large hail over 2 inches in diameter. According to NOAA SPC, tornado-related damage has been limited, primarily affecting trees, power lines, and some homes. Damage assessments are ongoing, and no injuries or fatalities have been reported.

State / Local Response:

FEMA Region 5:

- All SEOCs at Normal Operations

FEMA Region 6:

- OK, NM, and TX SEOCs are Monitoring (Wildfires)

FEMA Region 7:

- KS SEOC at Partial Activation (Wildfires); MO SEOC at Partial Activation (Severe Weather)

FEMA / Federal Response: (IAB, as of 11:07 a.m. ET May 18)

FEMA Region 5:

- Watch Regional Watch is Enhanced (Severe Weather)
- RRCC is Rostered
- R-IMAT is Available
- FIT LNOs identified for MN, WI, and IL

FEMA Region 6:

- Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- R-IMATs are Available; R-IMAT-1 prioritized for R6 deployment

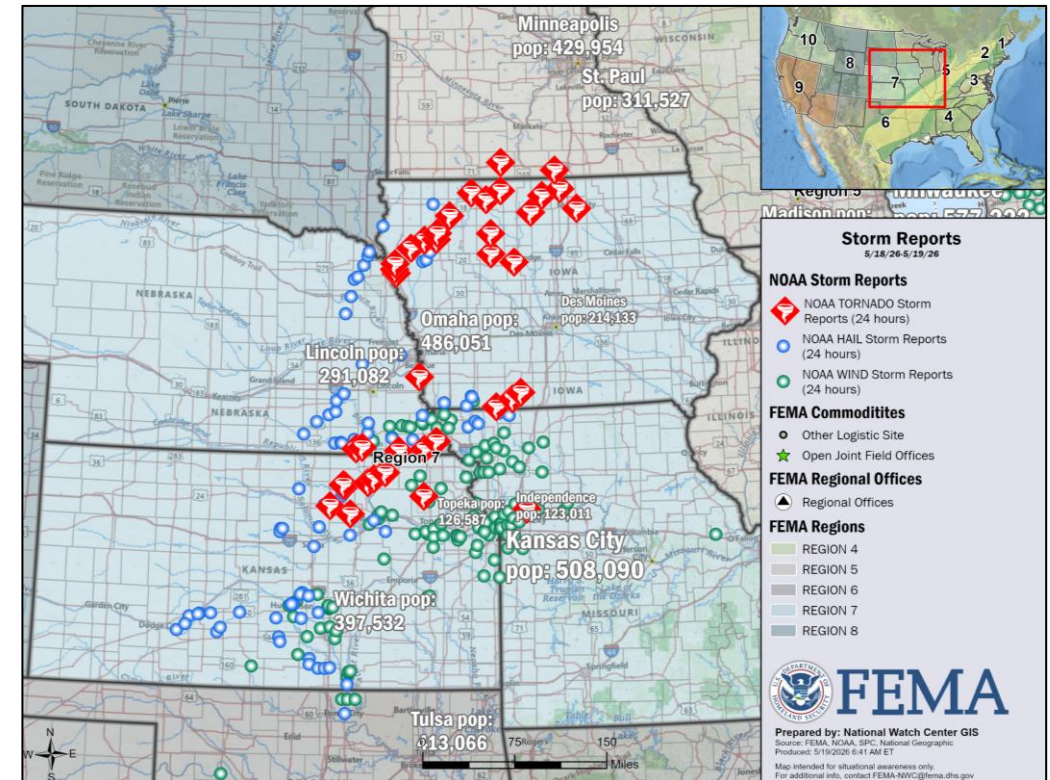
FEMA Region 7:

- RWC at Normal Operations; RRCC is Rostered
- R-IMAT is deployed to Kansas City, MO (DR-4872-MO)

HQ:

- NWC is Monitoring

NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with Region 5, 6, and 7 Watches.

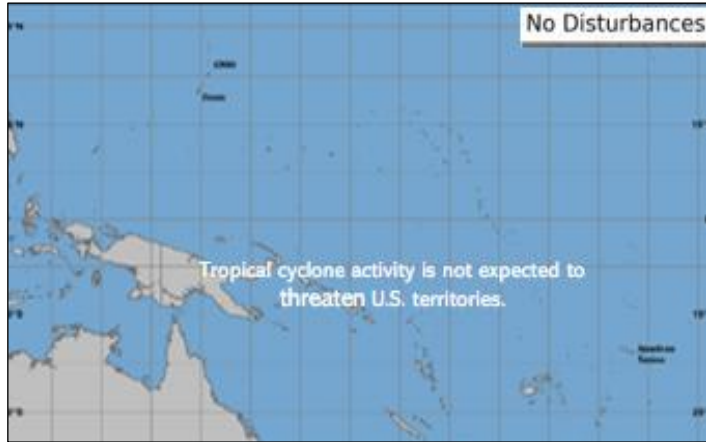


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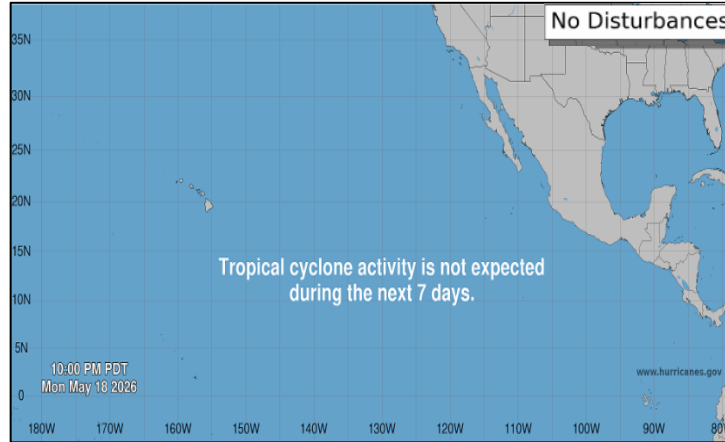
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



- No tropical cyclones threatening U.S. territories

Eastern and Central Pacific



- No tropical cyclones expected during the next 7 days

Atlantic

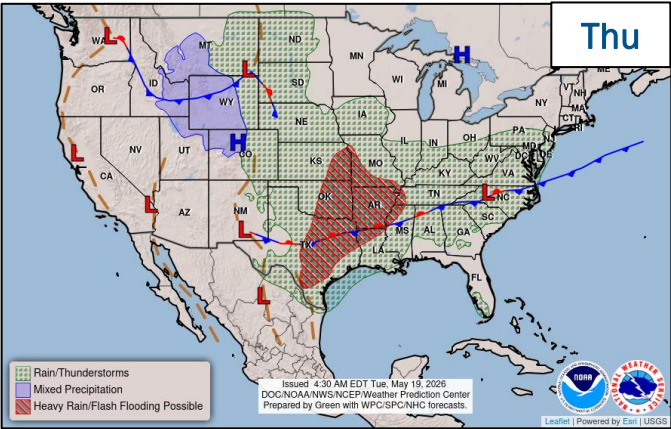
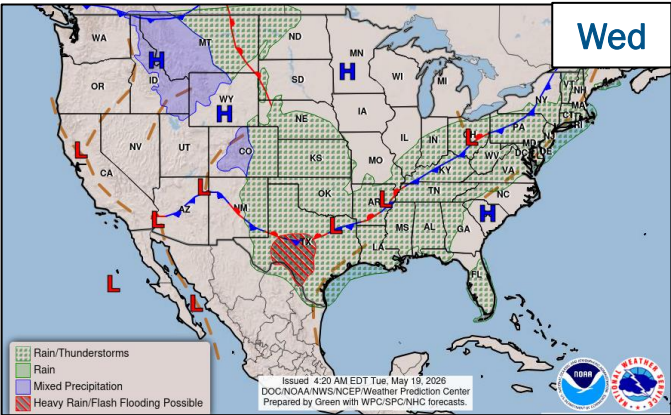
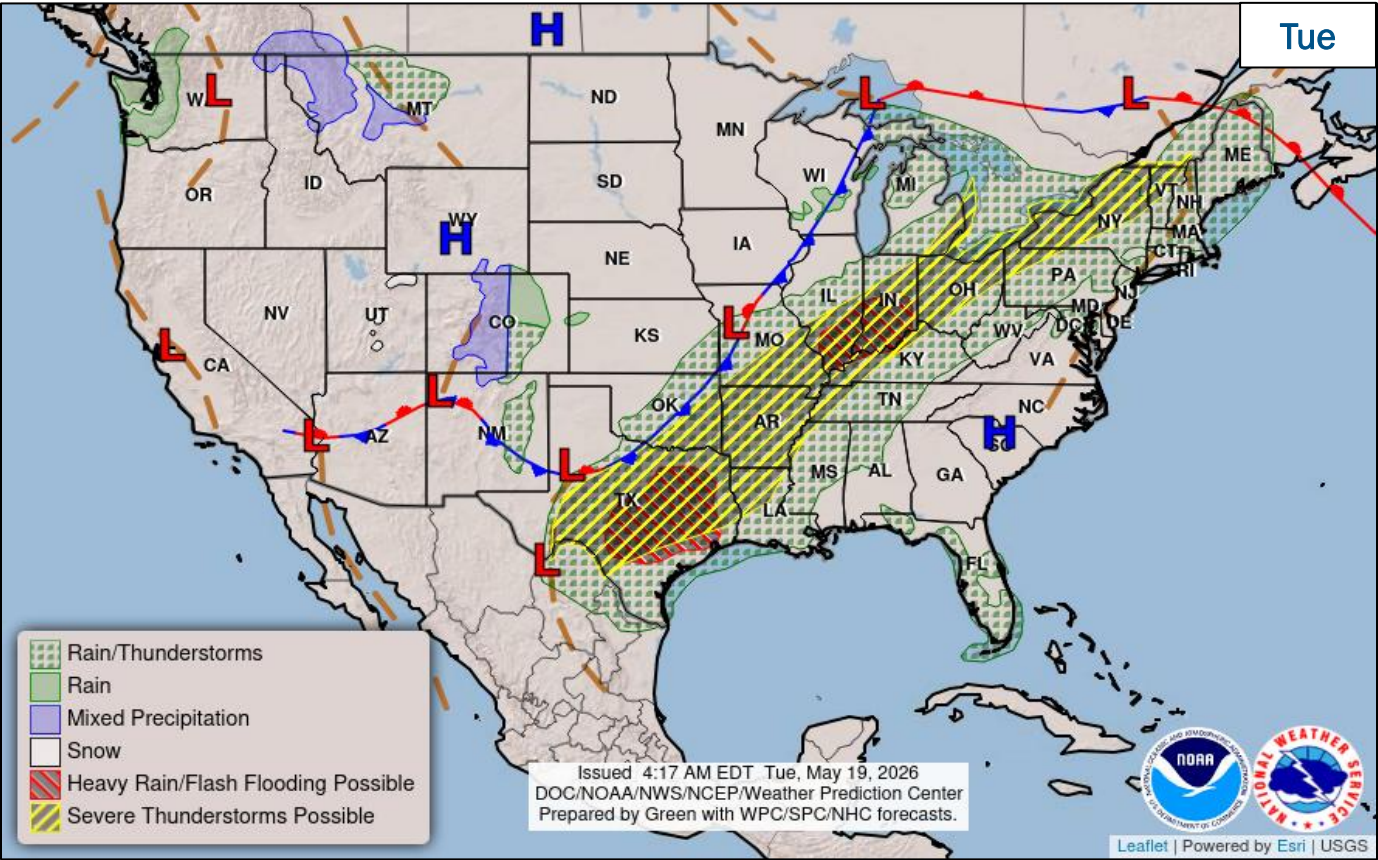


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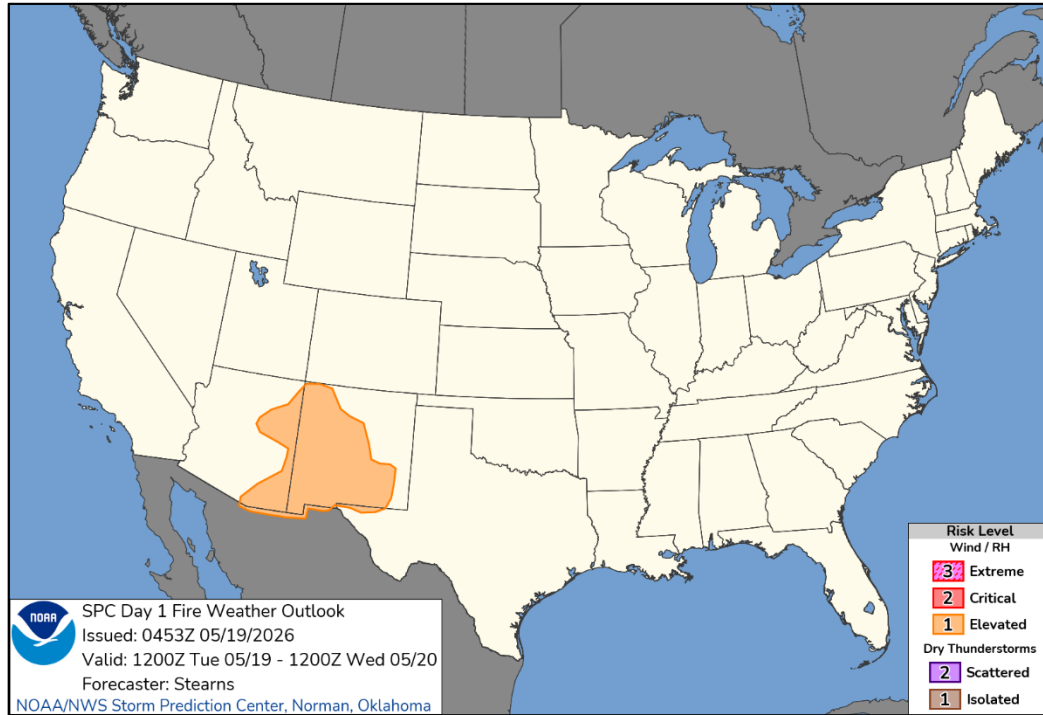
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National Weather Forecast

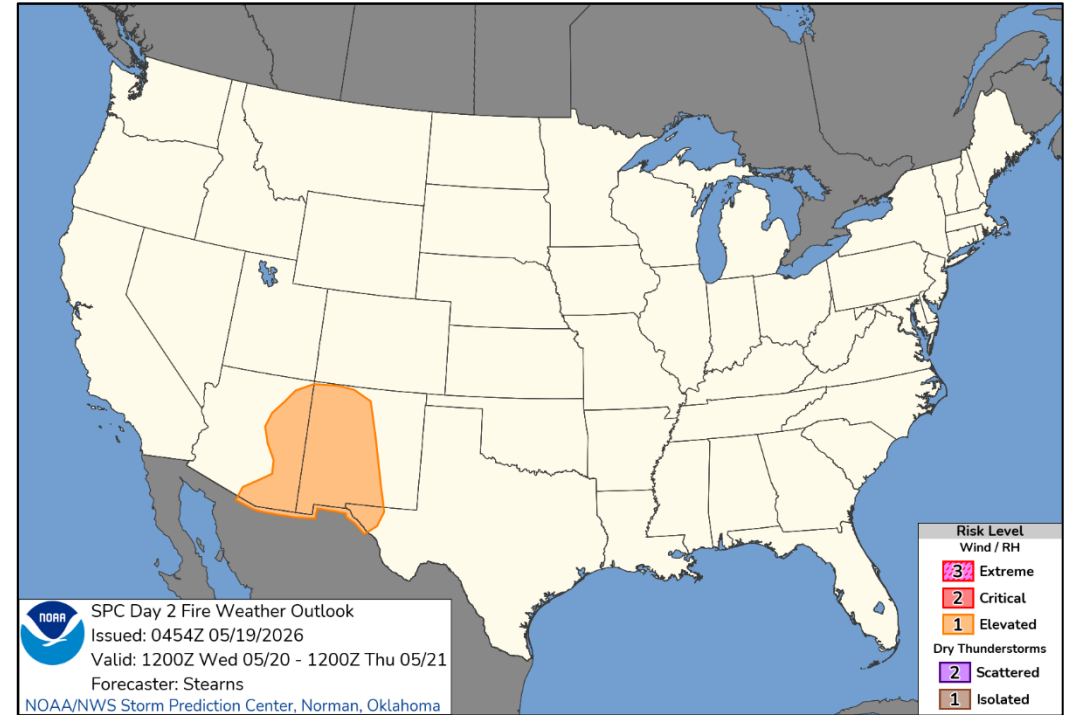


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Fire Weather Outlook



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Tomorrow



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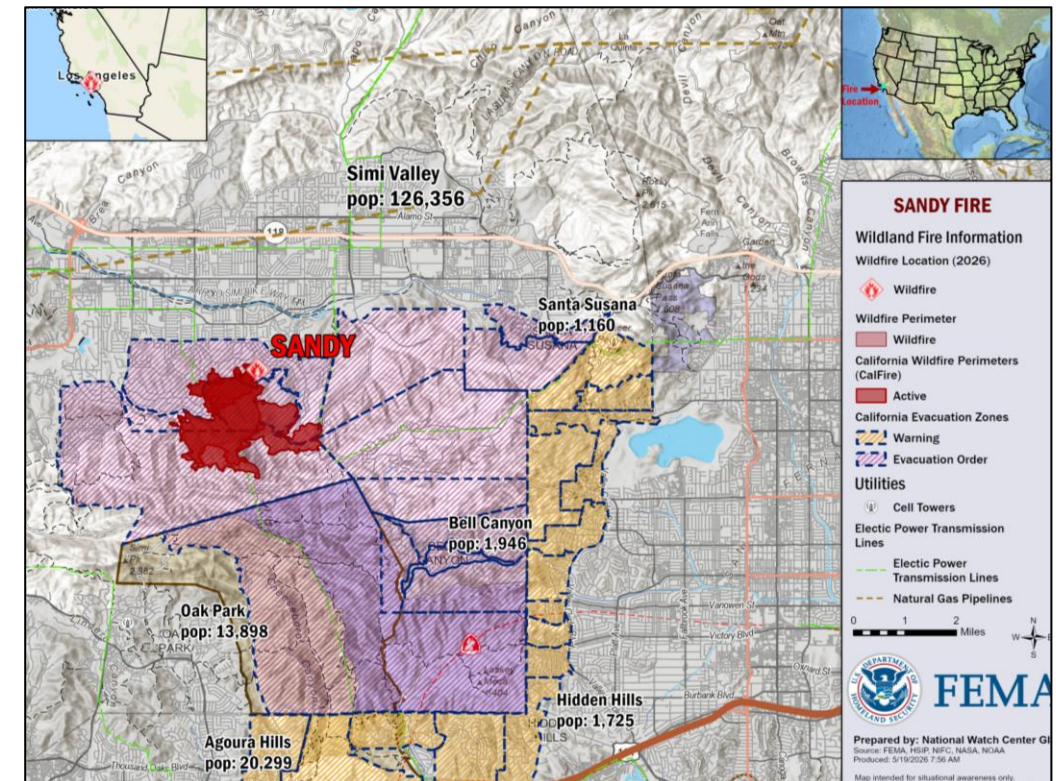
Sandy Fire – Simi Valley, CA

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	836	0%	M: 41,761	H: 15,815	H: 0	H: 1	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation: The Sandy Fire has burned approximately 836 acres near Simi Valley, CA in Ventura County (pop. 831k). The fire is currently zero percent contained. Mandatory and voluntary evacuations are in effect for over 41k residents. A Temporary Evacuation Point has been established at Rancho Santa Susana Community Park. *(ISC-209 as of 8:00 p.m. ET May 18)*

Response:

- CA SEOC at Normal Operations
- FEMA Region 9 is PMC (Staffing); RRCC is PMC (Staffing), R-IMATs are deployed to GU and MP (TC Sinlaku)
- NWC is Monitoring



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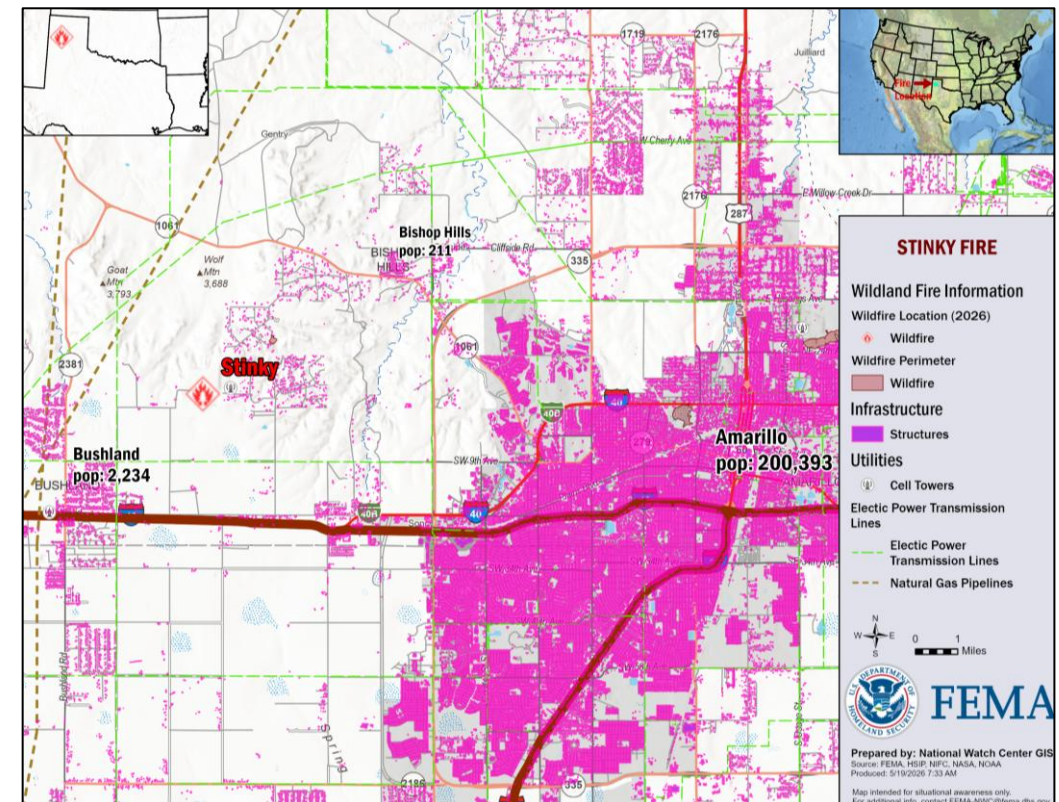
Stinky Fire – Potter County, TX

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Stinky Fire (Potter, TX)	5634-FM-TX	2,000	0%	M: 529	H: 951	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation: The Stinky Fire has burned approximately 2,000 acres in and around the Potter County, TX (pop. 114k). The fire is currently zero percent contained. Mandatory evacuations are in effect for 529 residents. The fire is burning on state and private land. The fire was also threatening electrical distribution, state highways and telecommunication in the area.

Response:

- TX SEOC is Monitoring
- Region 6 is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered; R-IMAT 1 is NMC (Staffing); R-IMAT 2 is PMC (Staffing)
- NWC is Monitoring

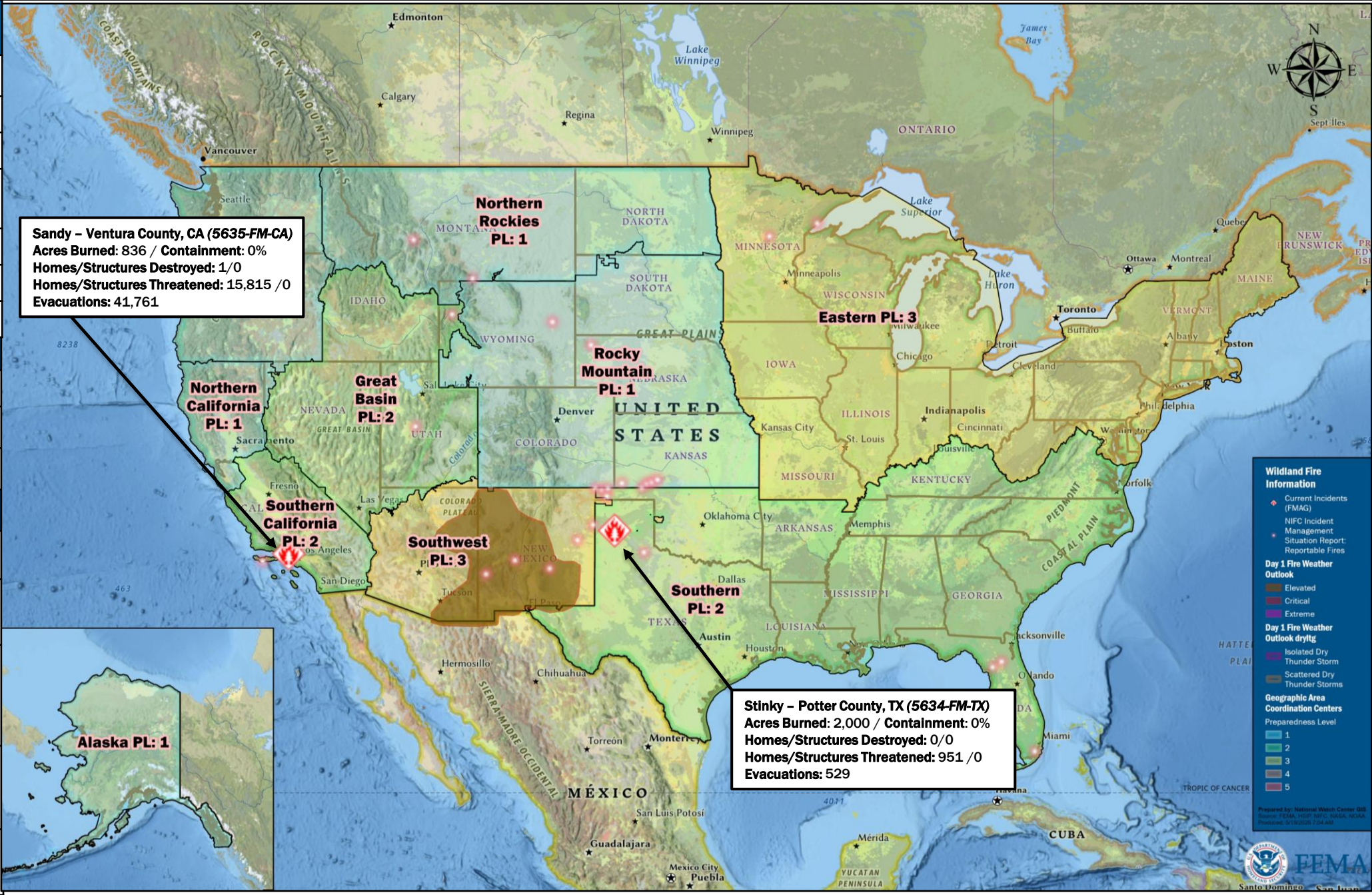


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INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	LIGHT (107 fires)
New Large Fires	6
Large Fires Contained	1
Uncontained Large Fires	28
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	2,190,710
Total Responders	2,349
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	0
Complex IMTs Deployed	1
FMAGS	Total
2026 (FYTD)	21
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



Wildfire Summary

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(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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Yellow Circle NWC Green Circle NRCC

Watch FEMA Regions RRCC

Yellow Circle	Region 1	Green Circle
	Maynard	
Yellow Circle	Region 2	Green Circle
	Brooklyn	
Green Circle	Region 3	Green Circle
	Philadelphia	
Green Circle	Region 4	Green Circle
	Atlanta	
Blue Circle	Region 5	Green Circle
	Chicago	
Green Circle	Region 6	Green Circle
	Denton	
Green Circle	Region 7	Yellow Circle
	Kansas City	
Green Circle	Region 8	Green Circle
	Denver	
Yellow Circle	Region 9	Yellow Circle
	Oakland	
Yellow Circle	Region 10	Yellow Circle
	Bothell	

Notes

- Watches/RRCCs:

 - NWC: Staffing
 - R1 Watch: Staffing
 - R2 Watch: Equipment
 - R5 Watch: Staffing (Day Only) / Enhanced (Severe Weather)
 - R9 Watch: Staffing
 - R10 Watch: Staffing
 - R7 RRCC: Staffing
 - R9 RRCC: Staffing
 - R10 RRCC: Staffing
- State EOCs:

 - DC: Freedom 250
 - FL: Previous Incidents
 - GA/TX/KS/NM/OK: Wildfires
 - HI/MO/MS: Severe Weather
 - GU/MP: TC Sinlaku
 - AK: River Watch/Flood Operations
- 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: Staff (Reconstituting)

Incident Workforce

19,823
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,164 / 31%
Deployed

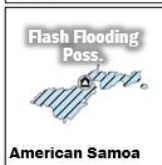
6,305 / 32%
Available
to Deploy for 30 Days

7,354 / 37%
Remaining

Surge Capacity Force
7,688 / 0 / 768
Rostered / Deployed /
Est. Available to Deploy for 30 Days

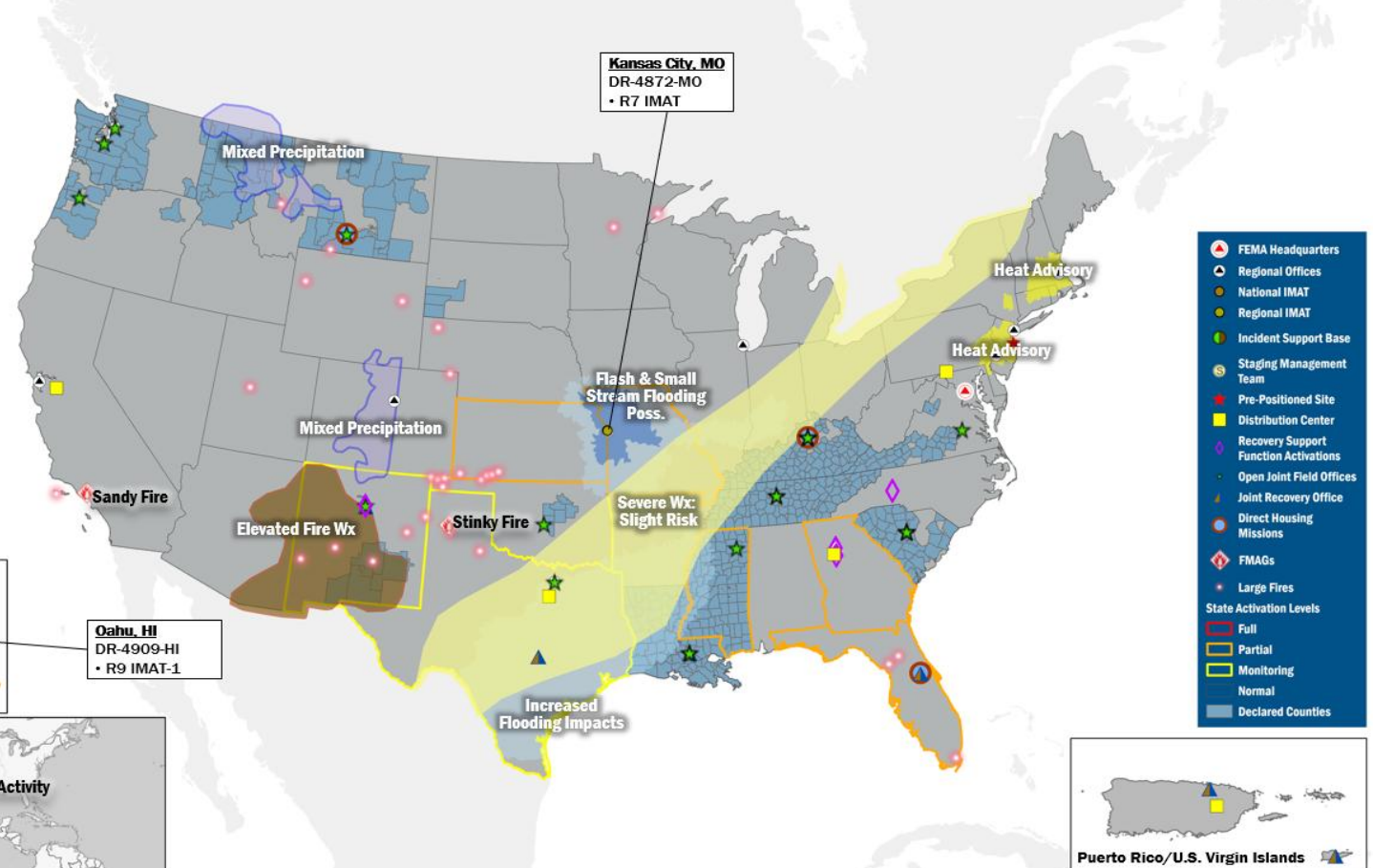
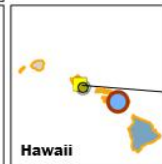
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REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	0	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	1	1	0	0
R4	4	11	0	1
R5	0	0	0	0
R6	4	4	2	3
R7	0	0	0	0
R8	1	4	0	0
R9	0	2	2	0
R10	4	5	0	0



CNMI
DR-4910-MP
• N-IMAT Red
• R9 IMAT-2

Guam
EM-3644-GU
• ISB Delta



National IMAT

Blue Circle MP Red
Yellow Circle White
Yellow Circle Blue
Green Circle Gold
Green Circle HS

Regional IMAT

Red Circle 2 Region 1
Green Circle 3 Region 2
Yellow Circle Region 3
Yellow Circle 1 Region 4
Green Circle Region 5
Red Circle Yellow Circle Region 6
Blue Circle MC Region 7
Green Circle Region 8
Blue Circle HI Blue Circle MP Region 9
Yellow Circle Region 10

Commodities & Equipment

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

Logistics Staffing

Distribution Centers			Staff	Housing	Staff
CONUS	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	Staff
OCONUS	DC Guam	85%		Winchester, VA (DISC)	81%
	DC Hawaii	70%			
	DC Caribbean	92%			

SMT

Operational 8
Not Mission Capable 3

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 3
Deployed 20 (13 FCO)
Available 12

Legend

Green Circle Fully Mission Capable
Yellow Circle Partially Mission Capable
Red Circle Not Mission Capable
Blue Circle Deployed/Activated

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
R4	MS	Tornadoes, Severe Weather, and Flash Flooding May 6-7	IA	5	0	5/14 – TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
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
	MO	Severe Storms Apr 23-28	IA	6	2	5/12 – TBD
			PA	11	2	5/12 – TBD



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Declaration Requests in Process – 23

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
AZ – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Oct 24
SCA ¹ – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Nov 26
SCA ¹ – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Dec 15
NVK ² – Severe Storms, Flooding, and Remnants of Typhoon Halong	DR		X	X	Jan 11
KY – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Feb 5
FPA & ST ³ – Severe Storm and Straight-Line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 11
CTM ⁴ – Straight-Line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 12
FBIC ⁵ – Severe Storms and Straight-Line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 13
GA – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Mar 12
CN ⁶ – 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

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



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Declaration Requests in Process – 23 (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 ⁷ – 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 ⁸ – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	DR		X	X	Apr 22
PoA ⁹ – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Apr 23
LLBO ¹⁰ – Fire – Appeal	DR		X	X	Apr 24
NE – Wildfires	DR		X	X	May 8

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



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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-3644-EM-GU	1	May 18	Closes the incident period effective Apr 18
FEMA-3645-EM-MP	1	May 18	Closes the incident period effective Apr 18



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