

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Severe Weather – Southern Plains to Great Lakes – FINAL

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Southern Plains
- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Southern Plains and Lower Mississippi Valley

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – GU
- FMAG Approval – Bain Fire, CA

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Severe Weather – Southern Plains to Great Lakes – FINAL

Situation: The severe weather and tornado outbreak has subsided. There were 26 tornado, 81 hail, and 101 wind reports over the course of this event. Damage assessments are ongoing, and no injuries or fatalities have been reported. NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Regions 5, 6, and 7. **Barring any significant developments, this will be the final report.**

State / Local Response:

FEMA Region 5:

- All SEOCs at Normal Operations

FEMA Region 6:

- OK SEOC is Monitoring (Wildfires); TX SEOC at Partial Activation (Severe Weather)

FEMA Region 7:

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

FEMA / Federal Response:

FEMA Region 5:

- Watch is Monitoring
- RRCC is Rostered
- R-IMAT is Available
- FIT LNOs identified for MN, WI, and IL

FEMA Region 6:

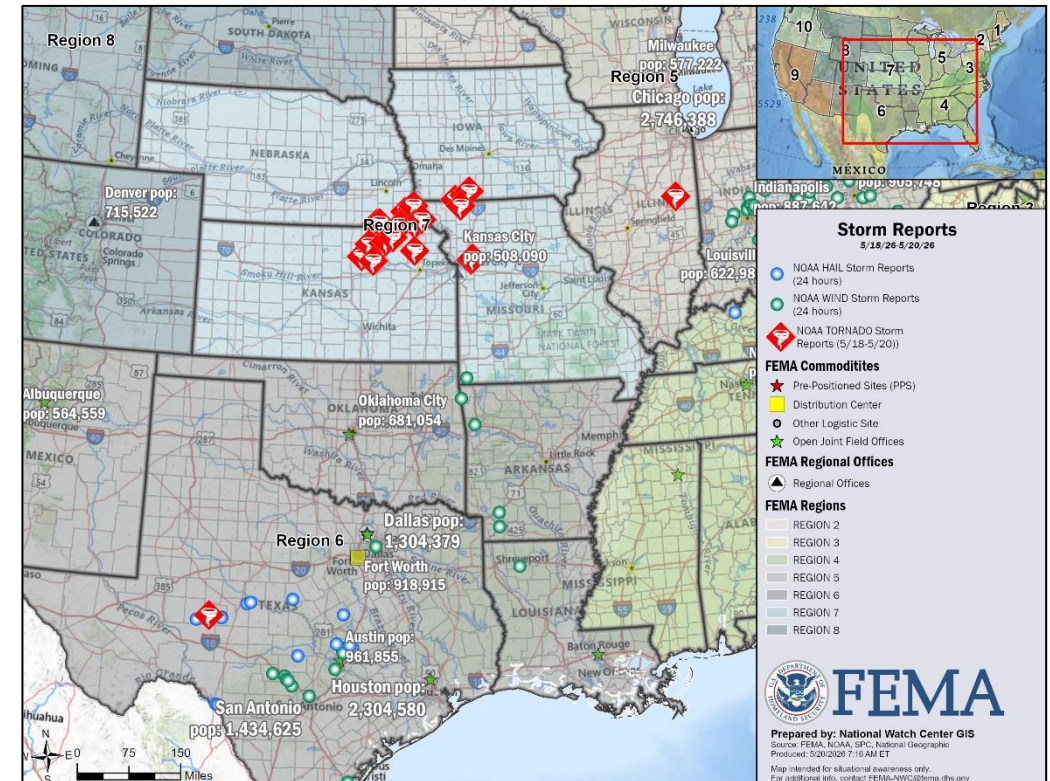
- Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- R-IMATs are Available; R-IMAT-1 prioritized for R6 deployment

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

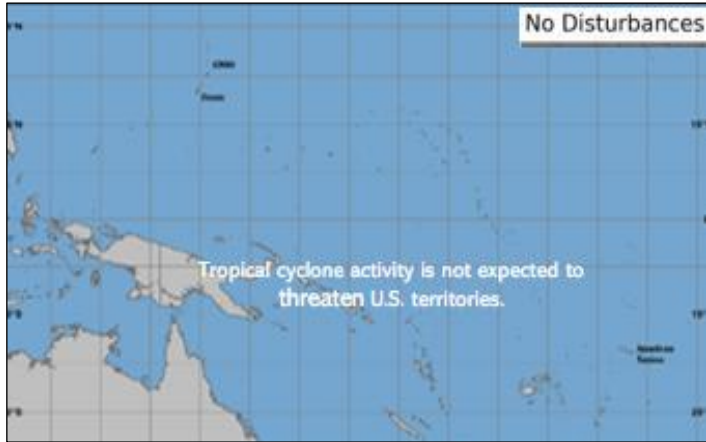


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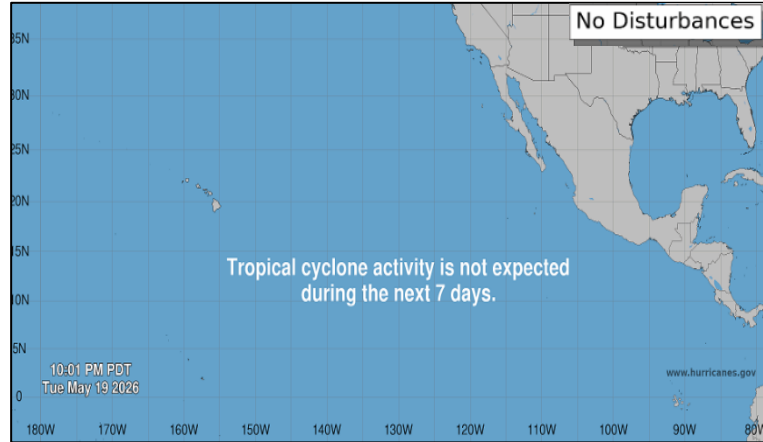
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



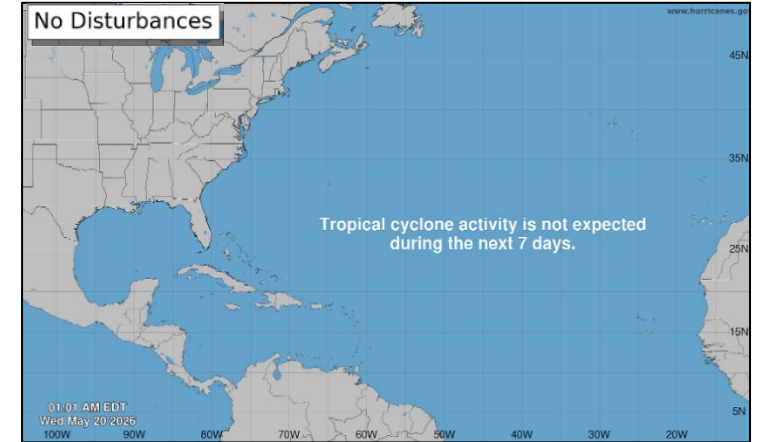
- No tropical cyclones threatening U.S. territories

Eastern and Central Pacific



- No tropical cyclones expected during the next 7 days

Atlantic

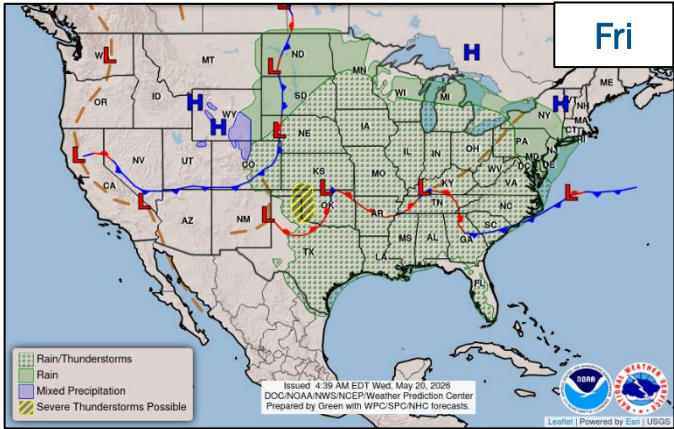
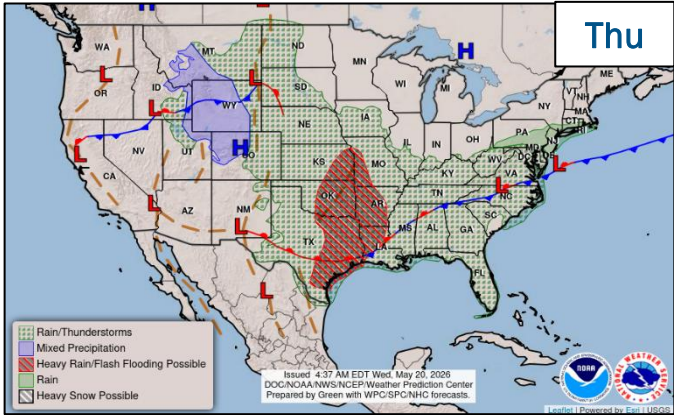
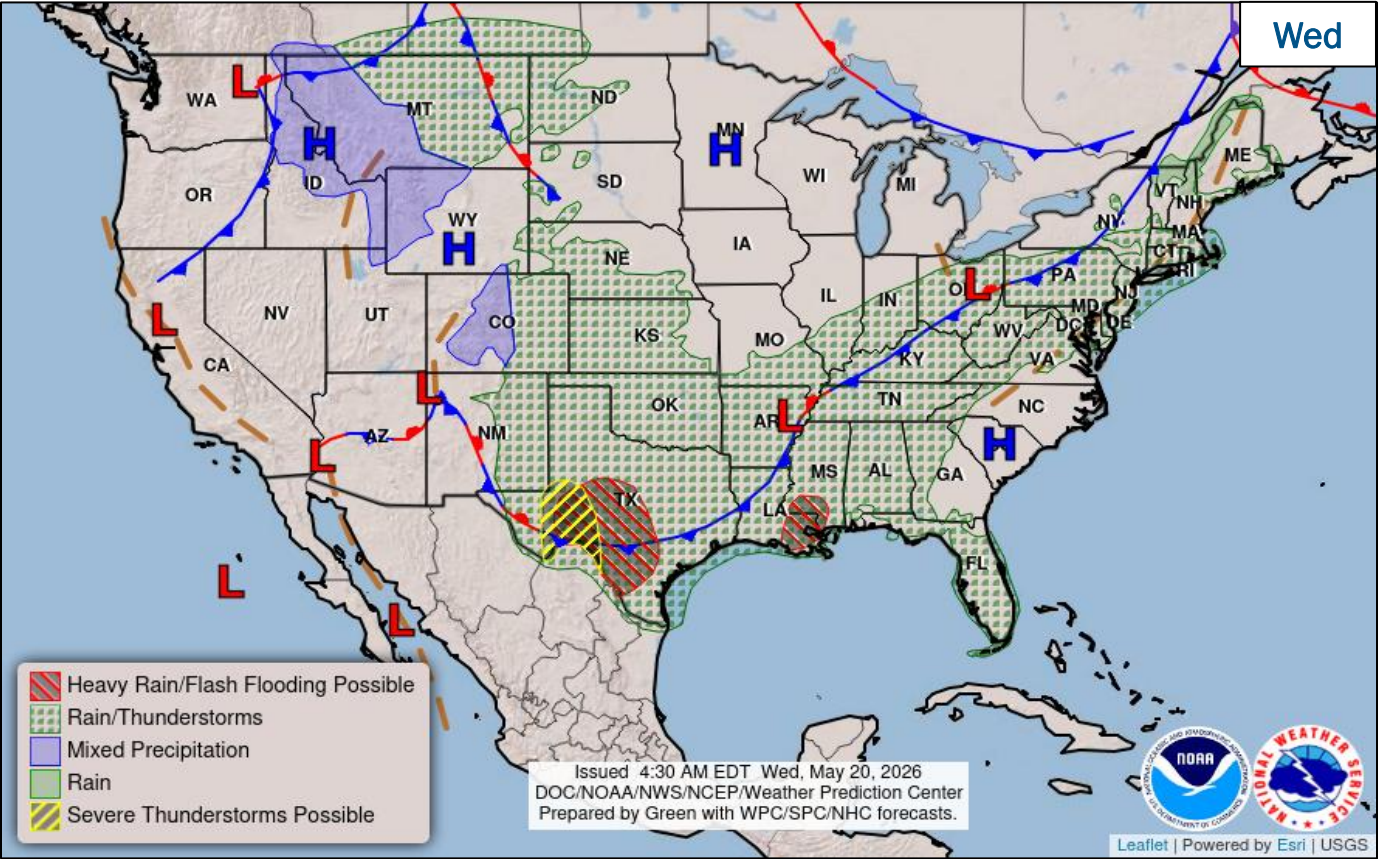


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National Weather Forecast

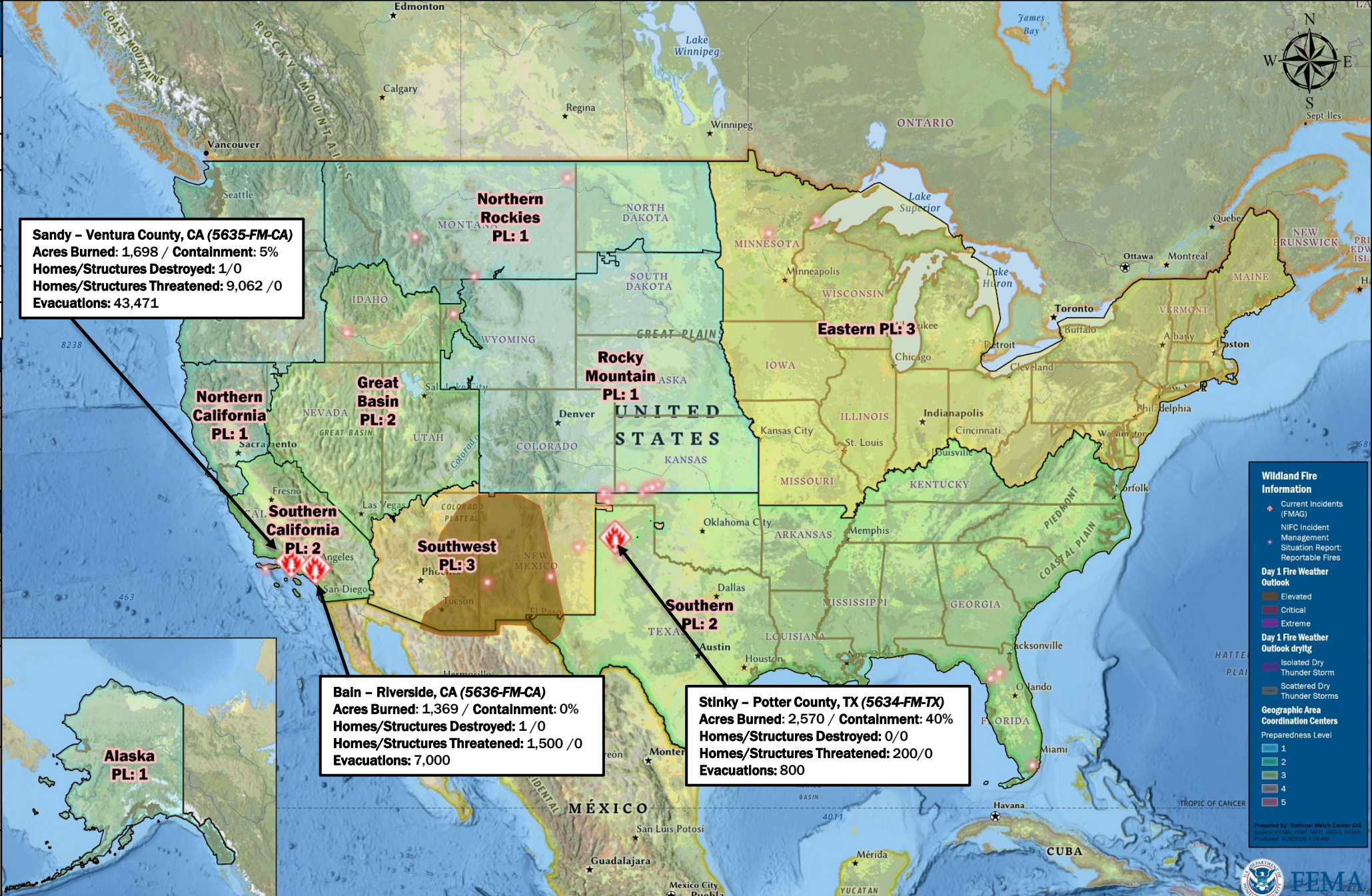


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National Fire Activity – May 20, 2026

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	LIGHT (97 fires)
New Large Fires	3
Large Fires Contained	5
Uncontained Large Fires	20
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	2,342,002
Total Responders	4,204
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



Bain Fire – Riverside County, CA

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Bain Fire (Riverside, CA)	5636-FM-CA	1,369	0%	M: 7,000	H: 1,500	H: 5	H: 1	0 / 0
				V: UNK	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

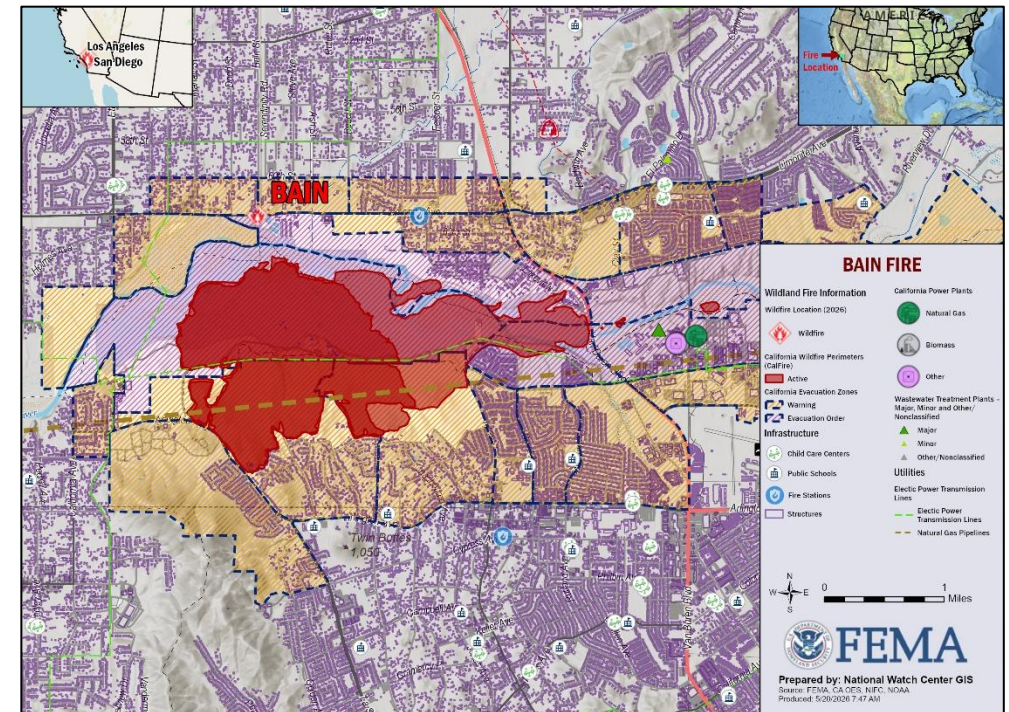
Situation: The Bain Fire has burned approximately 1,369 acres near Jurupa Valley, CA (pop. 110k). The fire is currently zero percent contained. Mandatory and voluntary evacuations are in effect for thirteen evacuation zones, though the exact number of evacuees is unknown. The fire is also threatening schools, businesses, fire departments, two powerplants, a wastewater plant, and an airport in the area. Evacuation shelters have been established in The Gardens of Riverside Elderly Home and Riverside Post Acute Care, in Riverside, CA. There is no request for Federal assistance. (*Region 9 SPOTREP and CAL FIRE, as of 2:42 a.m. ET*)

State / Local Response:

- CA SEOC at Normal Operations
- FMAG approved May 19

FEMA / Federal Response:

- Region 9 RWC is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered; R-IMAT 1 is deployed (DR-4909-HI); R-IMAT 2 is deployed (DR-4910-MP)
- NWC is Monitoring



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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	1,698 (+862)	5% (+5)	M: 43,471 (+1,710)	H: 9,062 (-6,753)	H: 0	H: 1	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Stinky Fire (Potter, TX)	5634-FM-TX	2,570 (+570)	40% (+40)	M: 800 (+271)	H: 200 (-751)	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	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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Yellow Circle NWC Green Circle NRCC

Watch FEMA Regions RRCC

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

Notes

- Watches/RRCCs:**

 - 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
 - GA/KS/OK: Wildfires
 - HI/MP/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: Staff (Reconstituting)

Incident Workforce

19,557
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,302 / 32%
Deployed

6,116 / 31%
Available
to Deploy for 30 Days

7,139 / 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

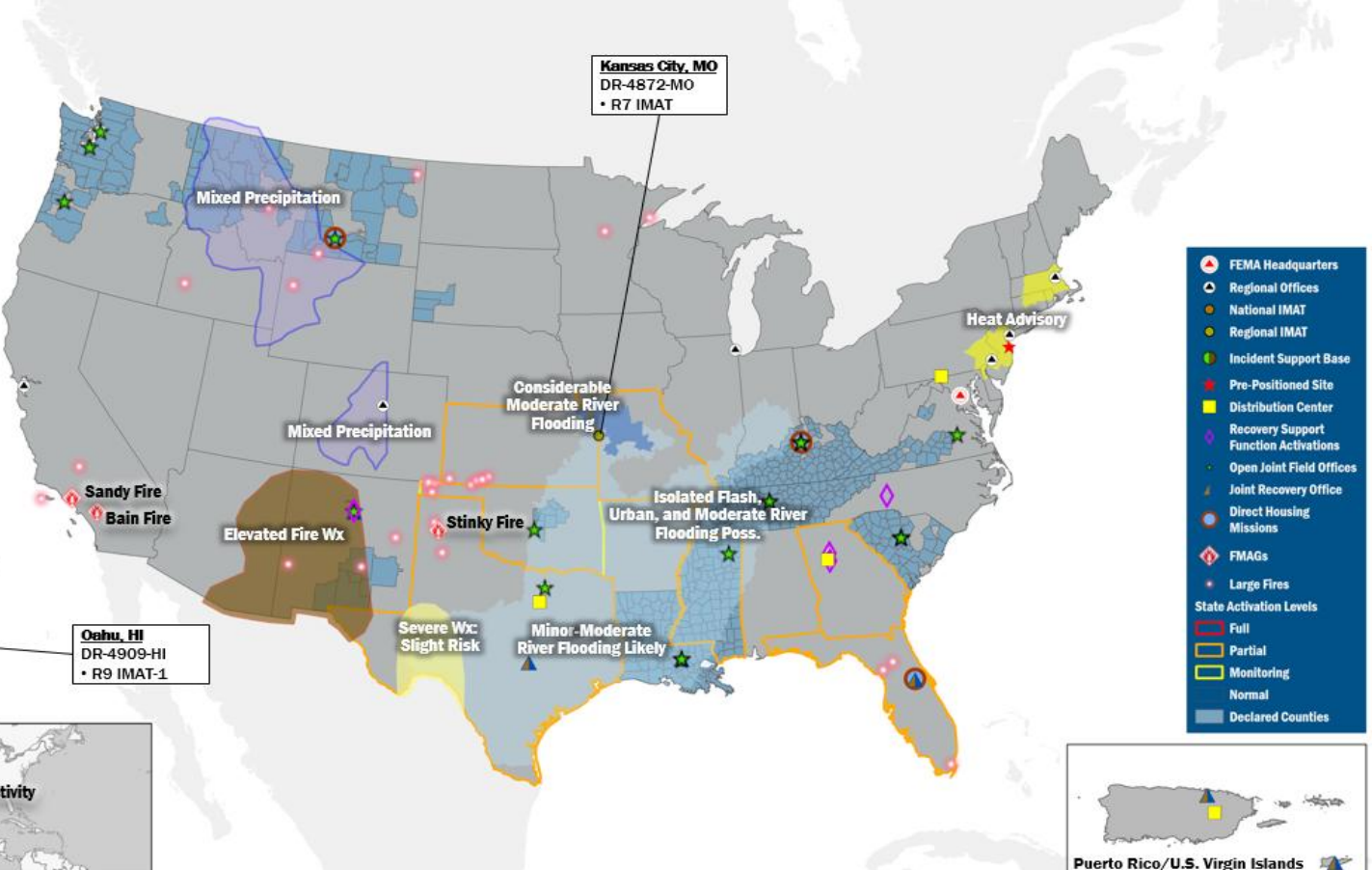


CNMI
DR-4910-MP
• N-IMAT Red
• R9 IMAT-2

Guam
EM-3644-GU
• ISB Delta

Oahu, HI
DR-4909-HI
• R9 IMAT-1

No Tropical Activity



National IMAT

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

Regional IMAT

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

Commodities & Equipment

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

Stockage levels are based on catastrophic planning factors by location.

Logistics Staffing

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

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

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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 Request – Guam

Declaration Type: Major Disaster – GU

Date Requested: May 18

Incident: Super Typhoon Sinlaku

Incident Period: April 11-18

Requested:

- **IA/PA:** Territory-wide
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Territory-wide



■ IA/PA



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Declaration Requests in Process – 24

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 – 24 (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
GU – Super Typhoon Sinlaku	DR	X	X	X	May 18

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



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