

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, May 21, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- No significant incidents / operations

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Central Plains
- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Southern Plains

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – MS

Event Monitoring

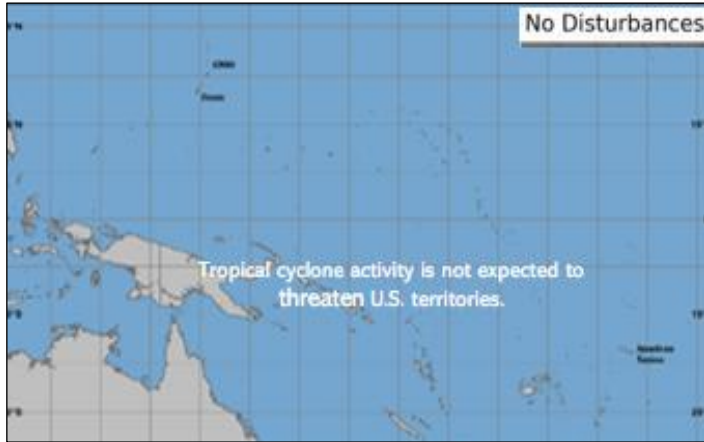
- No new significant events



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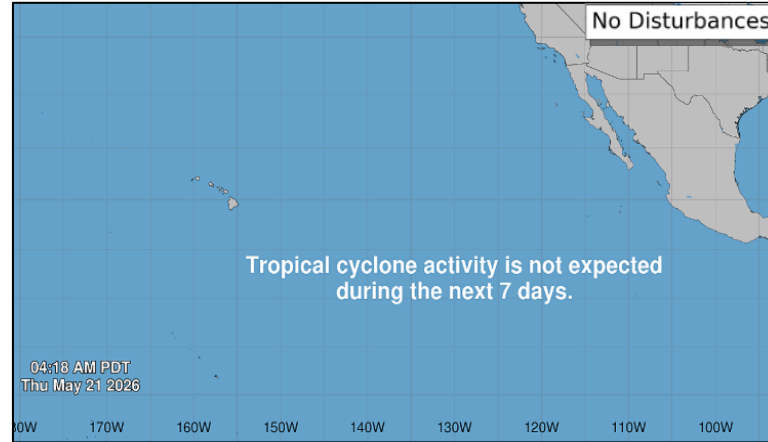
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



- No tropical cyclones threatening U.S. territories

Eastern and Central Pacific



- No tropical cyclones expected during the next 7 days

Atlantic

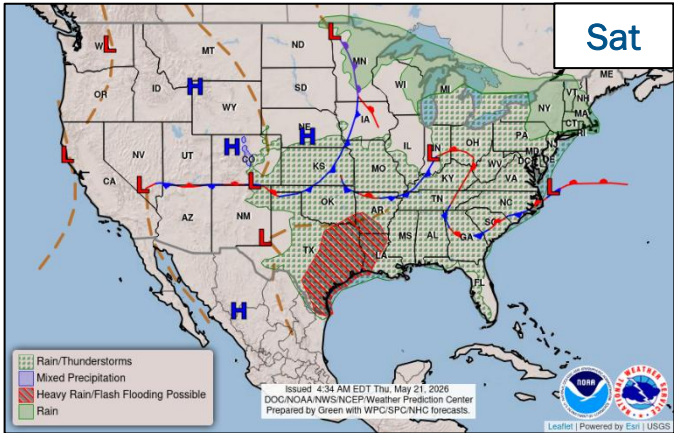
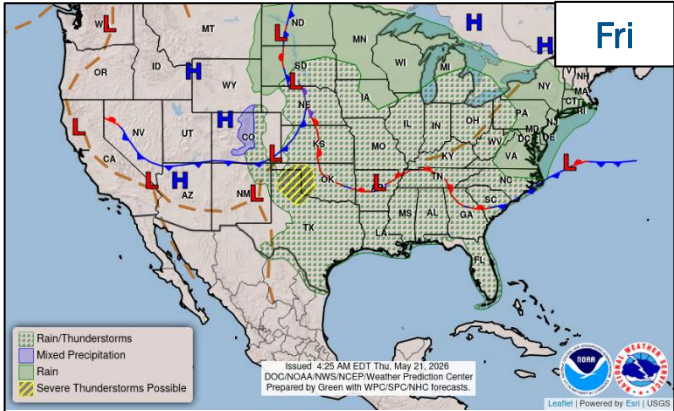
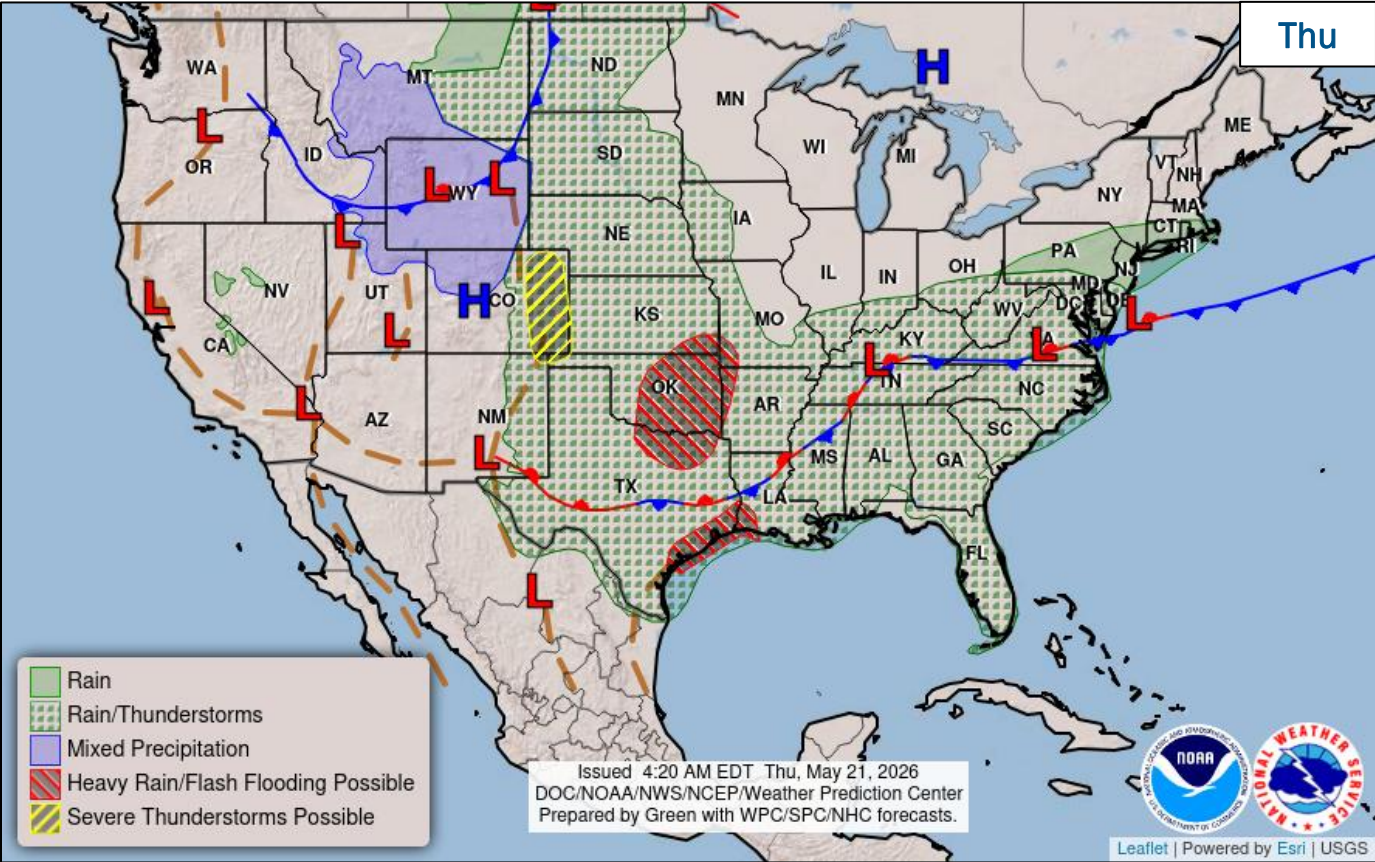


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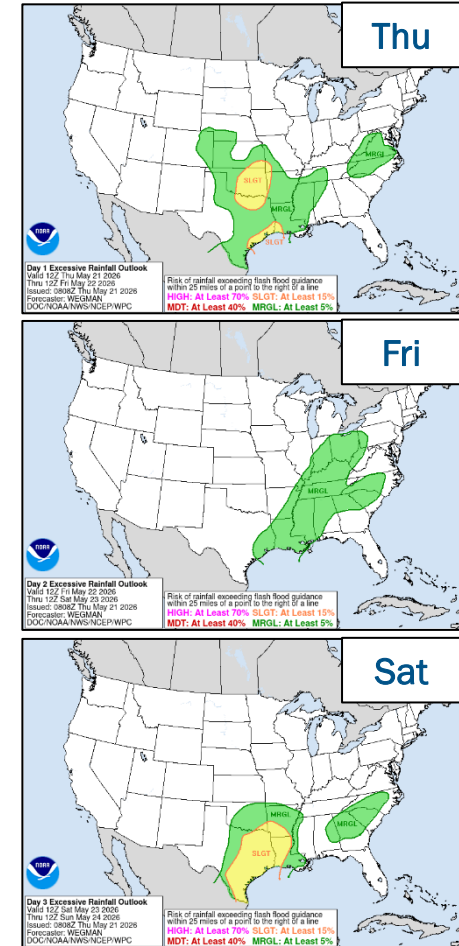
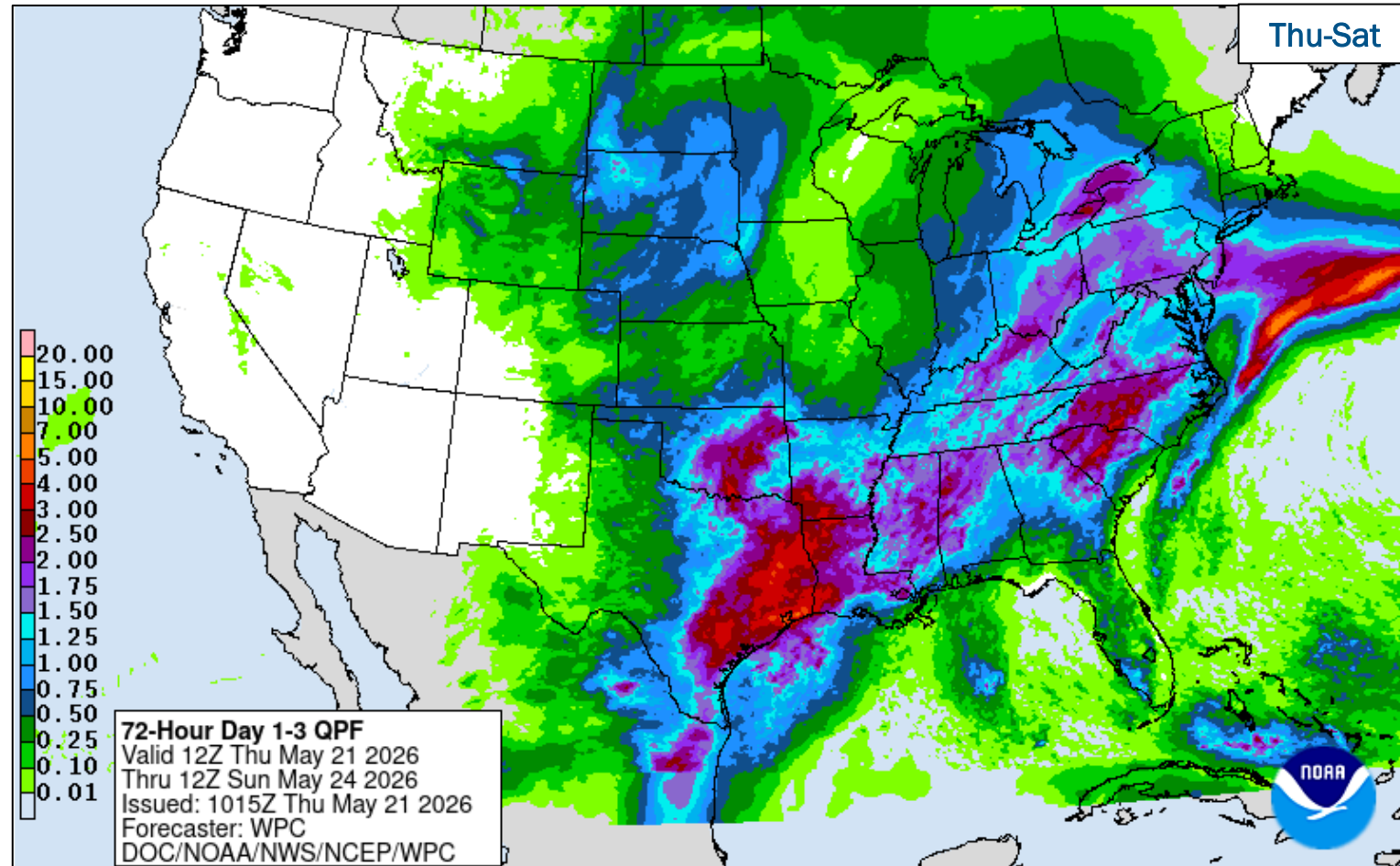
National Weather Forecast



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Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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National Fire Activity – May 21, 2026

PL 2

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	LIGHT (97 fires)
New Large Fires	4
Large Fires Contained	6
Uncontained Large Fires	19
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



Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Stinky Fire (Potter, TX) FINAL	5634-FM-TX	2,335 (-235)	85% (+45)	M: 0 (-800)	H: 200	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Sandy Fire (Ventura, CA)	5635-FM-CA	2,115 (+417)	22% (+17)	M: 48,714 (+5,243)	H: 15,147 (+6,085)	H: 2 (+2)	H: 1	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Bain Fire (Riverside, CA)	5636-FM-CA	1,456 (+87)	34% (+34)	M: 2,219 (-4,781)	H: 684 (-816)	H: 5	H: 1	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 10 (+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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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
 - CA/GA/KS/OK: 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: Staff (Reconstituting)

Incident Workforce

19,559
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,470 / 30%
Deployed

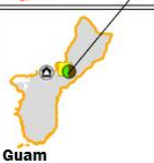
5,962 / 30%
Available
to Deploy for 30 Days

7,127 / 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



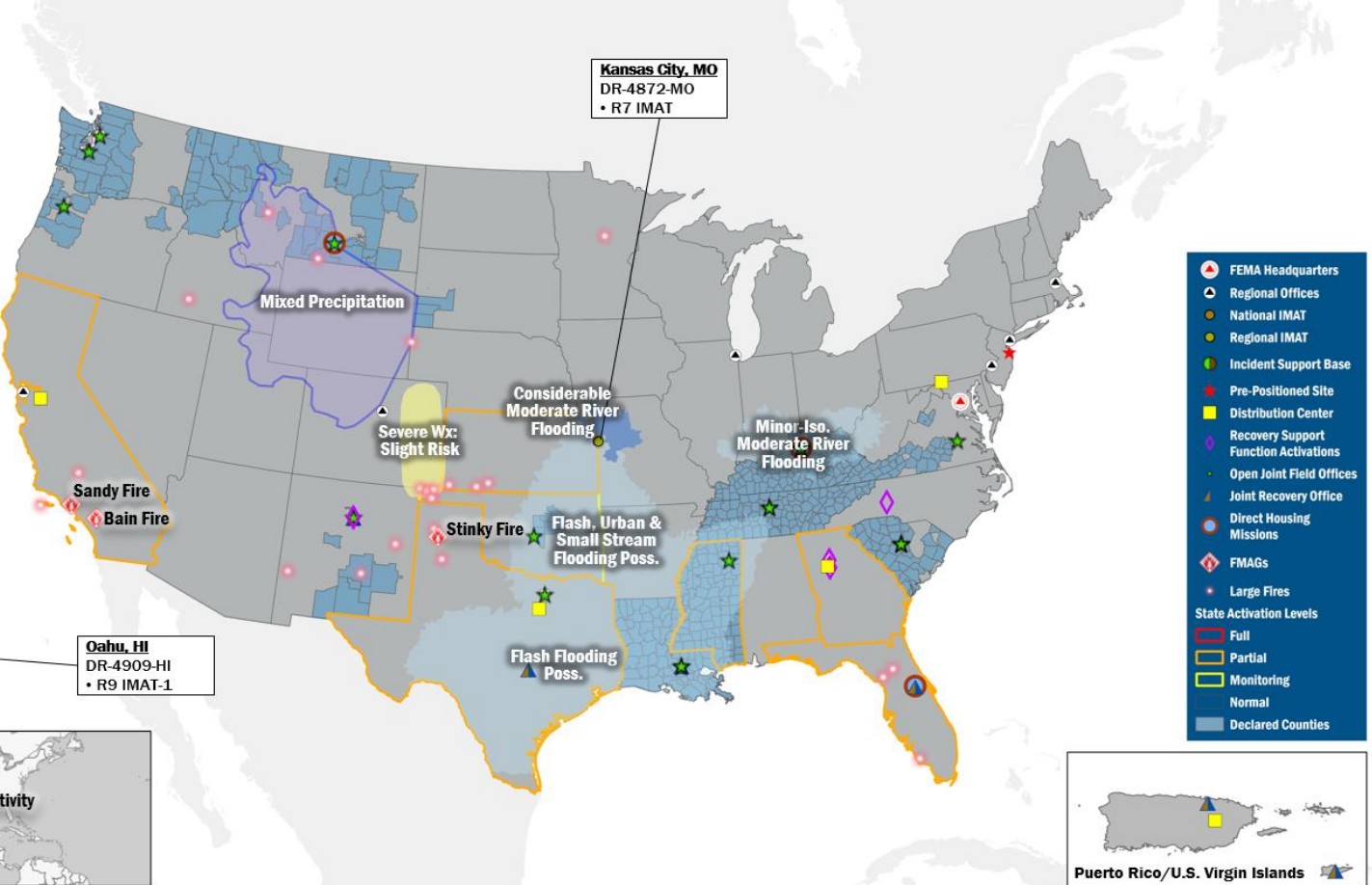
CNMI
DR-4910-MP
• N-IMAT Red
• R9 IMAT-2

Guam
EM-3644-GU
• ISB Delta



Oahu, HI
DR-4909-HI
• R9 IMAT-1

No Tropical Activity



- FEMA Headquarters
 - Regional Offices
 - National IMAT
 - Regional IMAT
 - Incident Support Base
 - Pre-Positioned Site
 - Distribution Center
 - Recovery Support Function Activations
 - Open Joint Field Offices
 - Joint Recovery Office
 - Direct Housing Missions
 - FMAGs
 - Large Fires
- State Activation Levels
 - Full
 - Partial
 - Monitoring
 - Normal
 - Declared Counties

National IMAT

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

Regional IMAT

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

Commodities & Equipment

CONUS	Distribution Centers			Water	Meals	Gen.
	DC Tracy, CA					
	DC Atlanta, GA					
	DC Fort Worth, TX					
	DC Greencastle, PA					
OCONUS	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		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%				
OCONUS	DC Guam	85%		Systems		Staff
	DC Hawaii	70%		Winchester, VA (DISC)	81%	
	DC Caribbean	92%				

SMT

Operational 8
Requires Augmentation 3
Deployed 0

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 FCOs)
Available	13

Legend

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

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
	MO	Severe Storms Apr 23-28	IA	6	6 (+4)	5/12 – 5/14
			PA	11	11 (+9)	5/12 – 5/19



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Declaration Request – Mississippi

Declaration Type: Major Disaster – MS

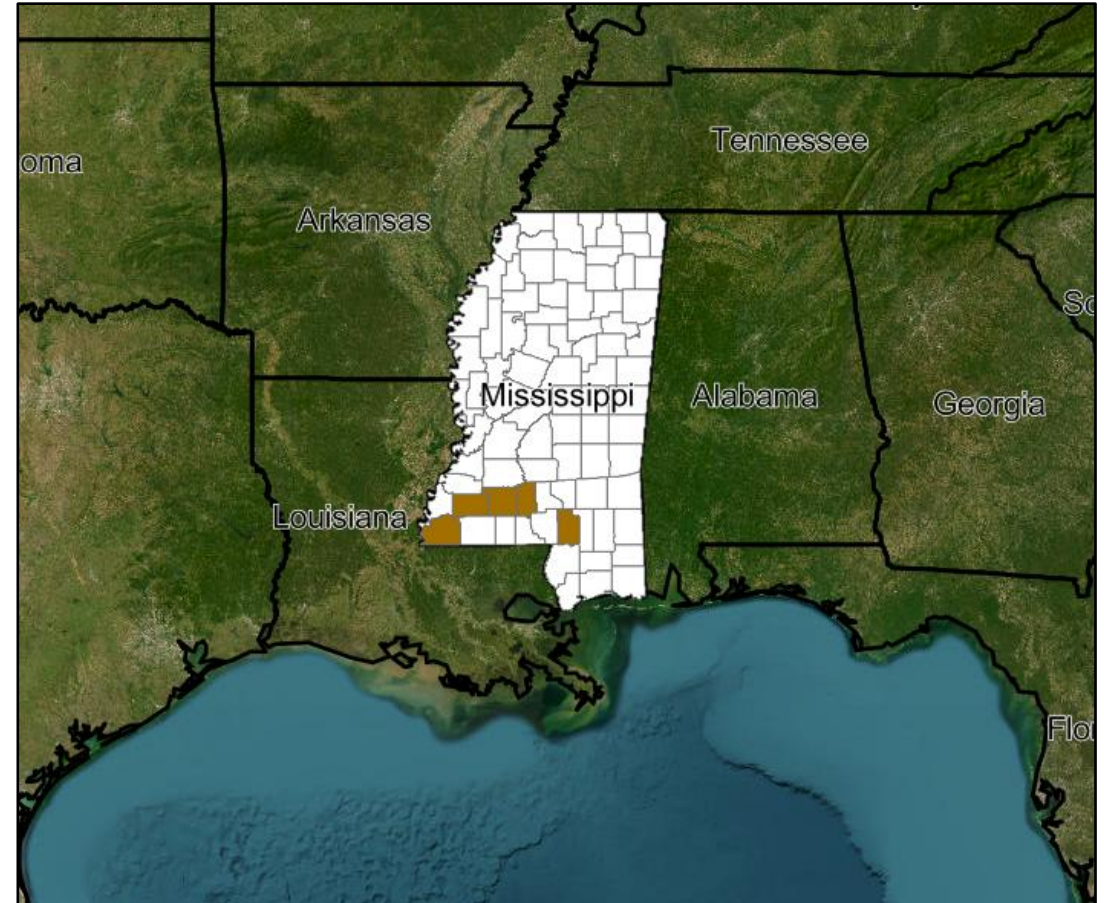
Date Requested: May 19

Incident: Severe storms producing strong tornadoes, flash flooding, hail, and straight-line winds

Incident Period: May 6-7

Requested:

- **IA/PA:** 5 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



■ IA/PA



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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 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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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
MS – Severe Storm	DR	X	X	X	May 19

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



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