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Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, May 4, 2017

8:30 a.m. EDT

Significant Activity – May 3-4



Significant Events:

- Flooding – Southern/Central Plains

Significant Weather:

- Flash flooding possible - Ohio valley
- Rain and thunderstorms – Pacific Northwest to Northern Intermountain and northern CA; Lower/Middle Mississippi valleys to Southeast and Great Lakes
- Space Weather:
 - Past 24 hours: None observed
 - Next 24 hours: None predicted

Tropical Activity: No activity threatening U.S. interests

Earthquake Activity: No significant activity

Declaration Activity:

- Amendment No. 1 to FEMA-4305-DR-CA

Flooding – Southern/Central Plains



Current Situation

Moderate to locally heavy rainfall is expected through today in parts of MO into the Ohio Valley. Additional flash flooding and secondary rises on creeks, streams and rivers are expected. Quieter weather is forecast for the latter portion of the week into early next week, allowing the entire region an opportunity to recover from the recent heavy rainfall events.

Impacts

- FEMA Region V - Illinois
 - 1 shelter open with 8 occupants*; localized evacuations in portions of Madison, Williamson, and Franklin counties
- FEMA Region VI
 - Texas
 - 4 confirmed fatalities; 49 injuries
 - 3 shelters open with 13 occupants*
 - Numerous homes/businesses destroyed or damaged in Canton (pop. 3.6k) and Emory, TX (pop. 1.2k)
 - Arkansas
 - 7 confirmed fatalities
 - 6 shelters open with 85 occupants*
 - Levee breaches occurring in Randolph County near Pocahontas in mostly agricultural and industrial areas; mandatory evacuations for portions of city of Pocahontas (pop. 6.4k), and Clay and Randolph counties (combined pop. 34k)
- FEMA Region VII - Missouri
 - 5 confirmed fatalities
 - 11 shelters open with 104 occupants*
 - Mandatory evacuations for Valley Park (pop. 7k) due to potential for levee overtopping (324 homes threatened)
 - Voluntary evacuations for West Alton (pop. 530) due to crest of Mississippi River on May 4 (200 homes threatened)
 - Portions of I-44 closed in both directions; a portion of I-55 at Arnold (Meramec River) closed
 - Amtrak train service suspended between Kansas City and St. Louis; bus bridge in place; service projected to be restored by May 6

Flooding – Southern/Central Plains

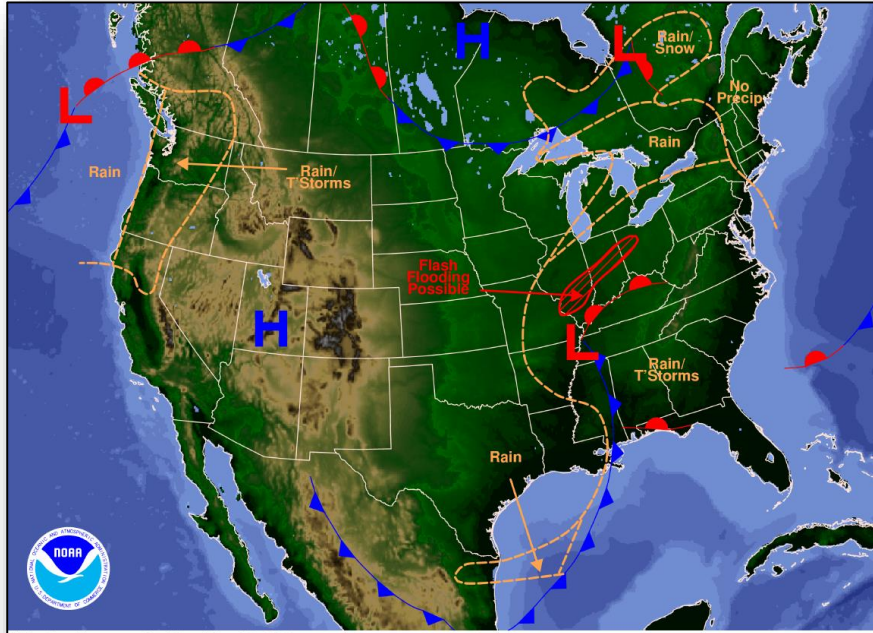


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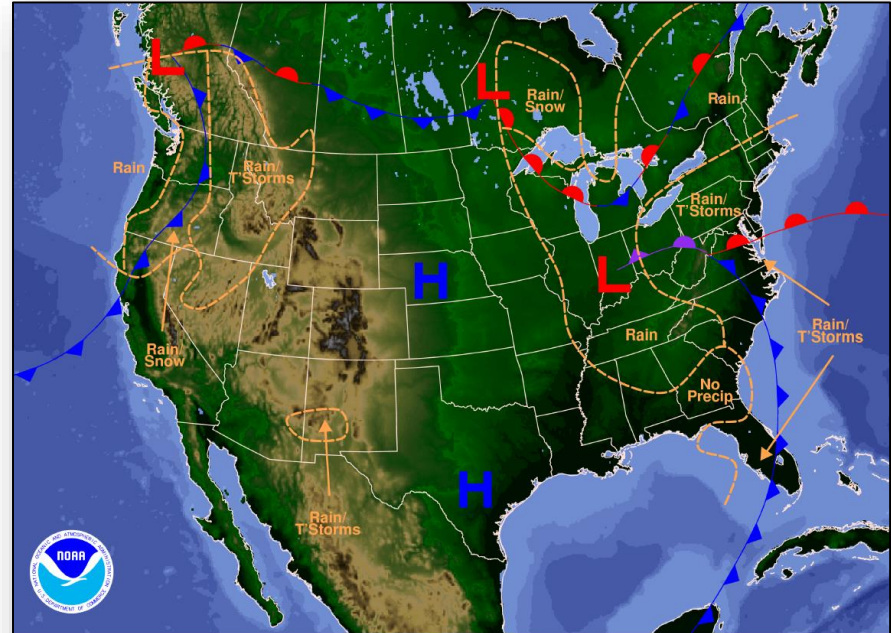
- FEMA Region V
 - RWC at Enhanced Watch
 - IMAT deployed to IL EOC
 - IL EOC at Partial Activation
- FEMA Region VI
 - RWC at Enhanced Watch (day shift only)
 - LNO deployed to AR EOC
 - AR EOC at Partial Activation (day); Monitoring (night); Governor declared state of emergency
 - AR State Guard deployed security and water rescue assets to Clay, Randolph, and Lawrence counties
- FEMA Region VII
 - RRCC at Level III (day shift only); RWC at Steady State
 - LNO deployed to MO EOC
 - MO EOC at Full Activation; Governor declared state of emergency
- FEMA HQ/Federal
 - NWC at Steady State
 - USACE deployed 123 personnel to assist with Midwest flood fight activities
 - Flood fight teams deployed along Lower Missouri River supporting levee district owners/operators
 - Conducting 24 hour monitoring at Lake Wappapello, MO due to high water and spillway operations
 - Provided 100k sandbags and sandbag machines to MO

National Weather Forecast



Weather Forecast for Thu, May 04, 2017, issued 4:32 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Today



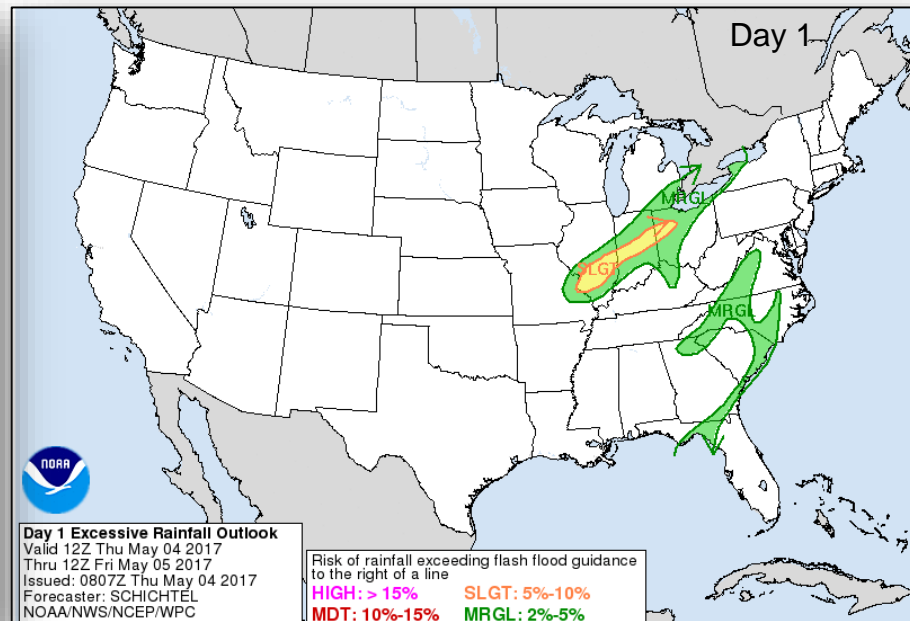
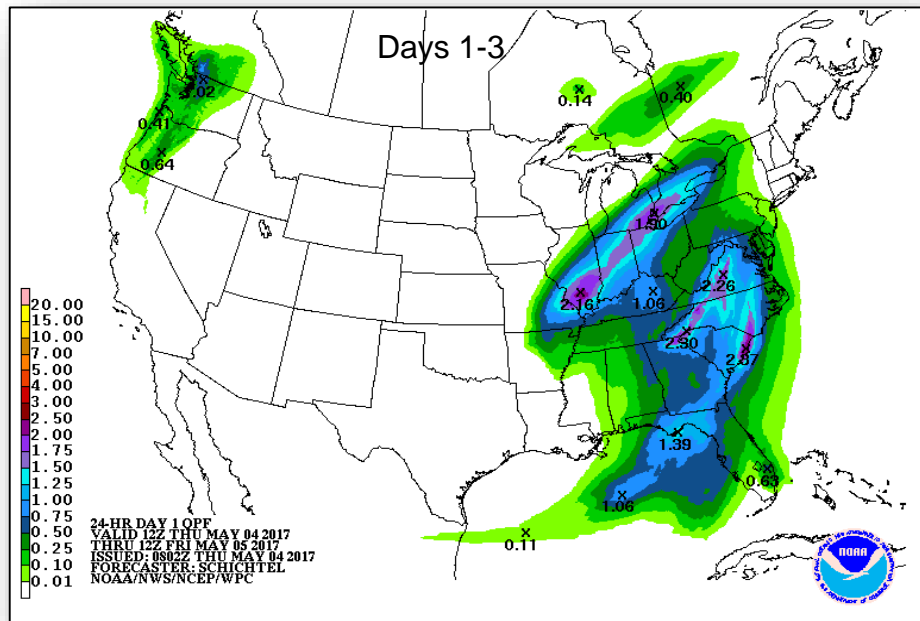
Weather Forecast for Fri, May 05, 2017, issued 4:38 AM EDT Thu, May 04, 2017
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Tomorrow

Precipitation Outlook – Flash Flood Risk



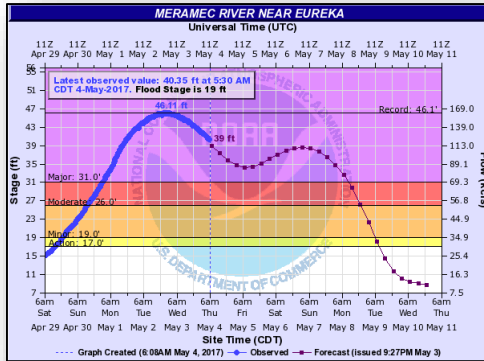
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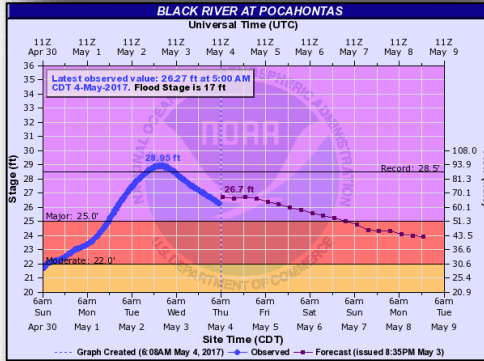


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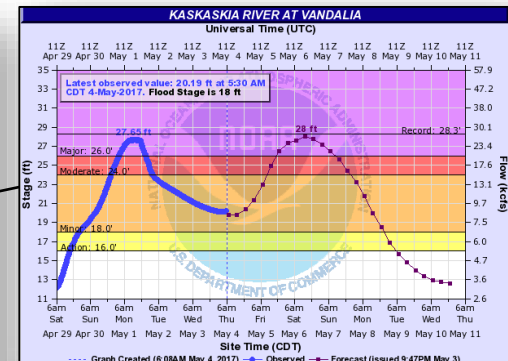
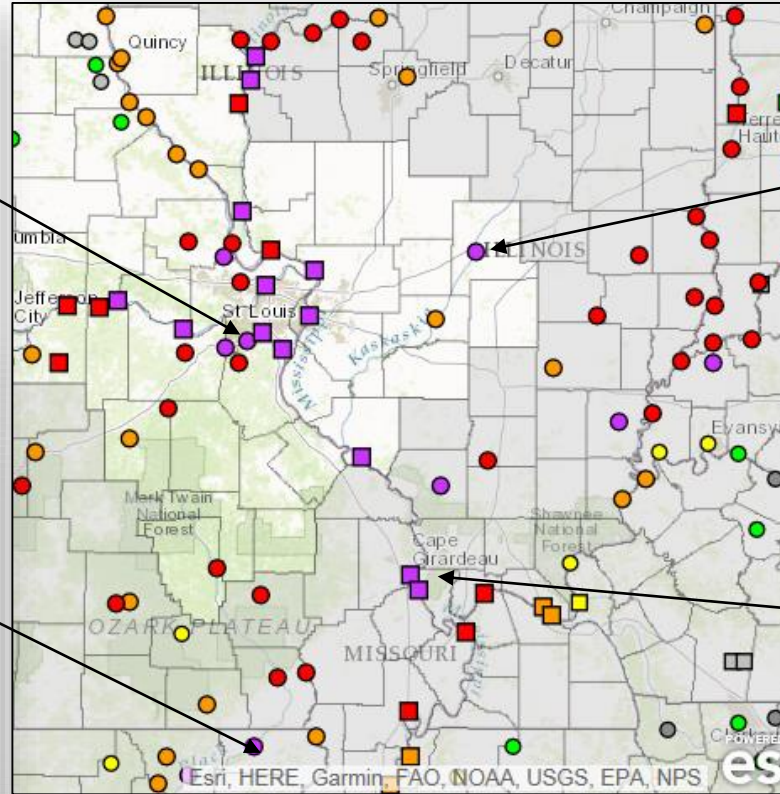
River Flood Forecasts



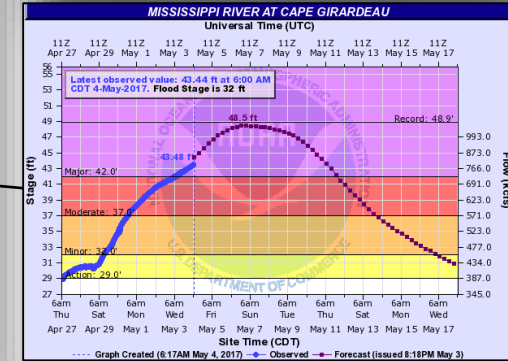
*Record observed: secondary crest by late weekend; numerous homes/businesses at risk



*Record observed: eastern levee failed, resulting in a quicker crest; mandatory evacuations



At 26 ft. the Dively and Vandalia levees begin to be overtopped; numerous homes flood

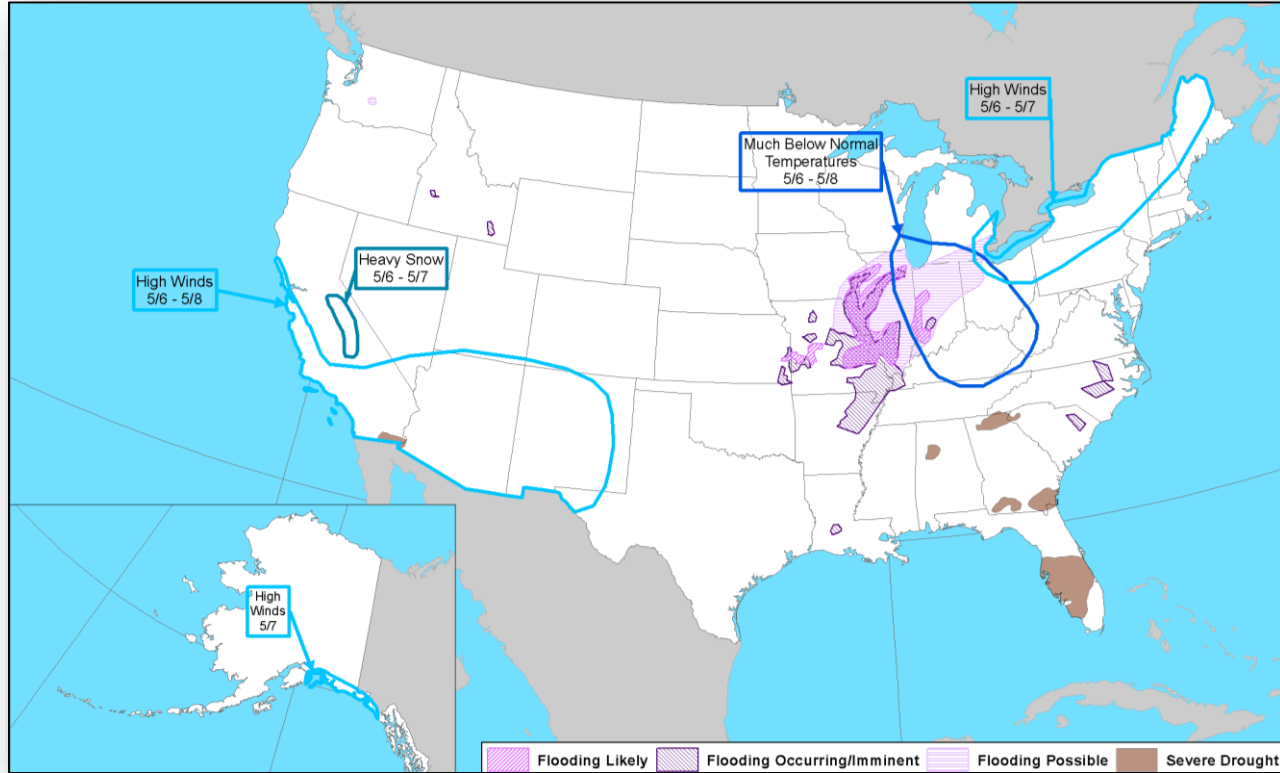


*Near record forecast; several homes and businesses in S. Cape Girardeau County flood

Hazards Outlook – May 6-10



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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



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| Region | State / Location | Event | IA/PA | Number of Counties | | Start – End |
|--------|------------------|---|-------|--------------------|-----------|--------------|
| | | | | Requested | Completed | |
| II | New York | Winter Storm Event March 13-15, 2017 | IA | 0 | 0 | N/A |
| | | | PA | 30 | 16 | Mar 30 – TBD |
| VI | Texas | Severe Storms and Tornadoes April 29, 2017 and continuing | IA | 3 | 2 | May 2 – TBD |
| | | | PA | 0 | 0 | N/A |
| VI | Oklahoma | Severe Storms, Flooding, and Tornadoes April 29, 2017 and continuing | IA | 5 | 0 | May 8 – TBD |
| | | | PA | 31 | 0 | May 8 – TBD |

Disaster Requests & Declarations



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| Declaration Requests in Process | | Requests APPROVED (since last report) | Requests DENIED (since last report) |
|---|----------------|---|---|
| 4 | Date Requested | 0 | 0 |
| OR – DR Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides | March 9, 2017 | | |
| ND – DR Civil Unrest | April 29, 2017 | | |
| ID – Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides | May 2, 2017 | | |
| PA – DR Snowstorm | May 2, 2017 | | |

Disaster Amendments

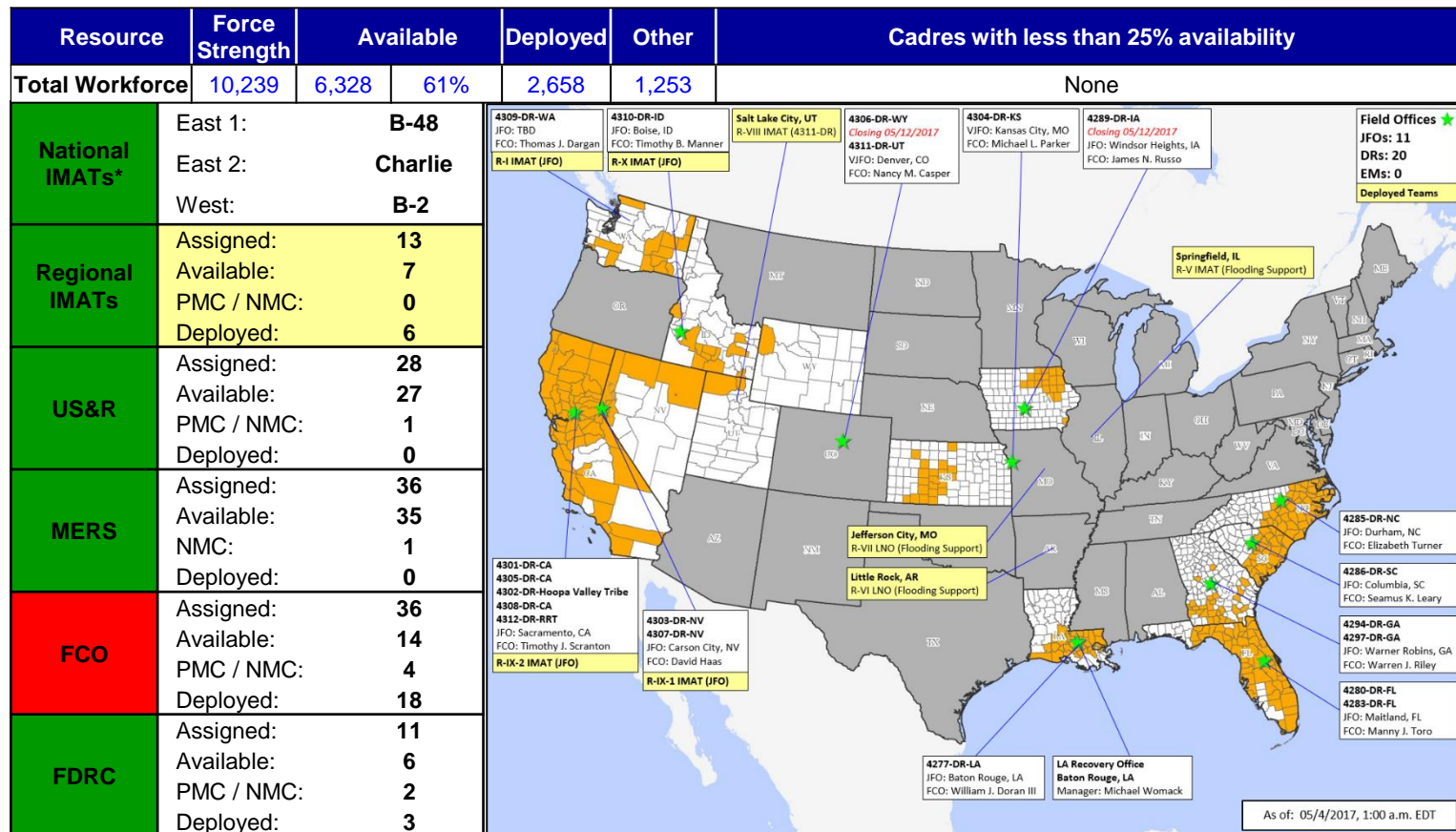


| Amendment | Effective Date | Action |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Amendment No. 1 to FEMA-4305-DR-CA | May 3, 2017 | Adds 6 counties for Public Assistance |

Readiness – Deployable Teams and Assets



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***B-2 Status:** Assemble ≤ 2-hrs, On Site ≤ 18-hrs; **B-48 Status:** Assemble and deploy ≤ 48hrs; **Charlie Status:** No team assemble time requirement

Readiness – Activation Teams



| Resource | Status | Total | Status | Activated Team | Activation Level | Activation Times | Reason/Comments |
|-----------|--------|-------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| NWC | | 5 | Not Activated | | | | |
| NRCC | | 2 | Not Activated | | | | NRCS Gold Team – May primary |
| HLT | | 1 | Not Activated | | | | Deactivated for the season |
| RWCs/MOCs | | 9 | Activated | Region V Region VI | Enhanced Enhanced | (24/7) Day shift only | Severe Weather Severe Weather |
| RRCCs | | 10 | Activated | Region VII | Level III | Day shift only | Severe Weather |

Back-up Regions (May 1-7): II, III, VI



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