

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Winter Storm – Mid-Atlantic to Northeast

Hazard Monitoring

- Critical Fire Weather – Central to Southern Plains
- Winter Weather – Northeast

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- State of the Union Address (SOTUA) – Washington, D.C.



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State of the Union Address (SOTUA) – Washington, DC

Situation: On February 24, the President of the United States will deliver a State of the Union address in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, at the U.S. Capitol. The Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) designated the event as a National Special Security Event (NSSE). FEMA will serve as the lead federal agency responsible for consequence management.

State / Local Response:

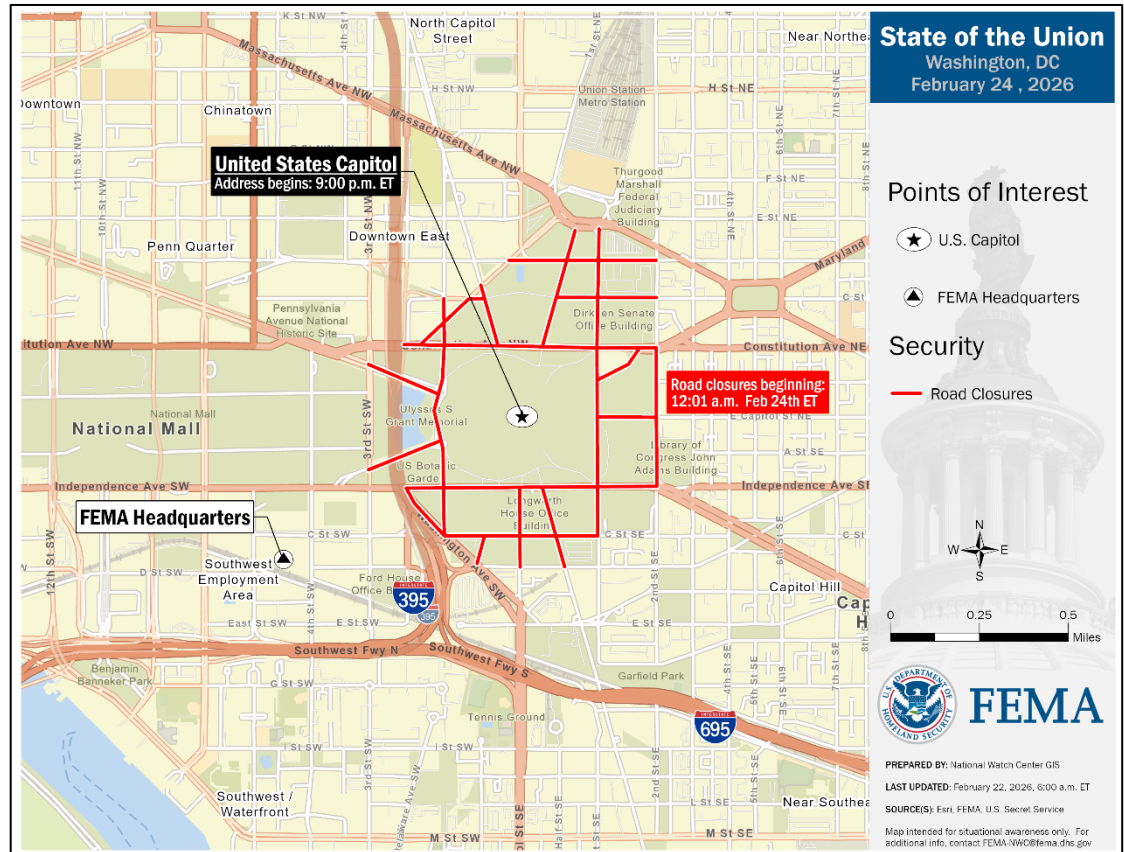
- DC HSEMA is Monitoring (SOTUA); will be at Enhanced Watch at 3:00 p.m. ET, Feb 24

FEMA Region 3 Response:

- FEMA R3 RRCC will be at Enhanced Watch at 3:00 p.m. ET, Feb 24
- Identified regional personnel will be deployed to the event
- LNOs are deploying to DC HSEMA, USSS-WFO MACC, and USCP Feb 24
- All Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) on ALERT beginning Feb 24 for the duration of the event

HQ Response:

- NWC will be at Enhanced Watch at 6:30 p.m. ET
- NRCC GOLD Team on Alert
- N-IMAT-HS will deploy a team to DC HSEMA, as of 3:00 p.m. ET, Feb 24
- CMCU, DEST on Alert
- US&R will issue ESF#9 Advisory
- Frederick MERS will provide communications and mobile command post functions to R3 and other federal agencies (or as required)



Winter Storm – Mid-Atlantic to Northeast (FINAL)

Situation: Conditions will improve across the Northeast today. Power outages could linger due to strong winds and the heavy, wet snow that has fallen. Melting over the next 5 days should be gradual, with no signs of a rapid warmup or heavy rain that would increase the flood risk. (WPC Update as of 7:30 a.m. ET, Feb 24)

Lifeline Impacts:

Safety and Security: RI: State government offices will remain closed on Feb 24 (R1 RLB, as of 4:22 p.m. ET)

Food, Hydration, Shelter:

FEMA Region 1 (ARC Website Map, as of 7:15 a.m. ET, Feb 24)

- MA: 8 shelters open / 142 occupants
- RI: 3 shelters open / 50 occupants

Health & Medical: RI: South County hospital is on generator power with sufficient fuel. One (1) elderly housing center and one (1) warming shelter lost power without generator backup; Newport municipal EOC is evacuating approx. 20 residents to a shelter. (R1 RLB, as of 4:22 p.m. ET)

Energy- customers without power (Eagle-I as of 7:00 a.m. ET, Feb 24):

FEMA Region 1:

- MA: 254k (-34k) (8% (1%)); RI: 21k (-19k) (4% (-4%))

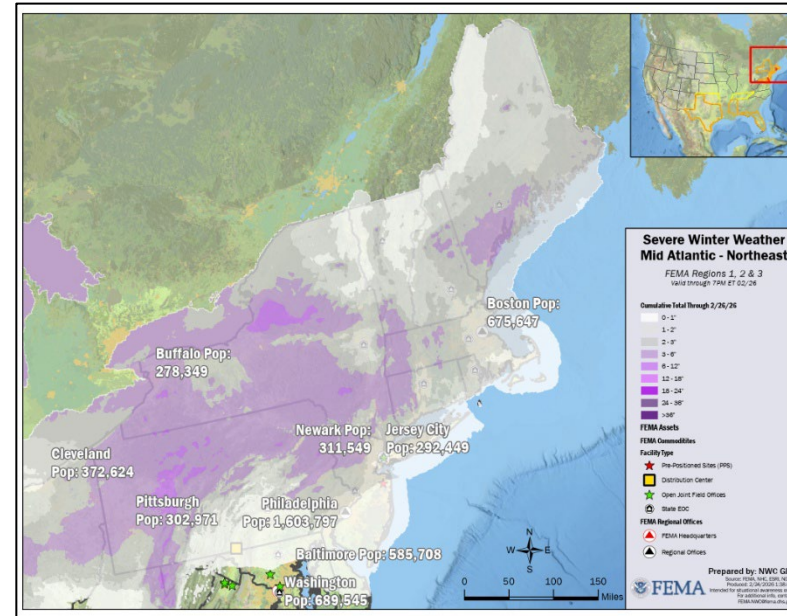
FEMA Region 3:

- DE: 28k (-25k) (6% (-8%))

Transportation: Travel disruptions, including flight cancellations, vehicle bans, and mass transit delays, are ongoing.

FEMA Region 1: (FEMA Region 1 Spot Report as of 7:31 p.m., Feb 23)

RI: Motor vehicle ban is in place; all bus service is canceled; rail delays/cancellations (MBTA, Amtrak); Most T.F. Green International; Airport flights have been canceled; emergency response and public works assets are experiencing mobility limitations



Transportation (cont'd):

FEMA Region 2: (R2 SPOTREP, as of 11:19 p.m. ET, Feb 23) Flights expected to resume 12:00 p.m. ET, Feb 24 and reduced regional rail services including Amtrak expected to resume early Feb 24

NJ:

- NJ TRANSIT light rail service resumed operating a Sunday schedule at 4:00 p.m. ET, Feb 23
- Motor vehicle restrictions rescinded at 5:00 p.m. ET, Feb 23

NY:

- Long Island Railroad (LIRR) is operating limited service with residual delays
- NY/NJ Port Authority advised that flights will resume at 12:00 p.m. ET, Feb 24, pending conditions
- Motor vehicle restrictions rescinded at 4:00 p.m. ET, Feb 23
- Most ferry services cancelled Monday with adjusted Tuesday schedules

State / Local Response:

FEMA Region 1:

- RI SEOC at Full Activation; National Guard is activated; Governor declared State of Emergency
- MA, CT SEOCs at Partial Activation (Winter Storm)

FEMA Region 2:

NY, NJ SEOCs at Partial Activation (Winter Storm)

- Governors have declared State of Emergency

FEMA Region 3:

- DC: DCHSEMA at Monitoring (SOTUA)
- DE: SEOC at Full Activation (Winter Storm)
 - Governor declared a State of Emergency
- MD SEOC at Partial Activation (Winter Storm)
 - Governor declared a State of Emergency
- PA: SEOC returned to Normal Operations
 - Governor declared a State of Emergency

FEMA / Federal Response:

FEMA Region 1:

- Watch/Maynard MOC Enhanced; RRCC Enhanced; R-IMAT FMC
- FEMA LNO deployed to RI SEOC

FEMA Region 2:

- RWC is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered; R-IMAT FMC

FEMA Region 3:

- RWC is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered;

HQ:

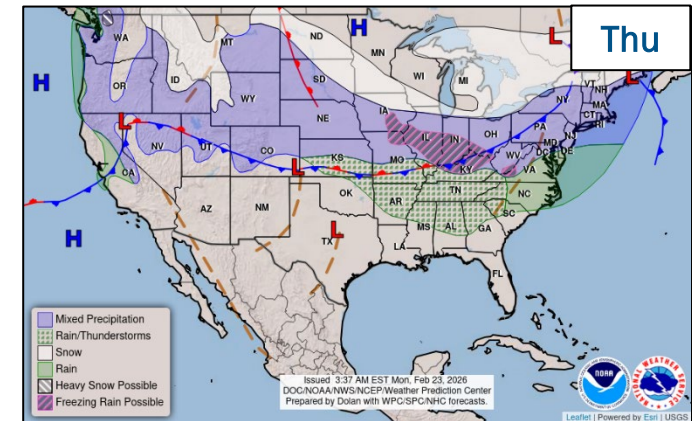
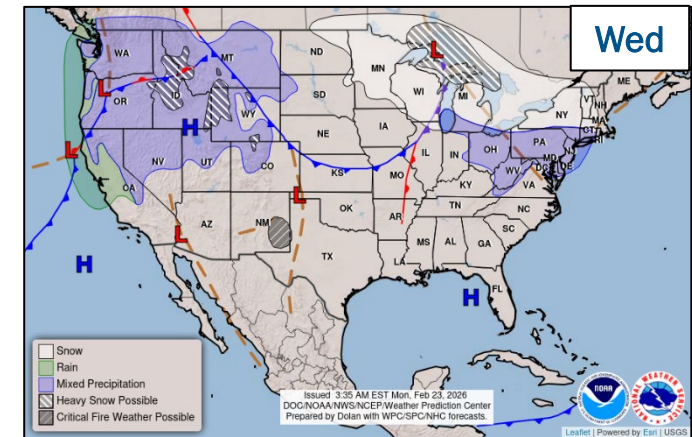
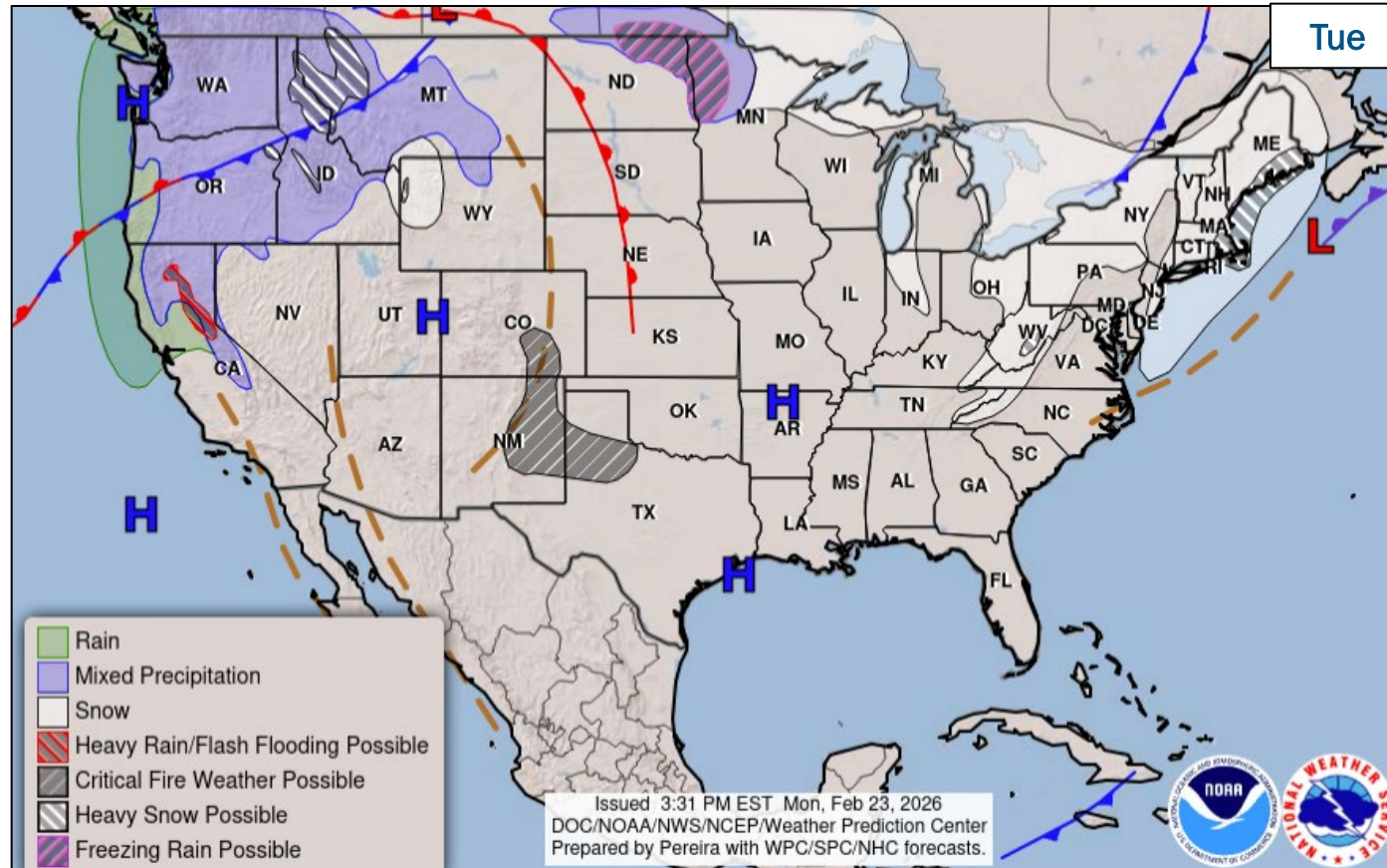
- NWC is Monitoring



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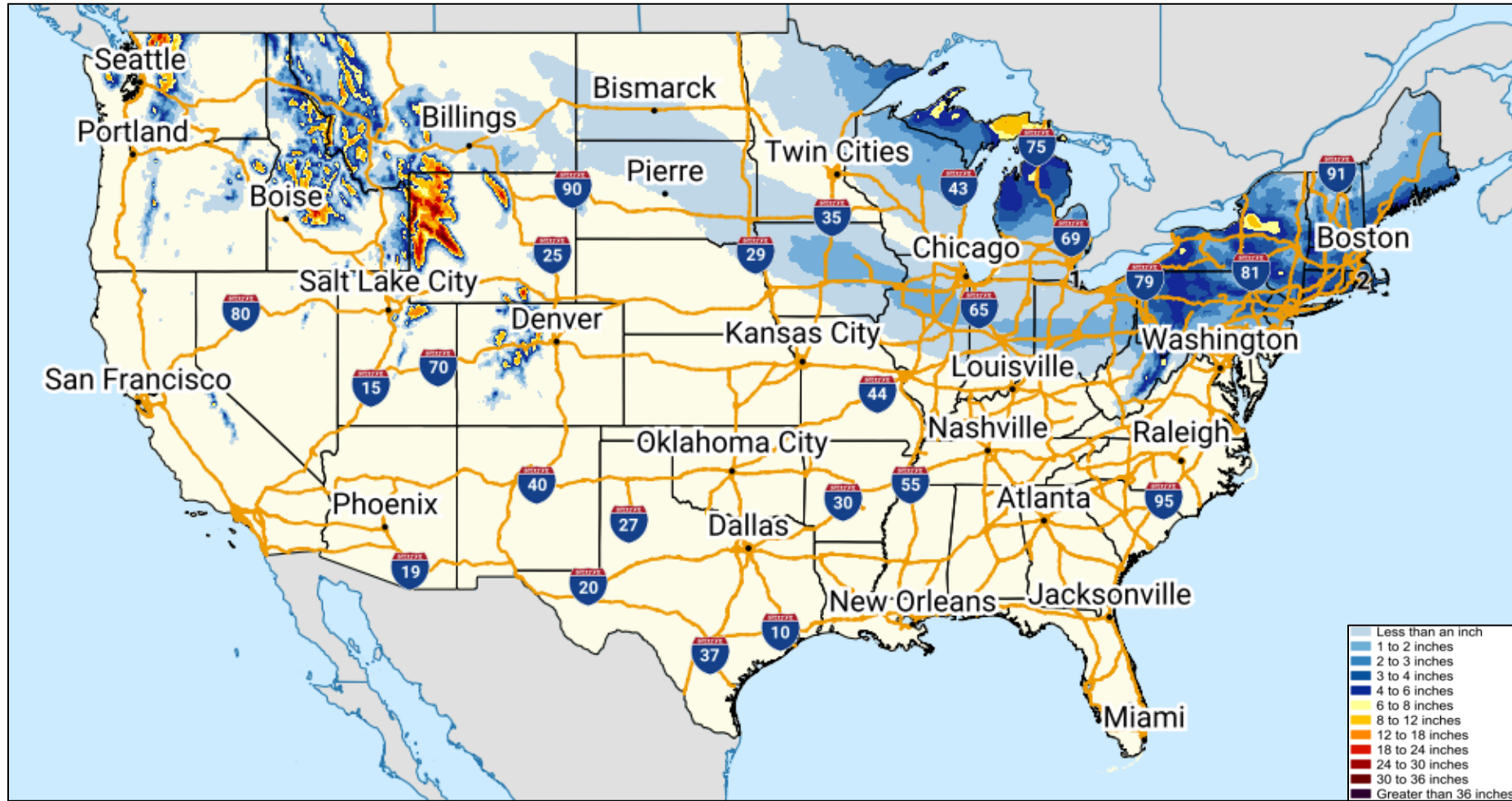
National Weather Forecast



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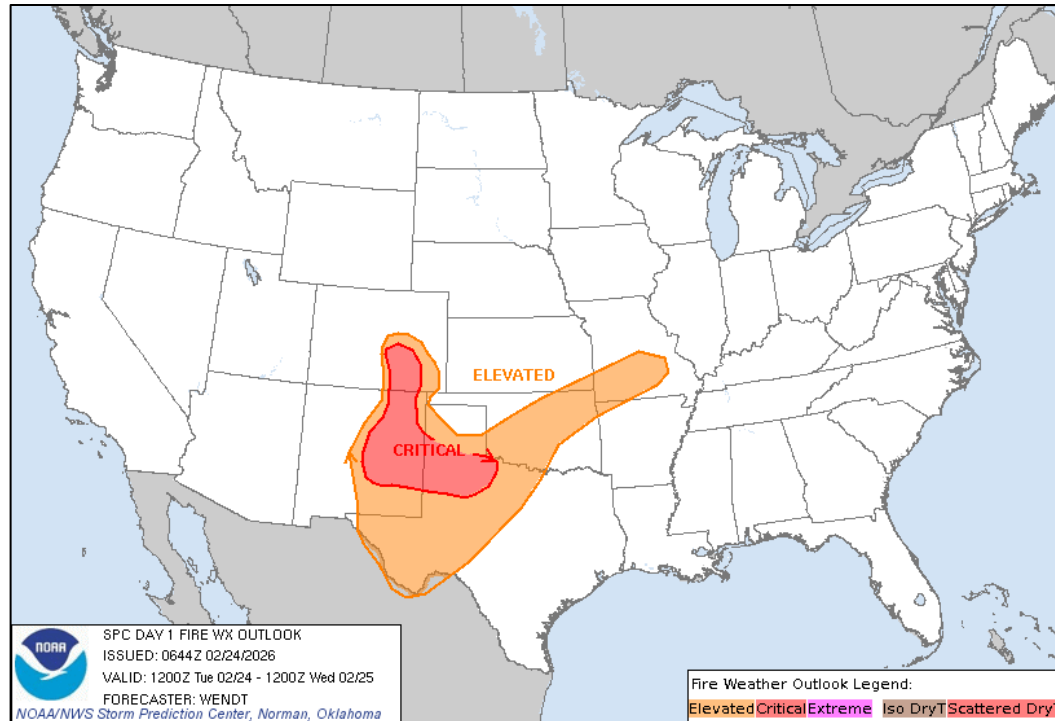
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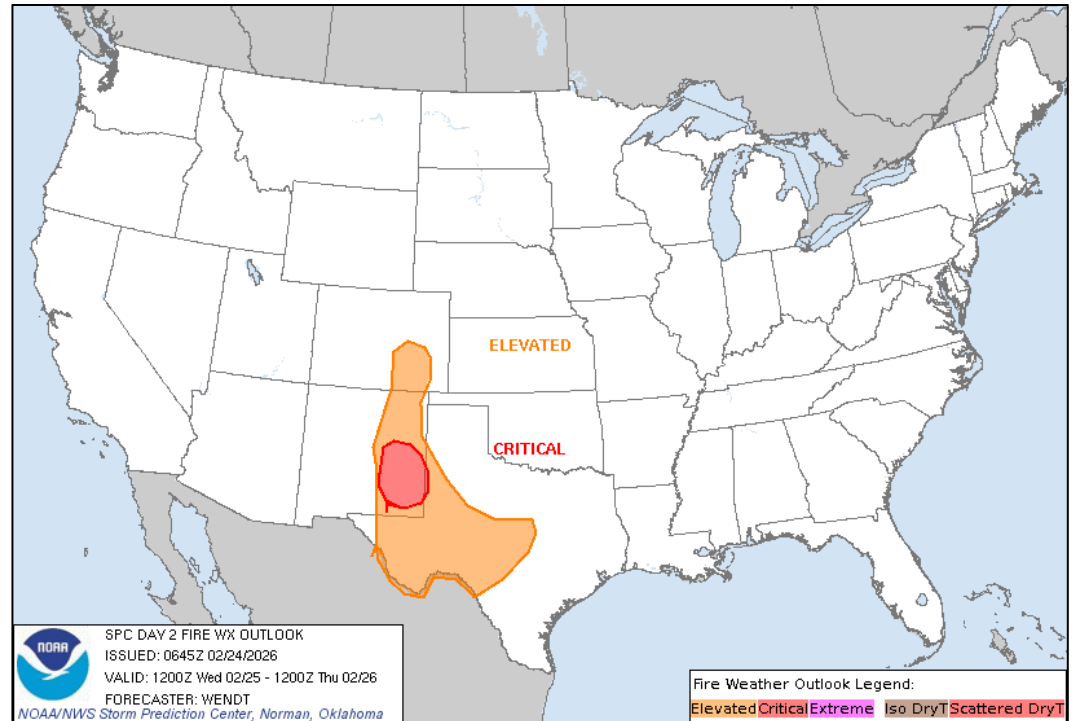
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



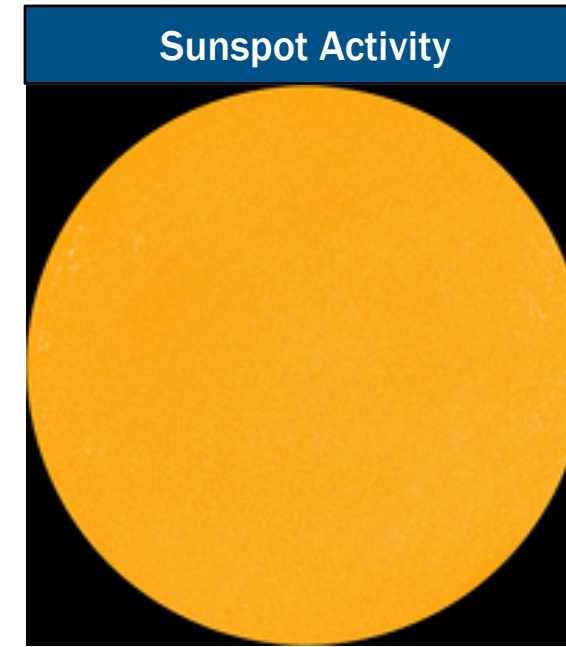
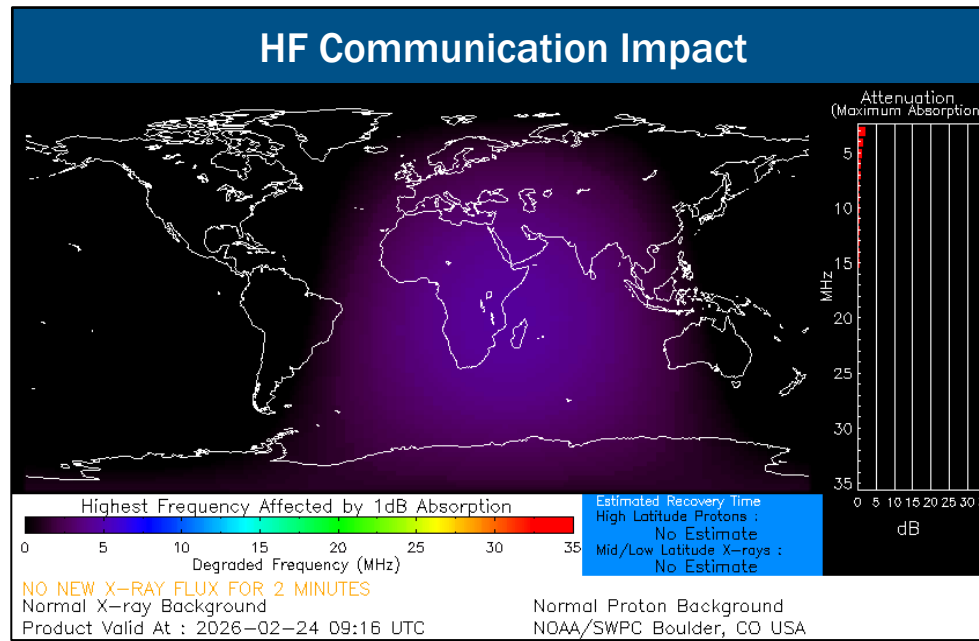
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Space Weather Outlook

Moderate	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	Minor	G1	None	None
Next 24 Hours	Minor	G1	None	None

For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to: <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation>
 For further information on Sunspot Activity refer to: <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/phenomena/sunspotssolar-cycle>



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

12

Joint Field
Offices

Supporting

25

Major
Disasters

+

19

Emergency
Declarations

8

Direct Housing
Missions

5

RSF-Supported
Disasters

6

Joint Recovery
Offices

FEDERAL HQ

NWC

Monitoring

NRCC

Steady State

FEDERAL REGIONS

Watch

Enhanced

Monitoring

Alt. Location

Monitoring

Monitoring

Monitoring

Monitoring

Monitoring

Monitoring

RRCC

Enhanced

R1

R2

R3

R4

R5

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Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

• R1 RRCC/Maynard MOC: Winter Storm

• R3 RWC: Alternate location effective Feb 22, 2026, for approximately 4 weeks (RWC Refresh)

State EOCs:

• HI: Wildfires

• FL: Previous Incidents

• CT/DE/MA/MD/MS/NJ/NY/RI/TN: Winter Storm

• PR: Influenza Epidemic

• OK/TX: Fire Weather

• DC: State of the Union

IMATs:

• R3 IMAT: EM-3643-DC, ETA 12:00 p.m. ET, Feb 24

Surge Capacity Force

Rostered

7,974

Deployed

0

N-IMATs

2-5 Teams Available

Red

White

Blue

Gold

HS

R-IMATs

≥ 7 Teams Available

R1

R2

R3

R4 (1)

R4 (2)

R5

R6 (1)

R6 (2)

R7

R8

R9 (1)

R9 (2)

R10

2

DC (en route)

MS (Jan 26)

1

MO (Feb 15)

3

Fully Mission Capable (FMC)

Partially Mission Capable (PMC)

Not Mission Capable (NMC)

Deployed

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	0	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	1	1	3	0
R4	6	17	11	1
R5	0	0	1	0
R6	3	5	3	3
R7	0	0	0	0
R8	1	1	1	0
R9	0	0	0	0
R10	1	1	0	0

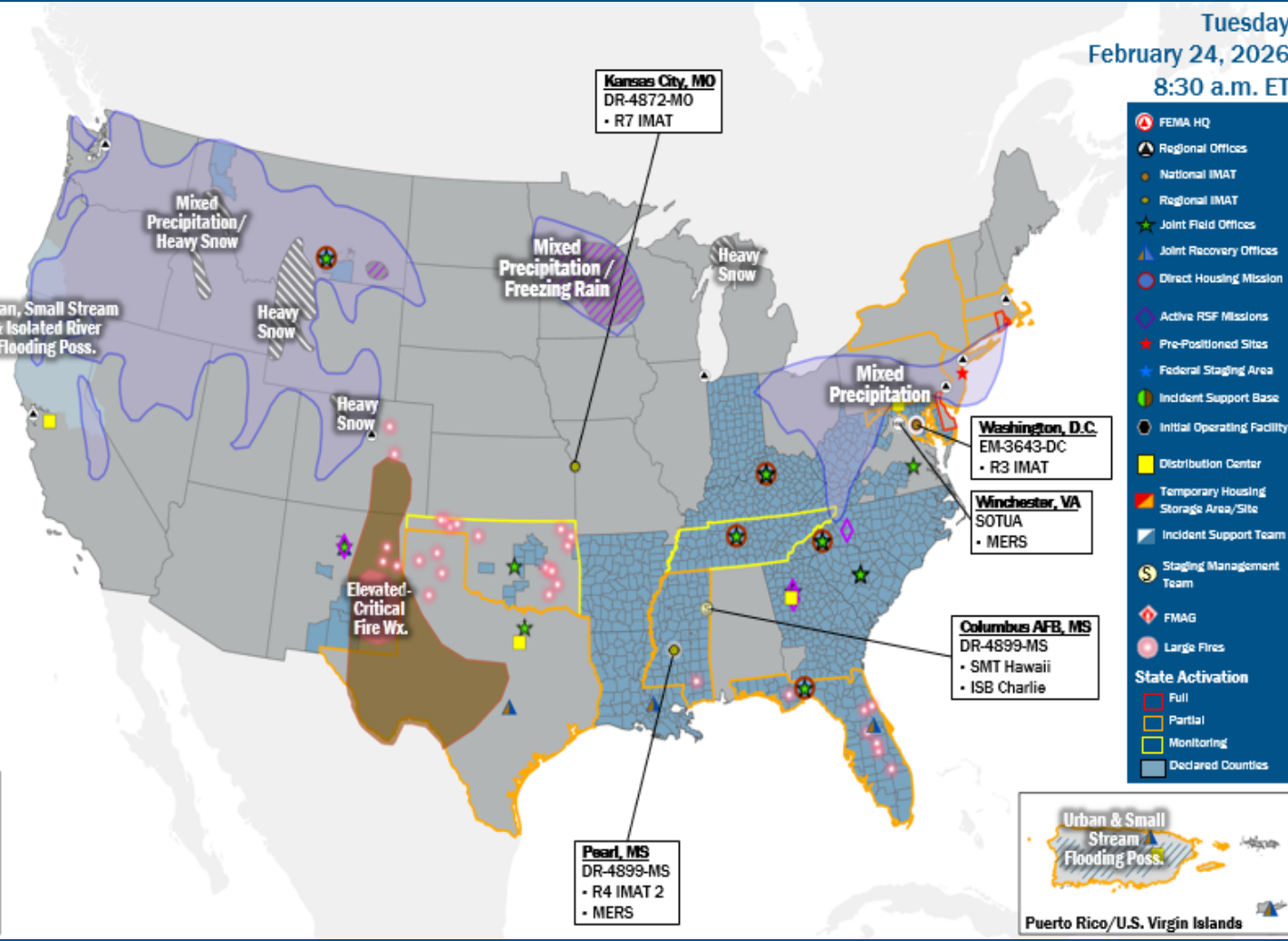
Alaska

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Guam

American Samoa

Hawaii



IM Workforce

11,387 (-2) Assigned

4,163 (+1) Unavailable

2,794 (+13) Deployed

39% / 4,430 (-16) Available

IM Cadre Availability

7 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 24% (23/96); Disability Integration: 25% (4/16); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 16% (103/653); External Affairs: 25% (69/273); Field Leadership: 17% (20/117); Hazard Mitigation: 19% (144/771); Planning: 19% (65/346)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned

6 Unavailable

2 Deployed

28 Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned

0 Unavailable

0 Deployed

28 Available

FCO

3 Type I

36 Assigned

4 Unavailable

25 (16 FCO) Deployed

7 Available

Declaration Requests in Process – 18

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
AZ – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Oct 24
IL – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR	X			Nov 21
SCA* – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Nov 26
SCA* – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Dec 15
MT – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jan 10
NVK* – Severe Storms, Flooding, and Remnants of Typhoon Halong	DR		X	X	Jan 11
MT – Severe Winter Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Jan 15
CO – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jan 16
CO – Lee and Elk Fires, Flooding, and Mudslides – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jan 16
WA – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR	X			Jan 21
SD – Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Jan 27
AK – Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Jan 30
KY – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Feb 5
ID – Straight-Line Winds	DR		X	X	Feb 6
FPA & ST* – Severe Storm and Straight-Line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 11
CTM* – Straight-line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 12
FBIC* – Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 13
OR – Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	Feb 18

*San Carlos Apache Tribe / Native Village of Kipnuk / Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes / Crow Tribe of Montana / Fort Belknap Indian Community



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