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National Situation Report

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Homeland Security Threat Level:

ELEVATED

NOTE: New NRCC website (<http://online.fema.net/neoc/>) is available while under reconstruction. Many of the links are working and reflect current information. Please check back often. Comments should be sent to: FEMA-NRCC@dhs.gov.

Homeland Security Threat Level: YELLOW (Elevated)

Snowmelt Flooding Danger Persists in West

Countless western Colorado rivers and creeks, glutted with melted snow, spilled out of their banks Monday. Roads have been flooded and homes threatened. The National Weather Service (NWS) said the most intense and widespread flood threat is in La Plata County, in the southwest corner of the state. The Animas River and its many swollen tributaries were expected to crest by today. The Animas is expected to rise near flood stage in downtown Durango.

Residents of Atlanta, ID, are stranded after flooding washed out 150 feet of road along the Boise River. Atlanta is a small mining and logging settlement about 75 miles east of Boise in the Sawtooth National Forest. FEMA Region X will join Idaho officials to conduct Preliminary Damage Assessments of flooded areas.



Snowmelt flooding along the Animas River in northern Durango, CO (NWS)

The New Mexico counties of Rio Arriba, San Juan, San Miguel, and Taos are under a flash flood watch due to snowmelt runoff. High temperatures in the 70s and 80s in northern New Mexico over the last few days fueled a faster-than-normal spring runoff into Cabresto Lake, 90 miles north of Santa Fe. State Police have warned an estimated 1,000 people that they should prepare to evacuate or protect their property in case of a flood or dam break. Local authorities are monitoring. There is no request for Federal assistance at this time. (FEMA Region VI, media sources, NWS)

Nor'easter conditions continue in New England

A late-season nor'easter will continue to batter the Northeast today with portions of central and southern New England catching the brunt. High wind watches and warnings, coastal flood watches and warnings, and gale and storm warnings blanket the eastern New England coast where the day's high temperatures will be in the 40s.

Virtually all the rest of the Northeast will see another damp, and windy day with high temperatures only in the 50s and 60s. There will be showers, thunderstorms and localized downpours from Minnesota and Wisconsin southwestward into Kansas. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will mark a front stretched out from south Florida through the Mississippi Delta into Texas.

Tuesday a group of strong storms plowed across Kansas and into southern Missouri and northern Arkansas with heavy rain, high wind and lightning. Lines of smaller storms extended into parts of Oklahoma and northern Texas. Wind gusts up to 70 mph were common in parts of Oklahoma, Kansas and southwestern Missouri. Oklahoma and northern Texas will see still more rain and storms today. A few of the storms there could turn severe. Colorado and northeastern New Mexico will have similar scattered thunderstorms with the potential for some severe storms.

Triple-digit heat will continue to sear the low deserts of the Southwest. Federal authorities in Arizona report the high desert temperatures have necessitated twelve rescue missions for more than 40 illegal immigrants over the past weekend and contributed to at least three fatalities. *(National Weather Service, media sources)*

Wildfire Activity

The National Preparedness Level remains at Level 1 (the lowest of 5 levels).

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 62 new fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Southwest Area. One large fire was contained in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Utah.

In Arizona the Skunk (20 miles southwest of Globe) fire is now 50 percent contained and has burned 1,500 acres of chaparral brush. The Nuke Fire (50 miles west of Phoenix) is 98 percent contained after burning over 500 acres. *(USDA/USFS National Interagency Fire Center)*

Tropical Cyclone Activity

There is no tropical storm activity in the North Atlantic, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico, Eastern Pacific, or Central Pacific. *(NHC, CPHC, and JTWC)*

Earthquake Activity

No significant activity. *(USGS, National Earthquake Information)*

Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs)

No new activity to report. *(FEMA HQ)*

Disaster Declaration Activity

No new activity. *(FEMA HQ)*

FEMA Readiness Alert Status:

ON CALL:

- NRCC Emergency Team WHITE
- Emergency Response Team – National (ERT-N) RED
- National Emergency Response Team for the National Capital Region (ERT-N-NCR)
- Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMATs) (five teams on rotation)
- Urban Search And Rescue (US&R) Incident Support Team (IST) BLUE
- Domestic Emergency Support Team (DEST)
- FEMA Liaison Officers at the FBI Strategic Information and Operations Center (SIOC)

NORMAL STATUS:

- NRCC Emergency Team RED
- ERT-N BLUE and WHITE
- National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) Assets and Resources
- US&R ISTs (WHITE and RED) and 28 Task Forces

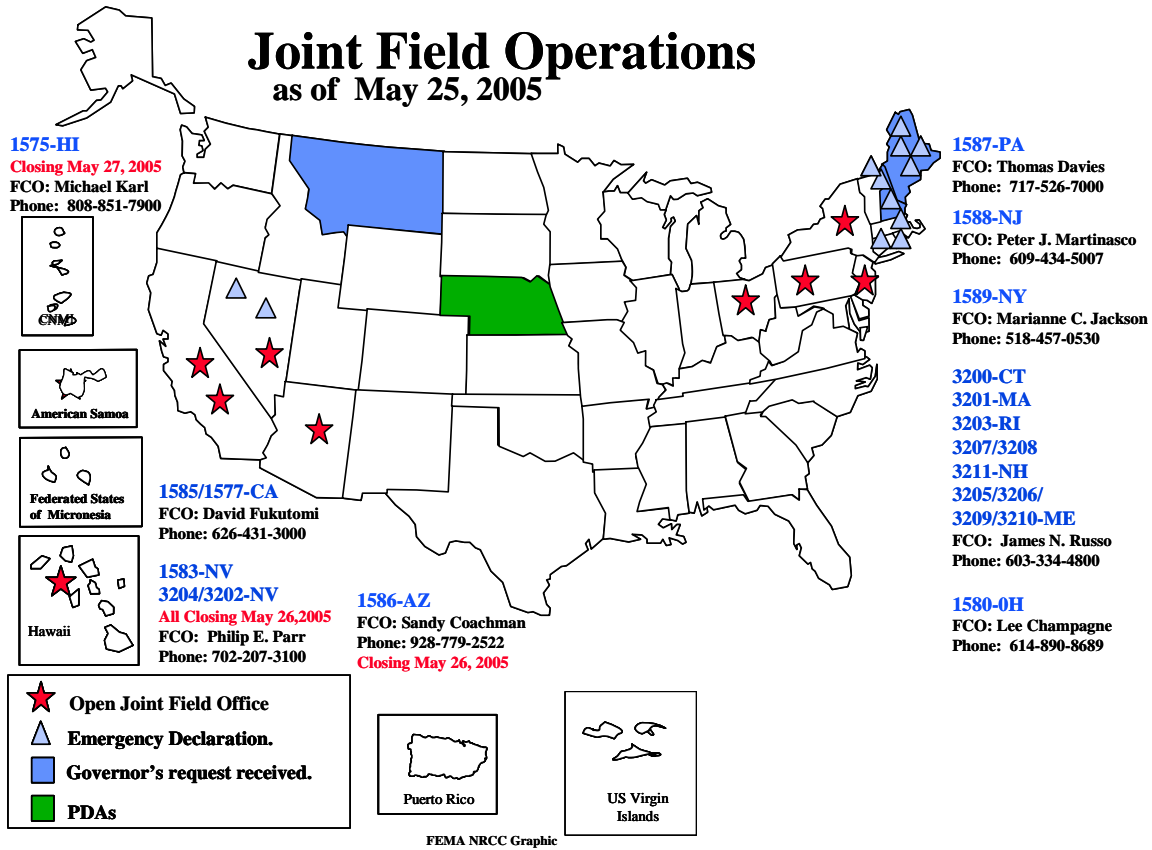
AVAILABLE:

- 10 FEMA Regional Emergency Response Teams-Advance Element (ERT-A)
- 10 FEMA Regional Response Coordination Centers (RRCC)
- 5 FEMA Mobile Emergency Response Support (MERS) Detachments
- FEMA NCR Communications Unit (formerly MATTS)
- Quick Response System (QRS)

OPERATIONAL:

- FEMA National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) (24/7)
- FEMA Desk at the Homeland Security Operations Center- (HSOC) (Staffed weekdays 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and augmented by NRCC coverage evenings and weekends. 24/7 when required by major disaster activity.)
- FEMA Operations Center (FOC) (24/7)
- FEMA NDMS Operations Support Center (OSC) (24/7)
- 5 FEMA MERS Operations Centers (MOCs) (24/7) (*FEMA HQ*)

Joint Field Operations as of May 25, 2005



Disaster Teleregistration Activity Chart			
DR	Incident Type	5/23/2005	Cumulative
1589-NY	Severe Storms and Flooding	51	2,979
1588-NJ	Severe Storms and Flooding	8	1,749
1587-PA	Severe Storms and Flooding	11	2,527
Total		70	7,255

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