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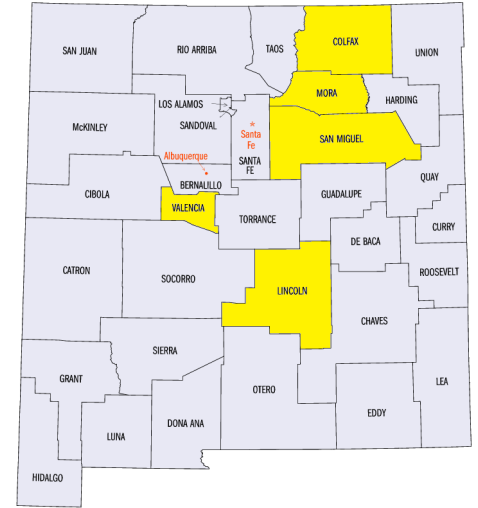
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May 5, 2022

Declaration Activity

New Mexico

- FEMA announced that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the state of New Mexico to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by wildfires and straight-line winds beginning on April 5 and continuing.
- The President's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Colfax, Lincoln, Mora, San Miguel and Valencia counties.
- New Mexico's governor this week had asked for a presidential disaster declaration as her state fights seven wildfires -- the most in any state, according to the National Interagency Fire Center.
- This year is already New Mexico's most active for fires since 2018, exceeding the annual average of around 260,000 acres burned, Miller said.
- Since April 5, 2022, wildfires in New Mexico have burned nearly 235,000 acres and have forced an estimated 40,200 New Mexicans to evacuate their homes and businesses, including more than 80 percent of the population of Mora, Colfax, and San Miguel counties.
- In Lincoln County, a wildfire near Ruidoso caused two fatalities and destroyed over 200 homes.
- The combined fire of Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon – the third-largest fire in New Mexico history – continues to spread and could risk 15,000 more homes.
- The Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon fire has burned more than 160,000 acres and is currently at 20% containment. The fire has destroyed 172 homes in Mora and San Miguel Counties.



Severe Storms & Tornado Activity

- Major damage is being seen after tornadoes roared through parts of central Oklahoma and Texas Wednesday and flooding forced evacuations in Arkansas Thursday morning.
- Officials were evacuating residents near Fayetteville, Arkansas, Thursday morning as homes and vehicles were flooded. The National Weather Service issued a flash flood warning for the city of 85,000 as floodwaters rose and heavy rain refused to relent. The flooding extended into parts of Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri.
- In Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, a flash flood emergency was issued early Thursday morning, and the NWS urged all residents to avoid travel in the county if possible.
- Wednesday night, a sheriff's department employee in Wilbarger County, Texas, told weather.com in a phone call that there was "extensive structural damage" in the town of Lockett, on the Oklahoma border about 50 miles northwest of Wichita Falls.
- Earlier, buildings were ripped apart and streets littered with debris after a tornado touched down in Seminole, Oklahoma, about 50 miles southeast of Oklahoma City.
- Hail larger than 2 inches was reported Wednesday afternoon in southwest Oklahoma. Hail also fell in parts of the Texas Panhandle and Kansas.

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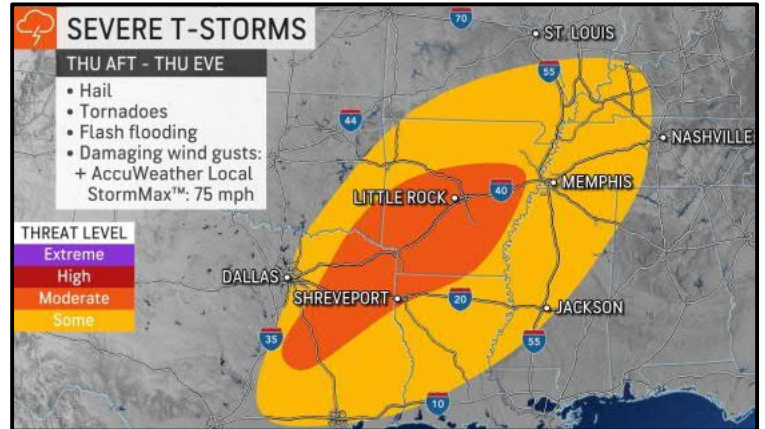
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Severe Weather Outlook

- It has been a volatile weather week in the central United States with some locations, such as Seminole, Oklahoma, being hit with three tornadoes, with two of those Wednesday alone.
- AccuWeather meteorologists say that the southern Plains will catch a break at the end of the week, but areas farther east will be at risk for damaging weather Thursday and Friday.
- "Explosive severe weather is set to continue as hail, tornadoes, flash flooding and damaging wind gusts will threaten communities across the South Central and Southeast," said AccuWeather Meteorologist Jessica Storm.
- On Thursday, the risk will extend from southeastern Missouri and southern Illinois all the way to eastern Texas and the northwestern half of Louisiana. The greatest risk is likely to be in a zone from central Arkansas to southeastern Oklahoma, northeastern Texas and far northwestern Louisiana.
- Some of the thunderstorms may actually be the continuation of thunderstorms that delivered flash flooding to Oklahoma Wednesday evening.
- A new line of thunderstorms will develop around midday and eventually expand from central Texas to western Kentucky and Tennessee. It is this line of storms that will pose the greatest risk for severe weather.
- "The risk for flash flooding will continue on Thursday in places like Dallas and Kansas City with an AccuWeather Local StormMax™ of 12 inches, reducing visibility and creating dangerous roadway conditions," cautioned Storm.
- Thunderstorms should weaken Thursday night, but that will not be the end of the story. While all of Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas will finally have a dry day Friday, the severe weather will continue to march eastward.



Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied /Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
MS	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds & Tornadoes March 22, 2022	4/28/2022	Pending	4 Counties
MS	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds & Tornadoes March 30, 2022	4/29/2022	Pending	8 Counties

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