

March 8, 2022

Tornado Activity

Iowa

- The National Weather Service confirmed that the tornado that ravaged Madison County, lowa, on Saturday was an EF4, making it the strongest tornado to hit the Hawkeye State since 2013, while it was the deadliest there since 2008.
- Maximum winds were estimated at 170 mph, qualifying the wedge tornado as the first violent EF4-or-stronger tornado of 2022.
- It was also the northernmost confirmed violent tornado on record in the United States so early in the season.
- At least six people died in the city of Winterset, about 25 miles southwest of Des Moines in Madison County, where entire homes were destroyed, and foundations were scraped bare.
- The same areas hit hardest by the tornadoes were blanketed by five inches of snow on the storm system's backside, with freezing daytime temperatures and overnight lows in the teens complicating cleanup and recovery efforts.
- Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a disaster proclamation for Madison County on Saturday, March 5th. Madison County Emergency Management Director Diogenes Ayala said 52 homes were damaged or destroyed across nearly 14 miles.
- On Monday, March 7th, Governor Reynolds issued a disaster proclamation for nine additional counties to include Adair, Benton, Decatur, Jasper, Lucas, Polk, Tama, Warren, and Wayne counties.

Wildfire Activity Florida

- With nearly 1,100 homes evacuated, firefighting crews continue to battle several dangerous wildfires across three counties in the Florida Panhandle, officials said.
- The most prominent blaze, the Bertha Swamp Road
 Fire, expanded over the weekend and was at 14,000
 acres Monday evening, up from 9,000 on Sunday, with
 iust 10% of it contained, according to a news release from
- just 10% of it contained, according to a news release from the Florida Forest Service.

 The fire, which originated in Gulf County, has spread into neighboring Bay and Calhoun counties just east of Panama City.
- Gov. Ron DeSantis expanded a state of emergency Saturday to include all three counties.
- Another fire even closer to Panama City, the Adkins Avenue fire in Bay County, was 50% contained and all evacuation orders had been lifted by Monday, FFS said. Two homes have been destroyed and 12 more were damaged by the blaze.



GULF COUNTY



March 8, 2022

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request							
State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied /Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes			
FL	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds & Tornadoes Jan 16, 2022	2/24/2022	Pending (Appeal)	2 Counties			

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters						
Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline		
4607 MI	Severe Storms & Flooding	4 Counties	231	11/12/2021		
4611 LA	Hurricane	25 Parishes	189	11/29/2021		
4614 NJ	Hurricane	12 Counties	182	1/05/2022		
4615 NY	Hurricane	10 Counties	182	1/04/2022		
4618 PA	Hurricane	8 Counties	177	1/10/2022		

WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

