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Wildfire Activity

South Dakota

- Several wildfires in the Black Hills of South Dakota have forced the evacuations of more than 400 homes and closed the Mount Rushmore National Memorial as firefighters battled fierce winds into Tuesday.
- Three separate wildfires were burning near Rapid City, with the largest in the Nemo area. That fire has burned near 2100 acres and is on the way to being 50% contained Tuesday evening, officials said during a press conference.
- "The fire was more demanding than anticipated due to rapidly changing weather conditions and high wind gusts," officials said in a morning update on the fire's Facebook page.
- Two smaller blazes were burning southwest of Rapid City, including one inside the grounds of Mount Rushmore National Memorial. The monument, as well as surrounding roads, were closed through at least Tuesday.
- The fire in the Nemo area, dubbed the Schroeder Road fire, has crossed into two neighborhoods near Rapid City, the Pennington County Sheriff's Office said.
- There have been no reports of fatalities or injuries, but one home, at least two outbuildings and the deck of a residence have burned, said Brian Mueller, Chief Deputy at Sheriff's Office.
- As for the two smaller blazes, there are currently about 15 structures being threatened by the fire, including park employee housing, administrative facilities and a couple of private residences, reported the Duluth News Tribune.
- A total of 115 acres has been burned by both fires combined, but there have not yet been any reported injuries as a result. Both fires are starting to be contained by state firefighters, officials said.
- On Tuesday, South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem declared a state of emergency, which is in effect until June 1, 2021, due to the severe drought and fire conditions.



Flood Activity

Tennessee

- This weekend's flooding event caused major damage across the mid-state. Now, Nashville's Democratic Senators are urging Gov. Bill Lee's office to move quickly with a disaster declaration.
- Tennessee Democrats say as the waters recede and the hard work of recovery begins, they want to ensure people in these affected areas receive the care and support they need to restore their communities.

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- The mayors of Nashville, Franklin and Brentwood have already declared a local state of emergency.
- According to insurance professionals, the majority of homeowners in Middle Tennessee do not have flood insurance, and renters may find themselves similarly uninsured for flood losses.
- Standard homeowner's insurance does not cover losses due to flood damage. Flood coverage must be purchased separately through the National Flood Insurance Program.
- In Tennessee, just 2% of homeowners have NFIP policies, according to the Insurance Information Institute. The greater Nashville area fares slightly better: 4.2% of homeowners in Davidson County carry NFIP policies, and 4.4% carry flood insurance in Williamson and Wilson counties.
- This past weekend's downpour caused the worst flooding event in the greater Nashville area since a flood devastated large swaths of the region in 2010, damaging 10,900 structures. Only 3,908 of those property owners had flood insurance.
- Flood risks have increased in the decade since the 2010 flood, but while Metro Water Services saw flood insurance policies in the county rise to about 7,000 following the flood, that number has now fallen to around 4,000, according to MWS Assistant Director of Storm Water Tom Palko.

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4586 TX	Severe Ice Storm	126 Counties	37	4/20/2021

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