

DAILY DART

WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

February 21, 2023

Severe Weather Activity

- A potent cross-country storm brought a slew of weather hazards to the central United States last week, including heavy snow, tornadoes, gusty winds and flash flooding.
- More than 2 feet of snow was reported in the Rockies, while floodwaters and severe weather closed roads and schools across the South.
- At least four injuries are being attributed to the storm, but no fatalities have been reported.
- The recent storm resulted in one New Mexico city receiving more snow than some cities in the Northeast have seen all season. Albuquerque measured just over an inch of snow from this week's winter storm, which is more than double the amount of snow that New York City has received since meteorological winter started on Dec. 1, 2022.
- AccuWeather National Reporter Bill Wadell reported from Mississippi Thursday following several tornado-warned storms. Wadell said that reports of homes that were damaged or destroyed had begun to trickle in, and trees and power lines were knocked over.
- Before the sun rose Thursday, a twister touched down in northwestern Arkansas, damaging several homes and roofs in the area. Multiple downed trees and power lines were reported as well.
- By Thursday afternoon, the NWS confirmed that the damage in Searcy County where the tornado touched down was consistent with at least EF2 strength. The track of the tornado spanned nearly 11 miles in length and 250 yards in width.
- On Friday afternoon, the tornado that impacted Ripley, Mississippi, was preliminarily rated an EF 2 by the NWS. Preliminary results also indicated EF 1 damage in McNairy County, Tennessee.
- An additional tornado was confirmed in Troup County, Georgia, which damaged one home, uprooted large trees and damaged Callaway Stadium at LaGrange College. No injuries were reported in association with the LaGrange tornado.
- Even where tornadoes did not touch down Thursday, thunderstorm winds did cause some damage. The highest winds were primarily in Arkansas and Missouri, with Conway, Arkansas, measuring a 62-mph wind gust.
- Besides tornadoes, wind and hail, the storms Wednesday and Thursday also triggered significant rainfall.
- There were reports of flash flooding in parts of Tennessee.
- West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice declared a state of emergency for all 55 counties in West Virginia due to heavy rainfall and thunderstorms that affected the state Thursday.
- Elsewhere, mudslides were reported in Kentucky and some water rescues were performed in northern Alabama.



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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
	N/A			

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied /Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
WV	Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides (Appeal)	1/27/2023	Pending	2 Counties
TX	Severe Storms & Tornadoes Jan 24, 2023	2/7/2023	Pending	4 Counties

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4671 PR	Hurricane Fiona	78 Municipalities	151	11/21/2022
4673 FL	Hurricane Ian	26 Counties	142	1/12/2023
4677 SC	Hurricane Ian	3 Counties	88	1/23/2023

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