

DAILY PREPAREDNESS BRIEF

Household Edition -- Thursday, 26 June 2026
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⚠ PREPAREDNESS CONDITION 3 -- BROWN SKY -- INCIDENT PROBABLE ⚠

Thursday, 26 June 2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | WX-CON 2 SLIGHT | SWX-CON 2 WATCH K4 |
COMCON 4 INCREASED VIGILANCE | NIFC NPL 3

⚠ EMERGENCY RADIO NOTICE -- PLEASE DO NOT TRANSMIT ON OR NEAR 7.135 MHz ⚠

7.135 MHz (7135 kHz / 40 Meters) is reserved for emergency traffic from the Venezuela earthquake disaster.

Venezuelan amateur radio operators are using this frequency to coordinate welfare messages, medical assistance, logistics, and disaster information following the M7.2 + M7.5 twin earthquake (24 June 2026). Hundreds of people may be depending on these communications to get help.

IF YOU ARE A LICENSED AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR: Listen only -- do not call CQ or transmit on or near 7.135 MHz. Give it space by avoiding several kHz above and below 7135 as well. Unless you are part of the official emergency response network or have been specifically asked to assist, please stay off the frequency entirely.

Other IARU Emergency Frequencies: 80M: 3.750 MHz | 40M (IARU Region 2): 7.060 MHz | 20M (Global Maritime): 14.300 MHz | 17M: 18.160 MHz | 15M: 21.360 MHz

Real hams don't cause QRM. Your discipline makes a difference -- someone's life may depend on it.

THE ONE THING TODAY

WILDFIRE / FIRE WEATHER

Cottonwood Fire (Beaver County, UT) is now the **NATION'S LARGEST active fire** at 70,992 acres / 0% contained.

This weekend (27-28 June) brings EXTREMELY CRITICAL fire weather to much of the western US -- 40+ mph wind gusts, low humidity, critically dry fuels. If you live in or near fire-prone terrain in UT, NV, AZ, WY, or CO: review your evacuation plan today. Know your go bag. Know which road you are leaving on. Know where your family meets.

The time to prepare is not when the evacuation order arrives.

WHAT TO WATCH -- THIS 24 HOURS



VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE -- Day 2 SAR

Twin M7.2 + M7.5 earthquakes struck near Yumare, Venezuela on June 24 (39 seconds apart) -- strongest Venezuelan earthquake in 125 years. As of June 26: 235+ dead, 4,300+ injured. Rescue operations active. US military deployed. If you have family or connections in Venezuela: expect prolonged communications outages. Internet and phone service severely disrupted. The final death toll is expected to rise significantly -- USGS estimates 44% probability it exceeds 10,000.



WILDFIRE -- COTTONWOOD FIRE + NPL 3 SEASON

NIFC National Preparedness Level 3 of 5. 35+ large fires uncontained nationally. Cottonwood Fire (Beaver UT) is the nation's largest: 70,992 acres, 0% contained, Level 3 Go evacuations in place. Other major active fires with evacuations: Iron UT, Grapevine NV, Pocket AZ, Lytle OR, Garred Road WA. EXTREMELY CRITICAL fire weather this weekend (27-28 JUN) -- 40+ mph gusts. If you are in fire country: go bag ready, vehicle fueled, evacuation route confirmed.



SEVERE WEATHER -- SPC DAY 1 SLIGHT

SPC Day 1 Slight risk today: Ozark Plateau and lower Ohio Valley (tornadoes possible); Northern High Plains and Black Hills (large hail, damaging gusts, isolated tornado). Mid-Atlantic: isolated severe gusts 50-60 mph. If you are in these areas: monitor local NWS alerts. Weather radio (NWR) recommended -- 18 transmitters are currently out of service or degraded nationwide. Have a backup alert method (phone alerts, WEA).



EBOLA PHEIC -- EUROPE IMPORT CONFIRMED

Ebola (Bundibugyo strain) PHEIC Day 42. France confirmed the first EU/EEA case on June 24 -- imported from DRC. DRC: 1,118 confirmed cases, 291 deaths. No approved vaccine or treatment for this strain. US risk remains LOW (CDC). Airport screening active at IAD, ATL, IAH, JFK. If you are traveling internationally: be aware of the situation. No travel restrictions to the US at this time.



CYBER -- HOME NETWORK SECURITY

If you use Ubiquiti UniFi networking equipment at home or in your small business: a federal security deadline applies TODAY (June 26). Check that your UniFi OS firmware is current. Separately: if you use Cisco SD-WAN (enterprise users), deadline is June 29 (Sunday). More broadly: this is a good week to make sure your home router firmware is up to date and your passwords are strong. Your internet connection is infrastructure -- treat it accordingly.



WORLD CUP -- SECURITY POSTURE REMAINS ELEVATED

FIFA World Cup 2026 Day 17. No physical security incidents reported in the first 16 days of competition. Elevated cyber threat: 4,300+ fraudulent FIFA domains identified by Flashpoint (as of June 22) -- phishing for tickets, travel, and fan information. If you are attending: buy tickets only through official FIFA channels. Be alert to your surroundings. Next elevated security window: July 4-5 weekend, when World Cup matches in Dallas, KC, Houston, Philadelphia, and NYC coincide with Independence Day.

PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST -- TODAY'S PRIORITIES

FIRE / WILDFIRE (if in or near fire-prone terrain)

- ☐ Go bag packed and accessible -- you may have minutes, not hours
- ☐ Vehicle fueled -- gas stations close when power fails
- ☐ Evacuation route confirmed -- know your Level 1 / Level 2 / Level 3 order triggers
- ☐ Medications, documents (IDs, insurance), phone charger, water in the vehicle
- ☐ Livestock and pets: have a plan before you need it
- ☐ Monitor: local NWS fire weather alerts, NIFC.gov, county emergency management

SEVERE WEATHER (if in Ozarks, High Plains, Mid-Atlantic today)

- ☐ Know the difference between a Watch (conditions possible) and Warning (event occurring)
- ☐ Identify shelter location in your home or workplace -- lowest floor, interior room
- ☐ Backup alert if NWR transmitter is out: WEA phone alerts, NOAA weather app
- ☐ Charge devices before storms arrive

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS PREPAREDNESS

- ☐ Know which NWR frequency covers your area -- 18 transmitters currently OOS or degraded
- ☐ Have a battery- or hand-crank-powered weather radio as a backup
- ☐ Licensed amateur radio operators: keep 7.135 MHz clear this week (Venezuela emergency)
- ☐ Family communications plan: where do you meet if phones are down?

CONDITION SUMMARY

PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY Incident Probable	The current environment is elevated. A significant incident (wildfire, earthquake, severe weather, or cyber event) is probable near-term. Now is the time to have your plans ready, your go bag packed, and your family communications in place. You do not need to panic -- you need to be prepared.
WX-CON 2 SLIGHT Fire + Severe	Severe weather risk today in the Ozarks, High Plains, and Mid-Atlantic. EXTREMELY CRITICAL fire weather this weekend across the western US (UT/NV/AZ/WY/CO). Cottonwood Fire (UT) is the nation's largest at 0% contained. If you are in fire country: this weekend demands your attention.
SWX-CON 2 WATCH K4 Extended	Geomagnetic K4 warning active until approximately 1200 UTC today (8 AM Eastern). Impacts poleward of 65 degrees -- aurora possible in Canada and Alaska. After the warning expires, conditions return to normal. No impact on GPS, power grid, or communications at this level in the continental US.
COMCON 4 Increased Vigilance	18 NWR weather radio transmitters are currently out of service or degraded. Have a backup alert method. Cyber threat remains elevated: Ubiquiti network equipment has a federal security deadline TODAY -- patch if applicable.

RESOURCES

Emergency preparedness planning: fortunefavorstheprepared.com
Daily Threat Report (practitioner): fortunefavorstheprepared.com/dtr
NIFC National Fire News: nifc.gov/fire-information/nfn
NOAA Space Weather Center: swpc.noaa.gov
SPC Severe Weather Outlooks: spc.noaa.gov
Venezuela earthquake USGS: earthquake.usgs.gov
CDC Ebola updates: cdc.gov/vhf/ebola
ARRL Field Day / emergency freq: arrl.org/fieldday

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Releasing this week (currently in beta testing):

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