

Tornadoes Identify. Violent whirling wind accompanied by a funnel-shaped cloud is classified as a tornado. Severe weather conditions, such as a thunderstorm or hurricane, can produce a tornado. The extension may be up to 50 miles and move at speeds of 10 to 50 miles per hour. Through combined action of strong rotary winds and the impact of wind-born debris, destruction occurs. The official tornado season begins in March and continues through August, but may occur throughout the year. Weather band radios, tie-downs for mobile homes and warning systems are mitigating activities. Search and rescue damage assessment, and public information training are preparedness areas. Safe shelter-in-place is a key to response as well as assistance to persons injured, fires, and looting. After the tornado strikes, search and rescue, sheltering, provision of food and clothing to victims, and damage assessment are essential. Recovery may require total support to clear debris, repair utilities, rebuild, and return to a life of normalcy.

Hazard Scores

Flood Hazard Scores

The flood hazard scores are derived from the FEMA Q3 "Zone" values. The Q3 layer is derived from the FEMA paper flood insurance rate maps. Although the resolution is 1:24,000, which has an allowable error of 40 feet, FEMA recommends using 250 feet as the potential error. This layer cannot be used for a legal flood determination.

Score	Original Value	Description
4	Floodway	Floodway (within zone AE)
	V	1% with Velocity no Base Flood Elevation (BFE)
	VE	1% with Velocity BFE
3	A	1% Annual Chance no BFE
	A99	1% Federal flood protection system
	AE	1% has BFE
	AH	1% Ponding has BFE
	AO	1% Sheet Flow has depths
	AR	1% Federal flood protection system
2	X500	0.2% Annual Chance
1	ANI	Area not included in survey
	D	Undetermined but possible
0	UNDES	Undesignated
	X	Outside Flood Zones

SLOSH Hazard Scores

The Sea, Lake and Overland Surges from Hurricanes (SLOSH) is a computerized model to estimate storm surge heights and winds resulting from historical, hypothetical, or predicted hurricanes by taking into account pressure, size, forward speed, track, and wind speed from a storm. This layer represents the SLOSH results from a hypothetical event, showing SLOSH inundation areas for each category in the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale. The areas inundated by a category 4 or category 5 storm surge have been combined to reflect their decreased probability of occurrence. The horizontal positional accuracy is unknown for this layer.

Score	Original Value	Description
5	1	Inundated By a Category 1 Hurricane
4	2	Inundated By a Category 2 Hurricane
3	3	Inundated By a Category 3 Hurricane
2	4	Inundated By a Category 4 Hurricane
	5	Inundated By a Category 5 Hurricane

Seismic Hazard Scores

The seismic hazard layer is based on the USGS Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Map, showing the percentage of gravity that the area has a 2 percent probability of exceedance in 50 years. The score classification reflects that used by the IRC Seismic Design Categories. The horizontal positional accuracy is unknown for this layer.

Score	Original Value	Description
4	D1	50 - 83% gravity
3	C	33 - 50% gravity
2	B	17 - 33% gravity
1	A	0 -17% gravity

Wildfire Risk Scores

The Wildfire Risk Layer was based on the USDA Forest Service, RMRS Fire Sciences Laboratory "Wildland Fire Risk to Flammable Structures, V 1.0" map. Although this data was not intended for use at a detail greater than state-wide analysis, it has been included as the best available data on wildfire risk. The scores are based on the risk value from the original layer. The horizontal positional accuracy is unknown for this layer.

Score	Original Value	Description
4	5	High

3	4	Moderate
2	3	Low
1	2	Very Low
0	1	No Houses
	7	Agriculture
	8	Water
	9	City

Wind Hazard Scores

The Wind Hazard Scores are based on the 2000 International Building Code, figure 1609 contours showing 3 second gust wind speeds with a 50 year return interval. The Northwest portion of the state scored an additional point for the 250 mph community tornado shelter design zone according to FEMA publications.

Score	Original Value	Description
5	> 120 mph	3 second gust greater than 120 mph
4	110 to 119 mph	
3	100 to 109 mph	
2	90 to 99 mph (or ZONE IV)	This score is also given to an area with Zone IV of the "Design Wind Speed Map for Community Shelters," representing an area exposed to 250 mph winds. This area is the Northwestern corner of the state.
1	< 90 mph	