

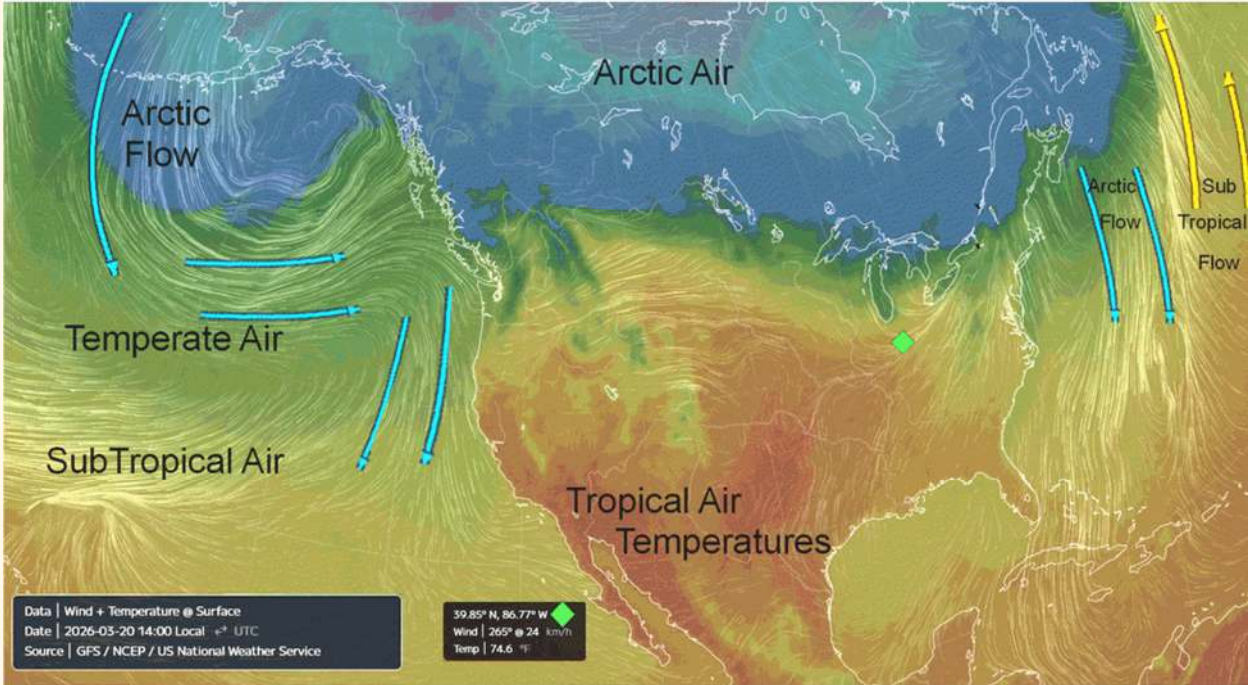
GRAPHICS SUPPORT POST

Hot summer days in the first week of spring — time to update every disaster plan, from your household to Congress

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This post provides the supporting graphics for the op-ed published May 15, 2026. Each graphic is available in web and print versions. Full source citations are provided for each. The graphics document temperature, snow cover, and drought data that form the evidentiary core of the piece.

Graphic 1 — CONUS Temperature Map, March 20, 2026

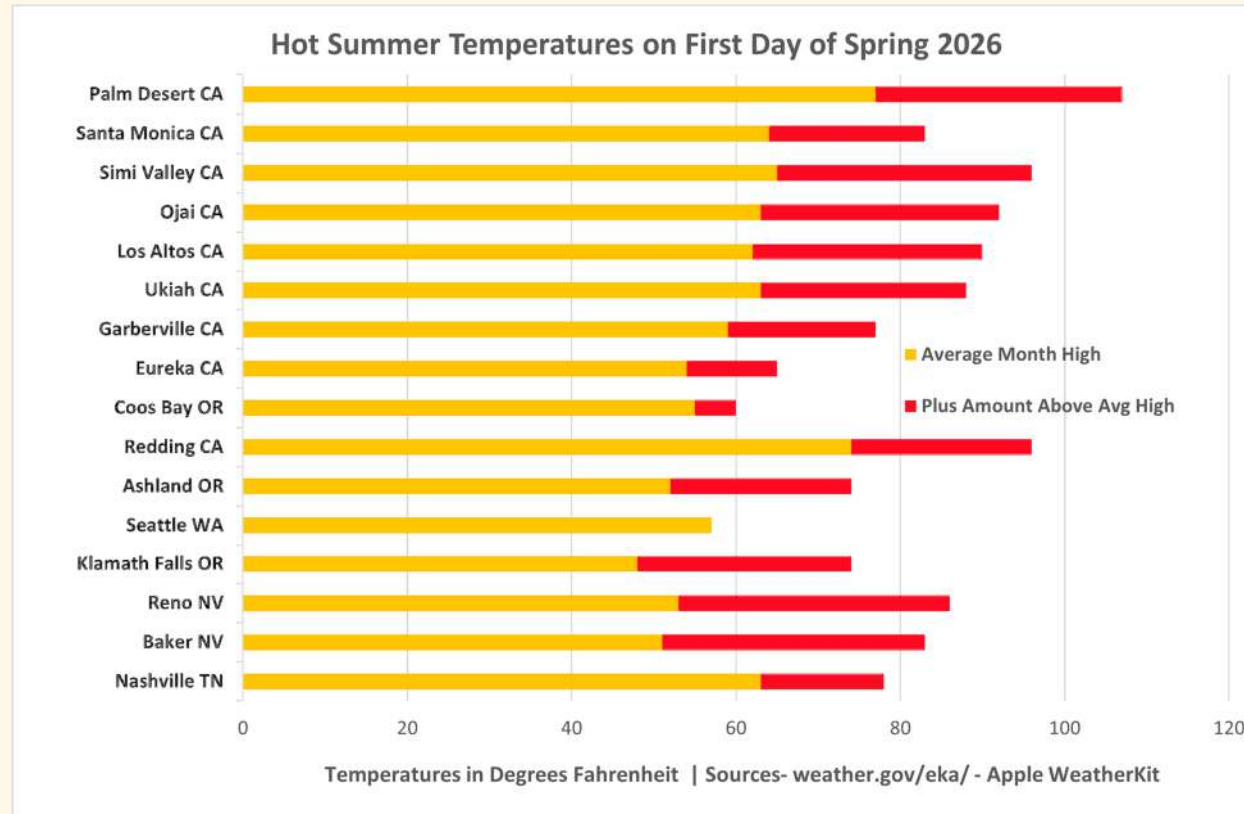
Graphic 1 — CONUS Temperature Map — March 20, 2026	
Description	A global wind and temperature map showing the heat dome blanketing the Continental U.S. on March 20, 2026 — the first day of spring. The map shows tropical temperatures reaching up from Florida and the Gulf Coast and extending down into South America, connecting the CONUS heat event to the developing Super El Niño. Graphic enhancements by Organize the Future. Based on government-sourced real-time data.
Web Graphic	First Day Of Spring March 20, 2026 The Peak of a Ten Day Summer Temperature Heatwave  The Green Square  Marks the Location of Indianapolis IN and the Related Info. Extreme Cold to Very Cold Cool to Warm Warmer to Very Hot Base map with wind and surface temperature from https://earth.nullschool.net Nullschool Technologies Inc., 2026 using Government Sourced Data with Graphic Enhancements from Organize the Future
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Graphic 2 — Pacific Coast Temperature Bar Graph, March 20, 2026**Graphic 2 — Pacific Coast Temperature Anomalies — March 20, 2026****Description**

Bar graph showing recorded high temperatures along the Pacific Coast on March 20, 2026, compared to historical seasonal averages for that date. Several locations recorded highs more than 30°F above seasonal norms. Data collected via Apple Weather App (WeatherKit), sourced from National Weather Service/NOAA and The Weather Channel. Cross-checked against weather.gov/eka/.

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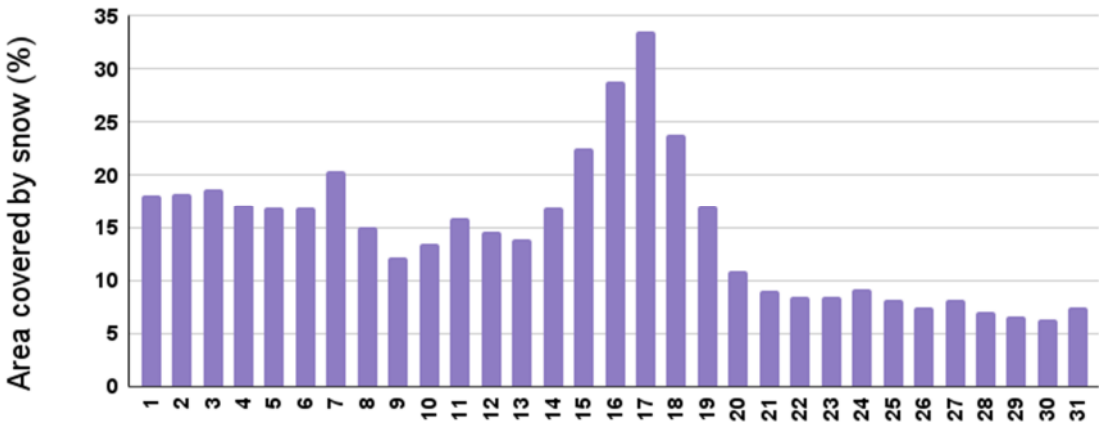
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Temperature data: Apple WeatherKit via Apple Weather App. Primary sources: National Weather Service/NOAA and The Weather Channel (Weather Company LLC). Collected March 20, 2026. Cross-checked against weather.gov/eka/. Apple WeatherKit data sources documented at Apple Support.

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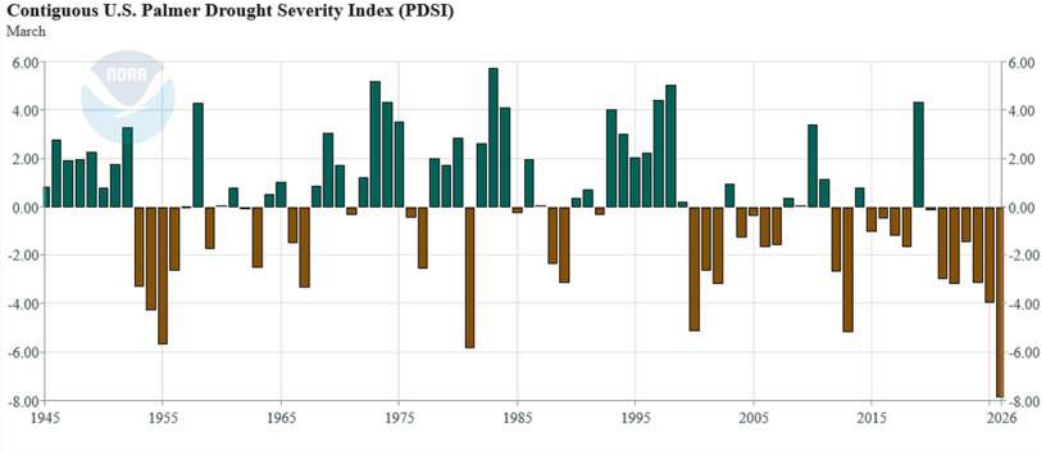
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Graphic 3 — CONUS Snow Cover Bar Graphic, March–April 2026

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Description Web Graphic Bar graphic showing the collapse of snow cover across the Continental U.S. during and after the March 2026 heatwave. Before the heat: 35% of CONUS covered. End of March: 5%. End of April: just under 2% — a snow drought covering the entire CONUS. Data sourced from NOAA NOHRSC National Snow Analyses and NOAA NCEI Climate at a Glance National Mapping. Daily Area Covered by Snow (CONUS) NOAA's National Snowfall Analysis <table border="1"><caption>Daily Area Covered by Snow (CONUS) - March 2026</caption><thead><tr><th>Day of Month</th><th>Area covered by snow (%)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>18</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>18</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>19</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>17</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>17</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>17</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>15</td></tr><tr><td>9</td><td>12</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>13</td></tr><tr><td>11</td><td>16</td></tr><tr><td>12</td><td>14</td></tr><tr><td>13</td><td>13</td></tr><tr><td>14</td><td>17</td></tr><tr><td>15</td><td>23</td></tr><tr><td>16</td><td>29</td></tr><tr><td>17</td><td>34</td></tr><tr><td>18</td><td>24</td></tr><tr><td>19</td><td>17</td></tr><tr><td>20</td><td>11</td></tr><tr><td>21</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>22</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>23</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>24</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>25</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>26</td><td>7</td></tr><tr><td>27</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>28</td><td>7</td></tr><tr><td>29</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>30</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>31</td><td>7</td></tr></tbody></table>	Day of Month	Area covered by snow (%)	1	18	2	18	3	19	4	17	5	17	6	17	7	20	8	15	9	12	10	13	11	16	12	14	13	13	14	17	15	23	16	29	17	34	18	24	19	17	20	11	21	9	22	8	23	8	24	9	25	8	26	7	27	8	28	7	29	6	30	6	31	7	Download Citation Source URL https://organizethefuture.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/RBSYDNEY_snowcover_dly_202603a.png NOAA NOHRSC — <i>National Snow Analyses, March–April 2026</i>. NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information, <i>Climate at a Glance: National Mapping</i>, published May 2026, retrieved May 11, 2026. https://www.nohrsc.noaa.gov/nsa/ https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/monitoring/climate-at-a-glance/national/mapping
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Graphic 4 — Palmer Drought Severity Index, 75-Year Bar Graph

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Description Bar graph showing the Palmer Drought Severity Index for the last 75 years, with April 2026 at -7.56 — the highest drought risk in 132 years of data. The two nearest comparators are 1934 (-5.95, start of the Dust Bowl) and 1981 (-5.98). The six-year drought sequence beginning in 2021 is visible in the data: -3.17, -2.68, -1.41, -2.77, -3.49, followed by the current -7.56 covering over 60% of CONUS. Data sourced from NOAA NCEI Climate at a Glance National Time Series.	

Web Graphic	Contiguous U.S. Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI) 
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Citation	NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information, <i>Climate at a Glance: National Time Series — Palmer Drought Severity Index, 1895–2026</i>. Published May 2026, retrieved May 11, 2026.
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