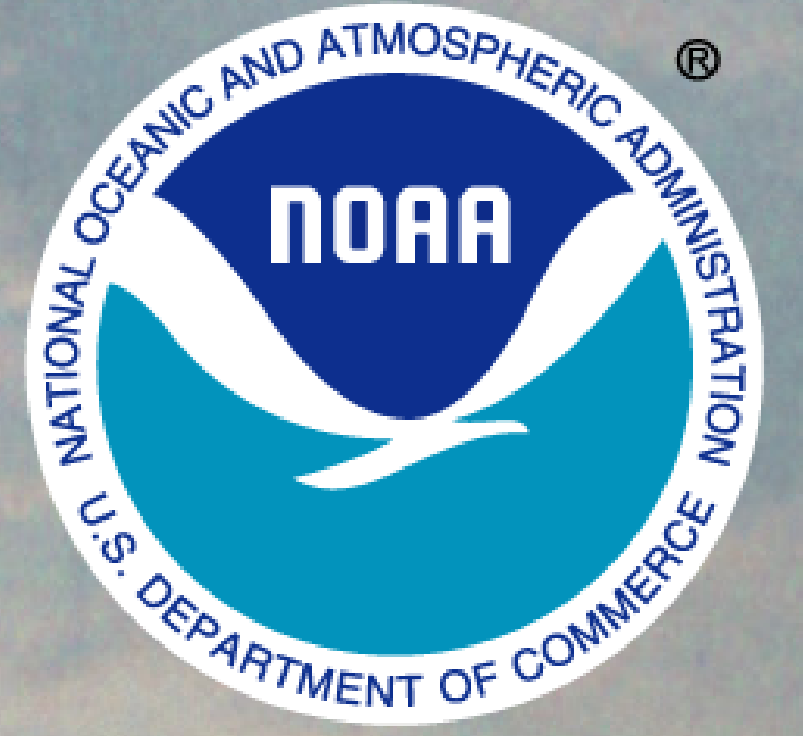
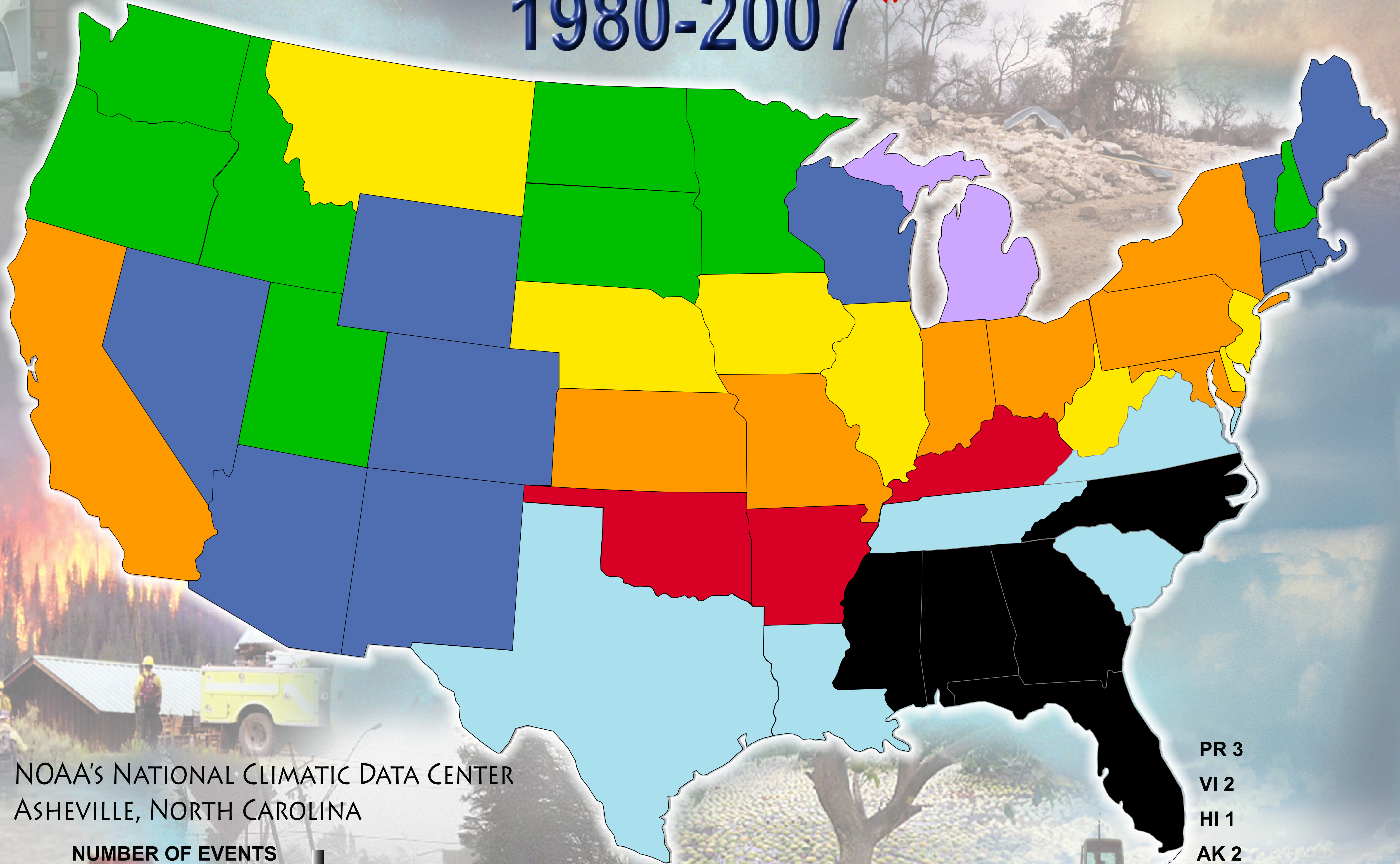




BILLION DOLLAR CLIMATE AND WEATHER DISASTERS



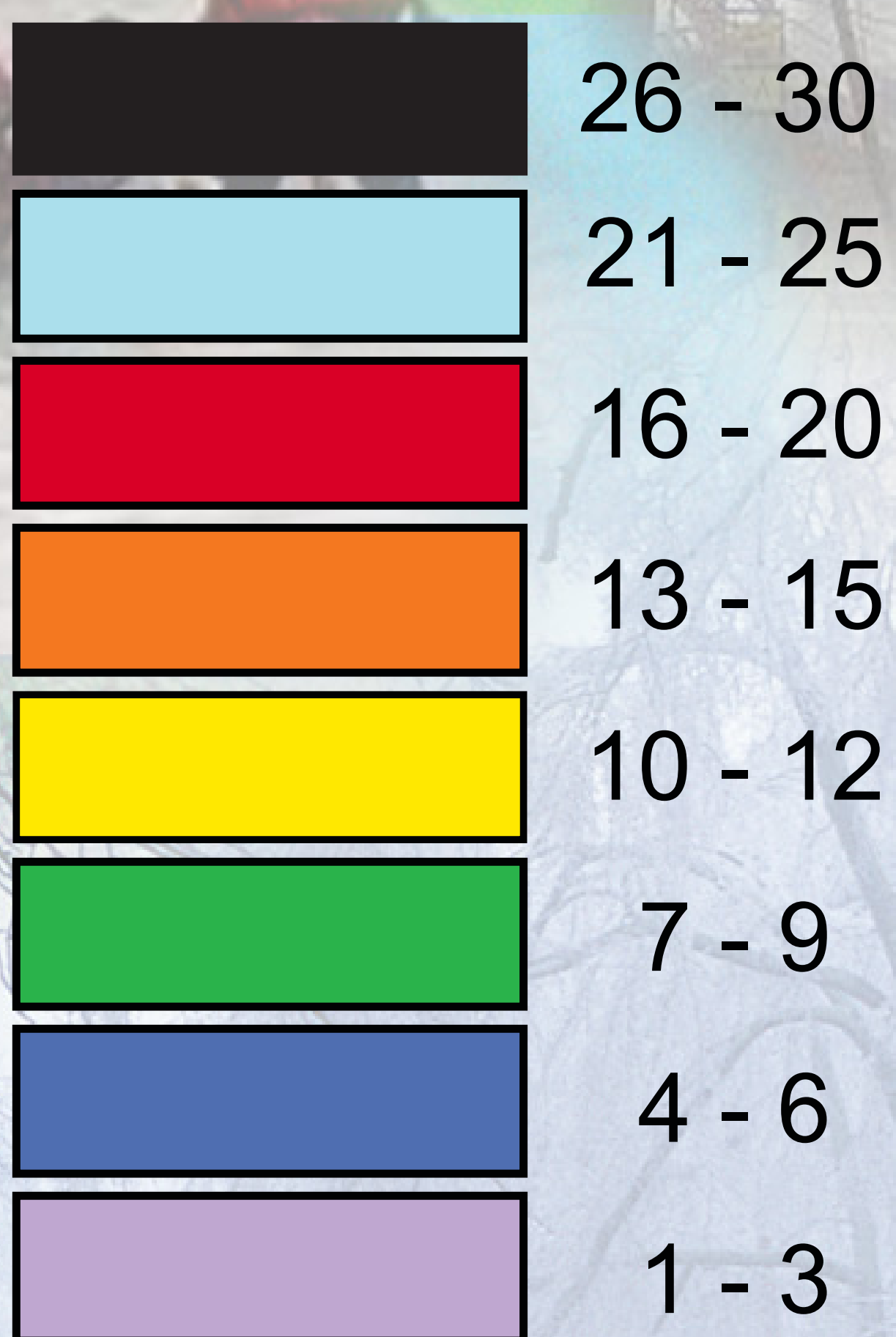
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ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

PR 3
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NUMBER OF EVENTS



DISASTER TYPE	NUMBER OF EVENTS	PERCENT FREQUENCY	NORMALIZED DAMAGES (Billions of Dollars)	PERCENT DAMAGE
Tropical Storms/Hurricanes	24	30.7%	334	52.1%
Non-Tropical Floods	13	16.7%	63	9.8%
Heatwaves/Droughts	13	16.7%	178	27.8%
Severe Weather	11	14.1%	20	3.1%
Fires	8	10.2%	16	2.5%
Freezes	4	5.1%	10	1.6%
Blizzards	2	2.6%	12	1.9%
Ice Storms	2	2.6%	6	~0.9%
Noreaster	1	1.3%	2	~0.3%
	78		641	

* **IMPORTANT NOTE:** The national map by state reflects a summation of each billion dollar event, for each state affected--ie, it does not mean that each state shown suffered at least \$1 billion in losses for each event. For example, one event causing \$1 billion in overall U.S. damages spread over 5 states, would cause well under \$1 billion in damage in each affected state. However, larger multi-billion dollar events would sometimes cause over \$1 billion in damages in one or more states.