

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- G4 (Severe) Geomagnetic Storm

Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy Snow – Great Lakes, Northeast
- Elevated Fire Weather – Central/Southern Plains
- Tropical Activity
 - Western Pacific – 92W

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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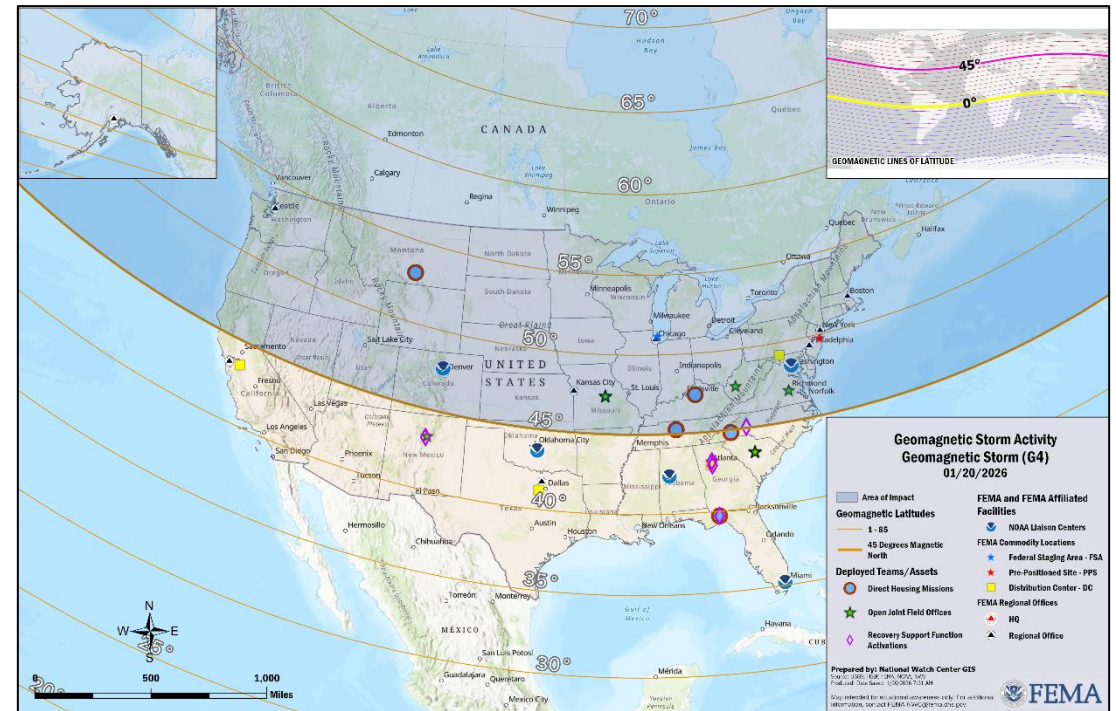
Space Weather – G4 (Severe) Geomagnetic Storm

Situation: The Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC) issued an alert at 5:27 a.m. ET for a G4 geomagnetic storm. Since then, additional alerts have been issued between the G3 and G4 levels with impacted areas fluctuating between poleward of 45- and 50-degrees geomagnetic latitude. The SWPC projects that any potential impacts could last from six hours up to a day. The NWC has received negative impact responses from FEMA Regions and there are no requests for FEMA assistance.

Potential Impacts: A G4 geomagnetic storm is considered severe, and its impacts on critical infrastructure can include the following:

- Induced Currents – Power system voltage irregularities possible, false alarms may be triggered on some protection devices.
- Spacecraft - Systems may experience surface charging; increased drag on low earth orbit satellites and tracking and orientation problems may occur.
- Navigation - Satellite navigation (GPS) degraded or inoperable for hours.
- Radio - HF (high frequency) radio propagation sporadic or blacked out.
- Aurora - Aurora may be seen as low as Pennsylvania to Iowa to Oregon for G3 levels and as low as Alabama and northern California for G4 levels.

The NWC will continue to monitor and coordinate with all FEMA Regions, SWPC, CISA, and DOE and will provide updates twice daily in the National Situation Report (3:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. ET) and the Daily Operations Brief (8:30 a.m. ET)

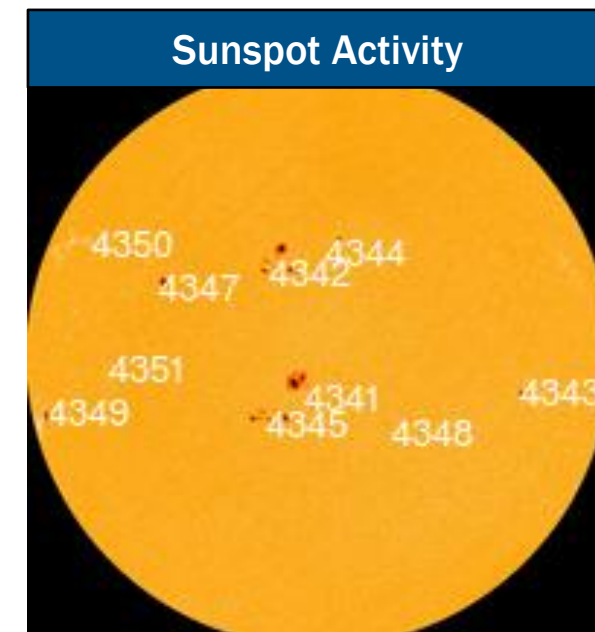
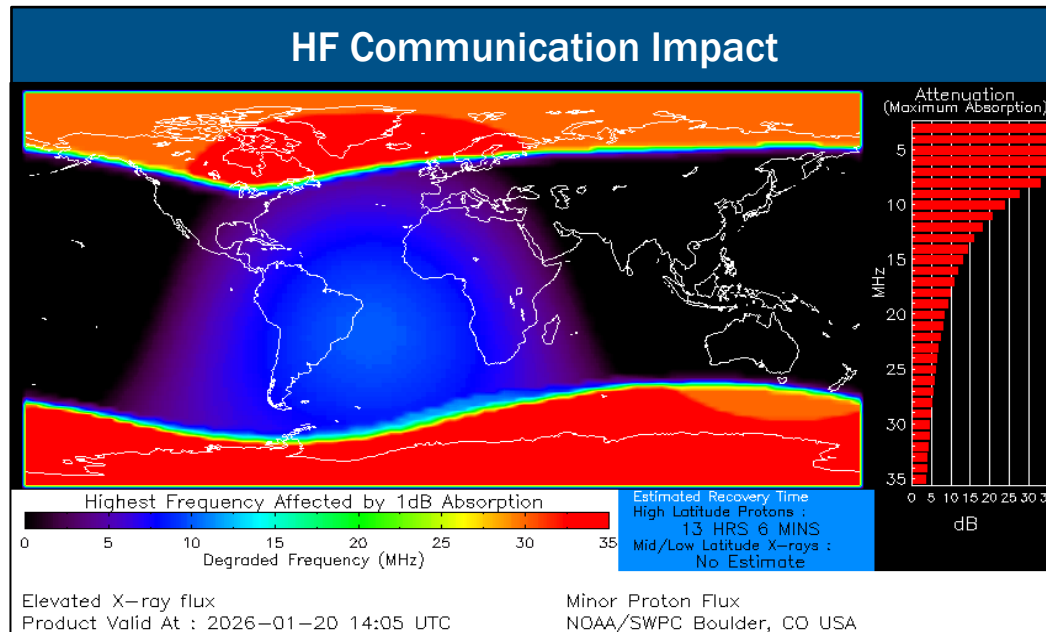


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Space Weather Outlook

Moderate	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	Severe	G4	S4	R1
Next 24 Hours	Severe	G4	S2	R2

For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to: <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation>
 For further information on Sunspot Activity refer to: <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/phenomena/sunspotssolar-cycle>

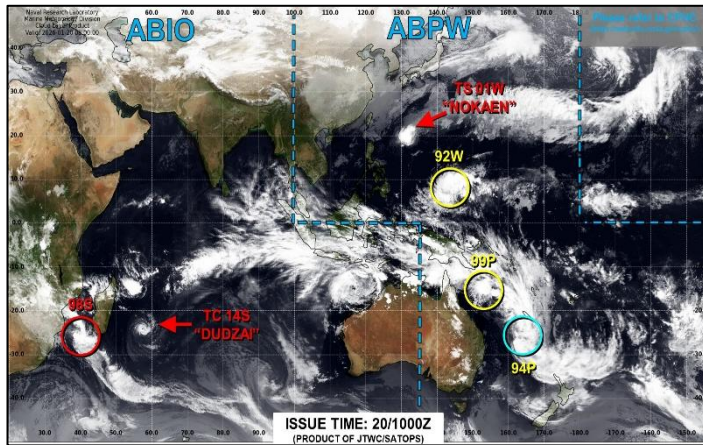


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Tropical Outlook

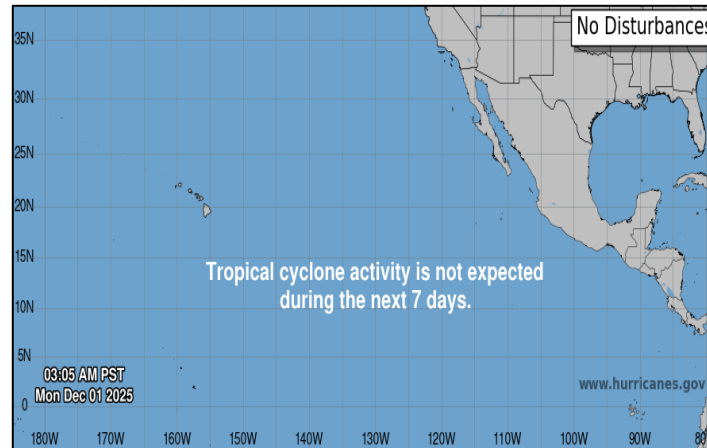
Western Pacific



Invest 92W: (as of 7:30 a.m. ET)

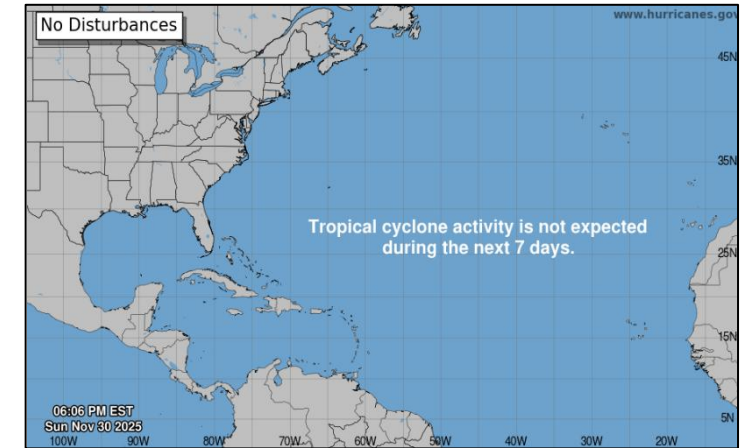
- Located 473 miles S of Guam
- A broad, disorganized low-level circulatory system with marginally favorable environmental development is moving northwestward
- Surface winds are estimated at 14 to 20 mph
- The potential for the development of a significant tropical cyclone within the next 24 hours is low

Eastern and Central Pacific



- No tropical cyclones expected during the next 7 days

Atlantic



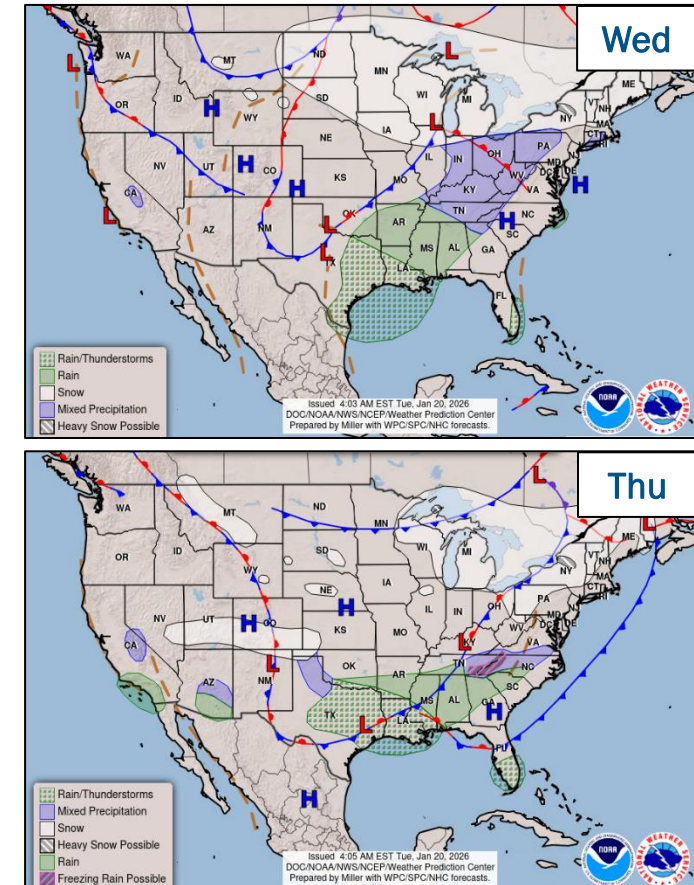
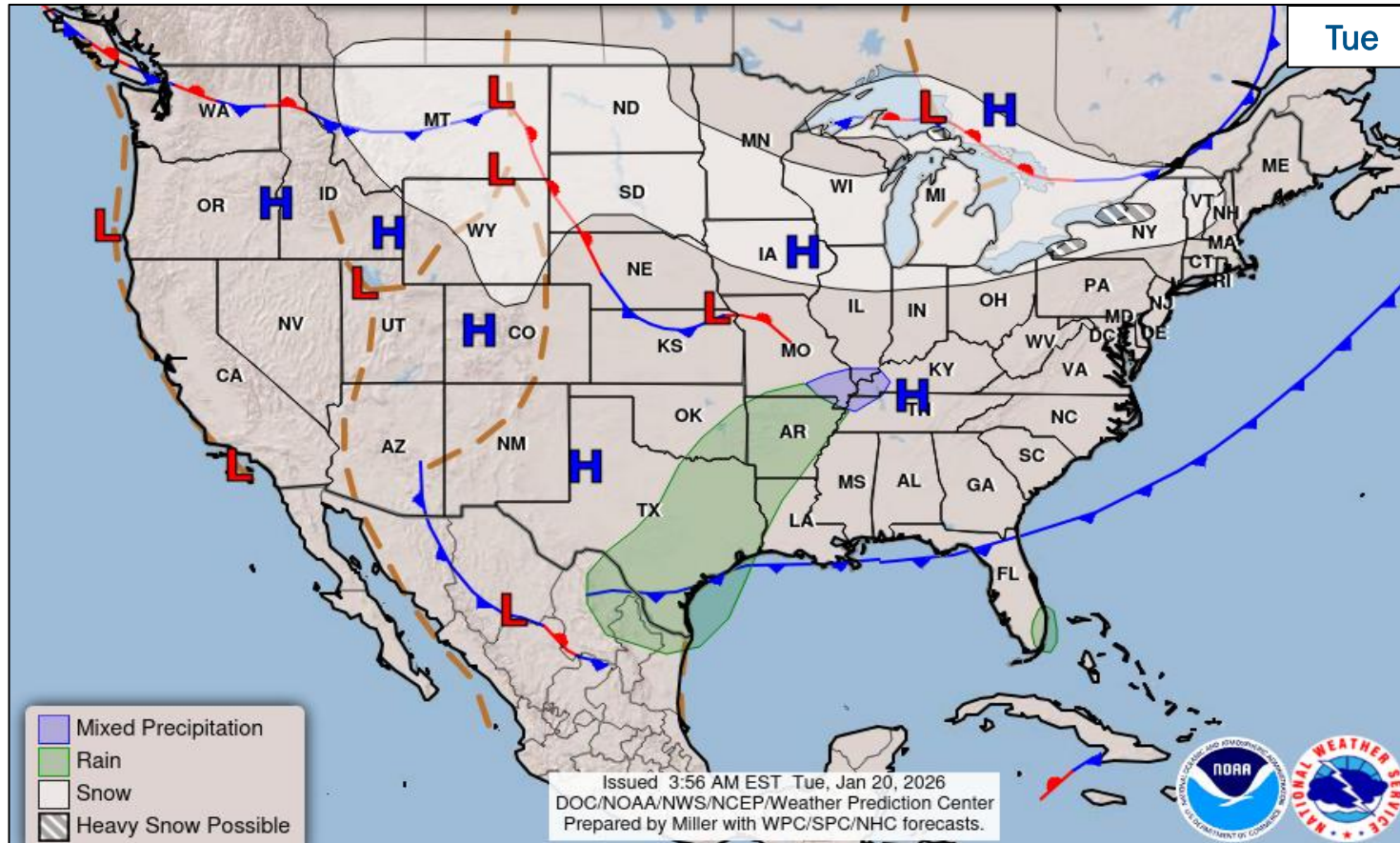
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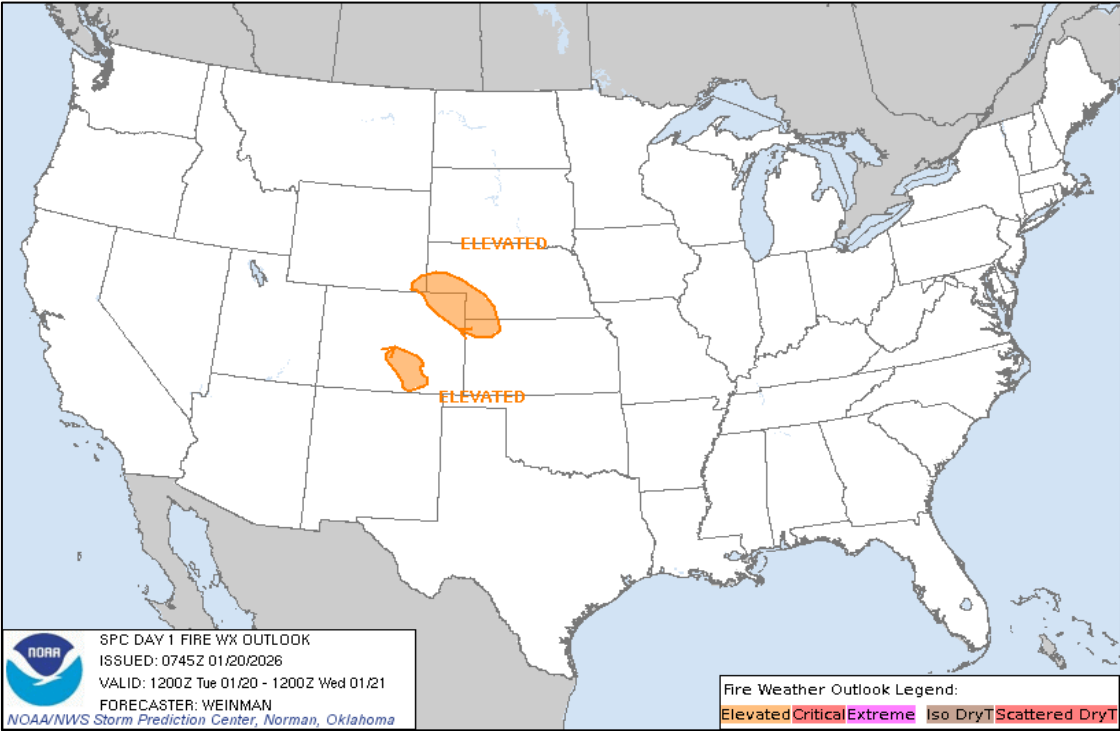
National Weather Forecast



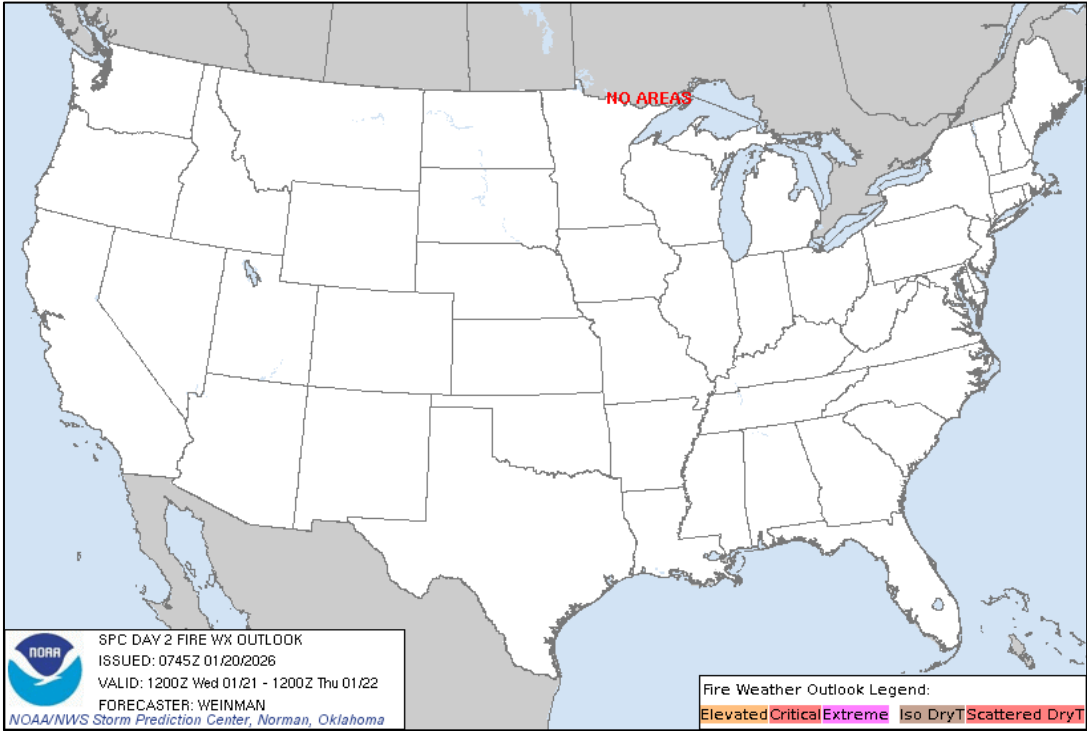
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Fire Weather Outlook



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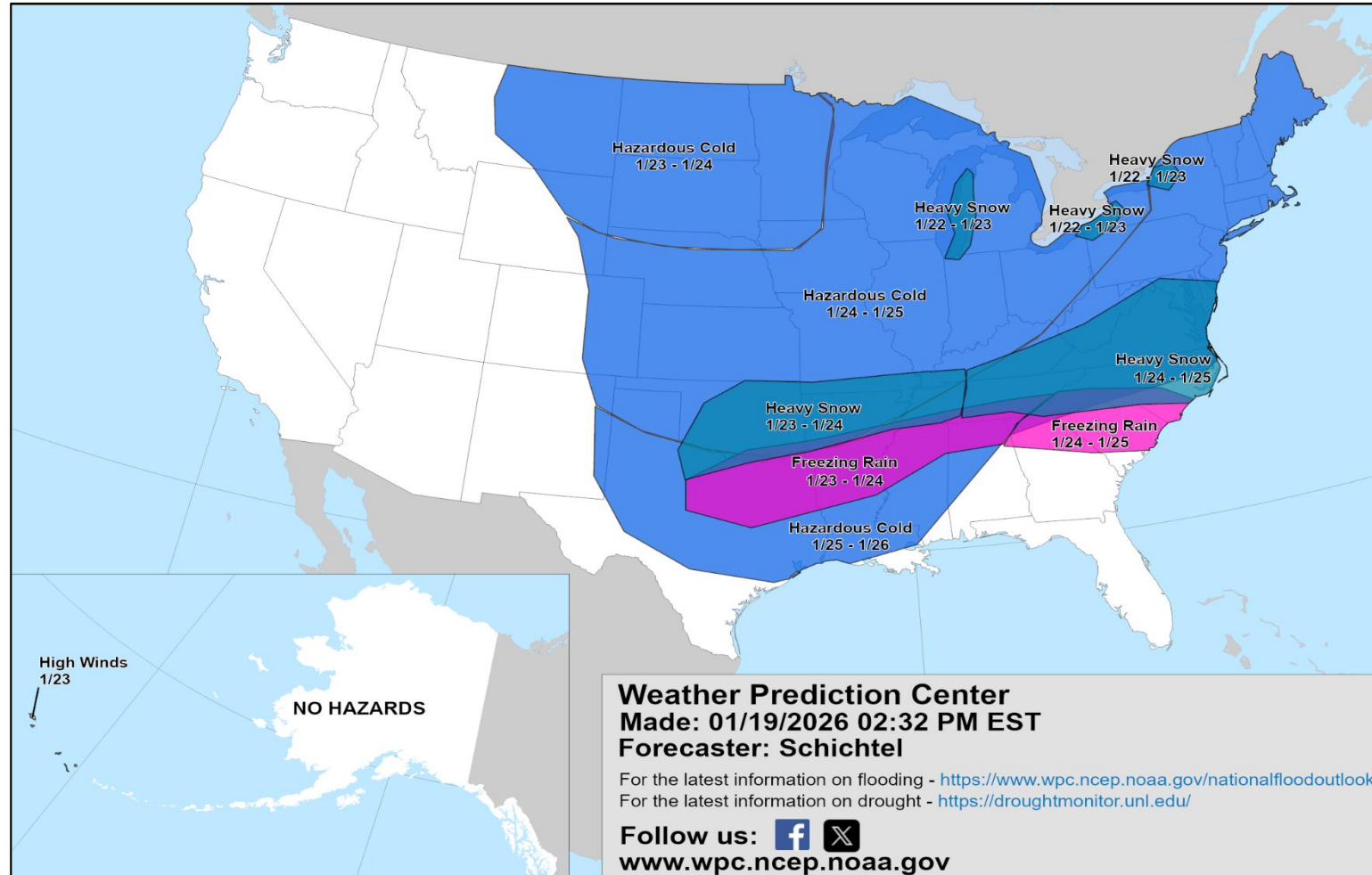


Tomorrow



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Hazards Outlook – Jan 22-26



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

12
Joint Field
Offices

Supporting

41
Major
Disasters

+

8
Emergency
Declarations

8
Direct Housing
Missions

8
RSF-Supported
Disasters

6
Joint Recovery
Offices

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Regional Offices

National IMAT

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Joint Field Offices

Joint Recovery Offices

Direct Housing Mission

Active RSF Missions

Pre-Positioned Sites

Federal Staging Area

Incident Support Base

Initial Operating Facility

Distribution Center

Temporary Housing
Storage Area/Site

Incident Support Team

Staging Management
Team

FMAG

Large Fires

State Activation

Full

Partial

Monitoring

Declared counties

Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands

FEDERAL HQ

NWC

Monitoring

NRCC

Steady State

FEDERAL REGIONS

Watch

Monitoring

RRCC

R1 Rostered

Monitoring

R2 Rostered

Monitoring

R3 Rostered

Monitoring

R4 Rostered

Monitoring

R5 Rostered

Monitoring

R6 Rostered

Monitoring

R7 Rostered

Monitoring

R8 Rostered

Monitoring

R9 Rostered

Monitoring

R10 Rostered

Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

R5 RWC: Staffing Dayshift
(7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. ET)

IMATs:

NSTR

State EOCs:

HI: Wildfires

FL: Previous Incidents

CO/MT/TX: Flooding

AK: Winter Weather

KS/OK: Fire Weather

NJ: Gubernatorial
Inauguration

Surge Capacity Force

Rostered
7,969

Deployed
0

N-IMATs

2-5 Teams Available

Red

White

Blue

Gold

HS

R-IMATs

≥ 7 Teams Available

R1

R2

R3

R4 (1) 1

R4 (2)

R5 2

R6 (1) 3

R6 (2)

R7 MO (Oct 27)

R8

R9 (1)

R9 (2)

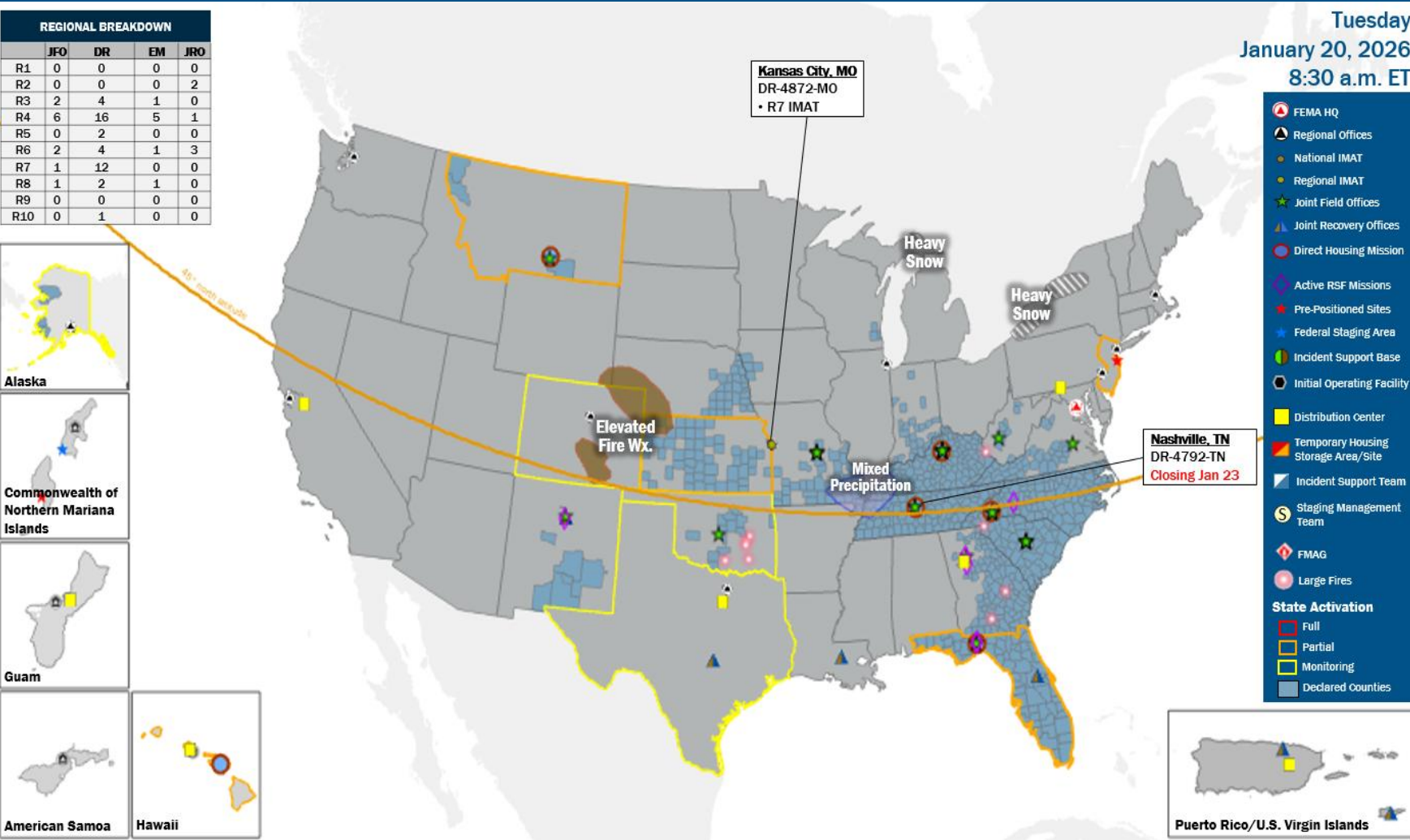
R10

Fully Mission Capable (FMC)

Partially Mission Capable (PMC)

Not Mission Capable (NMC)

Deployed



IM Workforce

11,528 Assigned

4,365 (-7) Unavailable

2,960 (-27) Deployed

36% / 4,203 (+34) Available

IM Cadre Availability

6 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Disability Integration: 18% (3/17); External Affairs: 23% (66/283); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 18% (116/659); Field Leadership: 21% (25/119); Hazard Mitigation: 16% (125/775); Planning: 19% (68/351)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned

6 Unavailable

0 Deployed

30 Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned

0 Unavailable

0 Deployed

28 Available

FCO

≥ 4 Type I

36 Assigned

2 Unavailable

23 (14 FCOR) Deployed

11 Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Completed	
R10	ID	Windstorm Dec 16-18, 2025	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	10	0	1/14 – TBD
	WA	Flooding, Landslides, Mudslides, and Straight-line Winds Dec 5-22, 2025	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	28	0	1/26 – TBD
	OR	Atmospheric River Dec 16-19, 2025	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	13	0	1/26 – TBD



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Declaration Requests in Process – 13

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
POA* – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Oct 22
AZ – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR	X			Nov 12
VT – Severe Storm and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Nov 20
IL – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR	X			Nov 21
IL – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding – Appeal	DR	X			Nov 21
KS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Nov 21
SCA** – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Nov 26
LLBO*** – Building Fire	DR		X	X	Nov 30
SCA** – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Dec 15
MT – Severe Winter Storms and Straight-line Winds	EM		X		Dec 24
MT – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jan 10
NVK**** – Severe Storms, Flooding, and Remnants of Typhoon Halong	DR		X	X	Jan 11
MT – Severe Winter Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Jan 15

Pueblo of Acoma, **San Carlos Apache Tribe, *Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, ****Native Village of Kipnuk*



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