

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, January 24, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Winter Storms – Southern Rockies to Eastern U.S.

Hazard Monitoring

- Freezing Rain – Southern Plains to Central Appalachians and Mid-Atlantic
- Heavy Snow – Central Rockies to Mid-Atlantic

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Requests: Emergency Declaration – AR, KY, LA, MD, NC, TN, WV
- Approvals: Emergency Declaration – SC, VA

Event Monitoring

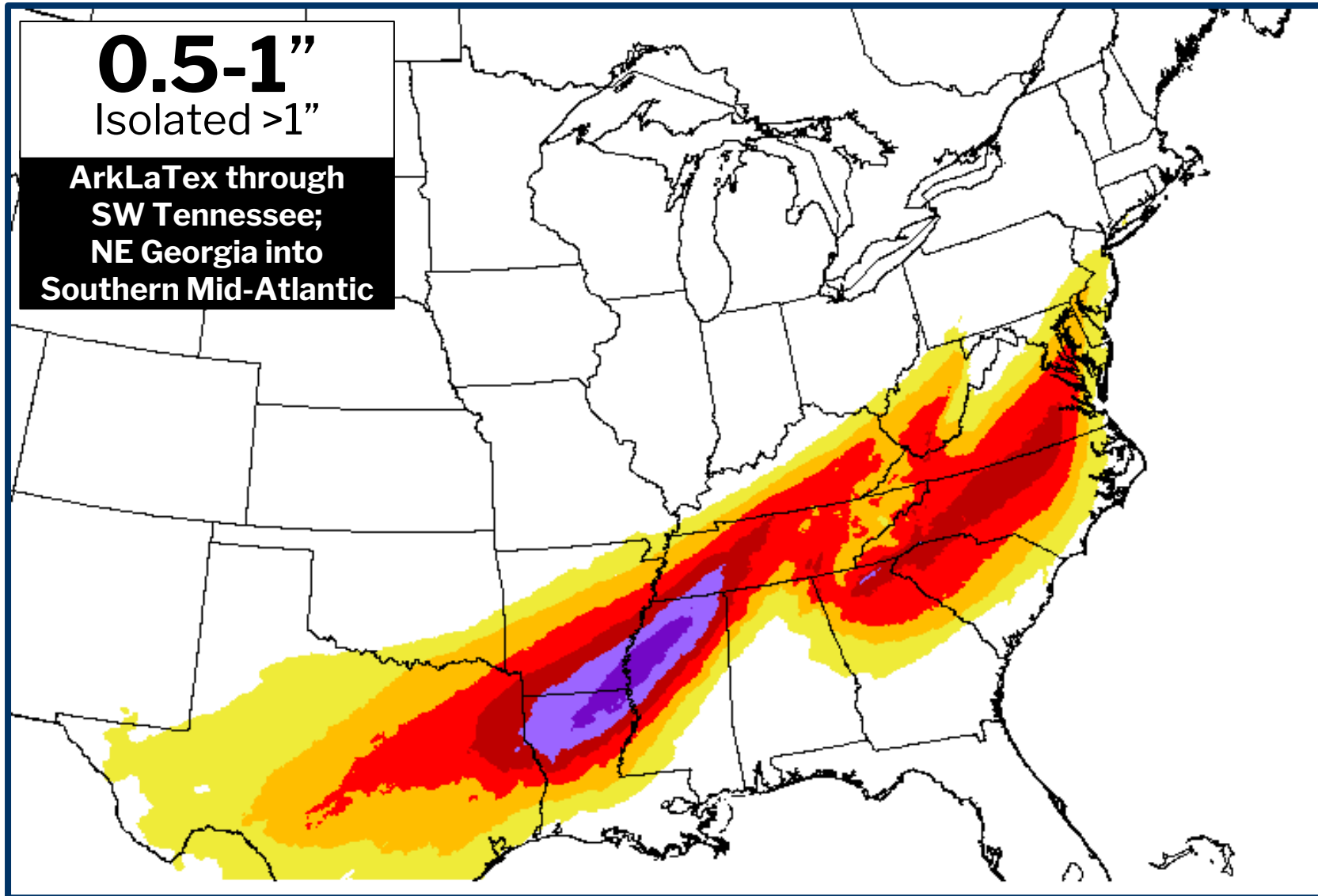
- No new significant events



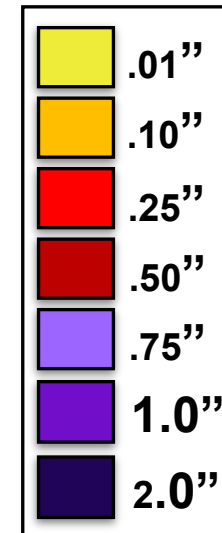
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Ice Forecast – Through Tuesday Morning

NWS Weather Prediction Center
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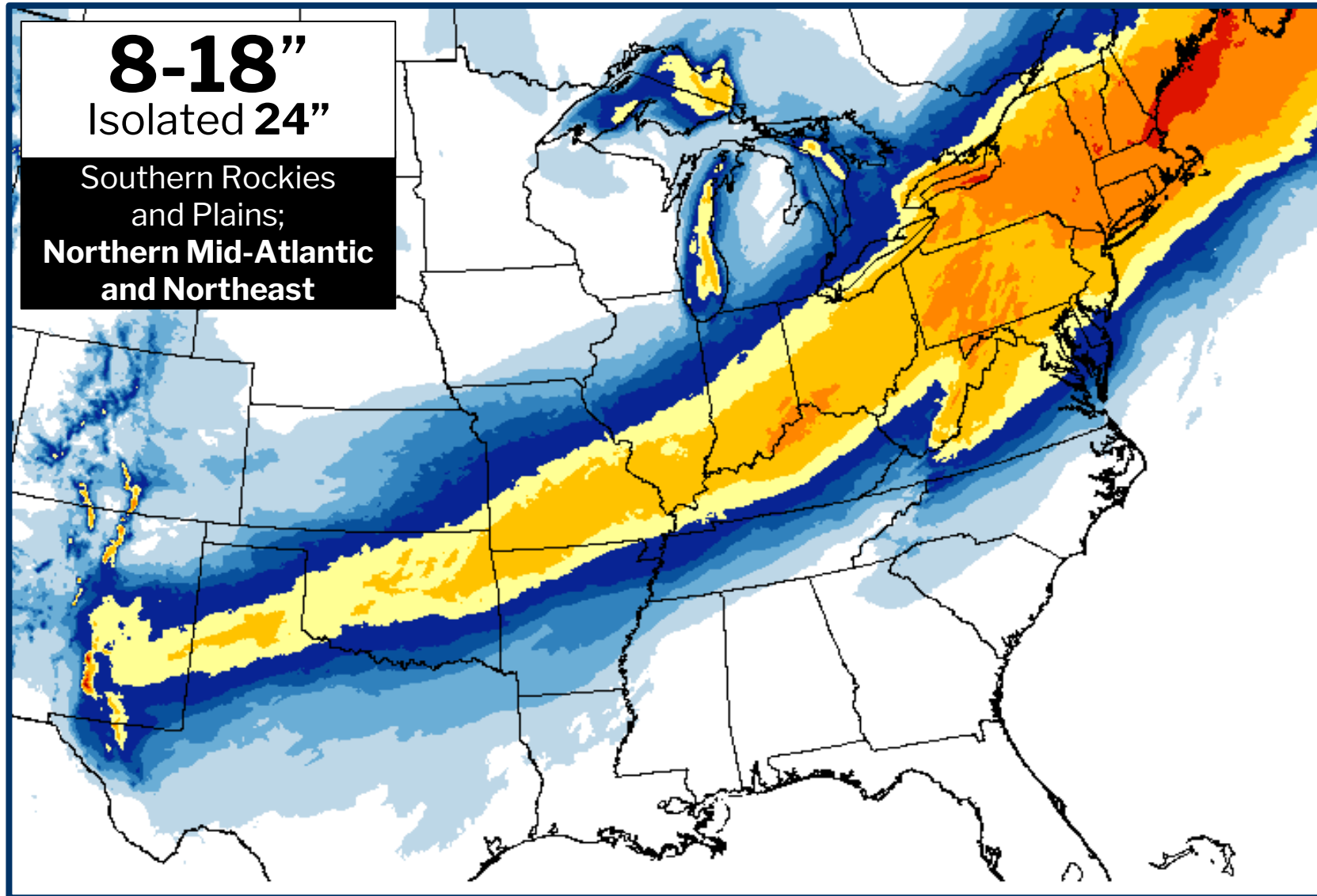


Example of severe damage
from freezing rain –
accumulates on elevated
surfaces in particular (trees,
power lines)

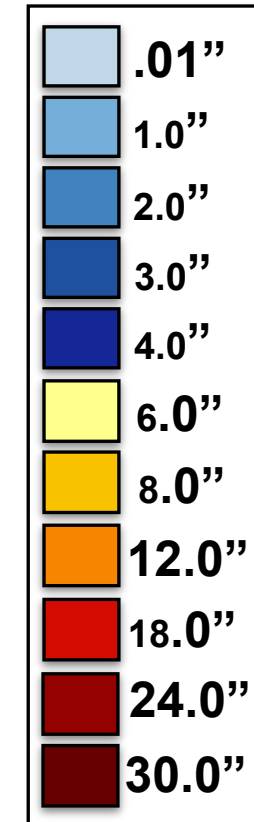


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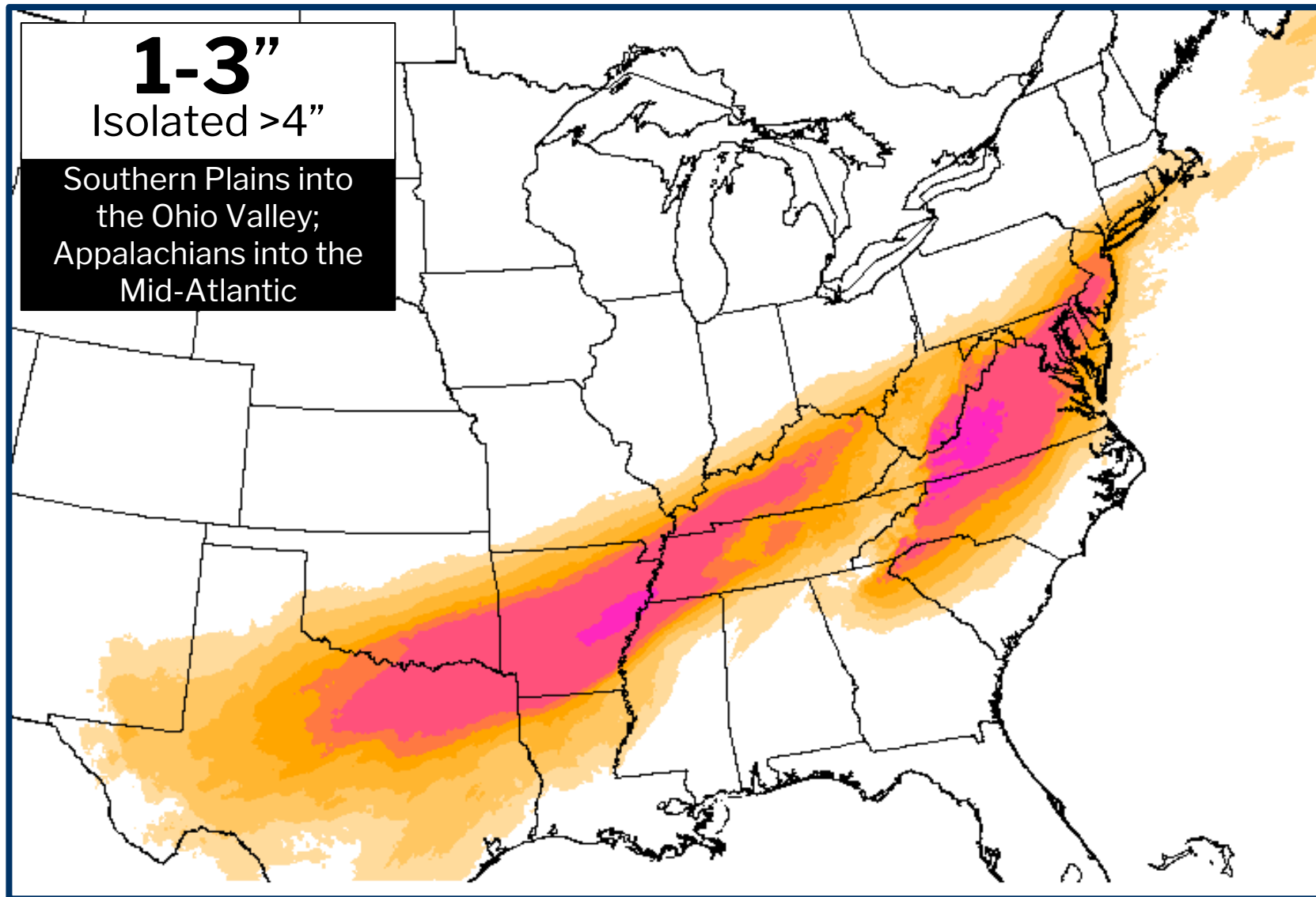


Example of heavy, deep snow

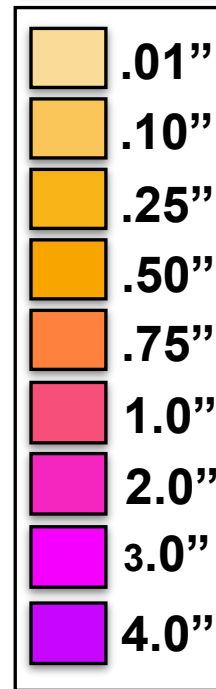


Sleet Forecast – Through Tuesday Morning

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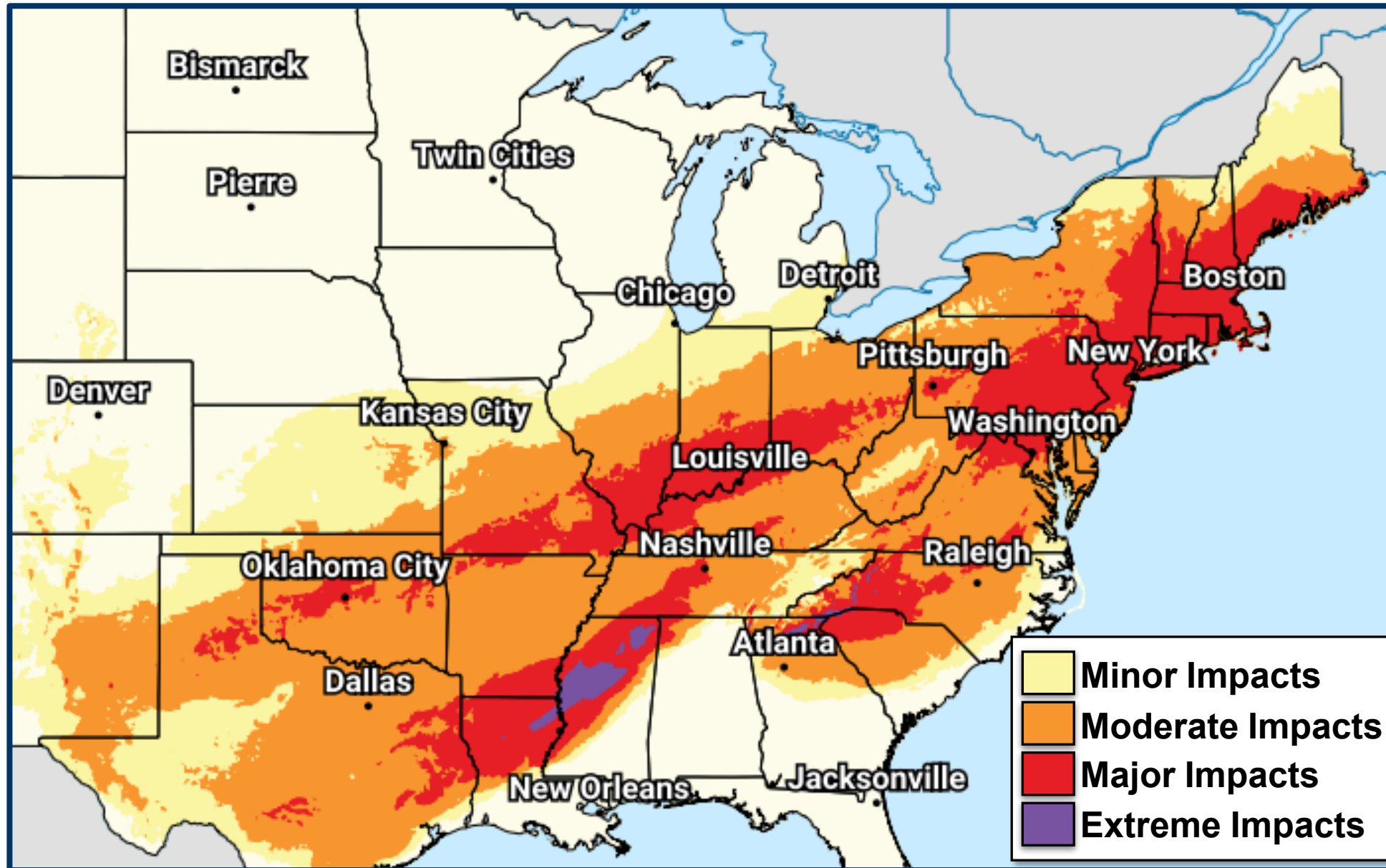


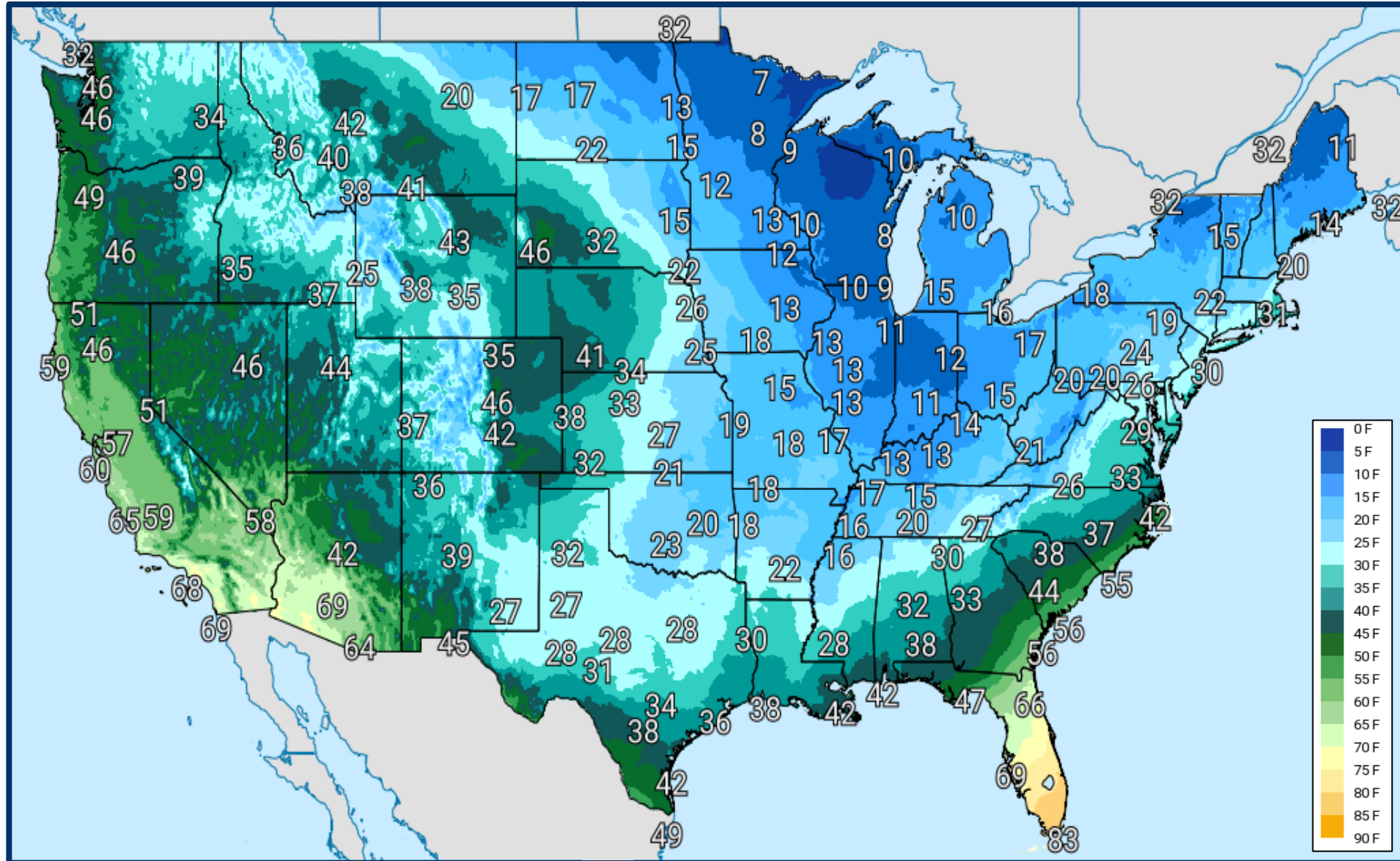
Example of how sleet can pack
into icy layers on roadways



Winter Storm Severity Index (WSSI)

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Situation: A significant winter storm is set to impact 180 million Americans from the Rockies to New England through Monday. Up to a foot of snow and severe icing (0.5–1”), likely causing long-term power outages and impassable roads. Extreme cold air follows, prolonging dangerous travel and infrastructure impacts well into next week. This could cause long-duration power outages, extensive tree damage, and extremely dangerous or impassable travel conditions. Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia have made emergency declaration requests.

FEMA Region 1:

- ## FEMA Region 2:

- ## FEMA Region 3:

- ## FEMA Region 4:

- ## FEMA Region 5:

- ## FEMA Region 6:

- ## FEMA Region 7:

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Ice Accumulation Impacts
Regions 2, 3, 4, 6
Valid 5 AM 01/24/24 AM 01/27/2026

Winter Weather Impacts
Impact of Ice Accumulation: Days 1-3

- Winter Weather Area
- Minor Impacts
- Moderate Impacts
- Major Impacts
- Extreme Impacts

FEMA Assets
FEMA Commodities

Facility Type

- Federal Staging Area (FSA)
- Pre-Positioned Sites (PPS)

State Activation Levels

- Full
- Partial
- Monitoring
- Normal

FEMA Regional Offices

- FEMA Headquarters
- Regional Offices

Other Symbols

- Distribution Center
- Other Logistic Site
- Open Joint Field Office

Prepared by: NWC GIS
01/24/24 10:00 AM
Revised: 01/27/2026 10:00 AM
Approved by: [Signature]
Key: [Signature]

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Winter Storm - Southern Rockies to Eastern U.S. (cont.)

FEMA HQ / Federal Response:

Department of Energy:

- DOE Energy Response Organization (ERO) is activated to manage ESF #12 operations and coordinate with industry partners
- Electricity sector industry partners are holding pre-storm calls, and beginning to pre-stage equipment and crews
- Several Independent System Operators (ISO) **declared** conservative operations
- DOE ESF #12 responders deployed to FEMA Regions 3 & 6 RRCCs (virtually)
- Oil and natural gas pipeline operators preparing systems and pre-positioning generators and equipment

Department of Health and Human Services:

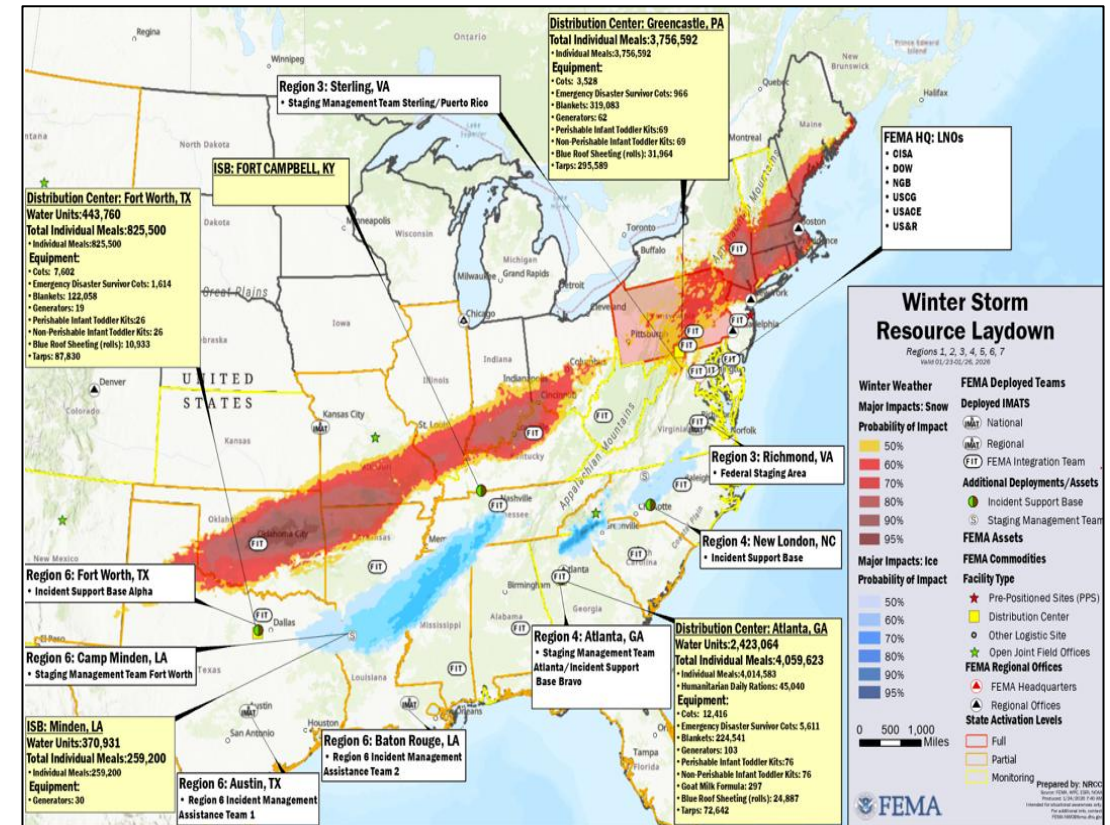
- Coordinating with SLTT partners in preparation for potential staffing at SEOCs at state request
- Monitoring and prepared to staff FEMA NRCC and FEMA RRCCs as needed

Department of Transportation:

- Monitoring and prepared to staff FEMA NRCC and FEMA RRCCs as needed

HQ:

- NWC is at **Enhanced Watch**; NRCC is at Level 3; N-IMATs are available
- Incident Support Base (ISB) Team Alpha **deployed** to Ft. Worth, TX
- Stage Management Team (SMT) Ft. Worth **deployed** to Camp Minden, LA
- ISB Bravo and SMT Atlanta **deployed** to Distribution Center Atlanta
- SMT Sterling & SMT Puerto Rico **deployed** to Sterling, VA



NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Reporting will continue in the FEMA National Situation Report (5:00 p.m. / 3:00 a.m. ET) and the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET).



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Declaration Approval – South Carolina

Declaration: Emergency Declaration – FEMA-3632-EM-SC

Date Requested: Jan 23

Date Approved: Jan 23

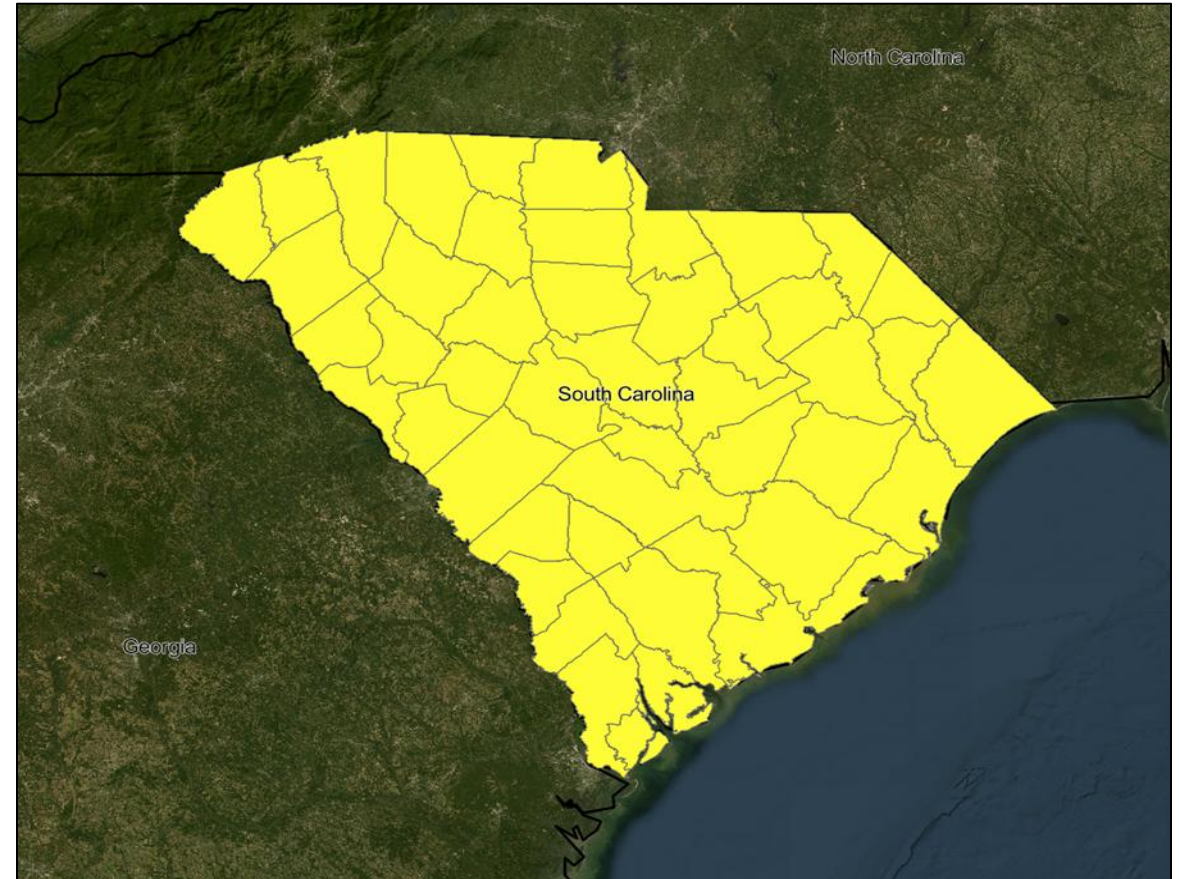
Incident: Severe Winter Storm

Incident Period: Jan 21 and continuing

Provides:

- **PA Only:** Statewide and the Catawba Indian Nation

FCO: Darryl L. Dragoo



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Declaration Approval – Virginia

Declaration: Emergency Declaration – FEMA-3631-EM-VA

Date Requested: Jan 22

Date Approved: Jan 23

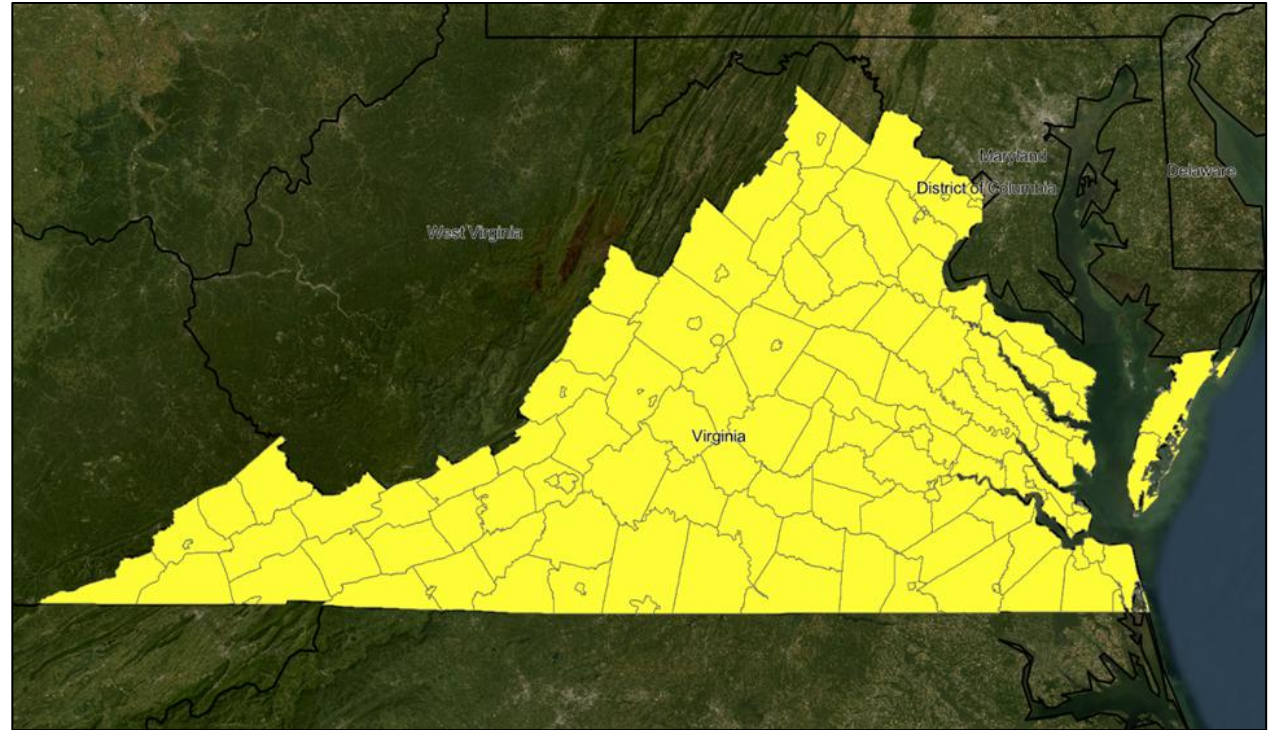
Incident: Severe Winter Storm

Incident Period: Jan 22 and continuing

Provides:

- **PA Only:** Commonwealth-wide

FCO: Nancy M. Casper



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

12

Joint Field
Offices

Supporting

40

Major
Disasters

+

10

Emergency
Declarations

8

Direct Housing
Missions

8

RSF-Supported
Disasters

6

Joint Recovery
Offices

FEDERAL HQ

NWC

NRCC

Enhanced

Level 3

FEDERAL REGIONS

Watch

RRCC

Monitoring

R1

Enhanced

Monitoring

R2

Level 3

Monitoring

R3

Level 3

Enhanced

R4

Level 3

Monitoring

R5

Rostered

Monitoring

R6

Level 3

Enhanced

R7

Rostered

Monitoring

R8

Rostered

Monitoring

R9

Rostered

Monitoring

R10

Rostered

Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

- NRCC/NWC: Severe Winter Storm
- R1 RRCC: Enhanced (Severe Winter Storm, dayshift only)
- R2/R3/R4/R6 RRCC: Level 3 (Severe Winter Storm)
- R4/R7 Watch: Enhanced (Severe Winter Storm)
- R5 Watch: Staffing Dayshift (7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. ET)

State EOCs:

- HI: Wildfires
- FL: Previous Incidents
- CO/MT: Flooding
- AL/AR/DC/DE/GA/IL/NY/KS/KY/LA/LD/MS/NC/NM/OK/PA/SC/TN/TX/VA/VT/WV: Winter Storm

IMATs:

- NSTR

Surge Capacity Force

Rostered

Deployed

7,969

0

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	0	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	2	4	2	0
R4	6	15	6	1
R5	0	2	0	0
R6	2	4	1	3
R7	1	12	0	0
R8	1	2	1	0
R9	0	0	0	0
R10	0	1	0	0

Alaska

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Guam

Flash Flooding Poss.

American Samoa

Hawaii

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Regional Offices

National IMAT

Regional IMAT

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 Fire

State Activation

Full

Partial

Monitoring

Declared Counties

Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands

IM Workforce

11,529 (+3) Assigned

4,358 (-19) Unavailable

3,045 (+90) Deployed

36% / 4,126 (-69) Available

IM Cadre Availability

8 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 23% (23/98); Disability Integration: 24% (4/17); External Affairs: 23% (64/283); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 17% (110/659); Field Leadership: 17% (20/119); Hazard Mitigation: 17% (129/776); Planning: 18% (63/350); Safety: 24% (21/89)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned

6 Unavailable

1 (+1) Deployed

29 (-1) Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned

0 Unavailable

0 Deployed

28 Available

FCO

≥ 4 Type I

36 Assigned

1 (-1) Unavailable

23 (14 FCOR) Deployed

12 (+1) Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Completed	
R8	SD	Straight-line Wind Event Dec 17, 2025	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	3	3	1/20 – 1/23
R10	ID	Windstorm Dec 16-18, 2025	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	10	10	1/14 – 1/23
	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



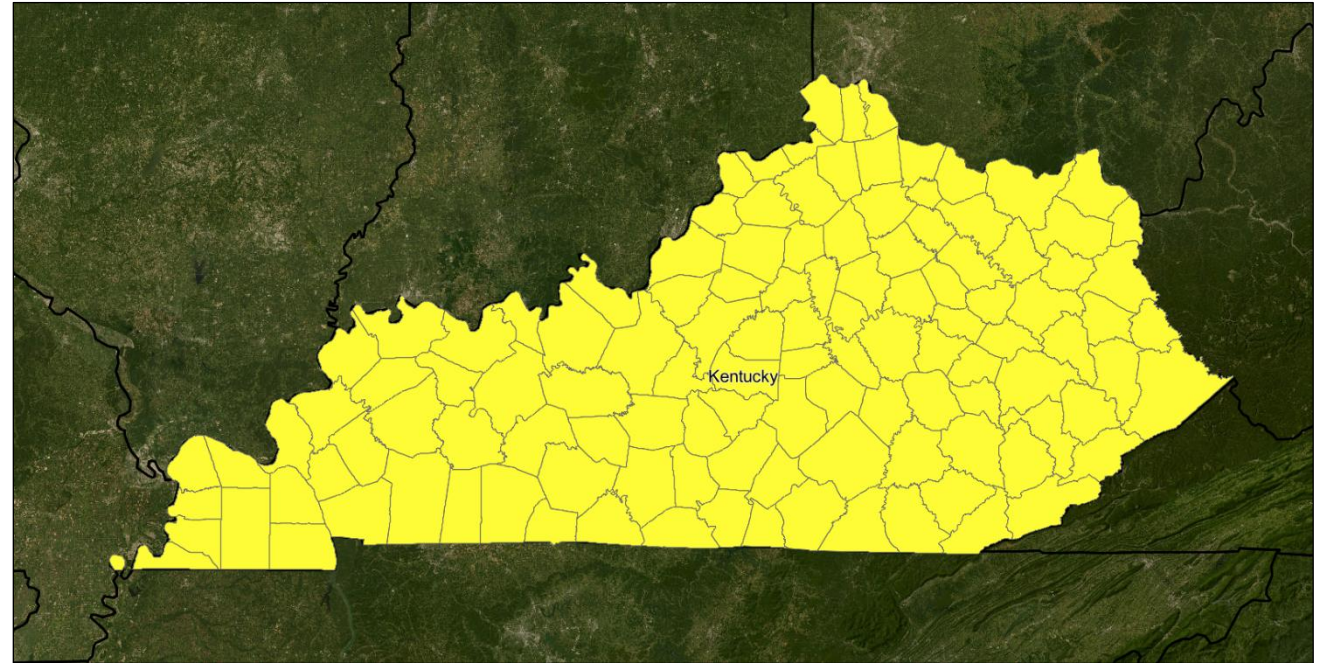
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Declaration Request – Kentucky

Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration – KY
Requested: Jan 23

Incident: Winter Storm
Incident Period: Jan 23 and Continuing

Requested:
▪ **PA:** Commonwealth-wide



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Declaration Request – Tennessee

Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration – TN

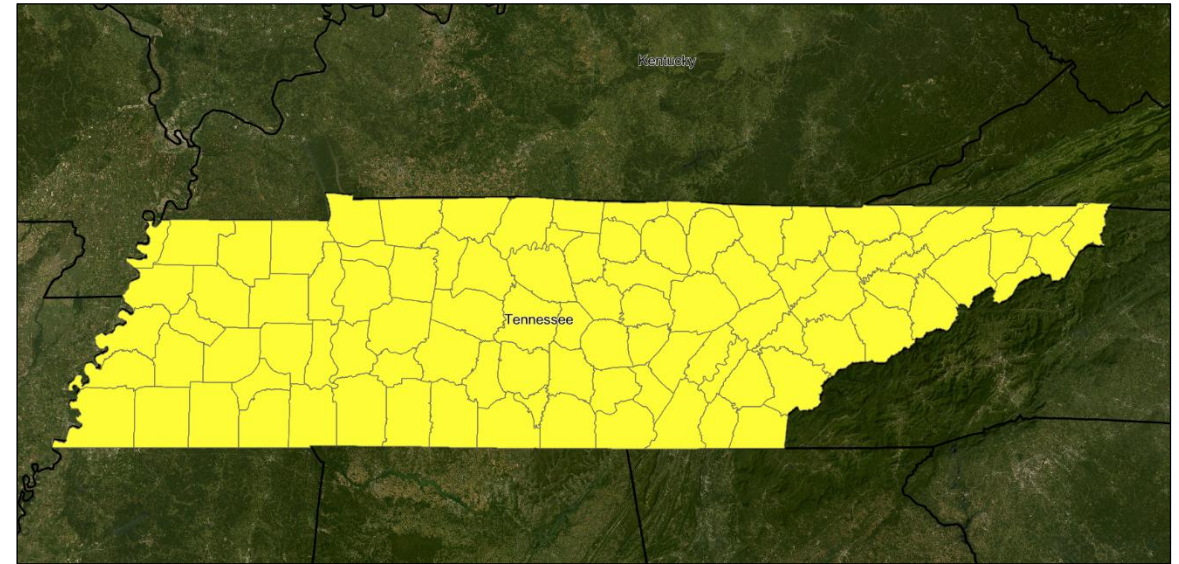
Requested: Jan 23

Incident: Severe Winter Storm

Incident Period: Jan 22 and continuing

Requested:

- **PA:** Statewide



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Declaration Request – Maryland

Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration – MD

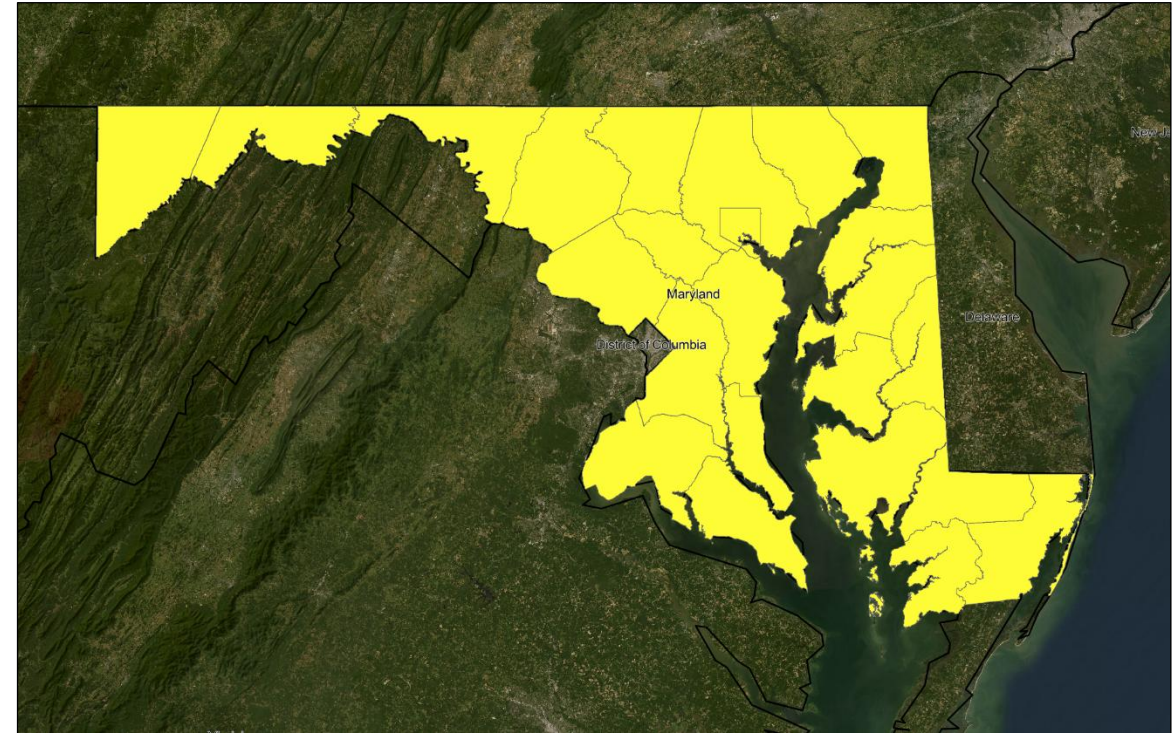
Requested: Jan 23

Incident: Severe Winter Storm

Incident Period: Jan 24 and continuing

Requested:

- **PA:** Statewide



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Declaration Request – North Carolina

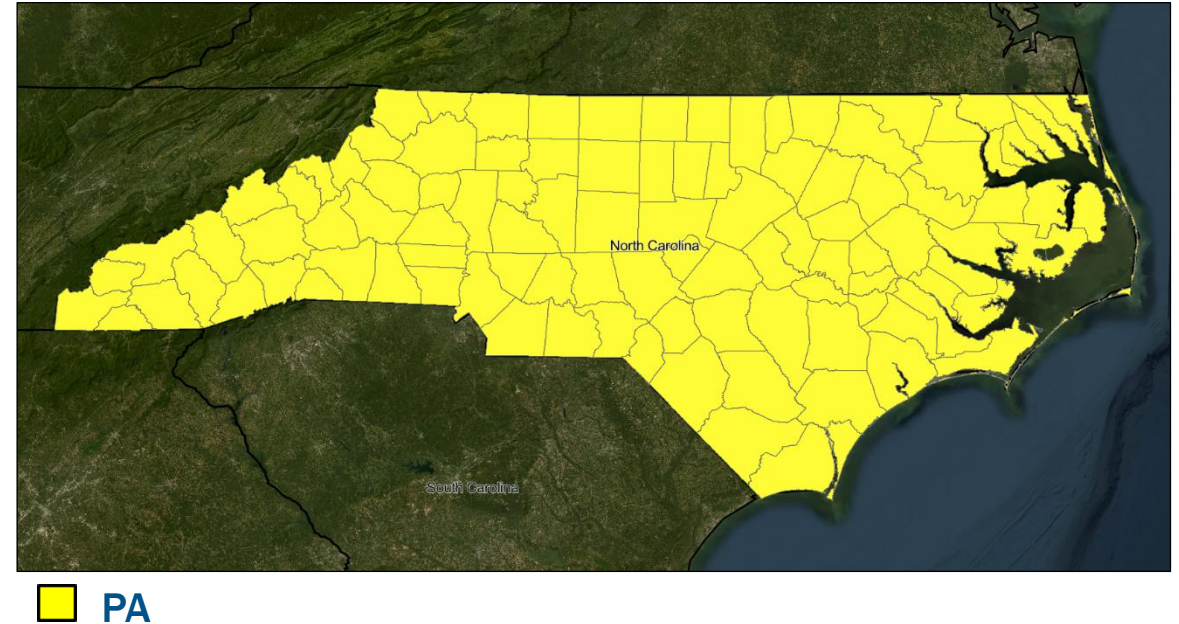
Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration – NC
Requested: Jan 23

Incident: Severe Winter Storm

Incident Period: Jan 21 and continuing

Requested:

- **PA:** Statewide and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina



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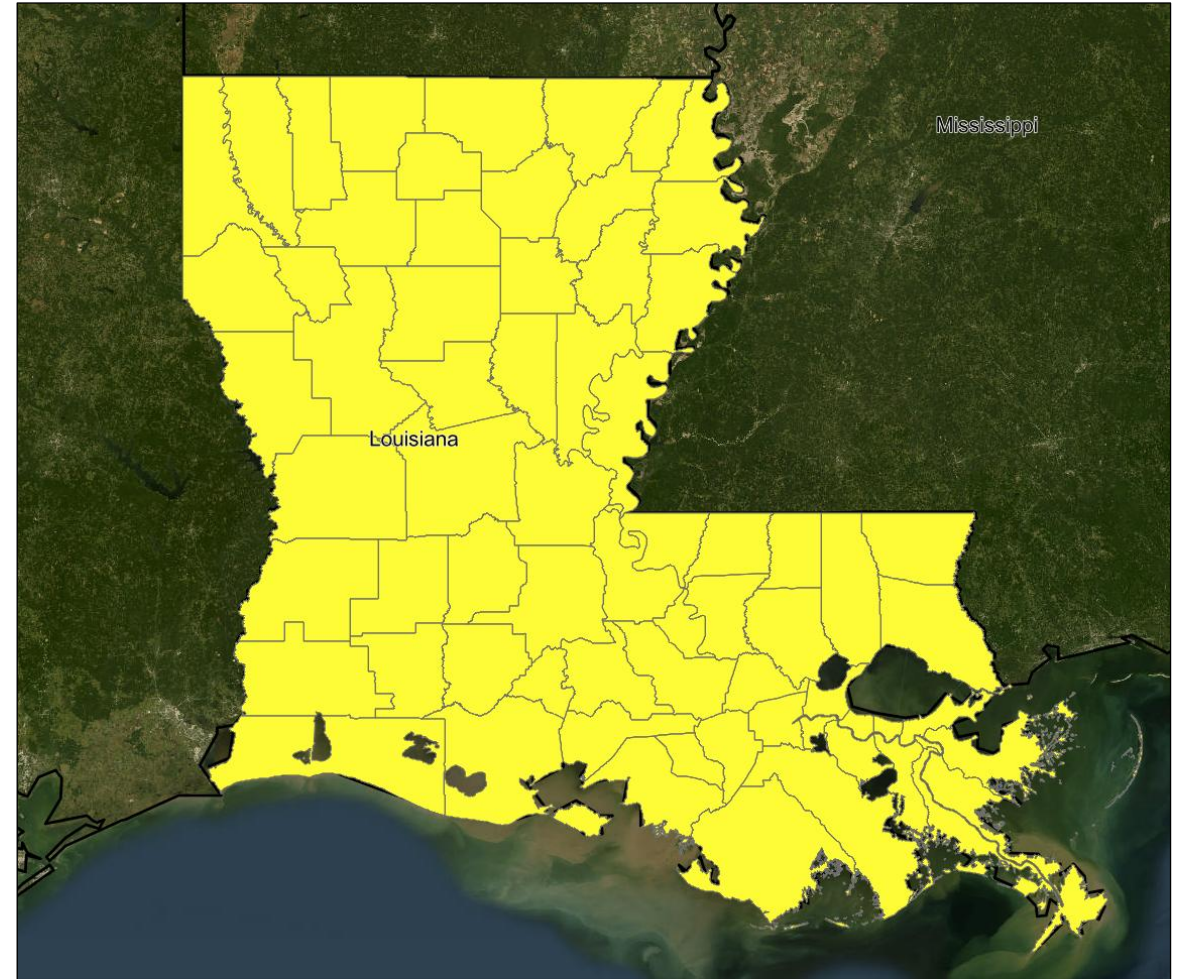
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Declaration Request – Louisiana

Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration – LA
Requested: Jan 23

Incident: Severe Winter Storm
Incident Period: Jan 23-27

Requested:
▪ **PA:** Statewide



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Declaration Request – Arkansas

Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration – AR
Requested: Jan 23

Incident: Severe Winter Storm

Incident Period: Jan 23 and continuing

Requested:

- **PA:** Statewide



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Declaration Request – West Virginia

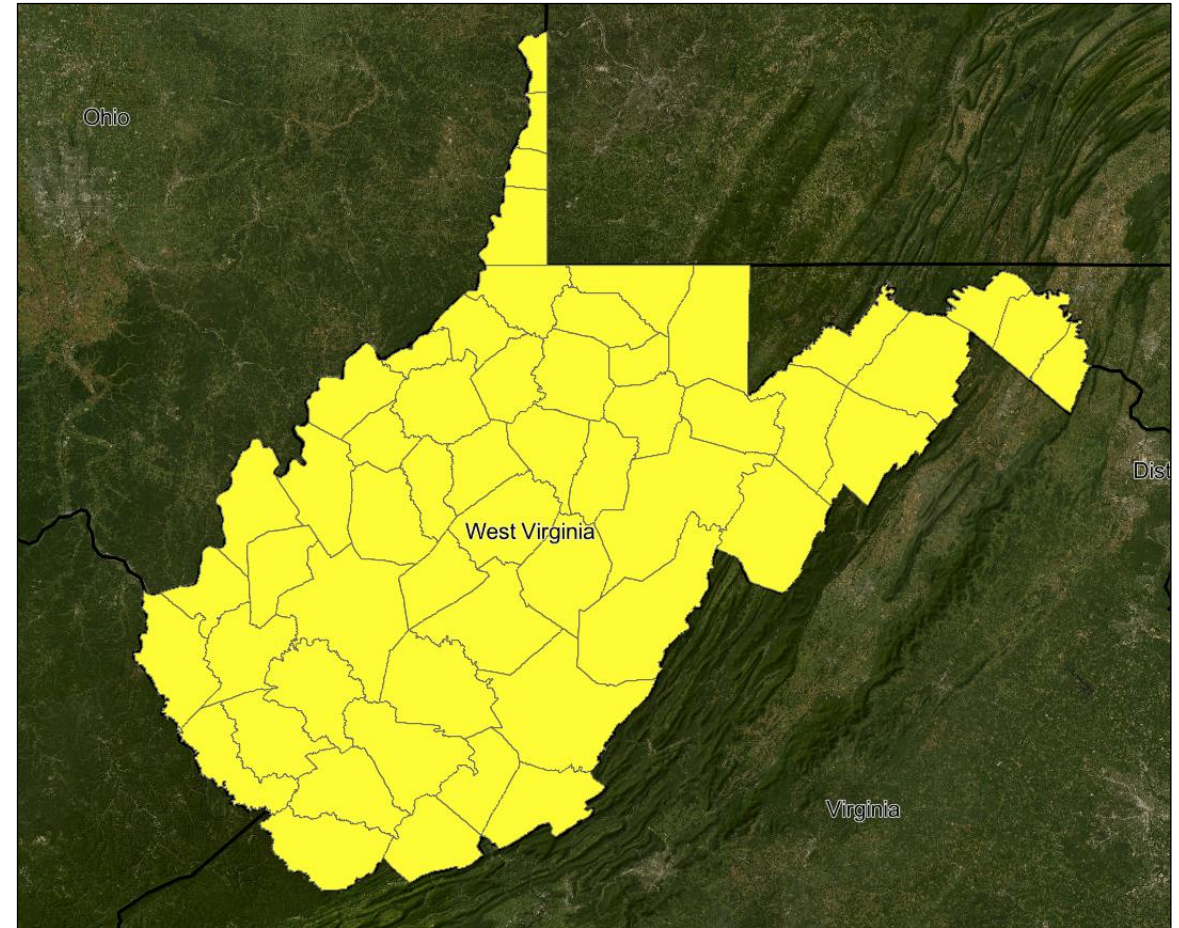
Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration – WV
Requested: Jan 23

Incident: Severe Winter Storm

Incident Period: Jan 24 and continuing

Requested:

- **PA:** Statewide



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Declaration Requests in Process – 26

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
POA* – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Oct 22
AZ – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Oct 24
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
CO – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jan 16

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



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Declaration Requests in Process – 26 (cont.)

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
CO – Lee and Elk Fires, Flooding, and Mudslides – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jan 16
WA – Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR	X			Jan 21
SC – Severe Winter Storm – Approved	DR		X		Jan 23
VA – Severe Winter Storm – Approved	DR		X		Jan 23
KY – Severe Winter Storm	EM		X		Jan 23
MD – Severe Winter Storm	EM		X		Jan 23
TN – Severe Winter Storm	EM		X		Jan 23
NC – Severe Winter Storm	EM		X		Jan 23
LA – Severe Winter Storm	EM		X		Jan 23
AR – Severe Winter Storm	EM		X		Jan 23
WV – Severe Winter Storm	EM		X		Jan 23



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