

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

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

Hazard Monitoring

- Lake Effect Snow – Northeast
- Extreme Cold – Southern Plains to the Mid-Atlantic

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Winter Storm: Southern Plains to Eastern U.S. – Region 4

Situation: Extremely cold air behind the storm will prolong dangerous travel and infrastructure impacts through midweek. Warming centers and shelter operations remain active throughout all affected areas of the region. FEMA NRCC and Regional Response Coordination Centers in Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 remain activated in support of ongoing response and recovery operations.

Lifeline Impacts: (NRCC SLB, as of 6:00 p.m. ET, Jan 26)

Food, Hydration, Shelter: Multiple shelters reported throughout the region (ARC as of 7:00 a.m. ET)

- NC: 29 (-2) shelters open / 120 (+11) occupants
- MS: 5 (+2) shelters open / 110 (+101) occupants
- SC: 9 (-14) shelters open / 126 (-169) occupants
- TN: 12 shelters open / 465 occupants

Health and Medical: Fatalities reported in 5 states.

- MS: 1 confirmed fatality
- TN: 3 confirmed fatalities
 - 30+ healthcare facilities on generator power statewide. All facilities have adequate support from local/state resources.

Water Systems: Multiple outages reported

- KY: 13 partially operational drinking water facilities
- MS: 9 non-operational drinking water facilities
- TN:
 - 16 partially operational drinking water facilities
 - 6 non-operational drinking water facilities

Energy: 324k (-5k) total customers without power (1%) (DOE Eagle-I as of 6:15 a.m. ET)

- MS: 106k (+17k) (8%) customers without power
- TN: 164k (-45k) (6%) customers without power
- KY: 29k (-6k) (1%) customers without power

Transportation: Multiple road and airport closures reported throughout the affected areas

- MS: Tupelo Regional (TUP) closed until 1/27
 - MSDOT is prioritizing roadway clearance operations to support power restoration efforts
 - Tippah Electric Power Association (TPA) reporting one Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) distribution line has suffered catastrophic damage
- SC: Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP) closed
- TN: Jackson Regional Airport/McKellar-Sipes (MKL) closed until 1/27

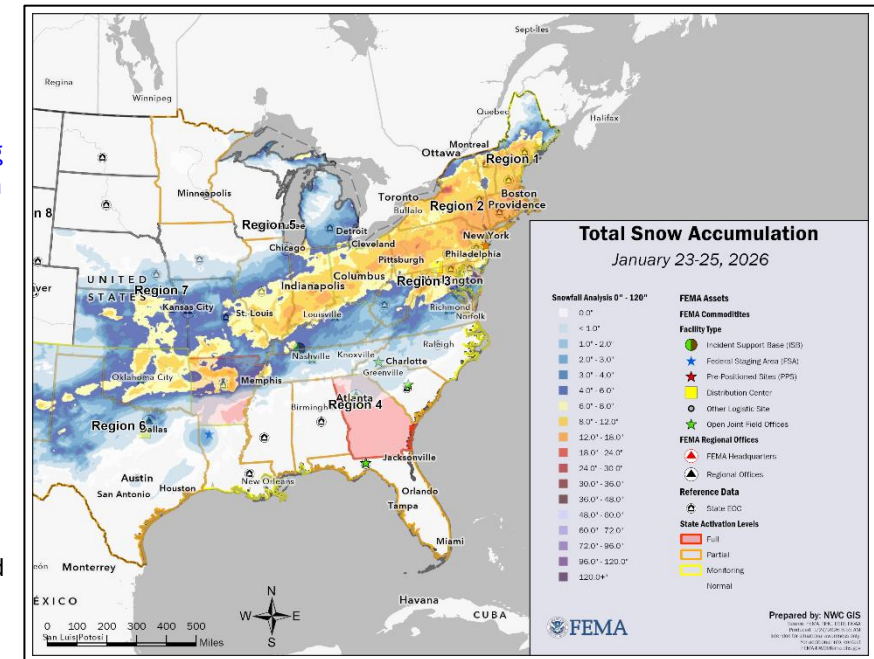
Communications: TN; Clay County working to fully restore communications with tri-county dispatch

State / Local / Tribal Response:

- AL and NC SEOCs are **Monitoring** (Severe Winter Storm)
- Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians EOC is Activated (Winter Storm)
- KY, MS, SC, and TN SEOCs at Partial Activation (Severe Winter Storm)
- GA SEOC at Full Activation (Severe Winter Storm)
 - GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, and TN emergency declarations approved

FEMA / Federal Response:

- RWC is Enhanced; RRCC at Level 3; R-IMAT 2 **deployed** to Jackson, MS
- All States have 2-3 temp power vendors each to pull capabilities for generators
- FIT LNOs deployed to all threatened states



(NWC GIS, as of 7:00 a.m. ET)



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Winter Storm: Southern Plains to Eastern U.S. – Region 6



Lifeline Impacts: (NRCC SLB, as of 6:00 p.m. ET, Jan 26)

Food, Hydration, Shelter:

- LA: 34 (+8) shelters open / 660 (+195) occupants
- OK: 5 (-8) shelters open / 192 (+3) occupants
- TX: 24 (-3) shelters open / 366 (+34) occupants

Health and Medical:

- AR: 2 confirmed fatalities
- LA: 3 (+1) confirmed fatalities

Water Systems: LA; 14 system outages affecting 24k people and 20 boil advisories affecting 96k people

Energy: 129k (-3k) total customers without power (<1%) (DOE Eagle-I as of 6:15 a.m. ET)

- LA: 97k (-13k) (4%) customers without power
- TX: 28k (-29k) (<1%) customers without power

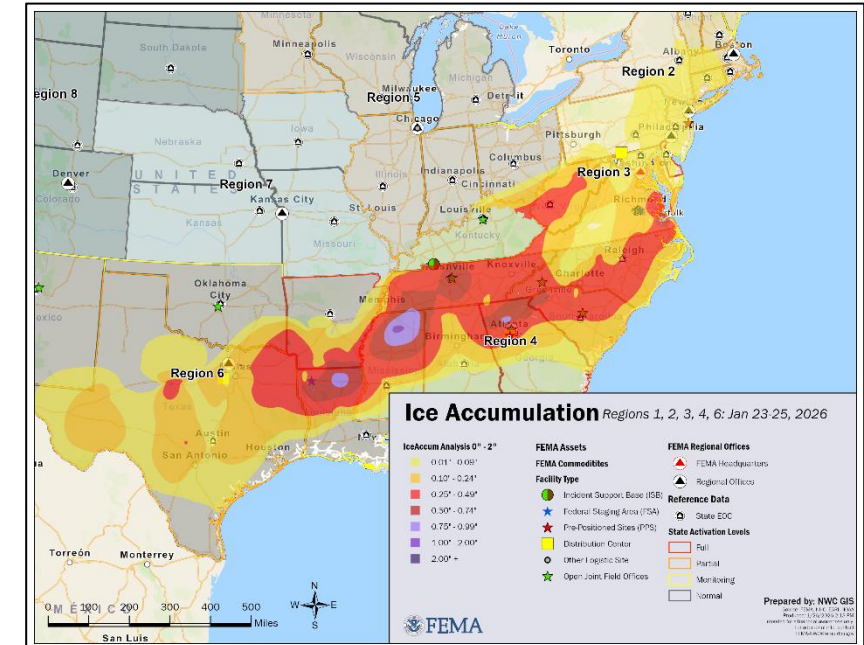
Transportation: LA; 19 closed roadways through impacted areas

State / Local / Tribal Response:

- AR SEOC at Full Activation (Winter Storm)
 - AR emergency declaration approved
- LA, NM, and OK SEOCs are Monitoring (Winter Storm)
 - LA emergency declaration approved
- TX SEOC at Partial Activation (Winter Storm)
- Mescalero Apache Tribe of NM opened their warming shelter and are working with ARC to get hot meals to those impacted by power outages

FEMA / Federal Response:

- Region 6 Watch/Denton MOC is Monitoring; RRCC at Level 3 (Winter Storm); R-IMAT 1 deployed to Austin, TX, and R-IMAT 2 deployed to Baton Rouge, LA
- FIT members in place in AR, NM, and OK



(NWC GIS, as of 7:00 a.m. ET)



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Winter Storm: Southern Plains to Eastern U.S. – Regions 1, 2, and 3

Lifeline Impacts: (ARC, as of 6:50 a.m. ET)

Food, Hydration, Shelter: Shelter populations are fluctuating in FEMA Region 3.

State / Local / Tribal Response:

FEMA Region 1:

- CT, MA, RI, and VT SEOCs at Partial Activation (Winter Storm)
- ME, NH, and Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe EOCs are Monitoring (Winter Storm)

FEMA Region 2:

- NJ, NY SEOCs have returned to Normal Operations (Winter Storm)
(Region 2 RWC, as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

FEMA Region 3:

- DC and MD EOCs are Monitoring (Winter Storm)
 - MD emergency declaration approved
- PA, VA, and WV SEOCs at Partial Activation (Winter Storm)
 - VA and WV emergency declarations approved
 - VA: 7 (-3) shelters open / 101 (+45) occupants (ARC, as of 6:50 a.m. ET)
 - WV: 3 (-5) shelters open / 2 (-23) occupants (ARC, as of 6:50 a.m. ET)
- DE SEOC at Full Activation (Winter Storm)

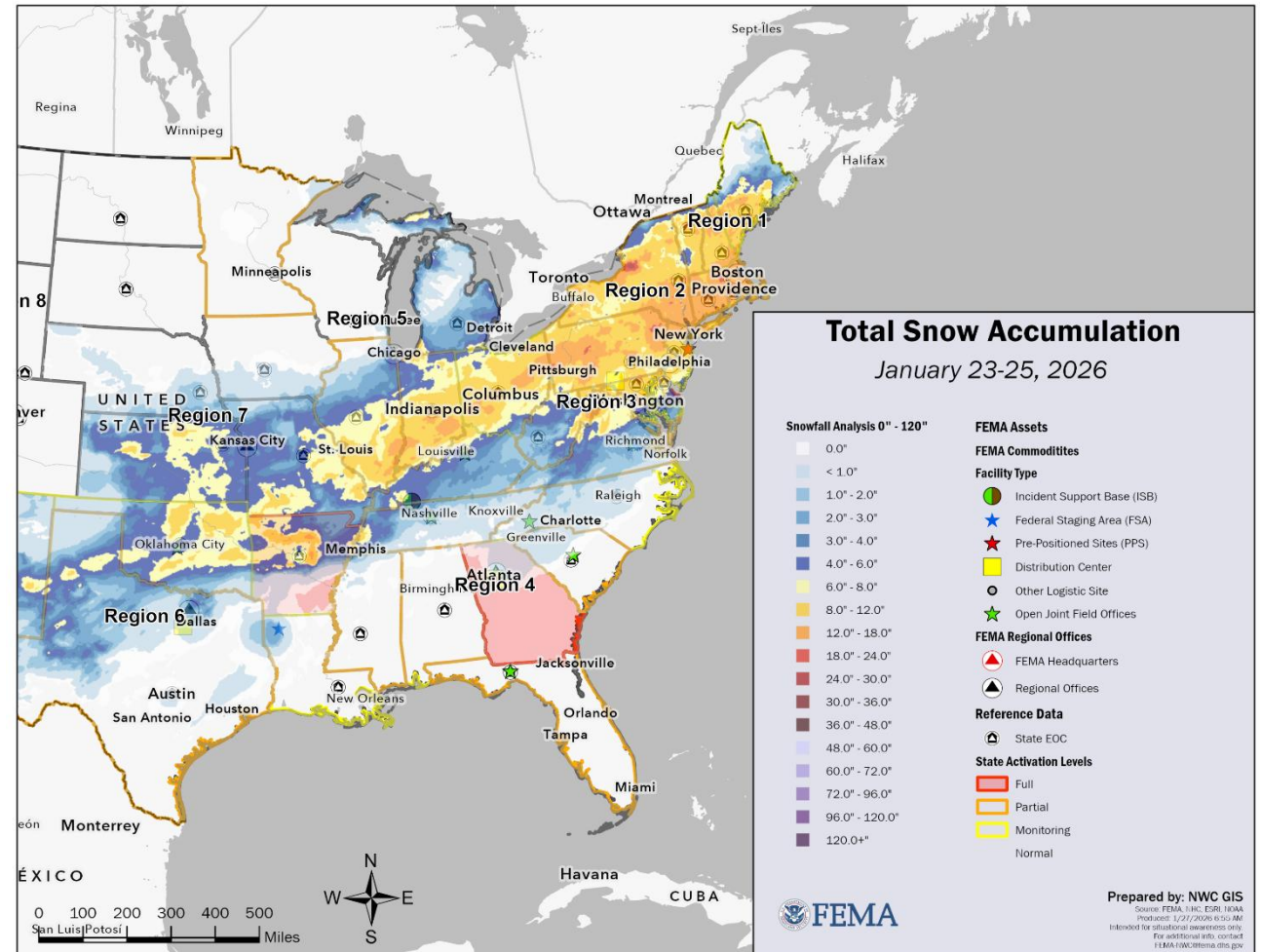
FEMA / Federal Response:

FEMA Region 1: Watch/Maynard MOC is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered

FEMA Region 2: RWC is Monitoring; RRCC at Level 3 (dayshift only)

FEMA Region 3:

- RWC is Monitoring; RRCC at Level 3 (Winter Storm); R-IMAT deployed to Richmond, VA
- All States have FIT personnel in place engaged within SEOCs



(NWC GIS, as of 7:00 a.m. ET)



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Winter Storm: Southern Plains to Eastern U.S. (cont.)

FEMA HQ / Other Federal Agency Response:

Department of Energy (DOE):

- DOE activated Energy Response Organization (ERO) to manage ESF #12 operations and coordinate with industry partners
- Several Independent System Operators (ISO) declared conservative operations
- DOE ESF #12 responders deployed (virtually) to FEMA Regions 3 & 6 RRCCs
- DOE coordinating with TVA to restore power in TN

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS):

- Coordinating with SLTT partners in preparation for potential staffing at SEOCs (state request)

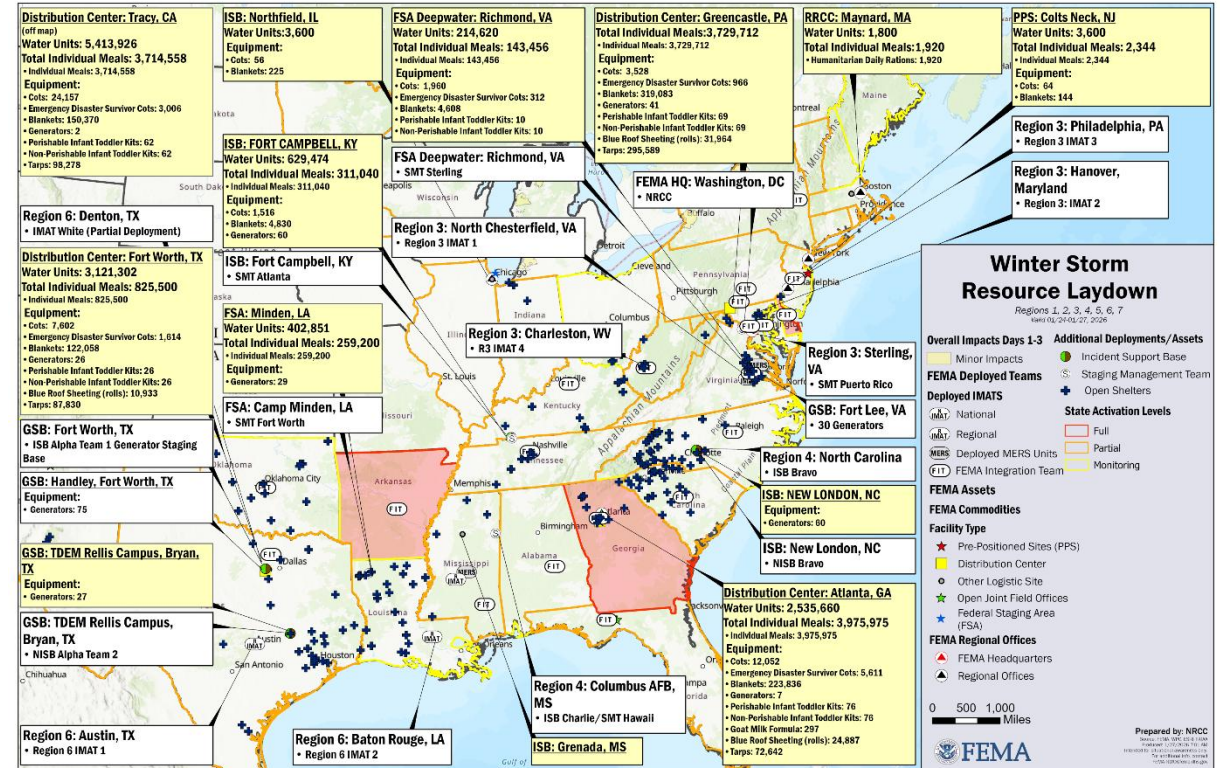
- Monitoring and prepared to staff FEMA NRCC and FEMA RRCCs as needed

Department of Transportation (DOT):

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

HQ:

- NWC at Enhanced Watch; NRCC at Level 3
- National Incident Support Base (NISB) Alpha Team 1 deployed to Ft. Worth, TX
- NISB Alpha Team 2 deployed to Bryan, TX
- NISB Bravo deployed to New London, NC
- NISB Team Charlie deploying to Columbus AFB, MS NLT 6:00 p.m. ET, 1/27
- SMT Ft. Worth deployed to Camp Minden, LA
- SMT Atlanta deployed to Fort Campbell, KY
- SMT Sterling deployed to Richmond, VA
- SMT Puerto Rico deployed to Sterling, VA
- SMT Hawaii deploying to Columbus AFB, MS NLT 6:00 p.m. ET, 1/27
- N-IMAT White deployed an advance team to Denton, TX; remainder of team on Alert



(NRCC GIS, as of 7:00 a.m. ET)

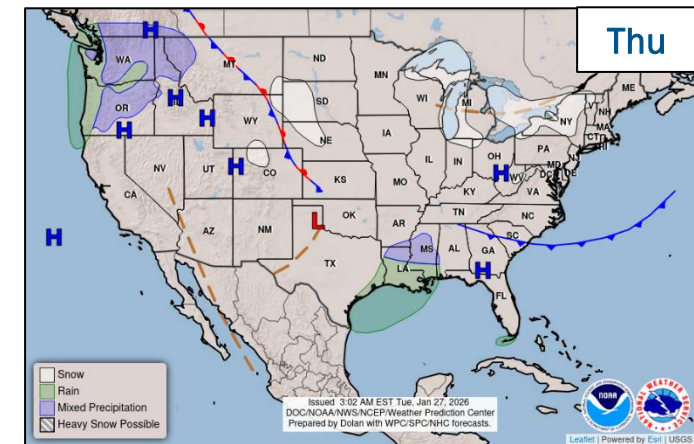
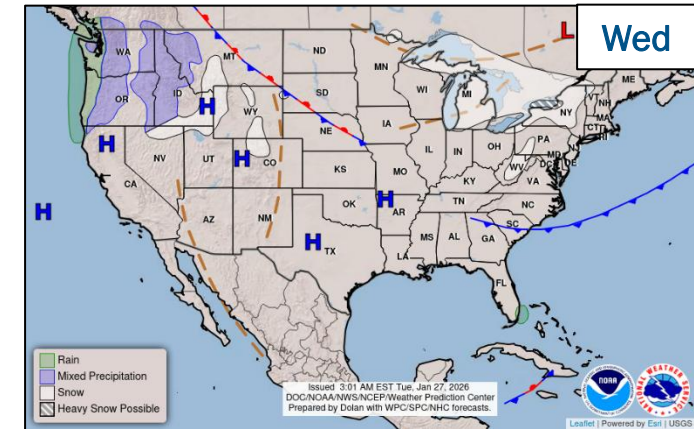
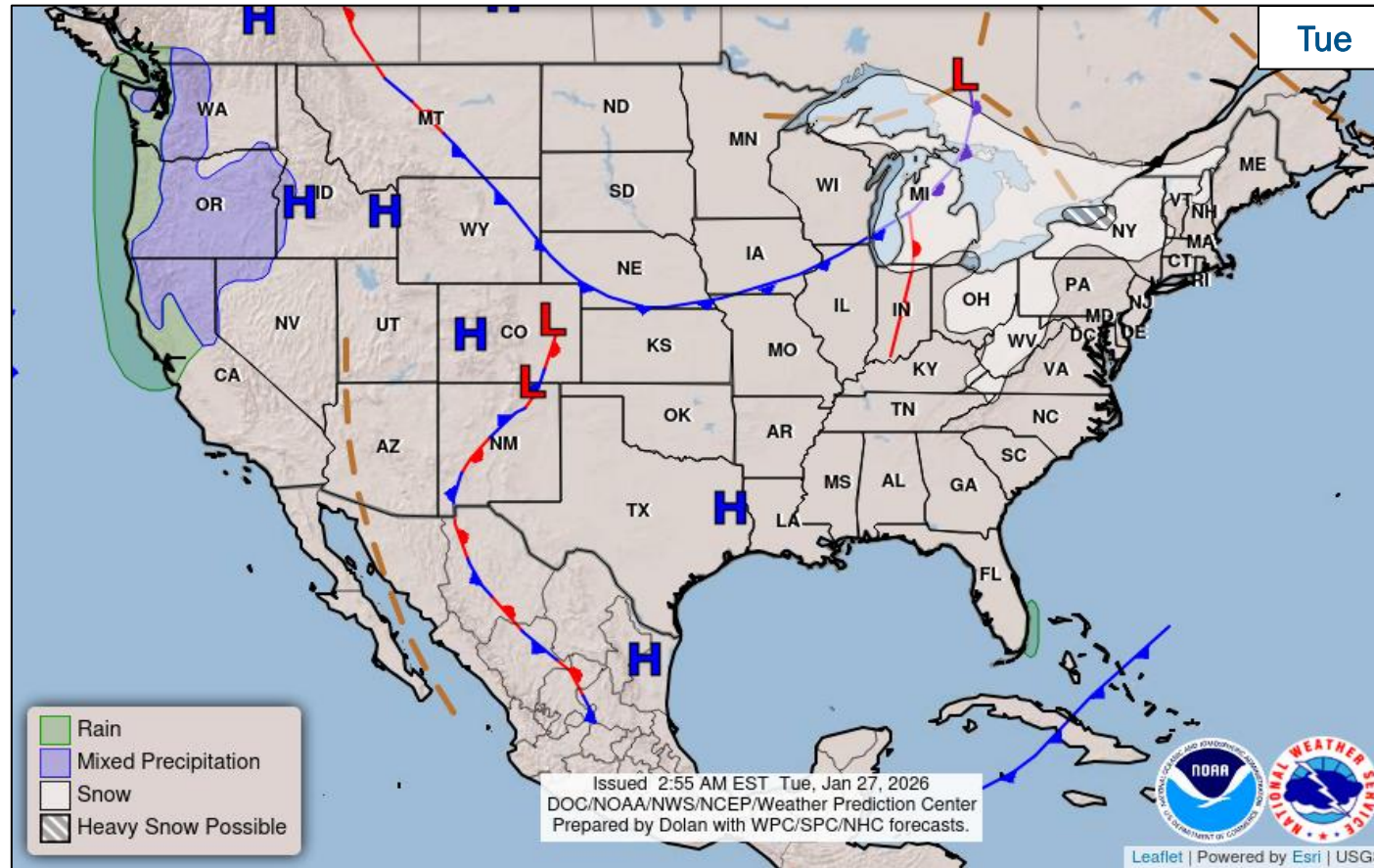
NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Reporting will continue in the FEMA National Situation Report (5:00 p.m. / 3:00 a.m. ET) and the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET).



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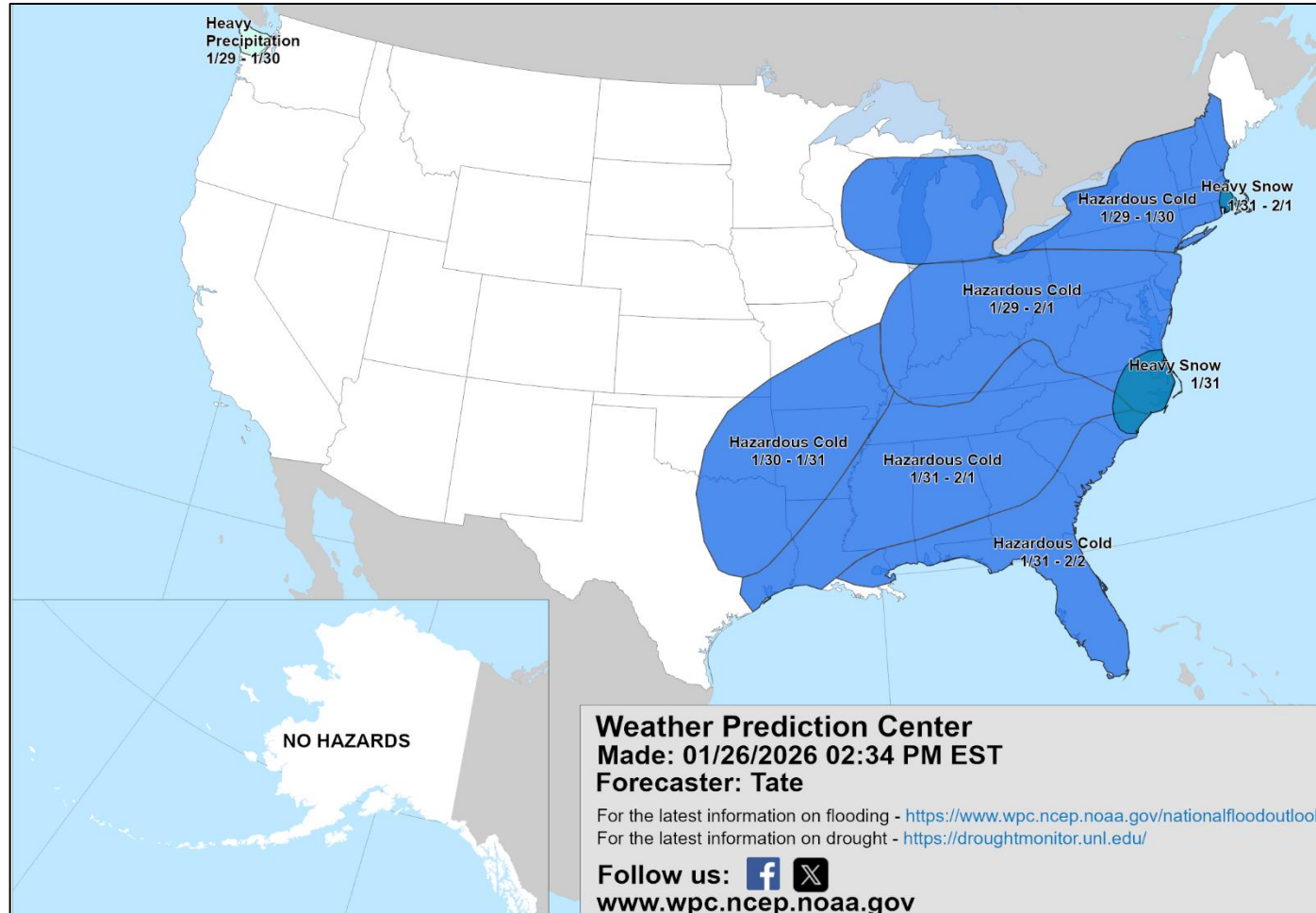
National Weather Forecast



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Hazards Outlook – Jan 29 – Feb 2



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NWC

Enhanced

NRCC

Level 3

FEMA REGIONS

Watch

Monitoring

RRCC

R1

R2

R3

R4

R5

R6

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Notes:

NRCC/RWCCs/RRCCs:

• NRCC/NWC: Winter Storm

• R2/R3/R4/R6 RRCC: Level 3 (Winter Storm)

• R4 Watch: Enhanced (Winter Storm)

IMATs:

• NSTR

State EOCs:

• HI: Wildfires

• FL: Previous Incidents

• AL/AR/CT/DC/DE/GA/IL/IN/KY/LA/MA/MD/ME/MS/NC/NH/NM/OH/OK/PA/RI/SC/TN/TX/VA/VT/WV: Winter Storm

• MN: Civil Unrest

Surge Capacity Force

Rostered

7,969

Deployed

0

N-IMATs

2-5 Teams Available

Red

White

Blue

Gold

HS

TX (Jan 25)

VA (Jan 22)

MS (Jan 27)

TX (Jan 22)

LA (Jan 22)

MO (Oct 27)

2

1

3

Fully Mission Capable (FMC)

Partially Mission Capable (PMC)

Not Mission Capable (NMC)

Deployed

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	0	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	1	2	3	0
R4	6	15	11	1
R5	0	0	1	0
R6	2	4	3	3
R7	0	0	0	0
R8	1	2	1	0
R9	0	0	0	0
R10	1	1	0	0

Alaska

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Guam

American Samoa

Hawaii

Map of the United States showing FEMA regions and active incidents.

Kansas City, MO

DR-4872-MO

• R7 IMAT

Fort Campbell, KY

• SMT Atlanta

Sterling, VA

• SMT Puerto Rico

Richmond, VA

• SMT Sterling

North Chesterfield, VA

• R3 IMAT

• MERS

New London, NC

• ISB Bravo

Elevated Fire Wx

Denton, TX

• NIMAT White

Fort Worth, TX

• ISB Alpha Team 1

Austin, TX

• R6 IMAT 1

Bryan, TX

• ISB Alpha Team 2

Camp Minden, LA

• SMT Fort Worth

Baton Rouge, LA

• R6 IMAT 2

Jackson, MS

• R4 IMAT 2

Columbus AFB, MS

• SMT Hawaii/ISB Charlie

Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands

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Legend

FEMA HQ

Regional Offices

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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 Fires

State Activation

Full

Partial

Monitoring

Declared Counties

IM Workforce

11,528 (-1) Assigned

4,260 (-36) Unavailable

3,138 (+109) Deployed

36% / 4,130 (-74) Available

IM Cadre Availability

Civil Rights: 23% (23/98); Disability Integration: 24% (4/17); External Affairs: 23% (64/283); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 17% (112/659); Field Leadership: 14% (17/119); Hazard Mitigation: 18% (140/776); Planning: 19% (67/349); Safety: 21% (19/89)

8 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned

6 Unavailable

0 (-1) Deployed

30 (+1) Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned

1 Unavailable

0 Deployed

27 Available

FCO

2 Type I

36 Assigned

1 Unavailable

27 (+4) (14 (+4) FCOR) Deployed

8 (-4) Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Completed	
R10	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 – 17

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
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

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



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