

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, January 28, 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

- Heavy Snow – Great Lakes

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – SD

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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

Situation: FEMA and other federal agencies are coordinating with SLTT and private sector partners to deploy assets and communicate with affected areas to identify unmet needs. Extremely cold air following the storm will extend hazardous travel and infrastructure impacts through midweek, with additional snow possible over the weekend.

Lifeline Impacts: (NRCC SLB, as of 6:00 p.m. ET, Jan 27)

Food, Hydration, Shelter: Multiple shelters open throughout affected regions, with populations continuing to fluctuate. (ARC, as of 6:48 a.m. ET, Jan 28 and NRCC SLB, as of 6:00 p.m. ET, Jan 27)

- KY: 10 shelters open / 93 occupants
- NC: 15 (-14) shelters open / 181 (+61) occupants
- MS: 12 (+7) shelters open / 444 (+334) occupants
- SC: 2 (-7) shelters open / 27 (-99) occupants
- TN: 13 (+1) shelters open / 802 (+337) occupants

Health and Medical: Multiple fatalities reported.

- HHS, MS, and TN officials address healthcare infrastructure concerns and potential shortfalls; most state/local officials report local resources are sufficient to support operations.
- MS: 3 (+2) confirmed fatalities
 - 67 warming facilities open, some converting to ARC shelters (R4 Watch, as of 3:45 p.m. ET)
 - Oxygen tanks requested by State for residents (R4, as of 12:30 p.m. ET)
- TN: 6 (+3) confirmed fatalities
 - 30+ healthcare facilities on generator power statewide. All facilities have adequate support from local/state resources.

Water Systems: Multiple potable and wastewater facilities affected.

- MS: 10 (+1) non-operational drinking water facilities affecting 17k; 47 partially operational drinking water facilities affecting 88k; 9 partially operational wastewater facilities
- KY: 16 (+3) partially operational, pop 316k (6 under Boil Water Advisories, affecting 10k)
- TN: 16 partially operational affecting 36k, (12 under Boil Water Advisories, affecting 34k); 5 (-1) non-operational affecting 3k

Energy: 324k total customers without power (1%) (DOE Eagle-I as of 8:15 a.m. ET)

- MS: 93k (-5k) / 7% (-1) customers without power
 - TN: 123k (-7) / 4% customers without power
- Transportation: Multiple road and airport closures reported throughout the affected areas.

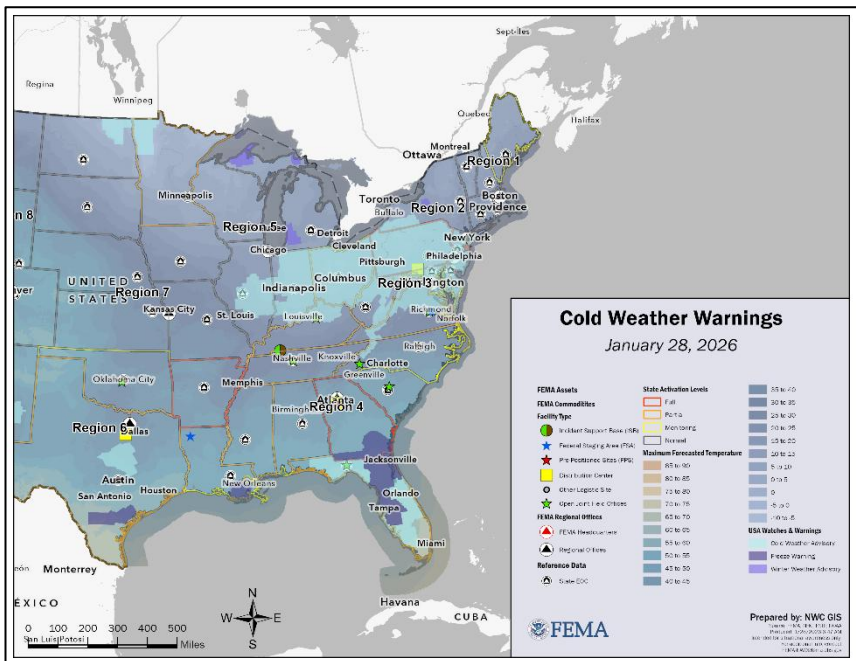
- MS: Tupelo Regional (TUP) is open
- MS: Greenville Mid-Delta (GLH) closed
 - MSDOT is focusing on areas of greatest need
 - Tiptah Electric Power Association (TPA) reporting 1 Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) distribution line has suffered catastrophic damage
- TN: Jackson Regional Airport/McKellar-Sipes (MKL) is closed
- SC: Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP) is open
- KY: DOT and KY National Guard resources are employed to address issues; response remain within state and local capabilities

Communications: Service restoration efforts ongoing.

- TN: Clay County working to fully restore communications with tri-county dispatch
- TN: 194 cell sites down; industry partners are responding; no requests for federal assistance

State / Local Response:

- SC SEOC at Normal Operations
- AL and NC SEOCs are Monitoring (Winter Storm)
- KY, MS, and TN SEOCs at Partial Activation (Winter Storm)



Source: NWC GIS

State / Local Response:

- GA SEOC at Full Activation (Winter Storm)
- GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, and TN emergency declarations approved

FEMA / Federal Response:

- RWC is Enhanced; RRCC at Level 3; R4-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
- Public Assistance team en route to MS to support joint IA Preliminary Damage Assessments



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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 27)

Food, Hydration, Shelter: Multiple shelters open throughout affected regions, with populations continuing to fluctuate. (ARC, as of 6:48 a.m. ET, Jan 28)

- AR: 8 shelters open / 0 occupants
- LA: 34 shelters open / 660 occupants
- TX: 24 shelters open / 351 (-15) occupants

Health and Medical: Multiple fatalities reported.

- AR: 2 confirmed fatalities
- LA: 8 (+5) confirmed fatalities

Water Systems: Multiple potable and wastewater facilities affected.

- LA:
 - 16 (+2) water system outages affecting 23k
 - 45 under Boil Water Advisories affecting 146k
 - 14 system outages affecting 24k and 20 boil advisories affecting 96k

Energy: 100k total customers without power (1%) (DOE Eagle-I as of 8:15 a.m. ET)

- LA: 77k (-1k) (3%) customers without power

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

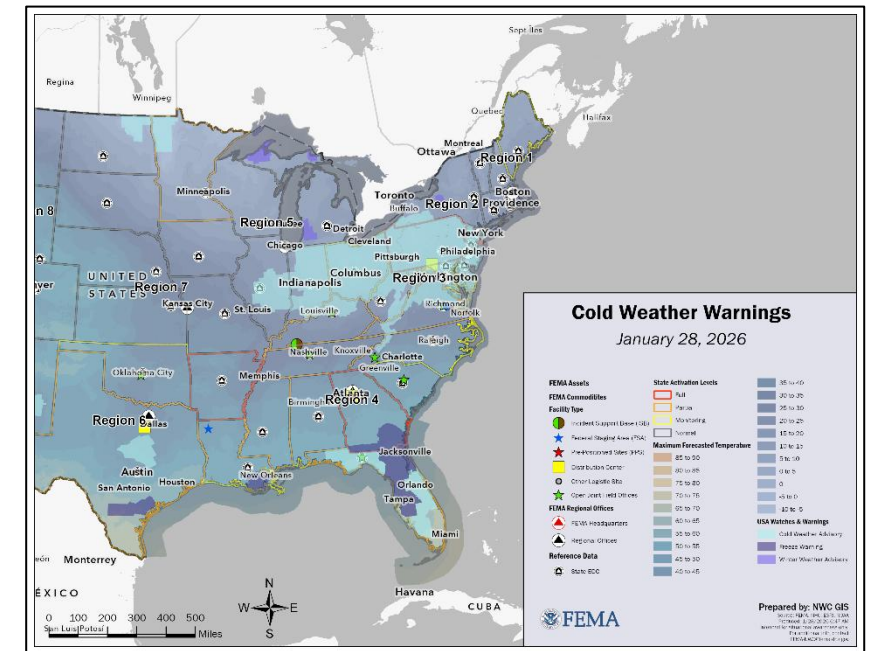
- LA:
 - 19 closed roadways through impacted areas
 - Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) personnel coordinating roadway closures and openings, deicing, and vehicle recovery operations.

State / Local / Tribal Response:

- NM SEOC at Normal Operations
- AR SEOC at Full Activation (Winter Storm)
 - AR emergency declaration approved
- LA 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
- Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma EOC is transitioning to Level 3

FEMA / Federal Response:

- 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



Source: NWC GIS



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MD								
VA								
WV								

- 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 **deployed** to Columbus AFB, MS
- 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 **deployed** to Columbus AFB, MS



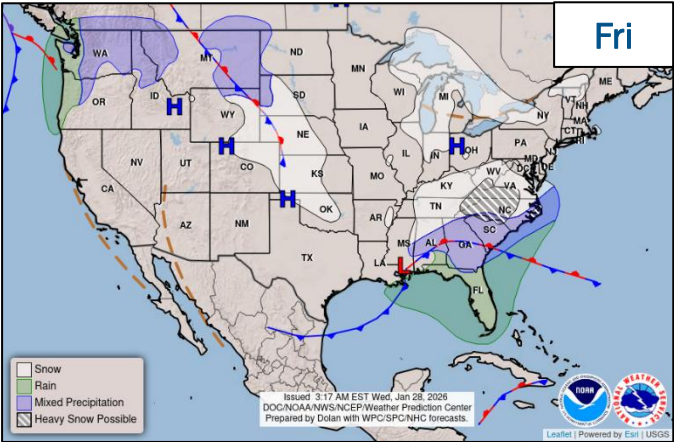
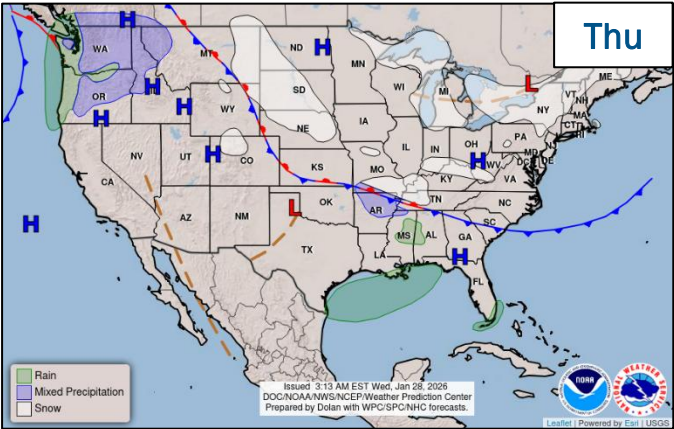
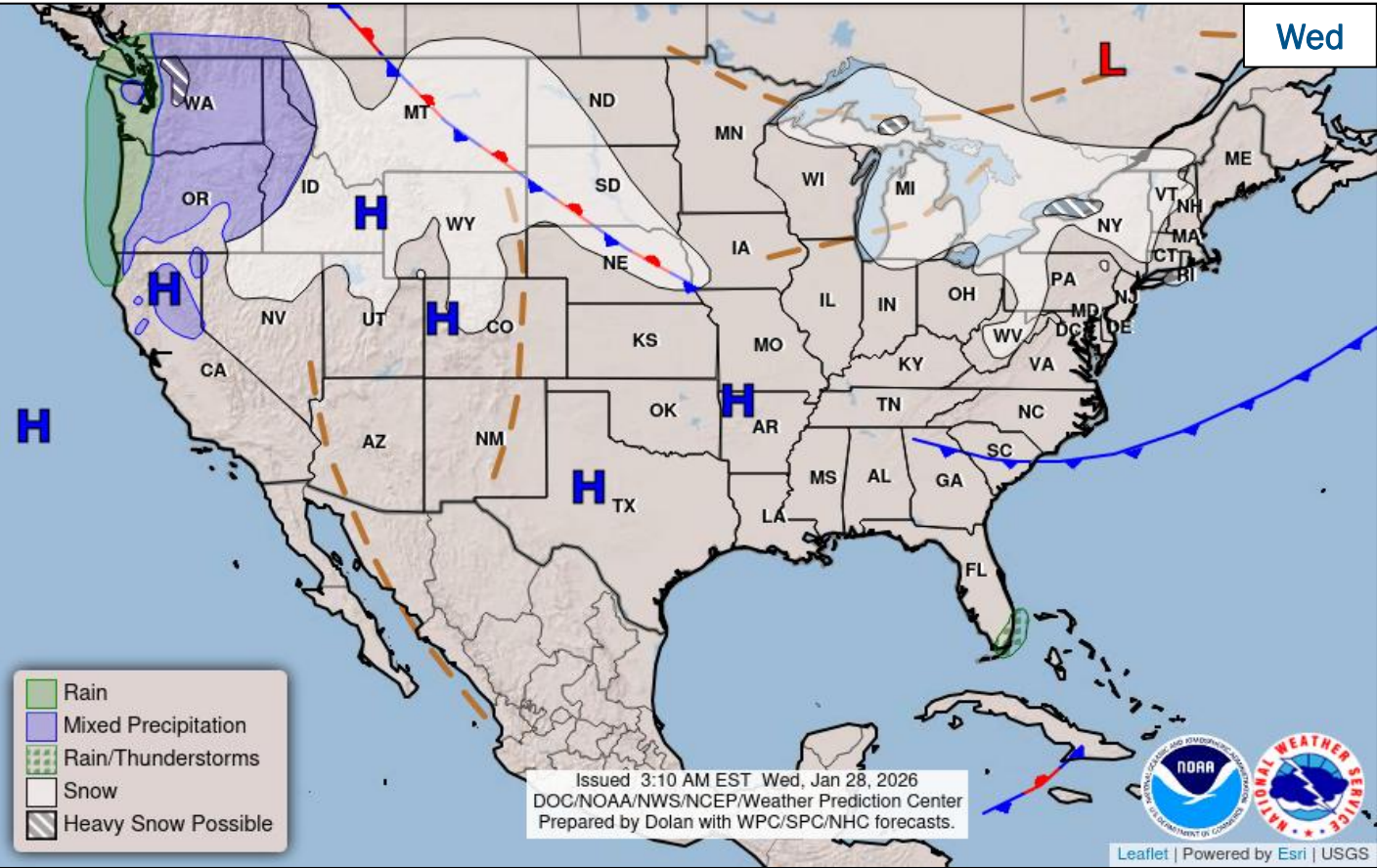
NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Regions 3, 4, and 6. Reporting will continue in the FEMA National Situation Report (5:00 p.m. / 3:00 a.m. ET) and the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET).



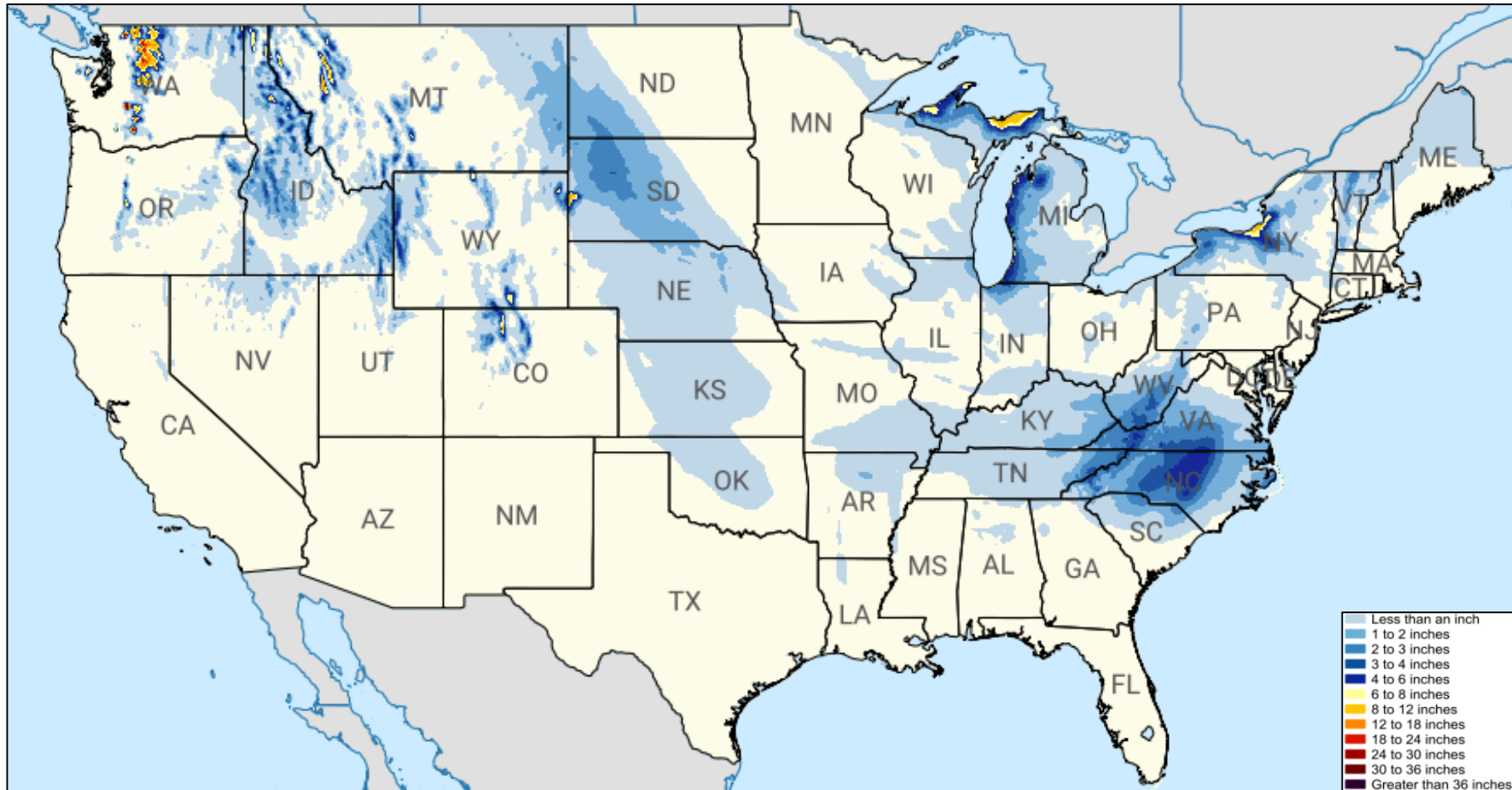
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National Weather Forecast



Snowfall Forecast



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

11

Joint Field
Offices

Supporting

24

Major
Disasters

+

19

Emergency
Declarations

8

Direct Housing
Missions

8

RSF-Supported
Disasters

6

Joint Recovery
Offices

FEDERAL HQ

NWC

Enhanced

NRCC

Level 3

FEDERAL REGIONS

Watch

R1

R2

R3

R4

R5

R6

R7

R8

R9

R10

RRCC

Rostered

Rostered

Level 3

Level 3

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Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

• NRCC/NWC: Winter Storm

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

• R4 Watch: Enhanced (Winter Storm)

State EOCs:

• HI: Wildfires

• FL: Previous Incidents

• AL/AR/DC/GA/KY/LA/MD/ME/MS/NC/OH/OK/PA/TN/TX/VA/WV: Winter Storm

• MN: Civil Unrest

IMATs:

• NIMAT White: Deployed to LA (Winter Storm)

Surge Capacity Force

Rostered

7,968 (-1)

Deployed

0

N-IMATs

2-5 Teams Available

Red

White

Blue

Gold

HS

LA (Jan 25)

R-IMATs

≥ 7 Teams Available

R1

R2

R3

R4 (1)

R4 (2)

R5

R6 (1)

R6 (2)

R7

R8

R9 (1)

R9 (2)

R10

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

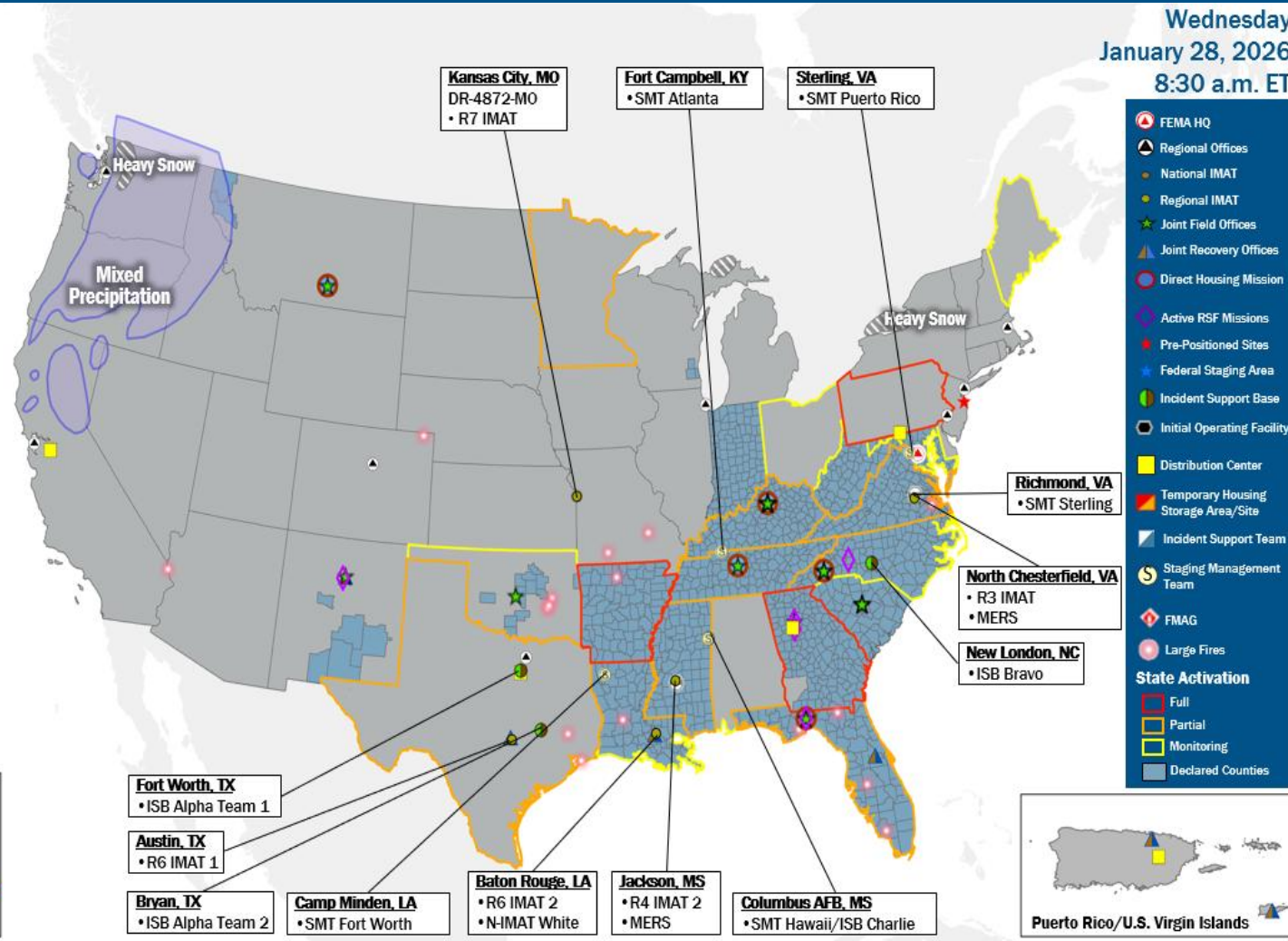
Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Guam

Flash Flooding Poss.

American Samoa

Hawaii



IM Workforce

11,524 (-4) Assigned

4,260 Unavailable

3,162 (+24) Deployed

36% / 4,102 (-28) Available

IM Cadre Availability

8 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 22% (22/98); Disability Integration: 24% (4/17); External Affairs: 23% (66/282); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 17% (110/659); Field Leadership: 13% (16/119); Hazard Mitigation: 18% (143/776); Planning: 19% (68/349); Safety: 20% (18/89)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned

6 Unavailable

0 Deployed

30 Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned

1 Unavailable

0 Deployed

27 Available

FCO

2 Type I

36 Assigned

1 Unavailable

27 (14 FCOR) Deployed

8 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 Request – South Dakota

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – SD

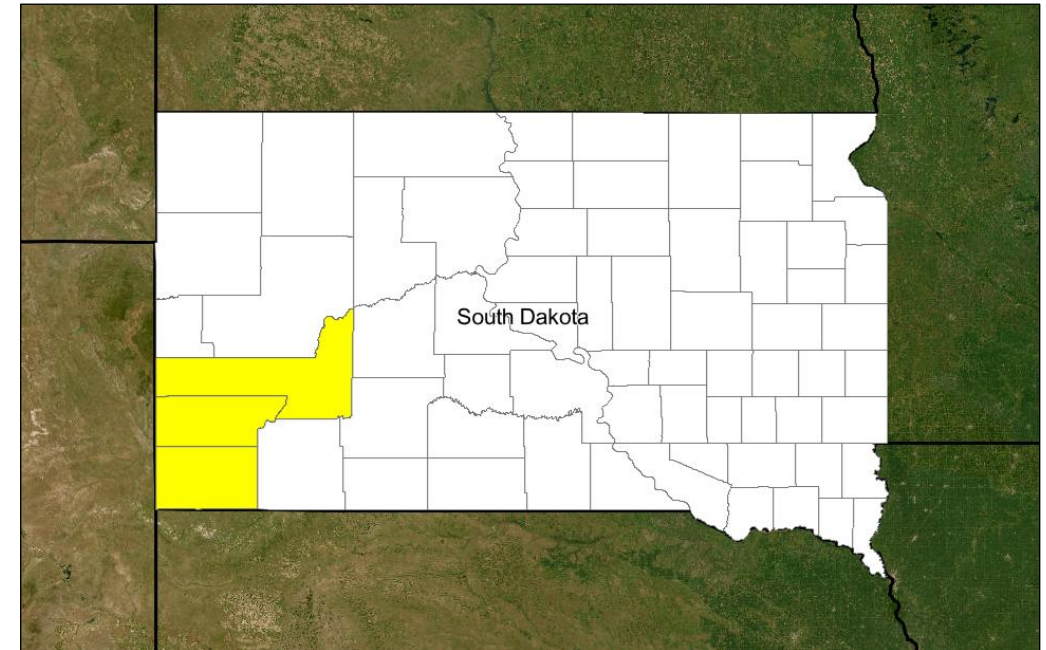
Requested: Jan 27

Incident: Straight-Line Winds

Incident Period: Dec 17-18, 2025

Requested:

- **PA:** 3 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



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Declaration Requests in Process – 18

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 – 18 (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
SD – Straight-Line Winds	DR		X	X	Jan 27



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