

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, January 29, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

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

Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy Snow – Great Lakes to Northeast

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Amendment No. 1 to FEMA-3640-EM-MS
- Amendment No. 1 to FEMA-3635-EM-TN
- Amendment No. 1 to FEMA-3638-EM-LA

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Winter Storm – Southern Rockies to Eastern U.S. – Regions 4 & 6

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 28)

Food, Hydration, Shelter:

FEMA Region 4:

- MS: 12 shelters open / 444 occupants
- TN: 13 shelters open / 802 occupants
- KY: 9 (-1) shelters open / 93 occupants

FEMA Region 6:

- LA: 26 (-8) shelters open / 693 (+33) occupants

Health and Medical:

FEMA Region 4:

- MS: 7 (+4) confirmed fatalities
- TN: 10 (+4) confirmed fatalities

FEMA Region 6:

- LA: 8 confirmed fatalities

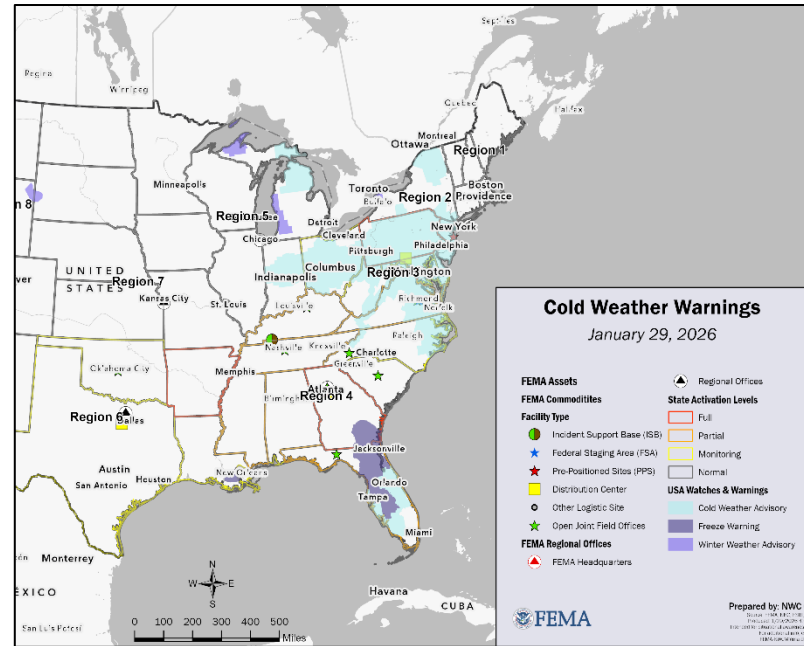
Water Systems:

FEMA Region 4:

- MS: 13 (+3) non-operational drinking water facilities affecting 18k (+1k); 85 (+48) partially operational drinking water facilities affecting 88k; 9 partially operational wastewater facilities
- TN: 15 (-1) partially operational affecting 4.7k (-31k), 12 under Boil Water Advisories, affecting 7k (-27k)
- 5 non-operational affecting 3k (-500)
- KY: 11 (-5) partially operational drinking water facilities affecting 105k (-211k); 6 of the drinking water systems are under boil water advisories, affecting 67k (+57)

FEMA Region 6:

- LA: 13 (-3) water system outages affecting 11k (-12k); 66 (+21) systems under Boil Water Advisories



Energy: (DOE Eagle-I, as of 8:00 am, ET, Jan 29)

FEMA Region 4:

- MS: 77k (+17k) / 6% (+2) customers without power
- TN: 98k (-24k) / 3% customers without power

FEMA Region 6:

- LA: 5 (-3) parishes have power outages >25% of customers with a total population of 53k (-7k) (NRCC DOE ESF #12, as of 9:20 a.m. ET, Jan 29)

Transportation:

FEMA Region 4:

- MS: Greenville Mid-Delta (GLH) airport remains closed
- TN: Jackson Regional Airport/McKellar-Sipes (MKL) remains closed
- KY: Snowplows are actively clearing roadways; response remains within the capabilities of state and locals

FEMA Region 6:

- LA: Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) personnel coordinating roadway closures and openings, deicing, and vehicle recovery operations.

Communications:

FEMA Region 4:

- TN: 88 (-106) cell sites down; services are improving

FEMA Region 6:

- LA: All Louisiana wireless information network towers are operational; 10 towers on generator power



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Winter Storm – Southern Rockies to Eastern U.S. Regions 4 & 6 (cont.)

State / Local / Tribal Response:

FEMA Region 4:

- AL and NC SEOCs are Monitoring
- GA, KY, MS, and TN SEOCs at Partial Activation (Winter Storm)

FEMA Region 6:

- LA is Monitoring (Winter Storm)
- The Jena Band of Choctaw Indians of Louisiana has one facility on generator power; they are continuing to monitor

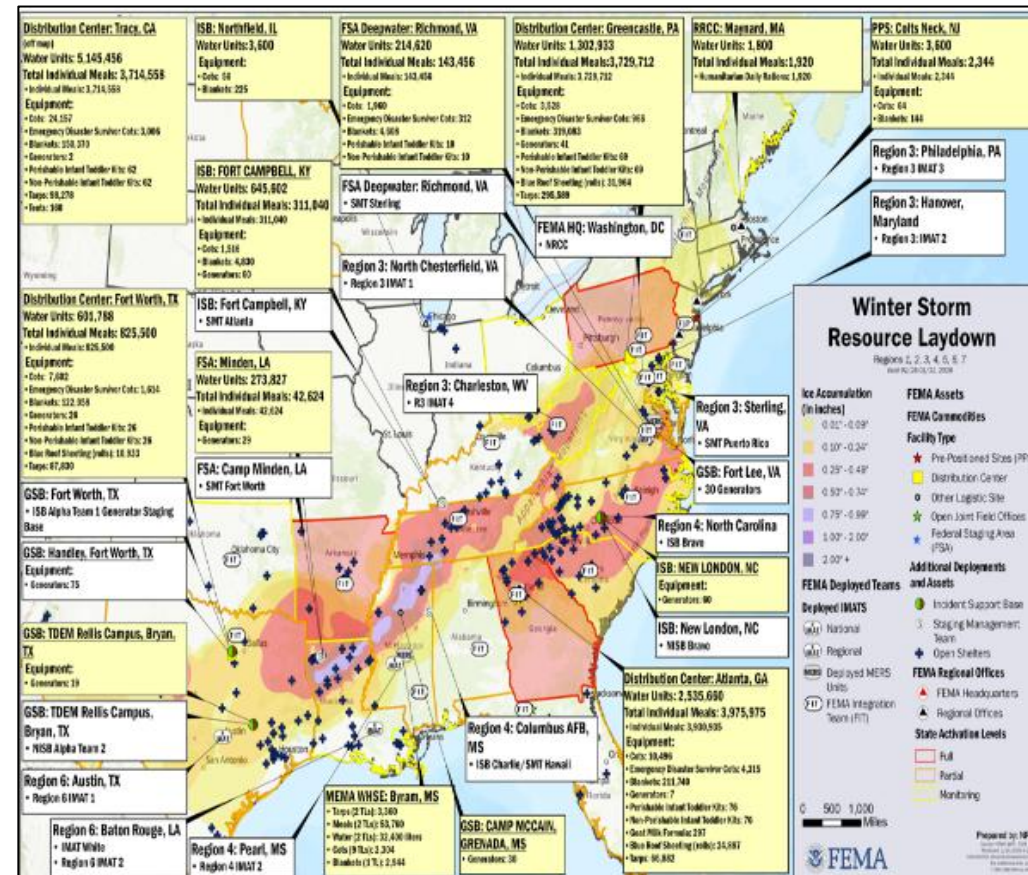
FEMA Regional Response:

FEMA Region 4:

- RWC is **Monitoring**; 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

FEMA Region 6:

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



(NRCC GIS, as of 5:28 p.m. ET, Jan 28)

NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with affected FEMA Regions. 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).

FEMA HQ/Federal Response

Department of Energy (DOE):

- DOE activated Energy Response Organization (ERO) to manage ESF #12 operations and coordinate with industry partners
- DOE coordinating with TVA to restore power in TN

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS):

- HHS is working with state officials in MS and TN to address any concerns regarding healthcare infrastructure and potential shortfalls; most state and local officials report that local resources are sufficient to support operations on the ground

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

- States are making priority assessments of warming centers and critical facilities, in coordination with PRTs, in Union, Carroll, Sharkey, and Montgomery counties in Mississippi

HQ:

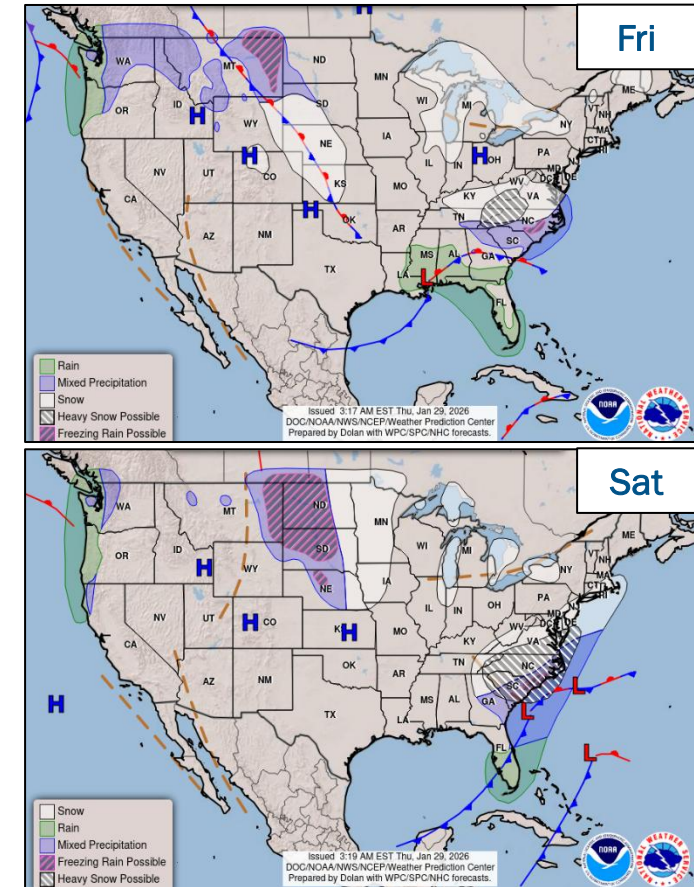
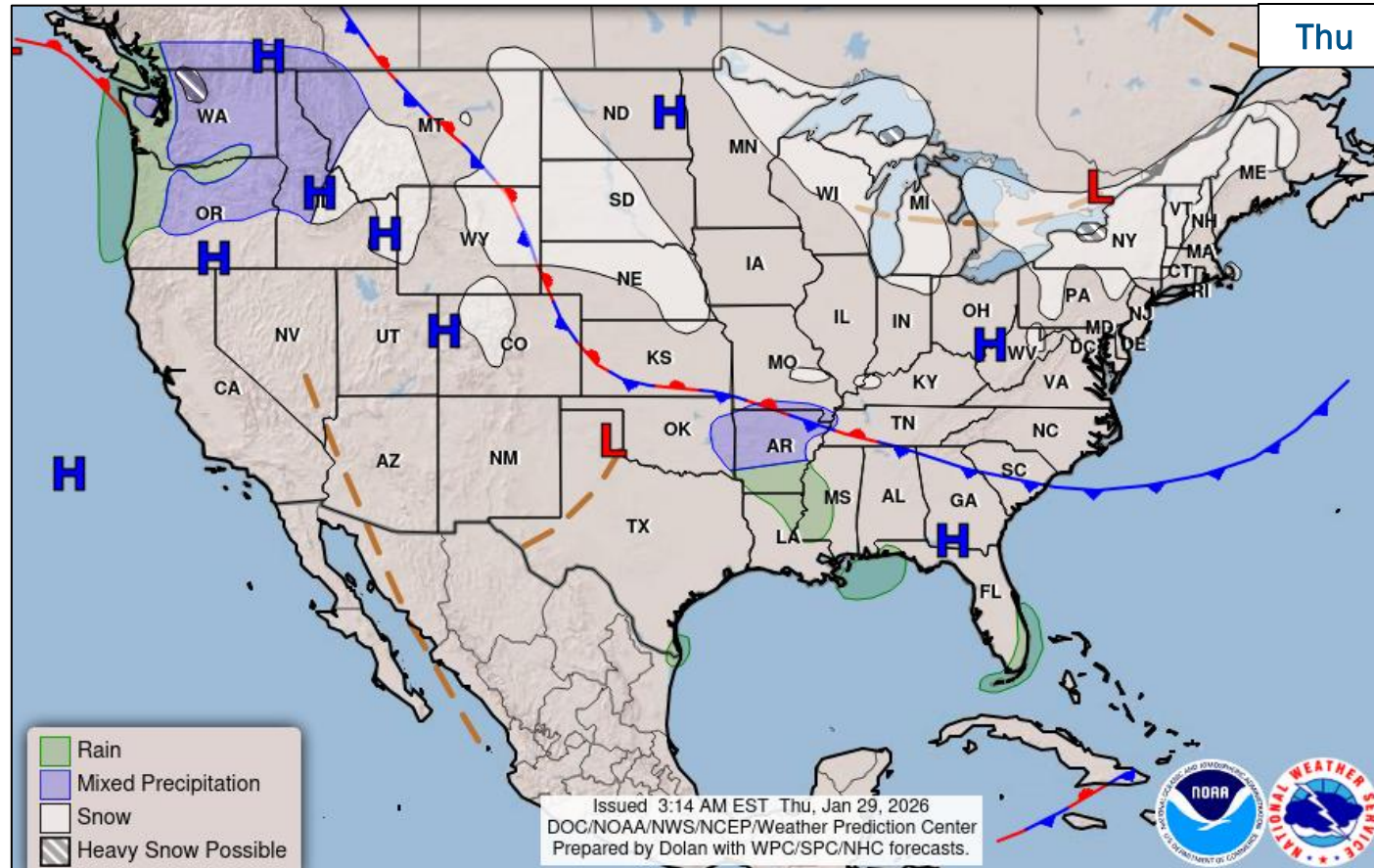
- NWC at Enhanced Watch; NRCC at Level 3; N-IMAT White deploying to LA
- NISB Alpha Team 1 deployed to Ft. Worth, TX
- NISB Alpha Team 2 deployed to Bryan, TX
- NISB Bravo deployed to New London, NC
- NISB Team Charlie deployed to Columbus AFB, MS
- SMT Ft. Worth deployed to Camp Minden, LA
- SMT Atlanta deployed to Fort Campbell, KY
- SMT Sterling deployed to Richmond, VA
- SMT Puerto Rico and Bothell deploying to Columbus AFB, MS
- SMT Hawaii deployed to Columbus AFB, MS



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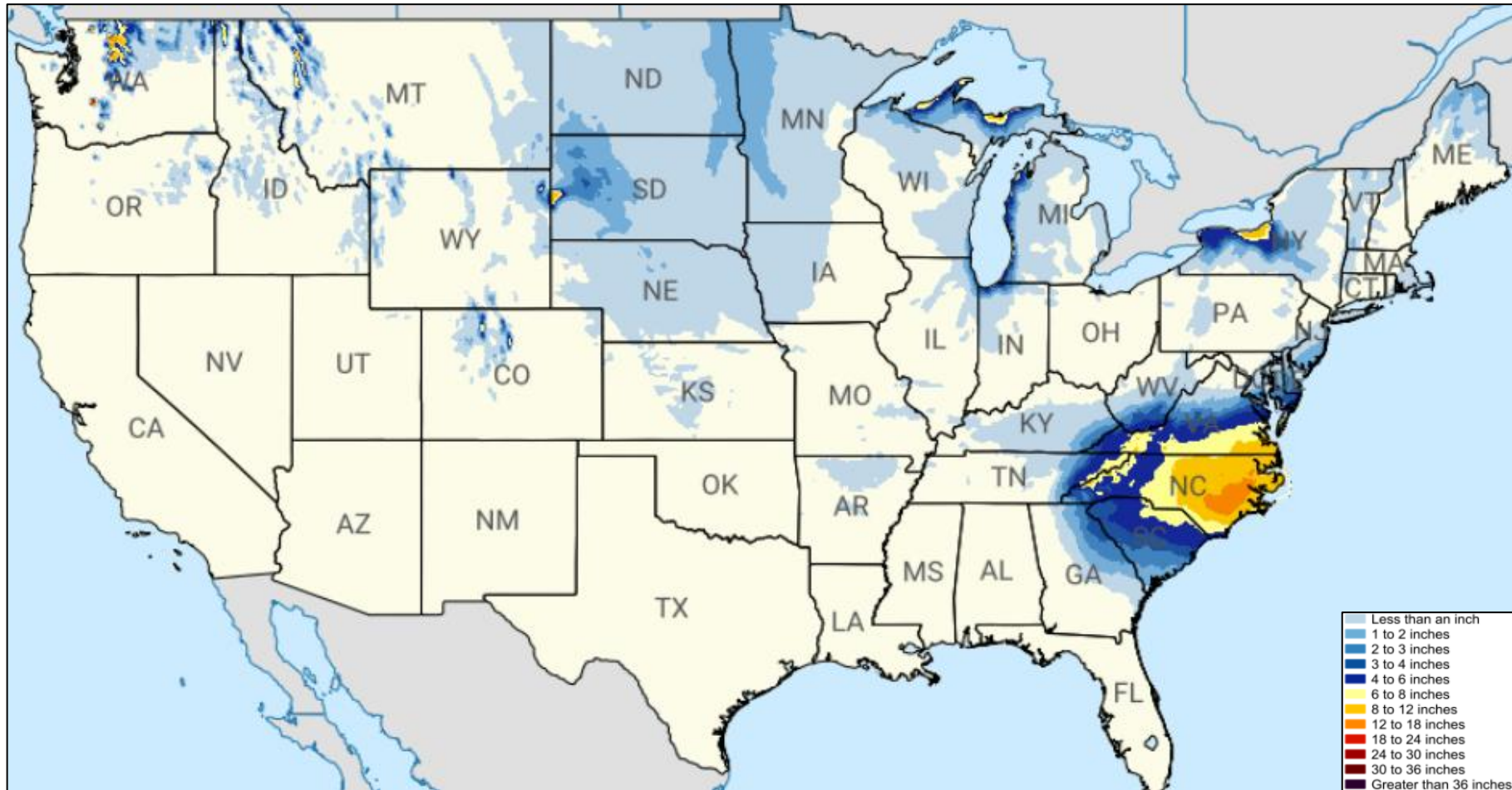
National Weather Forecast



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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

Thursday
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Enhanced

NRCC

Level 3

FEMA REGIONS

Watch

Monitoring

R1

R2

R3

R4

R5

R6

R7

R8

R9

R10

RRCC

Rostered

Rostered

Enhanced

Rostered

Level 3

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Notes:

NRCC/RWCCs/RRCCs:

• NRCC/NWC: Winter Storm

• R3 RRCC: Enhanced (Winter Storm)

• R4/R6 RRCC: Level 3 (Winter Storm)

IMATs:

• NIMAT White: Deployed to LA (Winter Storm)

State EOCs:

• HI: Wildfires

• FL: Previous Incidents

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

• PR: Influenza Epidemic

Surge Capacity Force

Rostered

7,968

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)

Reconstituting

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

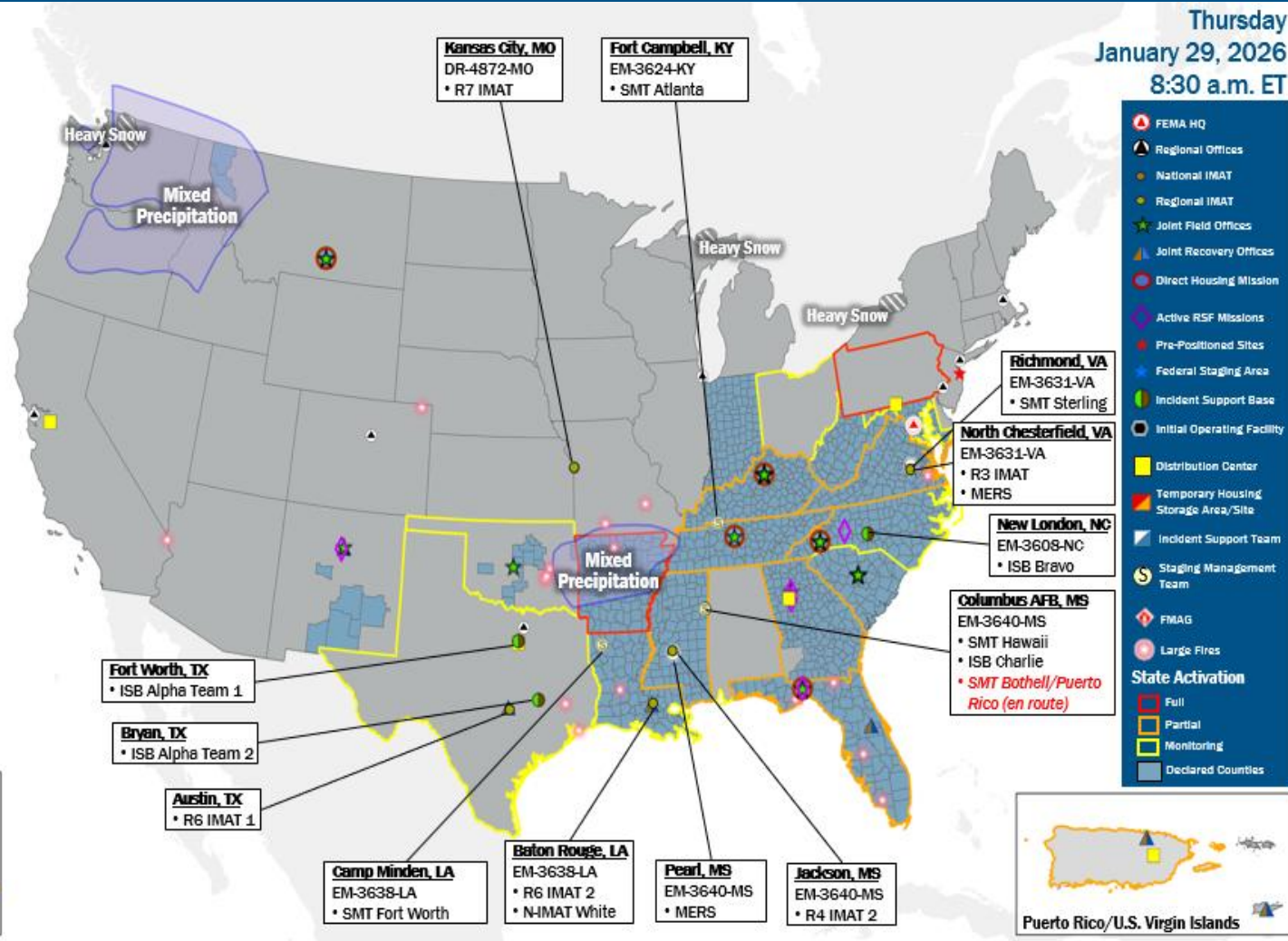
Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Guam

Flash Flooding Poss.

American Samoa

Hawaii



IM Workforce

11,440 (-84) Assigned

4,195 (-65) Unavailable

3,176 (+14) Deployed

36% / 4,069 (+33) Available

IM Cadre Availability

8 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 20% (19/95); Disability Integration: 19% (3/16); External Affairs: 22% (62/279); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 17% (111/655); Field Leadership: 13% (15/116); Hazard Mitigation: 17% (135/772); Planning: 18% (63/346); Safety: 22% (19/88)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned

6 Unavailable

2 (+2) Deployed

28 (-2) Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned

1 Unavailable

0 Deployed

27 Available

FCO

2 Type I

36 Assigned

2 (+1) Unavailable

27 (20 (+6) FCO) Deployed

7 (-1) 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 – 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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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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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-3640-EM-MS	1	Jan 28	Amendment to include reimbursement of emergency protective measures [Category B]
FEMA-3635-EM-TN	1	Jan 28	Amendment to include reimbursement of emergency protective measures [Category B]
FEMA-3638-EM-LA	1	Jan 28	Amendment to include reimbursement of emergency protective measures [Category B]



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