

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, January 30, 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

- Freezing Rain – Northern Plains
- Heavy Snow – Appalachians to Mid-Atlantic and Southeast
- Extreme Cold – Southeast
- Coastal Flooding – Mid-Atlantic and Northeast

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Expedited Major Disaster Declaration – TN

Event Monitoring

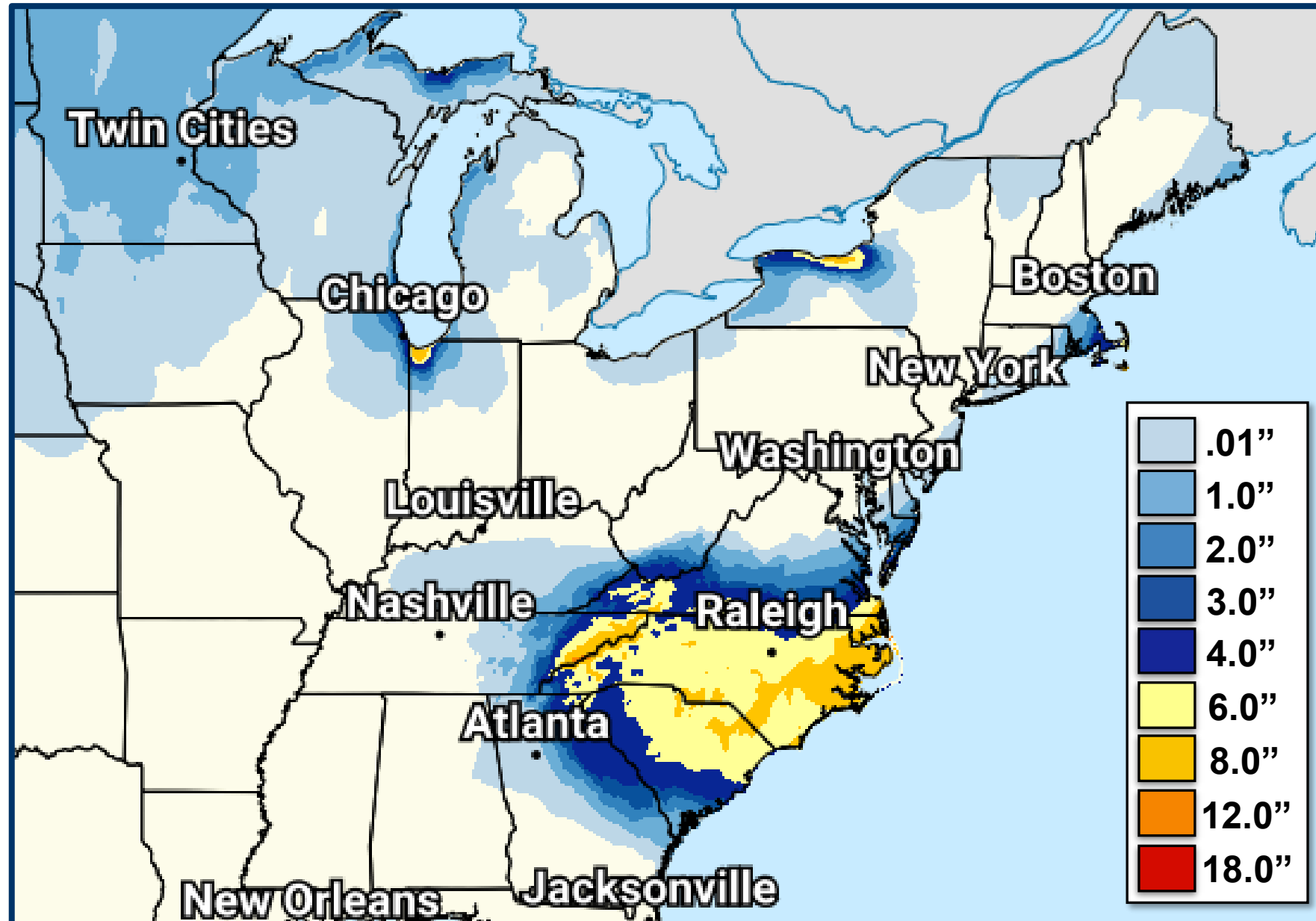
- No new significant events



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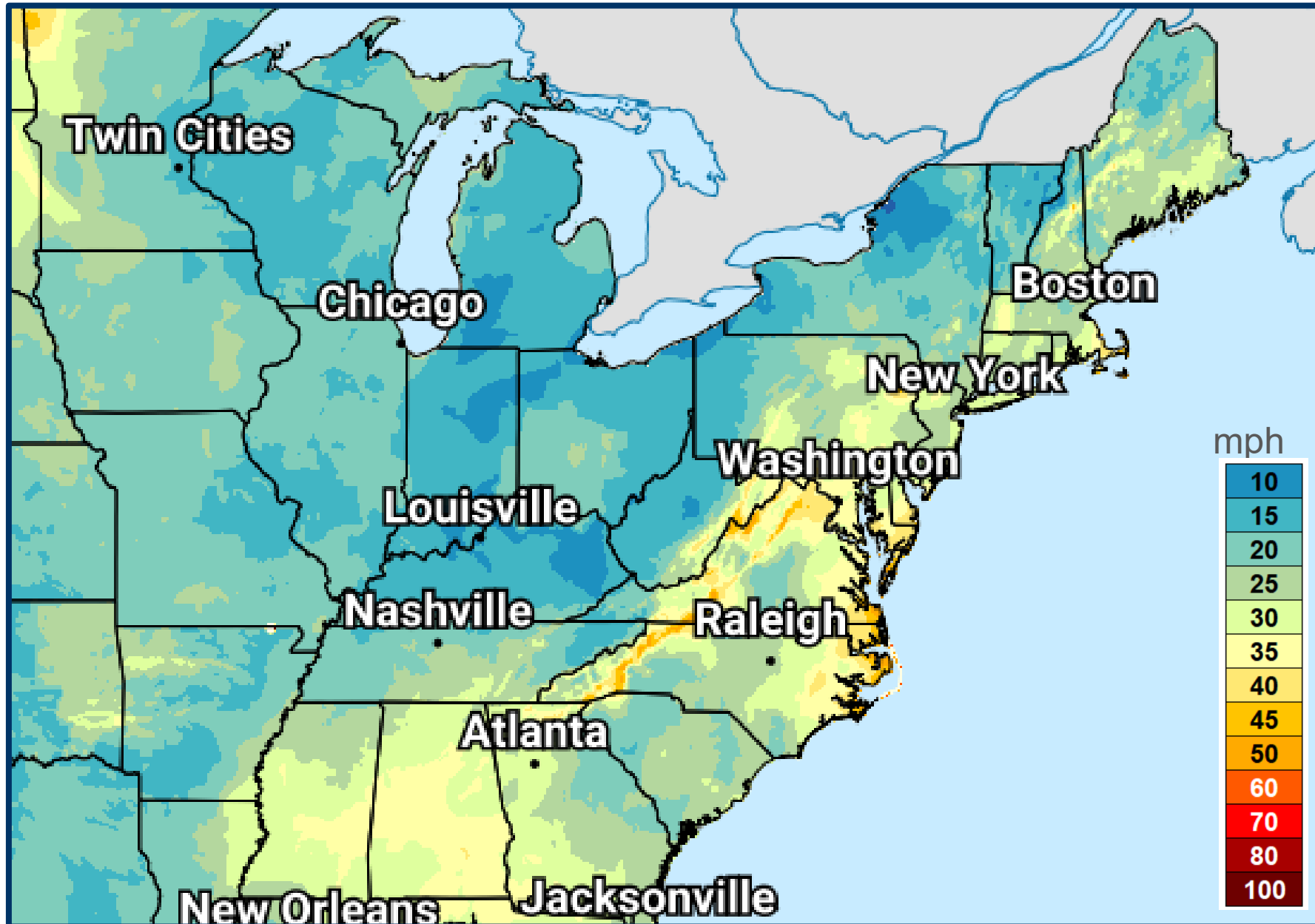
Snowfall Forecast — Through Monday Morning

NWS Weather Prediction Center
Updated 7 AM EST, Jan 30, 2026

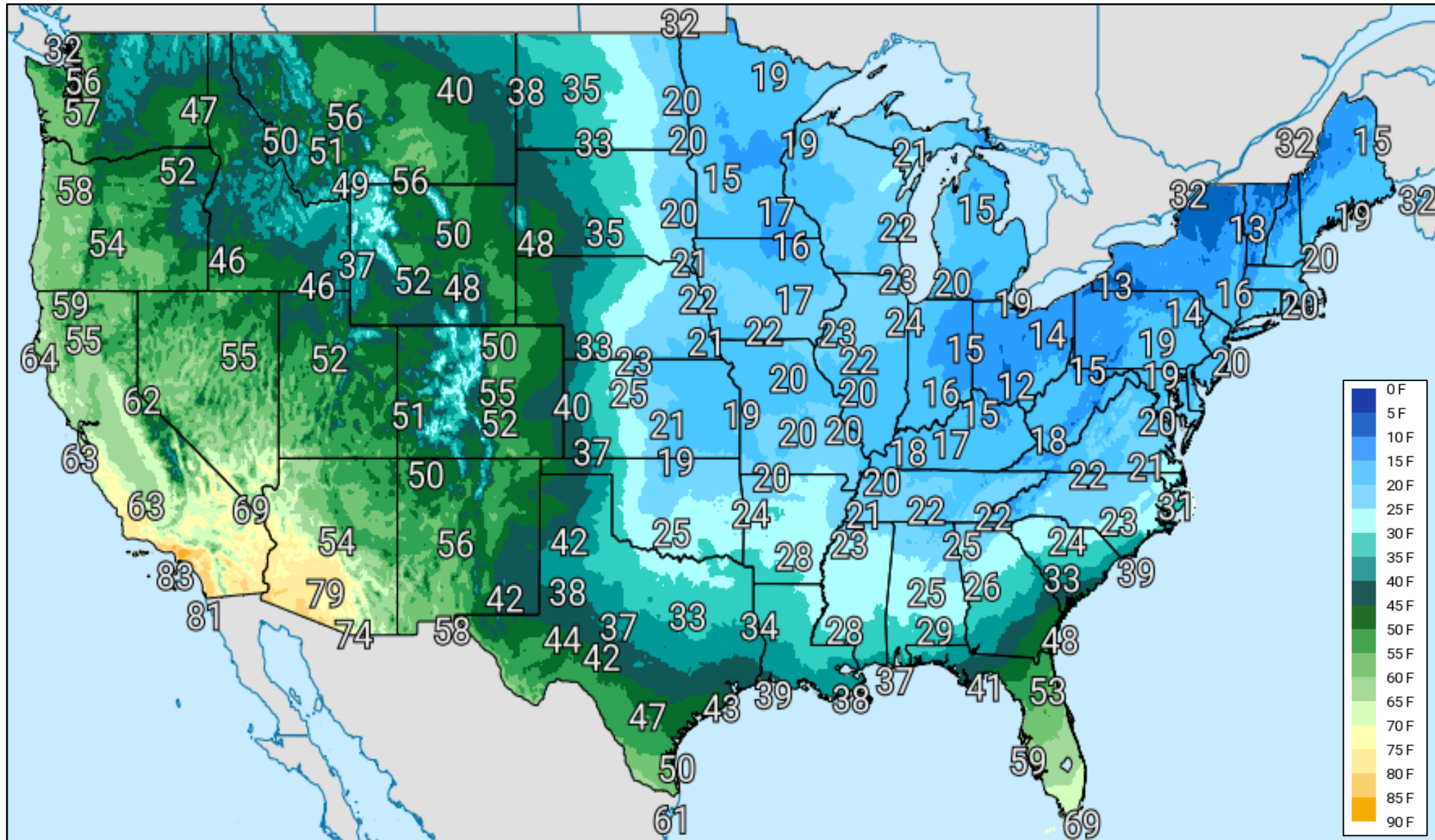


Max Wind Gusts — Through Monday Morning

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Winter Storm – Southern Rockies to Eastern U.S. – FEMA Region 4

Situation: Shelter populations, power outages, and non-operational water systems continue to decrease in the impacted areas as response efforts continue; however, more water systems are reporting boil advisories, with additional fatalities confirmed. (NRCC SLB, as of 6:00 p.m. ET, Jan 29) A powerful Arctic blast is bringing dangerously cold, record low temperatures and dangerously low wind chills to the upper Ohio Valley, Mid-Atlantic, Gulf Coast, and Southeast U.S. today through this weekend. A rapidly deepening coastal storm will produce widespread heavy snow, wind, and likely blizzard conditions from the southern Appalachians across the Carolinas and southern Virginia Saturday into Sunday and southeast Massachusetts on Sunday. (NOAA, as of 7:30 a.m. ET)

Lifeline Impacts: (NRCC SLB, as of 6:00 p.m. ET, Jan 29)

Food, Hydration, Shelter: Shelter populations have decreased slightly over the past 24 hours (FEMA Mass Care, as of 7:51 a.m. ET)

FEMA Region 4:

- KY: 7 (-2) shelters open / 60 (-33) occupants
- MS: 69 shelters open / 1,227 (-351) occupants
- TN: 15 (-2) shelters open / 634 (-168) occupants

Health & Medical: Eight (8) additional fatalities reported

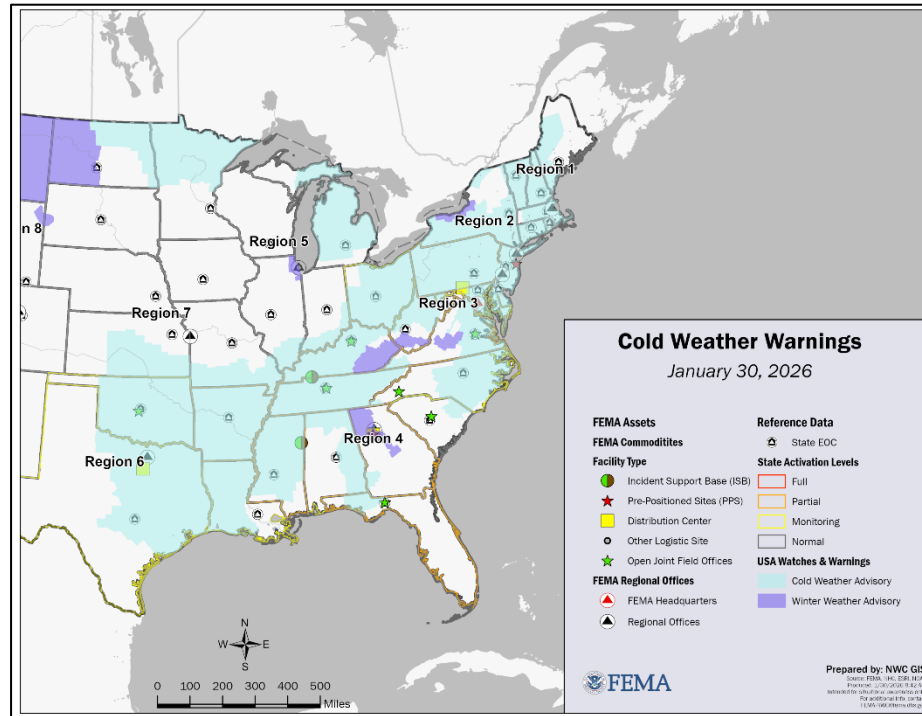
FEMA Region 4:

- KY: 11 confirmed fatalities
- MS: 12 (+5) confirmed fatalities
- TN: 13 (+3) confirmed fatalities

Water Systems:

FEMA Region 4: Outages are decreasing in most states; however, more systems are partially operational or under boil advisories.

- MS: 17 (+4) non-operational drinking water facilities affecting 20k (+2k); 112 (+27) partially operational drinking water facilities affecting 188k (+100k); 17 (+8) partially operational wastewater facilities
- TN: 19 (+4) partially operational affecting 10k (+5k), 14 (+2) under Boil Water Advisories, affecting 12k (5k); 2 (-3) non-operational affecting 1k (-1k)
- KY: 15 (+4) partially operational drinking water facilities affecting 115k (+10k); 10 (+4) of the drinking water systems are under boil water advisories, affecting 80k (+13)



(NRCC GIS, as of 8:30 a.m. ET)



Energy: (DOE Eagle-I, as of 7:30 a.m. ET)

FEMA Region 4: Outages continue to decrease in the most significantly impacted states.

- KY: 2k / 0.1% customers without power
- MS: 66k (-11k) / 5% customers without power
- TN: 78k (-20k) / 3% customers without power

Transportation:

FEMA Region 4:

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

Communications:

FEMA Region 4: TN: 64 (-24) cell sites down; services are improving

State / Local / Tribal Response:

FEMA Region 4:

- KY, MS, and TN SEOCs at Partial Activation (Winter Storm)
 - TN requested an Expedited Major Disaster Declaration

FEMA Regional Response:

FEMA Region 4:

- RWC is Monitoring; RRCC is at Level 3
- R4-IMAT 2 deployed to Jackson, MS
- FIT LNOs deployed to all impacted states
- Public Assistance team en route to MS to support joint IA Preliminary Damage Assessments



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Winter Storm – Southern Rockies to Eastern U.S. – FEMA Region 6 and HQ

Lifeline Impacts: (NRCC SLB, as of 6:00 p.m. ET, Jan 29)

Food, Hydration, Shelter:

LA: 23 (-3) shelters open / 582 (-111) occupants

Health & Medical:

LA: 8 confirmed fatalities

Water Systems:

LA: 10 (-3) water system outages affecting 13k (+1k); 72 (+6) systems under Boil Water Advisories affecting 191k (+4k)

Energy: (DOE Eagle-I, as of 7:30 am, ET, Jan 30)

LA: 37k / 2% customers without power

Transportation:

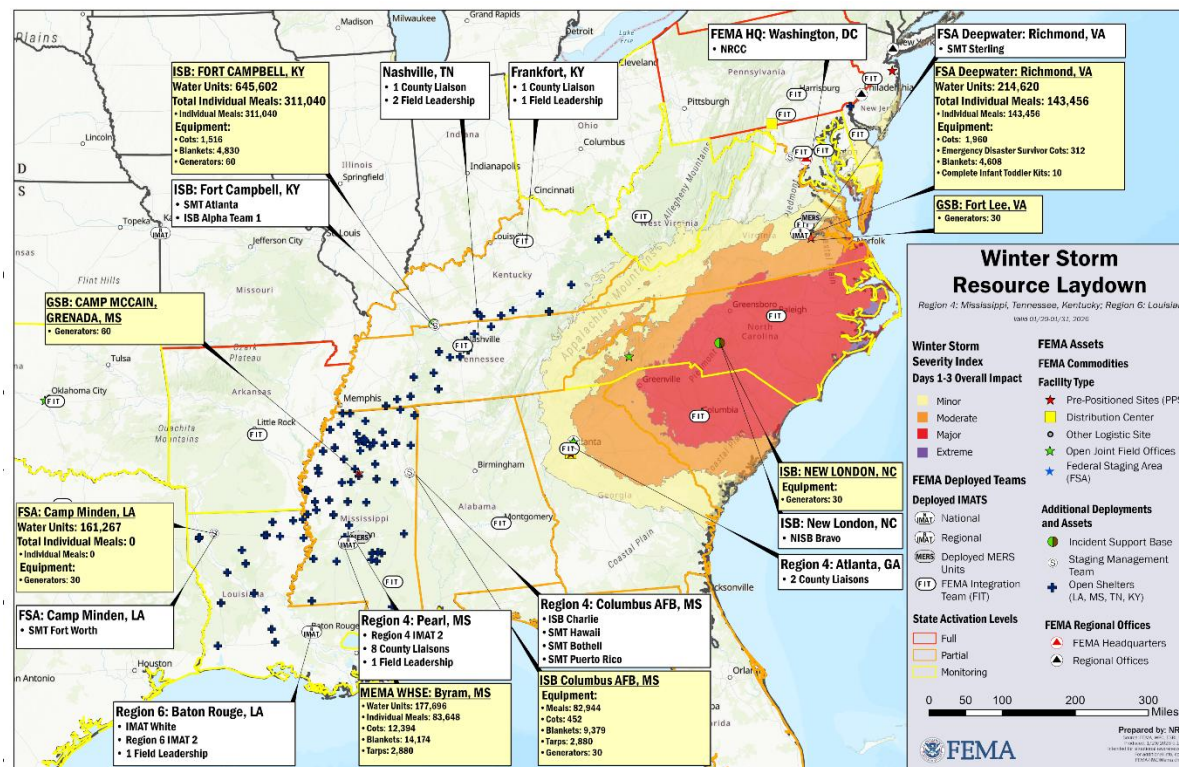
LA: Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) personnel coordinating roadway closures and openings, deicing, and vehicle recovery operations.

State / Local / Tribal Response:

- LA SEOC is Monitoring (Winter Storm)

FEMA Regional Response:

- Region 6 Watch/Denton MOC is Monitoring; NRCC is at Level 3
- R-IMAT 1 has demobilized from TX and is reconstituting
- R-IMAT 2 deployed to Baton Rouge, LA



(NRCC GIS, as of 5:00 p.m. ET, Jan 29)



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:

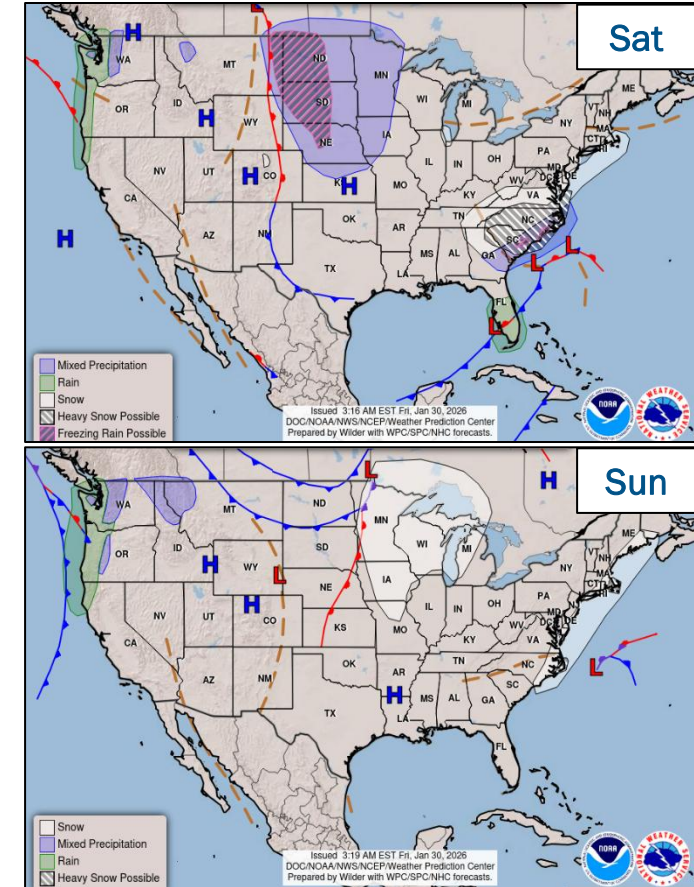
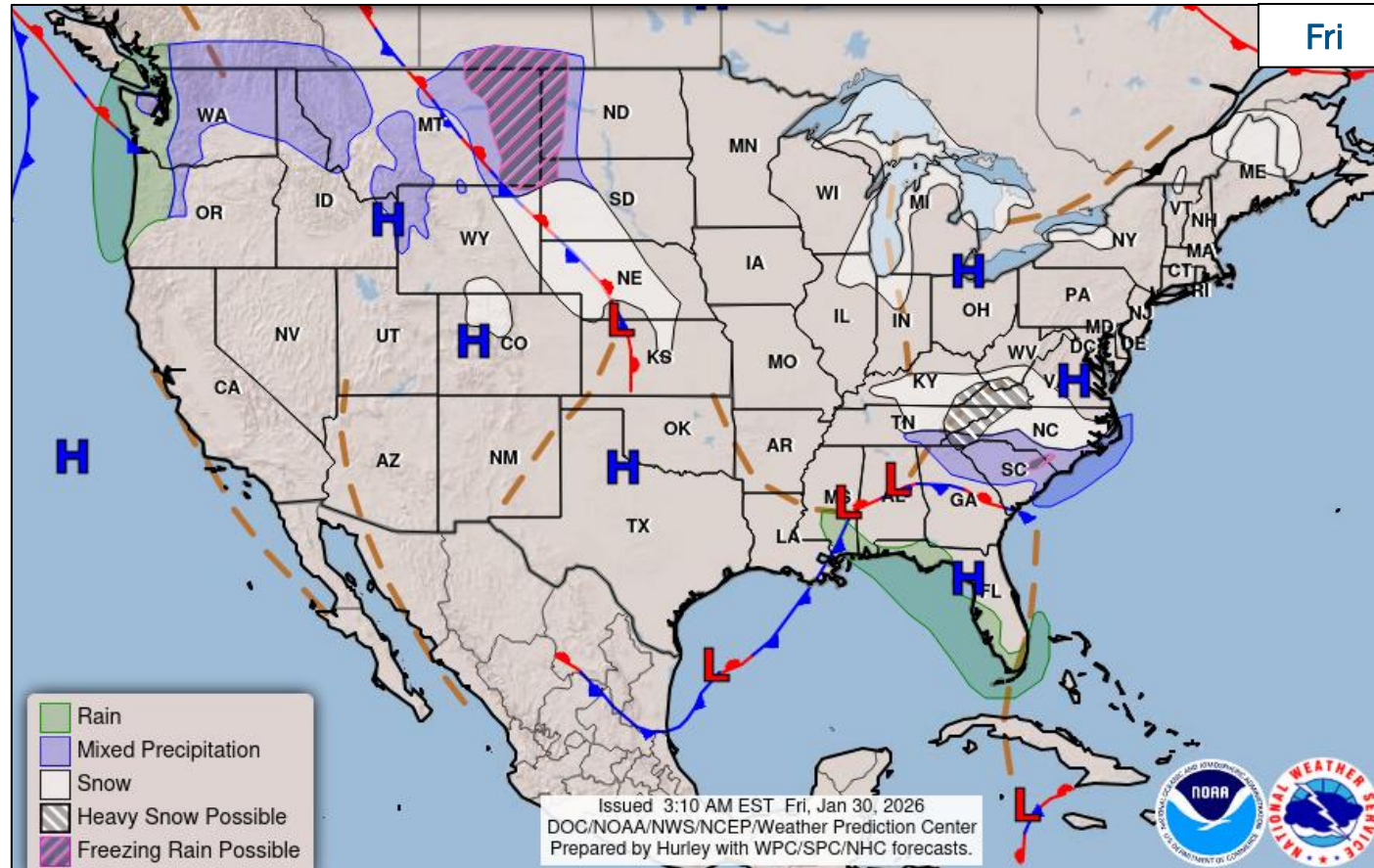
- NWC at Enhanced Watch; NRCC at Level 3; N-IMAT White deployed to LA
- R9-IMAT 2 deploying to Nashville, TN (arriving Jan 30)
- NISB Alpha Team 1 deployed to Ft. Worth, TX
- NISB Alpha Team 2 deployed to Bryan, TX
- NISB Bravo deployed to New London, NC
- NISB Team Charlie deployed to Columbus AFB, MS
- SMT Ft. Worth deployed to Camp Minden, LA
- SMT Atlanta deployed to Fort Campbell, KY
- SMT Sterling deployed to Richmond, VA
- SMTs Puerto Rico and Bothell arriving to Columbus AFB, MS today
- SMT Hawaii deployed to Columbus AFB, MS



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National Weather Forecast



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

10

Joint Field
Offices

Supporting

24

Major
Disasters

+

18

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

Rostered

Monitoring

R2

Rostered

Monitoring

R3

Rostered

Monitoring

R4

Level 3

Monitoring

R5

Rostered

Monitoring

R6

Level 3

Monitoring

R7

Rostered

Monitoring

R8

Rostered

Monitoring

R9

Rostered

Monitoring

R10

Rostered

Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

• NRCC/NWC: 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

LA (Jan 25)

Blue

Gold

HS

R-IMATs

≥ 7 Teams Available

R1

R2

R3

Reconstituting

R4 (1)

R4 (2)

MS (Jan 27)

R5

R6 (1)

Reconstituting

R6 (2)

LA (Jan 22)

R7

MO (Oct 27)

R8

1

R9 (1)

R9 (2)

TN (en route)

R10

2

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	0	2	2	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

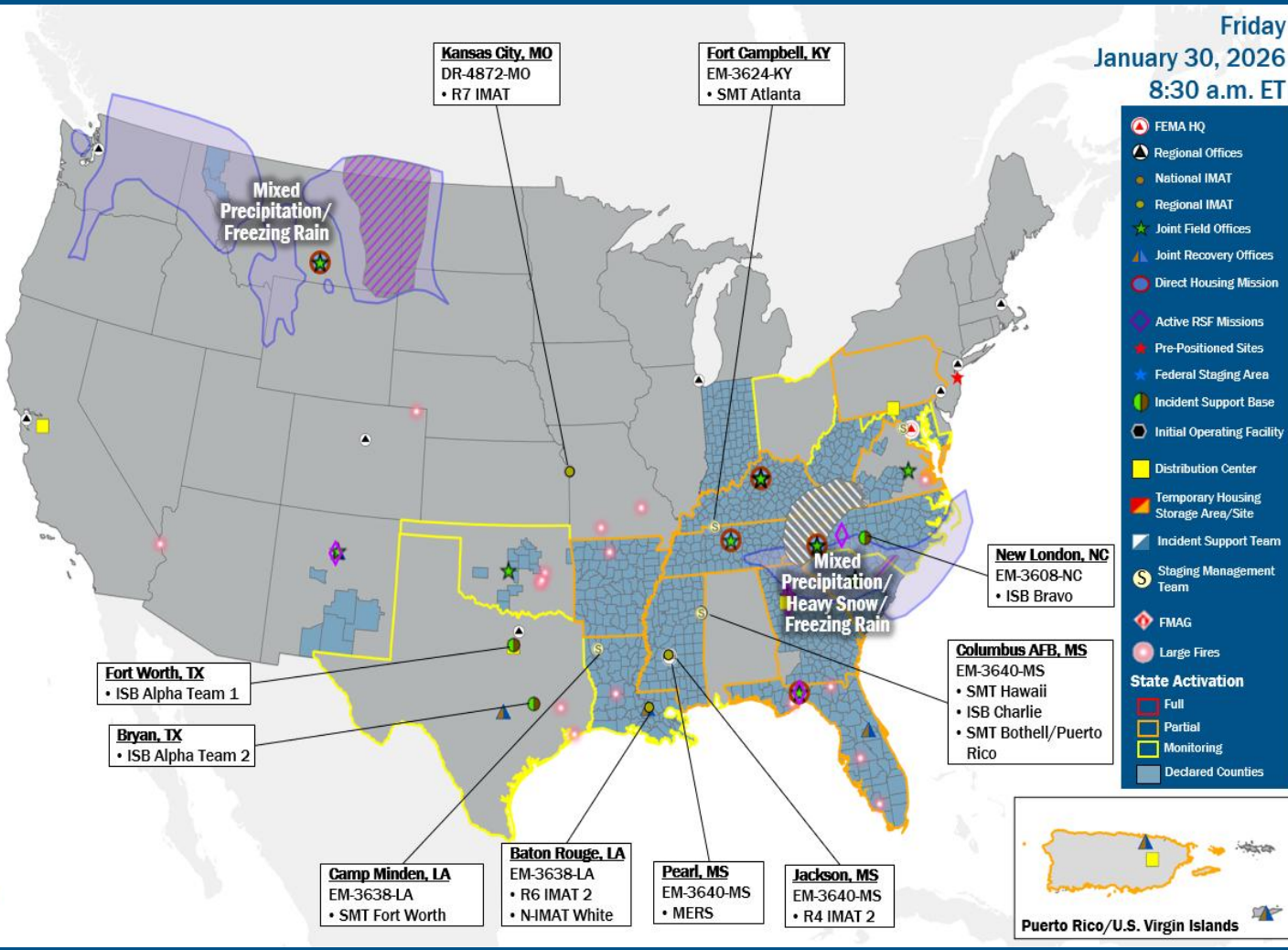
Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Guam

Flash Flooding Poss.

American Samoa

Hawaii



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IM Workforce

11,437 (-3) Assigned

4,273 (+78) Unavailable

3,157 (-19) Deployed

35% (-1) / 4,007 (-62) Available

IM Cadre Availability

8 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 21% (20/96); Disability Integration: 19% (3/16); External Affairs: 21% (59/279); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 16% (107/655); Field Leadership: 14% (16/116); Hazard Mitigation: 18% (135/771); Planning: 17% (60/345); Safety: 22% (19/88)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned

6 Unavailable

2 Deployed

28 Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned

1 Unavailable

0 Deployed

27 Available

FCO

2 Type I

36 Assigned

2 Unavailable

27 20 (FCOR) Deployed

7 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 – Tennessee

Declaration Type: Expedited Major Disaster Declaration – TN
Requested: Jan 28

Incident: Severe Winter Storm

Incident Period: Jan 22 and Continuing

Requested:

- **PA:** 23 counties
- **IA:** 23 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



■ IA / PA



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Declaration Requests in Process – 19

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 – 19 (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
TN – Severe Winter Storm	DR	X	X	X	Jan 28



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