

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, January 31, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Coastal Winter Storm Preparations – Southern Appalachians to Mid-Atlantic
- Winter Storms – Southern Rockies to Eastern U.S.

Hazard Monitoring

- Winter Weather – Ohio Valley, Southeast, and Mid-Atlantic

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

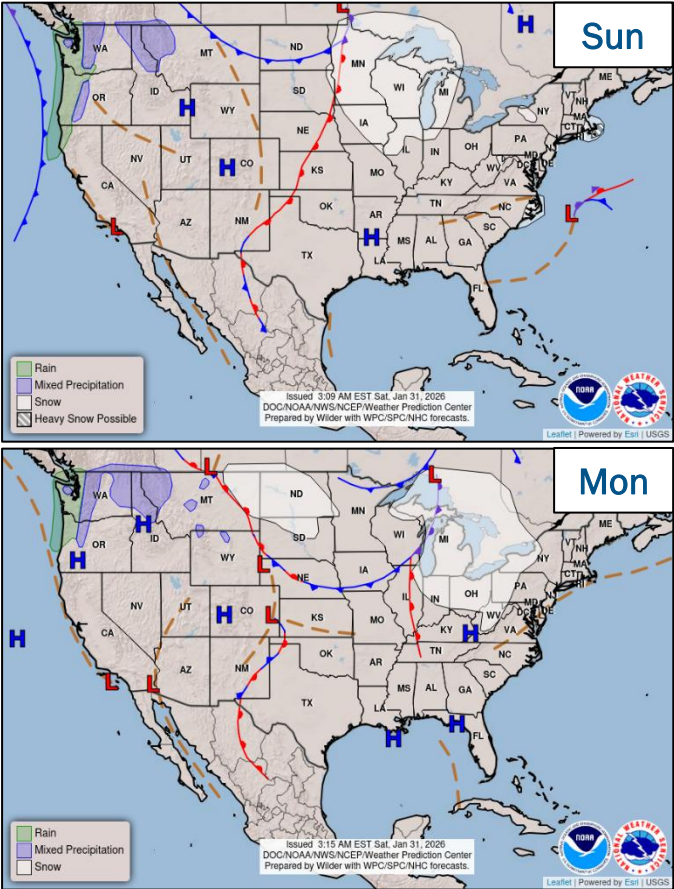
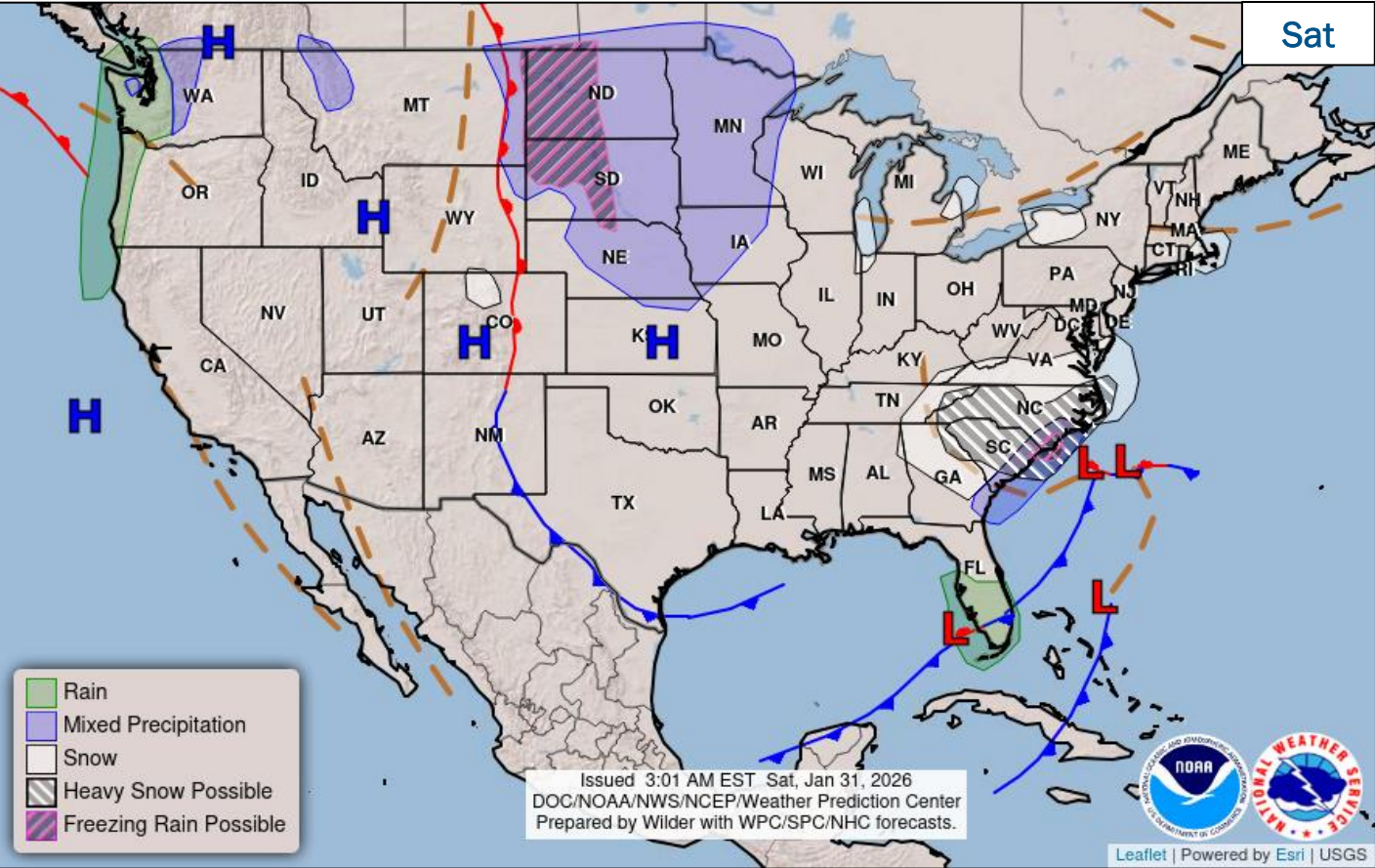
Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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National Weather Forecast



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Snowfall Forecast



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Coastal Winter Storm Preparations – Southern Appalachians to Mid-Atlantic

Situation: Another major winter storm is expected to impact parts of Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, bringing widespread snow, strong winds, and subfreezing temperatures through Monday. Snow accumulations of 4–8 inches are forecast for portions of Georgia and North and South Carolina, with >12 inches possible in eastern North Carolina. ([NOAA WPC, as of 6:44 a.m. ET, Jan 31](#))

Lifeline Impacts:

- All preparedness activities remain within state and local capabilities
- All lifeline statuses remain green

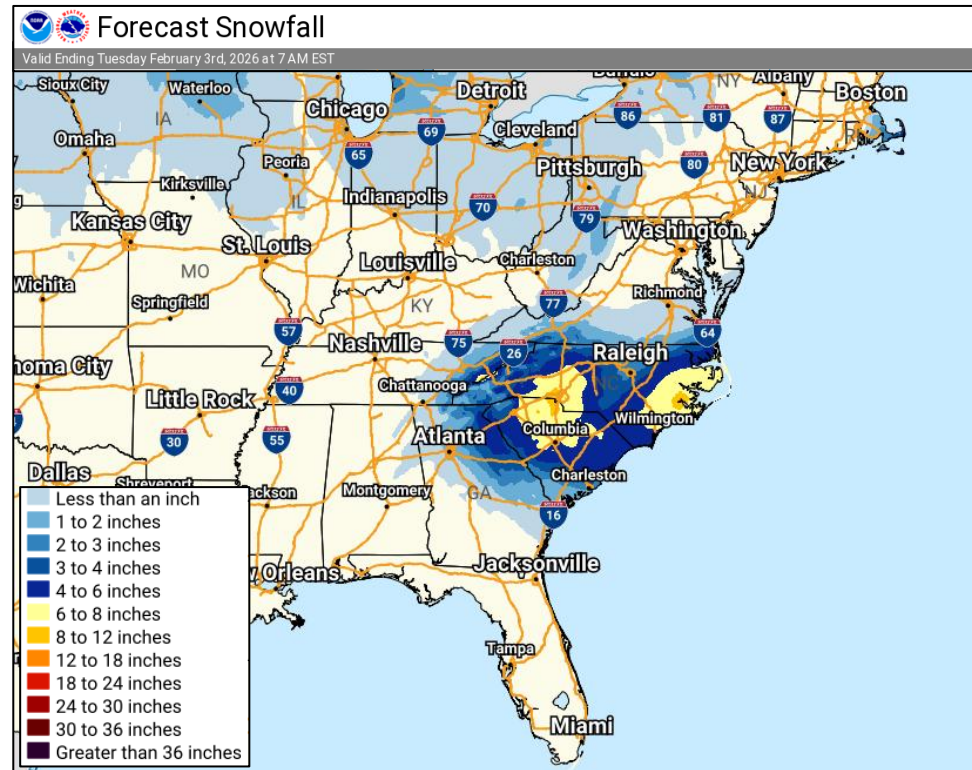
State / Local / Tribal Response:

- SC SEOC is at Partial Activation (Winter Storm)
- GA and NC SEOCs are Full Activation (Winter Storm)
 - GA and NC Governors declared a state of emergency 1/30

FEMA Regional Response:

FEMA Region 4:

- RWC is Monitoring; RRCC is at Level 3
- R4-IMAT 1 available; R4-IMAT 2 deployed to Jackson, MS



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

FEMA HQ/Federal Response

- NWC at Enhanced Watch; NRCC at Level 3
- N-IMAT White deployed to LA



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

Situation: Power restoration efforts and route clearance are progressing, enabling critical infrastructure to be brought back online. Shelter populations are fluctuating in the impacted areas. While significant progress has been made in making roads passable and safe, overnight refreezing cycles will continue to cause icy conditions on previously treated surfaces (NRCC SLB, as of 6:00 p.m. ET, Jan 30).

Lifeline Impacts: (NRCC SLB, as of 6:00 p.m. ET, Jan 30)
Food, Hydration, Shelter: Shelter populations are fluctuating in the impacted areas. (ARC Shelter Report as of 6:51 a.m. ET)

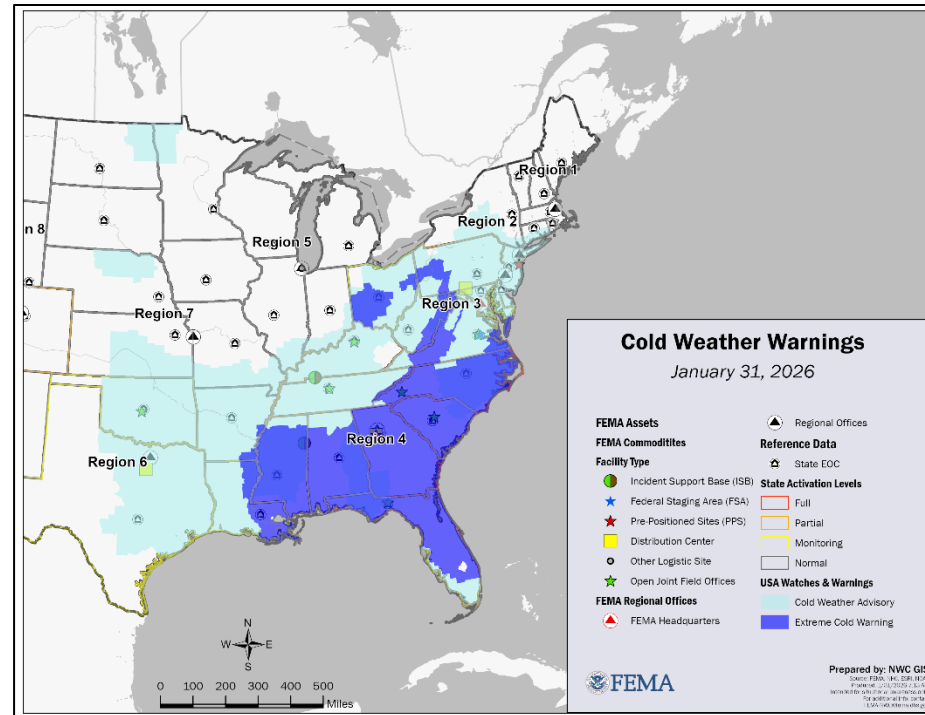
- MS: 73 (+4) shelters open / 989 (-238) occupants
- TN: 21 (+6) shelters open / 698 (+64) occupants

Health & Medical: 6 additional fatalities reported since the last operational period.

- MS: 16 (+4) confirmed fatalities
- TN: 15 (+2) confirmed fatalities

Water Systems: Outages are decreasing in most states; however, more systems are partially operational or under boil advisories.

- MS: 2 (-15) non-operational drinking water facilities affecting 2k; 129k (+17k) partially operational drinking water facilities affecting 204k; 10 partially operational wastewater facilities
- TN: 22 (+3) partially operational affecting 11k; 16 (+2) under Boil Water Advisories, affecting 25k; 2 non-operational affecting 14k



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

Energy: (DOE Eagle-I, as of 7:15 a.m. ET, Jan 31)

Power restoration continues across impacted states.

- MS: 59k (-3k) / 5% customers without power
- TN: 57k (-16k) / 2% customers without power

Communications: TN: 64 cell sites down; services are improving

Transportation: Several state roadways have been impacted; however, conditions are steadily improving.

- TN: Jackson Regional Airport/McKellar-Sipes (MKL) is open

State / Local / Tribal Response:

- MS SEOC is Monitoring (Winter Storm)
- 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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Lifeline Impacts: (NRCC SLB, as of 6:00 p.m. ET, Jan 30)

LA: 20 (-3) shelters open / 419 (-163) occupants

Health & Medical:

LA: 9 (+1) confirmed fatalities

Water Systems:

LA: 10 water system outages affecting 13k; 72 systems under Boil Water Advisories affecting 192k (+1k)

Energy: (DOE Eagle-I, as of 7:15 a.m., ET, Jan 31)

LA: 24k (-10k) / 1% customers without power

Transportation:

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

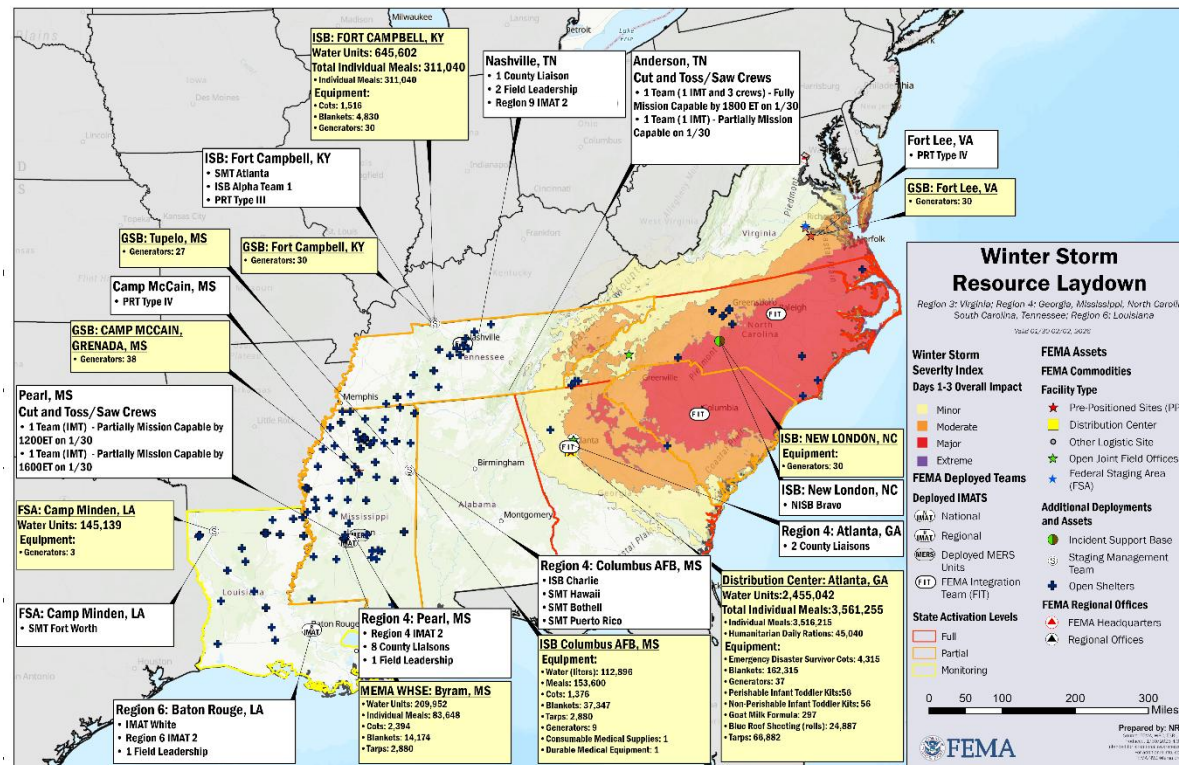
State / Local / Tribal Response:

- AR SEOC at Normal Operations
- LA, OK, and TX SEOCs are Monitoring (Winter Storm)

FEMA Regional Response:

FEMA Region 6:

- Watch/Denton MOC is Monitoring; RRCC is **Rostered**
- R-IMAT 1 has demobilized from TX and is reconstituting
- R-IMAT 2 deployed to Baton Rouge, LA



(NRCC GIS, as of 4:45 p.m. ET, Jan 30)



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

U.S. Forest Service (USFS): ESF-4 has deployed crews and Incident Management Teams (IMTs) to Tennessee and Mississippi in response to the winter storms (National Interagency Coordination Center, as of 6:04 a.m. ET)

$H_0:$

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



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NWC

Enhanced

NRCC

Level 3

FEMA REGIONS

Watch

Monitoring

RRCC

R1 Rostered

R2 Rostered

R3 Enhanced

R4 Level 3

R5 Rostered

R6 Rostered

R7 Rostered

R8 Rostered

R9 Rostered

R10 Rostered

Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

- NRCC/NWC: Winter Storm
- R4 RRCC: Level 3 (Winter Storm)
- R3 RRCC: Enhanced (Winter Weather)

IMATs:

- R3, R6-1 IMAT: Reconstituting

State EOCs:

- HI: Wildfires
- FL: Previous Incidents
- AL/DC/GA/KY/LA/MD/MS/NC/OH/OK/PA/SC/TN/TX/VA/WV: Winter Storm
- PR: Influenza Epidemic
- CO: Avian Flu
- UT: Protest

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

2

R2

R3

R4 (1)

R4 (2)

MS (Jan 27)

R5

1

R6 (1)

R6 (2)

LA (Jan 22)

R7

MO (Oct 27)

R8

3

R9 (1)

R9 (2)

TN (Jan 30)

R10

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

Map of the United States showing FEMA regions and various disaster types (Mixed Precipitation, Mixed Precipitation/Freezing Rain, Coastal Flooding Poss., Flash Flooding Poss.).

Kansas City, MO

DR-4872-MO

R7 IMAT

Fort Campbell, KY

EM-3633-KY

SMT Atlanta

ISB Alpha Team 1

Nashville, TN

EM-3635-TN

R9 IMAT 2

New London, NC

EM-3608-NC

ISB Bravo

Columbus AFB, MS

EM-3640-MS

SMT Hawaii

ISB Charlie

SMT Bothell/Puerto Rico Rico

Baton Rouge, LA

EM-3638-LA

R6 IMAT 2

N-IMAT White

Camp Minden, LA

EM-3638-LA

SMT Fort Worth

Pearl, MS

EM-3640-MS

MERS

Jackson, MS

EM-3640-MS

R4 IMAT 2

Legend

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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 Fires

State Activation

Full

Partial

Monitoring

Dedared Counties

Flash, Urban, and Small Stream Flooding Poss.

Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands

IM Workforce

11,438 (+1) Assigned

4,336 (+63) Unavailable

2,957 (-200) Deployed

36% (+1) / 4,145 (+138) Available

IM Cadre Availability

8 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 23% (22/96); Disability Integration: 19% (3/16); External Affairs: 21% (58/278); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 18% (115/655); Field Leadership: 15% (18/117); Hazard Mitigation: 18% (136/771); Planning: 20% (68/345); Safety: 23% (20/88)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned

6 Unavailable

2 Deployed

28 Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned

0 (-1) Unavailable

0 Deployed

28 (+1) Available

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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	
R6	LA	Winter Storm TBD	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	18	0	TBD – TBD
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 – 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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