

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Potomac Interceptor Spill – District of Columbia and Maryland

Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy Snow – California, Pacific Northwest, Northern Intermountain, Rockies, and Plains, and Upper Mississippi Valley
- Extreme Fire Weather and High Winds – Southern to Northern Plains

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Potomac Interceptor Spill – District of Columbia and Maryland

Situation: On January 19, 2026, a large section of the Potomac Interceptor (PI) sewer line collapsed along Clara Barton Parkway, in Montgomery County. The collapse resulted in a significant overflow into the C & O Canal National Historical Park. The PI carries about 60 million gallons of wastewater daily from as far away as Dulles Airport to the Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant in Southwest DC for treatment. FEMA is supporting federal interagency coordination for any potential requirements. (DC Water Potomac Interceptor Collapse, as of 6:00 a.m. ET, Feb 17)

State and Local Response:

DC:

- DCHSEMA is at Enhanced Watch (Winter Weather)
- DC Water reports 4 high-capacity bypass pumps are installed and are now fully primed and operational (DC Water Feb 15 Update: Potomac Inceptor Repairs as of 5:00 a.m. ET, Feb 17)
- DC Water reports 3 additional bypass pumps have arrived on site and available to further supplement pumping capacity later this week (DC Water Feb 15 Update: Potomac Inceptor Repairs as of 5:00 a.m. ET, Feb 17)
- DC Water crews and contractors constructed bypass to reroute wastewater around the collapsed section of pipe and back into the sewer system. The focus now is on clearing debris from the damaged pipe so that crews can begin repairs (DC Water)
- DC Water reports drinking water is not impacted and daily water sampling is being conducted as depicted on the map (DC Water Feb 15 Update: Potomac Inceptor Repairs as of 5:00 a.m. ET, Feb 17)

VA:

- VA SEOC at Normal Operations

MD:

- MD SEOC at Normal Operations

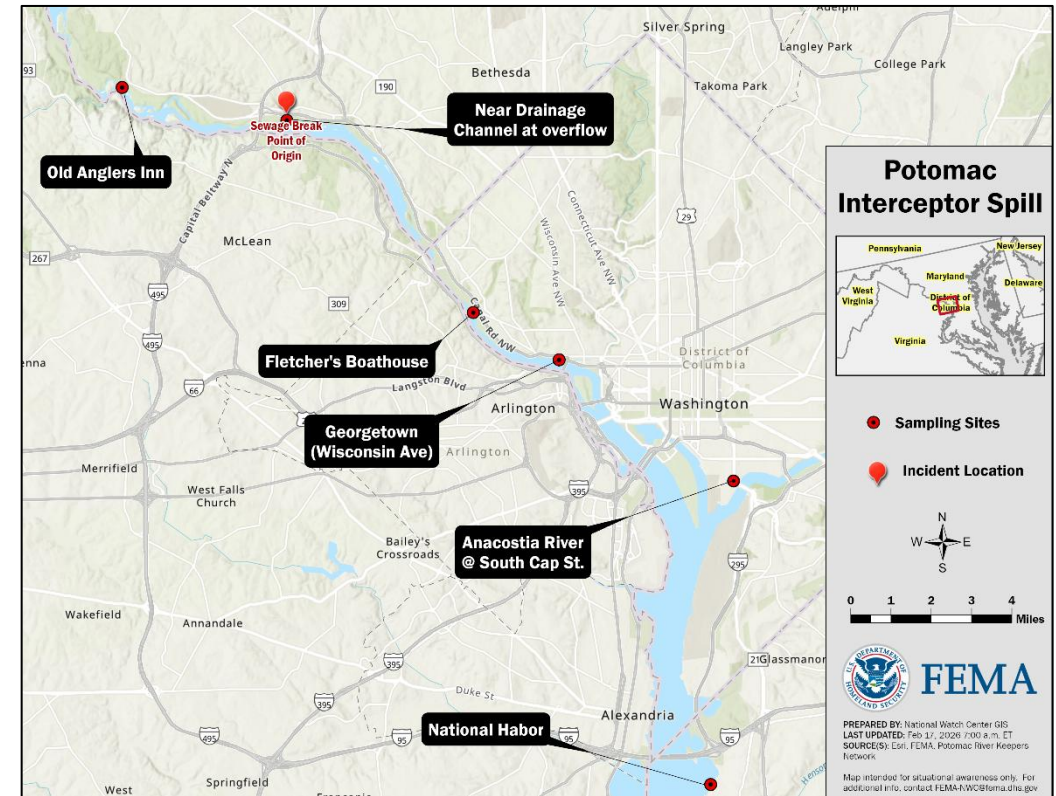
FEMA/Federal Response:

FEMA R3:

- R3 RWC is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- R3 IMAT is Available

HQ:

- National Watch Center is Monitoring



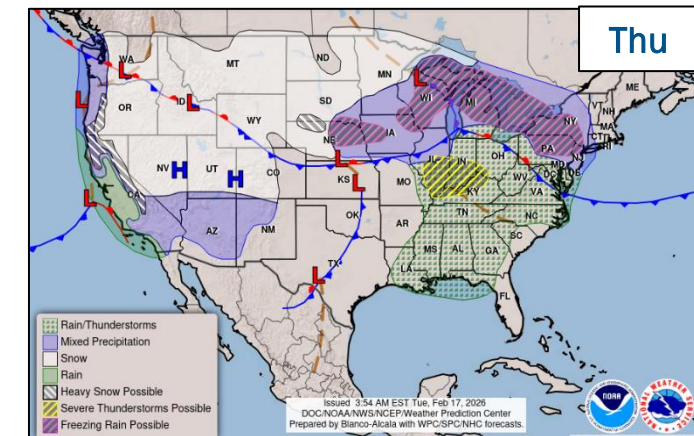
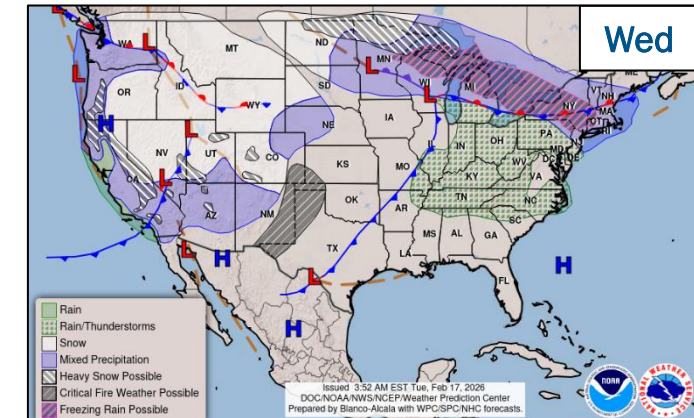
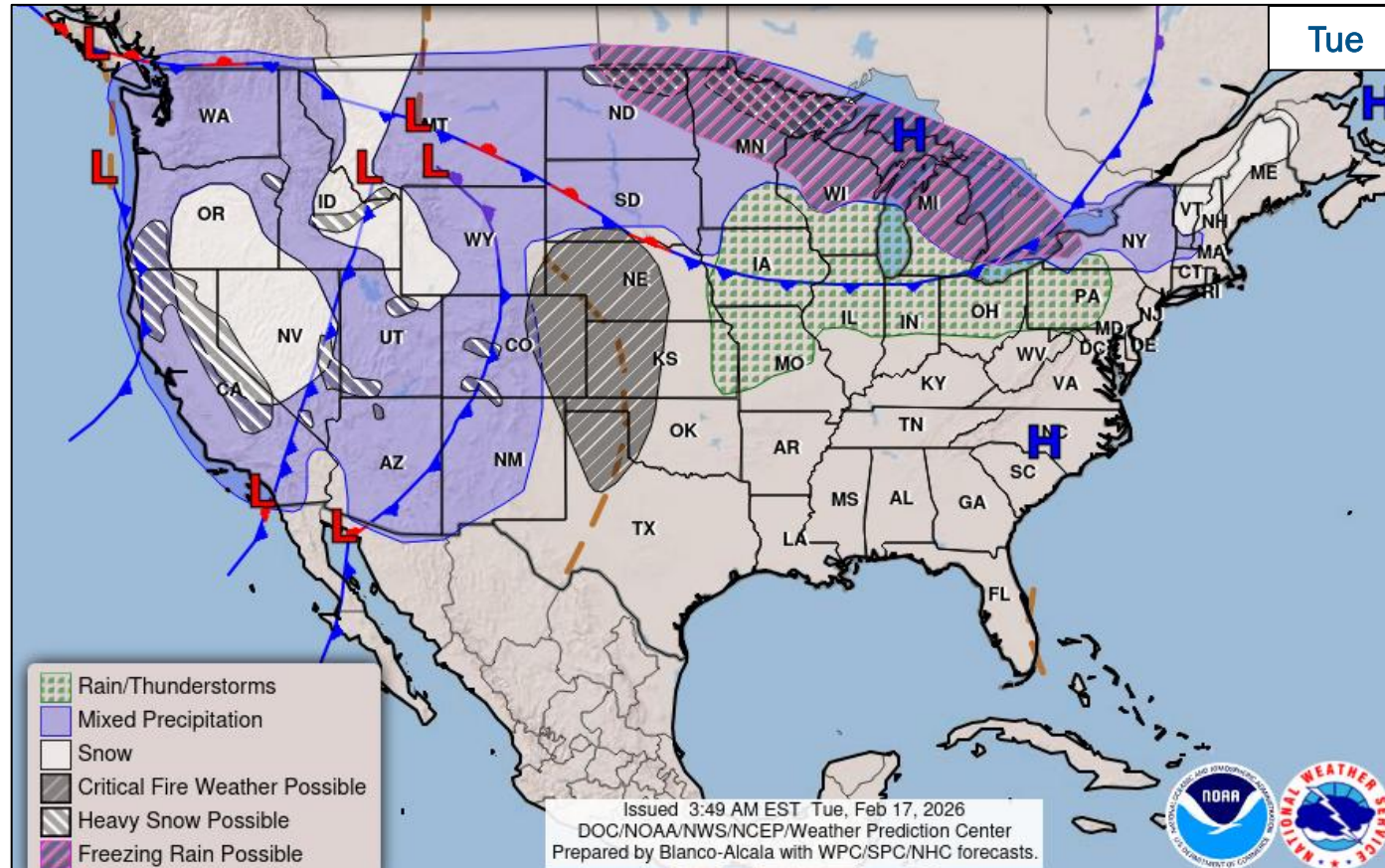
The National Watch Center will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA R3 and other federal partners and will provide updates twice daily in the FEMA Daily Operations Brief (8:30 a.m. ET) and National Situation Report (5:00 p.m. ET/3:00 a.m. ET)



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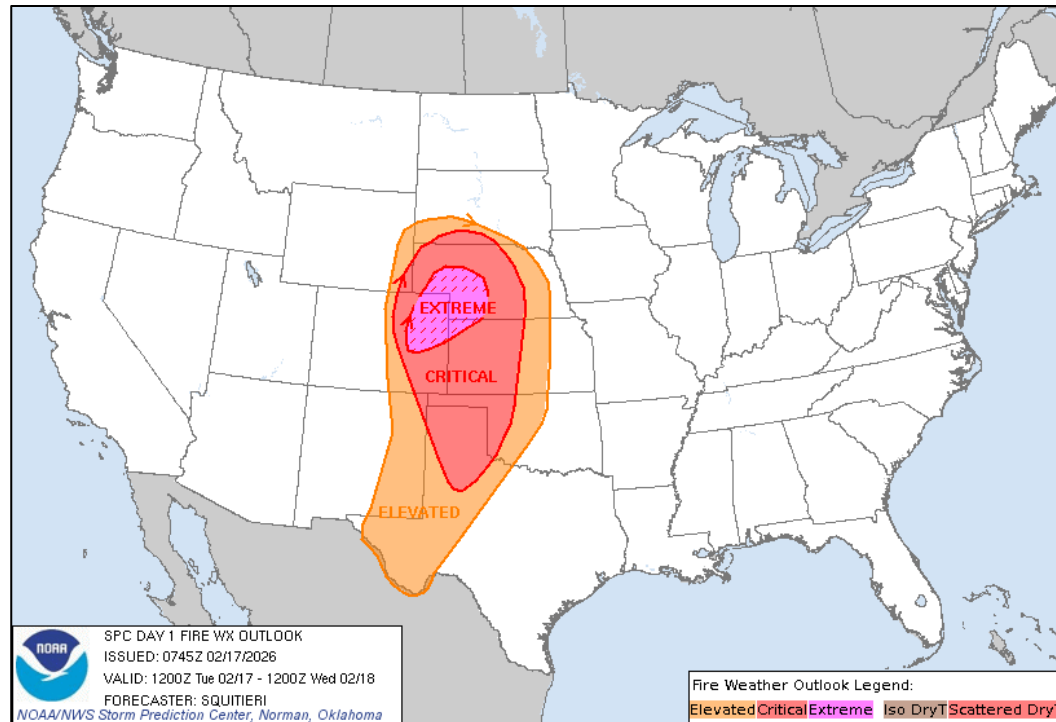
National Weather Forecast



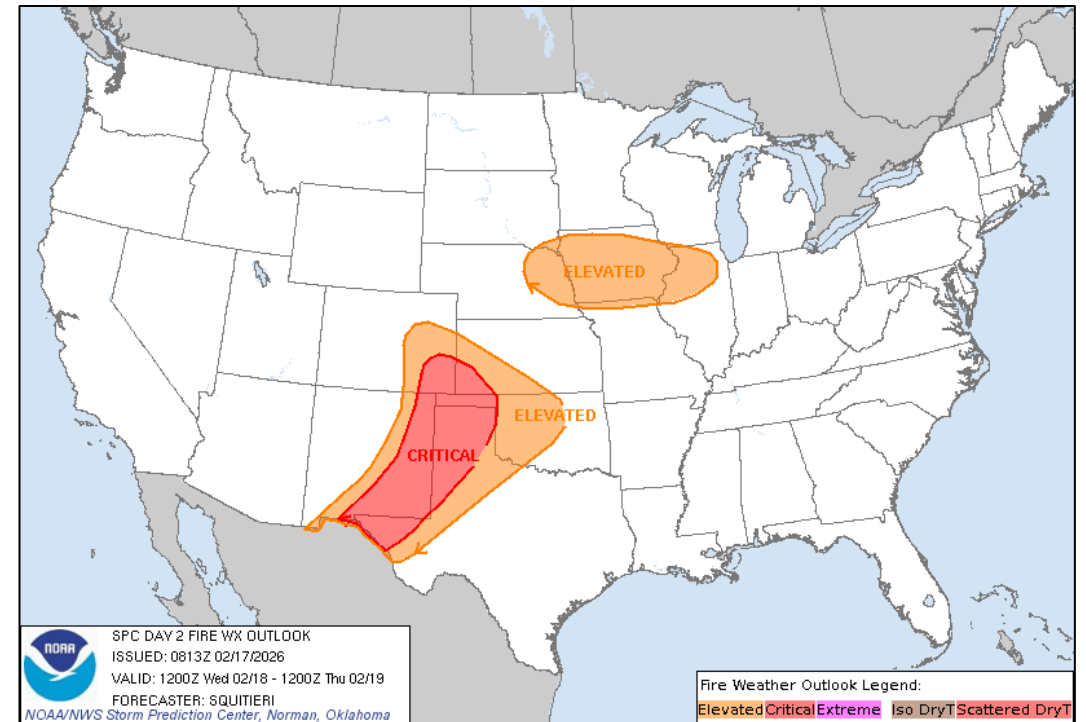
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

12
Joint Field
Offices

Supporting

25
Major
Disasters

+

18
Emergency
Declarations

|

8
Direct Housing
Missions

8
RSF-Supported
Disasters

6
Joint Recovery
Offices

FEMA HQ

NWC

Monitoring

NRCC

Steady State

FEMA REGIONS

Watch

Monitoring

RRCC

R1 Rostered

Monitoring

R2 Rostered

Monitoring

R3 Rostered

Enhanced

R4 Rostered

Monitoring

R5 Rostered

Monitoring

R6 Rostered

Monitoring

R7 Rostered

Monitoring

R8 Rostered

Monitoring

R9 Rostered

Monitoring

R10 Rostered

Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

• R4 RWC: Enhanced (Severe Winter Storm)

IMATs:

• NSTR

State EOCs:

• HI: Wildfires

• FL: Previous Incidents

• DC/KY/MS/TN/TX: Winter Storm

• PR: Influenza Epidemic

• OK: Fire Weather

Surge Capacity Force

Rostered

7,974

Deployed

0

N-IMATs

2-5 Teams Available

Red

White

Blue

Gold

HS

R-IMATs

≥ 7 Teams Available

R1

2

R2

R3

R4 (1)

R4 (2)

MS (Jan 26)

R5

1

R6 (1)

R6 (2)

R7

MO (Feb 15)

R8

3

R9 (1)

R9 (2)

R10

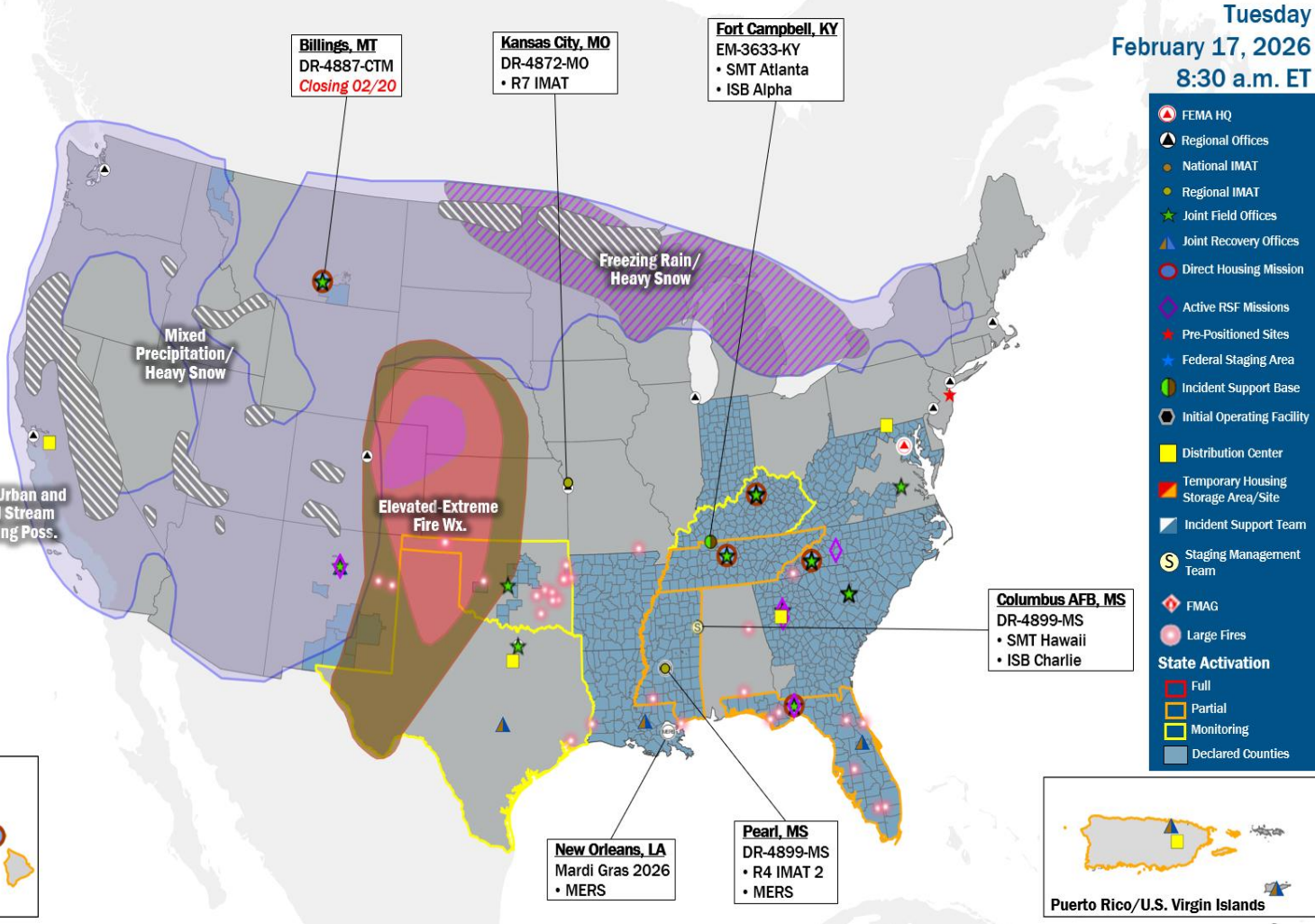
Fully Mission Capable (FMC)

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	1	1	2	0
R4	6	17	11	1
R5	0	0	1	0
R6	3	4	3	3
R7	0	0	0	0
R8	1	2	1	0
R9	0	0	0	0
R10	1	1	0	0



IM Workforce

11,394 Assigned

4,072 (-11)Unavailable

2,893 (-17) Deployed

39% / 4,429 (16) Available

IM Cadre Availability

6 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 25% (24/96); Disability Integration: 25% (4/16); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 19% (124/653); Field Leadership: 16% (19/117); Hazard Mitigation: 19% (149/771); Planning: 19% (66/347)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned

6 Unavailable

2 Deployed

28 Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned

0 Unavailable

0 Deployed

28 Available

FCO

3 Type I

36 Assigned

3 Unavailable

25 (16 FCOR) Deployed

8 Available

Declaration Requests in Process – 16

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
AZ – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Oct 24
IL – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR	X			Nov 21
SCA* – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Nov 26
SCA* – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Dec 15
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
SD – Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Jan 27
AK – Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Jan 30
LA – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Feb 5
KY – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Feb 5
ID – Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Feb 6
FPA*** & ST**** – Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 11

*San Carlos Apache Tribe, **Native Village of Kipnuk, ***Fort Peck Assiniboine, ****Sioux Tribes



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