

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Monday, February 23, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Winter Storm – Mid-Atlantic to Northeast

Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy Snow – Pacific Northwest to Northern Rockies, Southern Appalachians to the Northeast
- Freezing Rain – Northern Plains to Upper Mississippi Valley
- Critical Fire Weather – Florida

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- Presidential Address to a Joint Session of Congress – Washington, D.C.



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Winter Storm – Mid-Atlantic to Northeast

Situation: A powerful Nor'easter is impacting the Northeast, particularly New England and the northern Mid-Atlantic, with severe winter weather conditions. Heavy snowfall rates (2–3 inches per hour), strong winds, and blizzard conditions are resulting in nearly impossible travel and widespread disruption. Southeastern New England faces significant risks of power outages due to wind gusts of 40–70 mph and heavy, wet snow. Coastal areas from Chesapeake Bay to southeastern New England are experiencing minor to moderate flooding and erosion, especially around high tide. (NWS Key Messages for Late February Nor'easter, as of 5:00 a.m. ET, Feb 23)

Lifeline Impacts:

Food, Hydration, Shelter:

FEMA Region 2 (FEMA Region 2 SPOTREP as of 11:01 p.m. ET, Feb 22)

- NJ: Warming Centers activated statewide

FEMA Region 3 (FEMA Region 3 SPOTREP as of 7:43 p.m. ET, Feb 22)

- DE: Red Cross shelters are being staffed

Energy: (Eagle-I as of 7:00 a.m. ET, Feb 23)

FEMA Region 2:

- NJ: **131k (3%)** customers without power

FEMA Region 3:

- DE: **72k (16%)** customers without power
- MD: **49k (2%)** customers without power

Communications:

FEMA Region 3 (FEMA Region 3 SPOTREP as of 5:38 a.m. ET, Feb 23)

PA:

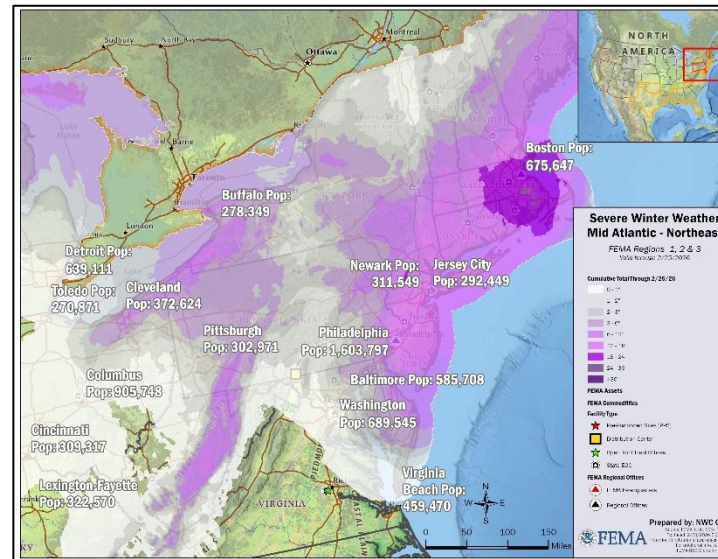
- Delaware County 911 Center on generator power
- Northampton County 911 Tower Site on backup generator

Transportation:

FEMA Region 1 (FEMA Region 1 SPOTREP as of 9:54 a.m. ET)

RI:

- Bus services cancelled until further notice
- Commuter Rail service delays/cancellations
- Most T.F. Green International Airport flights canceled



FEMA / Federal Response:

FEMA Region 1:

- RWC Monitoring; RRCC Enhanced as of 7:00 a.m. ET, Feb 23
- R-IMAT FMC
- FEMA LNO is deployed to the RI SEOC

FEMA Region 2:

- RWC Monitoring; RRCC Rostered; R-IMAT FMC

FEMA Region 3:

- RWC Monitoring; RRCC Rostered; R-IMAT FMC

HQ:

- NWC is Monitoring
- FEMA HQ Response Ops Div led a synchronization call with Response leadership, NWC, and Regions 1-3 to assess the forecast, identify potential requirements, and discuss initial preparedness actions.

Transportation (Continued):

FEMA Region 2 (FEMA Region 2 SPOTREP as of 11:01 p.m. ET, Feb 22)

NJ: Bus and rail services suspended as of 6 p.m. ET Feb 22

NY: Long Island Railroad (LIRR) service suspended systemwide as of 1 a.m. today

- NJ/NY Port Authority advised all flights are expected to have ceased and expected to resume at 12 p.m. ET, Feb 24, pending conditions

FEMA Region 3 (FEMA Region 3 SPOTREP as of 7:43 p.m. ET, Feb 22)

PA: Deteriorating road conditions with several accidents requiring patient transport reported

State / Local Response:

FEMA Region 1:

- RI SEOC at Full Activation; National Guard is activated
 - Governor declared State of Emergency
- CT SEOC at Partial Activation (Winter Storm)
- ME, MA, NH, VT: All SEOCs at Normal Operations

FEMA Region 2:

NJ SEOC at Partial Activation (Winter Storm)

- Governor declared a State of Emergency

NY SEOC at Partial Activation (Winter Storm)

- Governor declared a State of Emergency

FEMA Region 3:

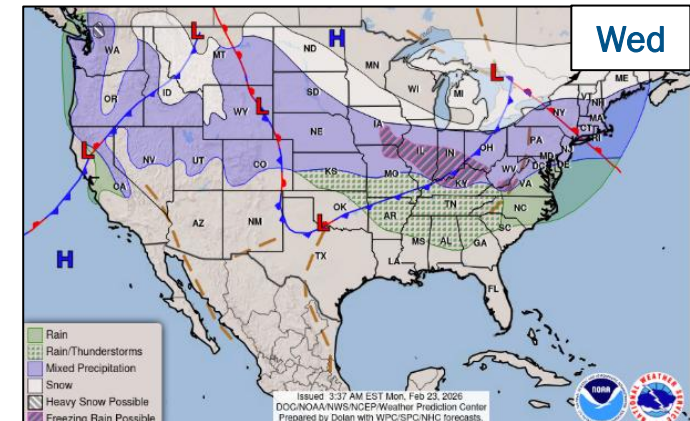
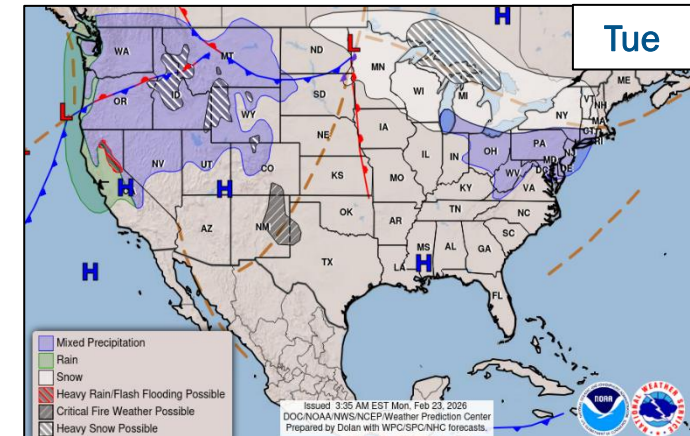
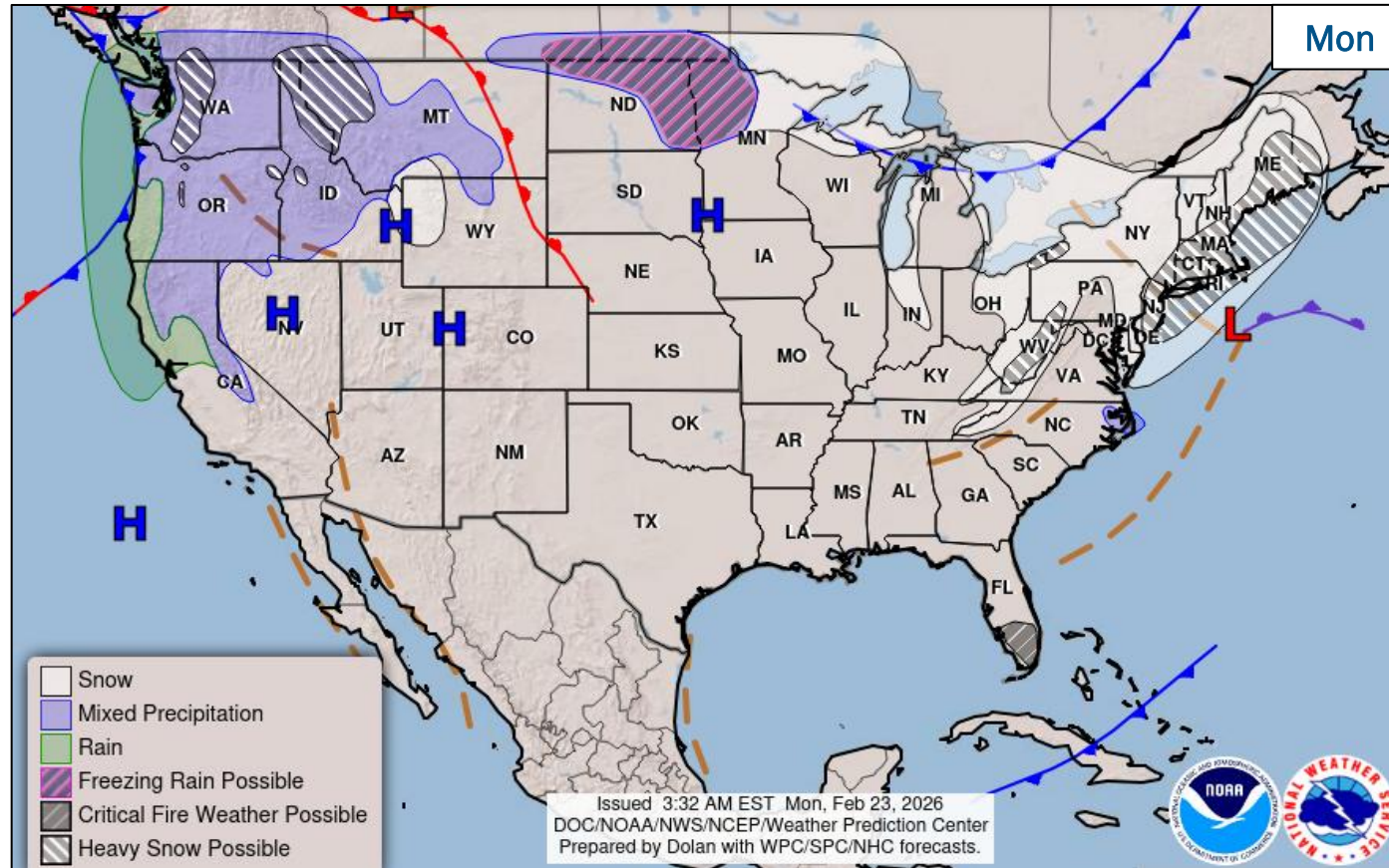
- DC: DCHSEMA Monitoring (SOTUA)
- DE: SEOC Full Activation (Winter Storm)
 - DE DOT Blizzard Warning issued to avoid travel on I-95 and I-495 through today
- MD SEOC at Partial Activation (Winter Storm)
 - Governor has declared a State of Emergency
- PA: SEOC at Full Activation (Winter Storm)
- VA, WV: SEOCs Normal Operations

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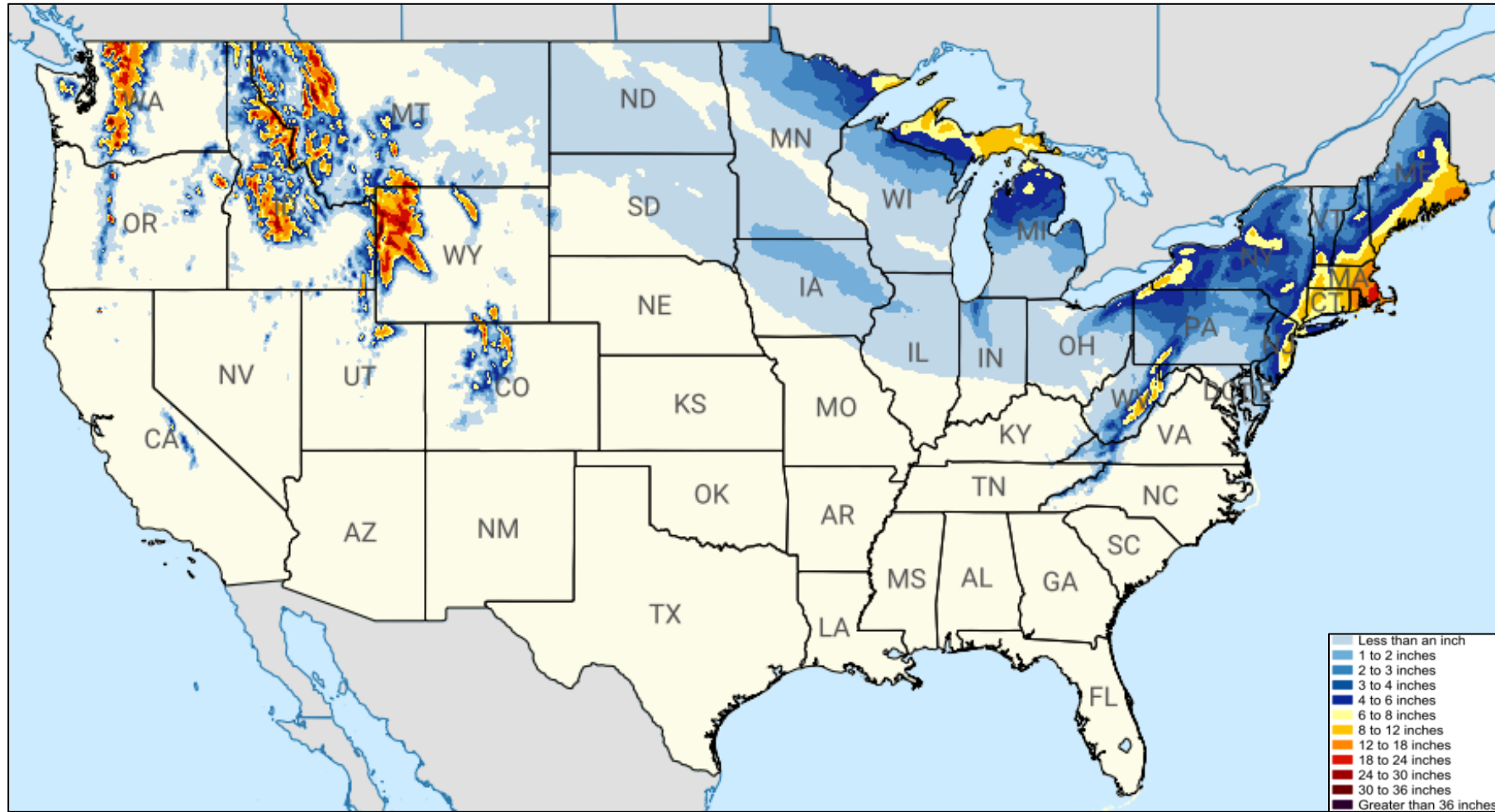
National Weather Forecast



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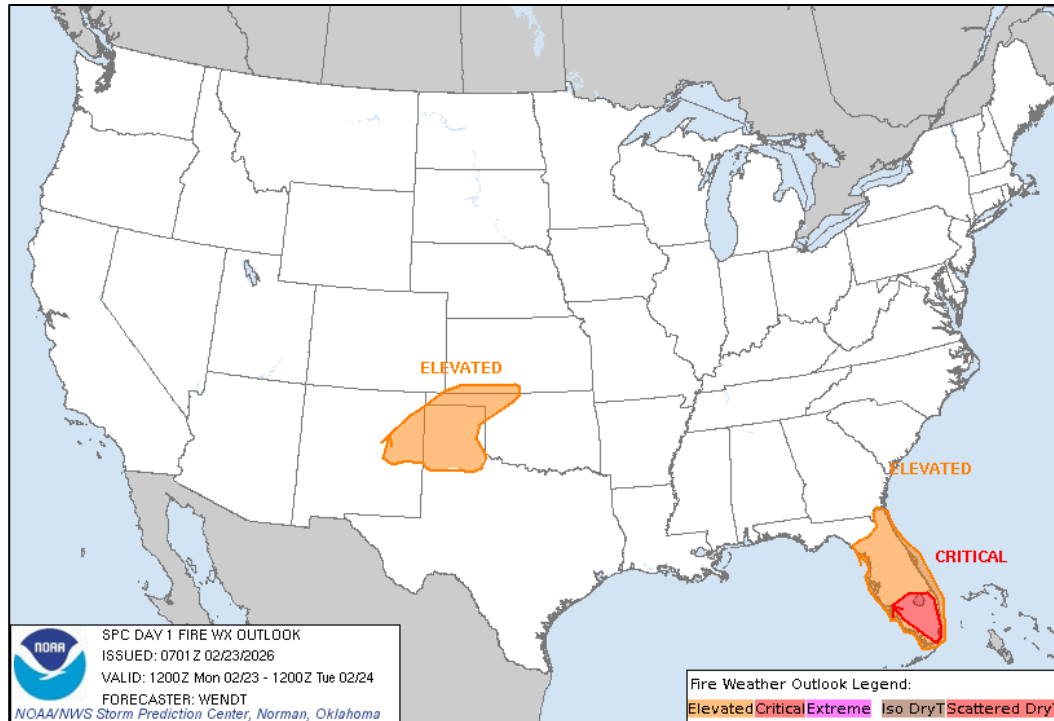
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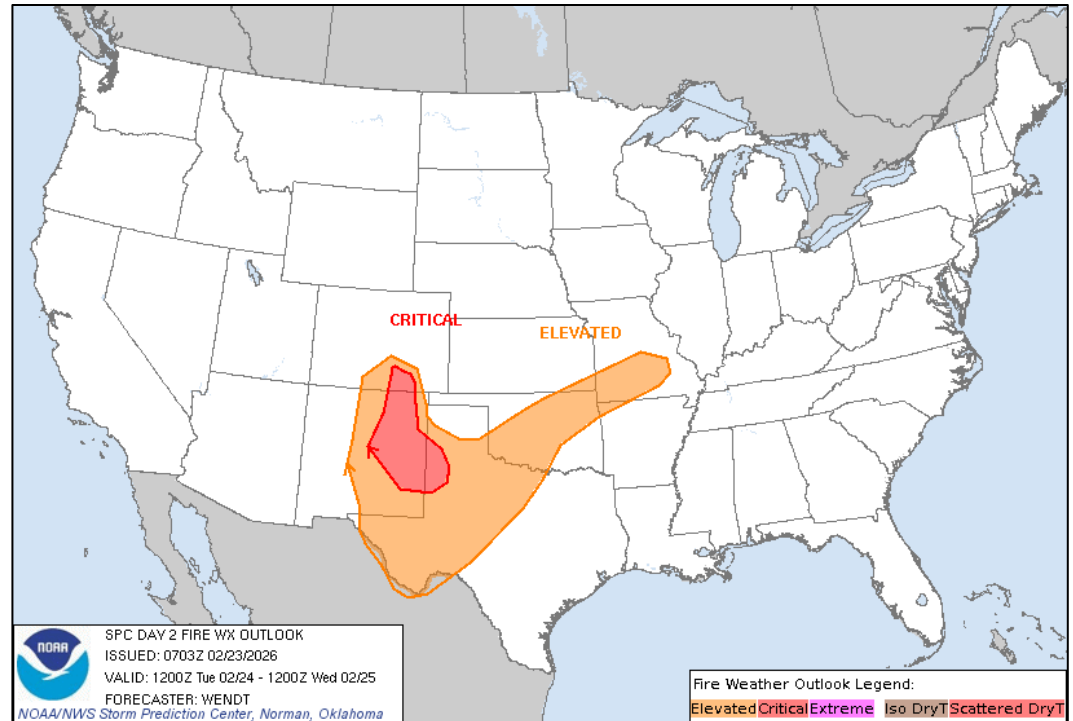
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Ranger Road (Beaver, OK) FINAL	5617-FM-OK	283,283	65% (+35)	M: LIFTED	H: 0 (-926)	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 1
				V: 0	O: 0 (-2)	O: 0	O: 0	
Rattlesnake (Osage/Washington, OK) FINAL	5621-FM-OK	498	100% (+50%)	M: 0	H: 14	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

(Evacuations: M = Mandatory / V = Voluntary; Structures: H = Homes and Mixed Commercial/Residential / O = Non-residential Commercial/Other Minor Structures)



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NWC

Monitoring

NRCC

Steady State

FEMA REGIONS

Watch

Monitoring

Alt. Location

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RRCC

Enhanced

R1

R2

R3

R4

R5

R6

R7

R8

R9

R10

Rostered

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Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

R2 RWC: Alternate location (Winter Storm) until 7:00 p.m. ET, Feb 23

R3 RWC: Alternate location effective Feb 22, 2026, for approximately 4 weeks (RWC Refresh)

IMATs:

NSTR

State EOCs:

HI: Wildfires

FL: Previous Incidents

CT/DE/MD/MS/NJ/NY/PA/TN: Winter Storm

PR: Influenza Epidemic

OK/TX: Fire Weather

DC: State of the Union

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	3	0
R4	6	17	11	1
R5	0	0	1	0
R6	3	5	3	3
R7	0	0	0	0
R8	1	1	1	0
R9	0	0	0	0
R10	1	1	0	0

Alaska

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Guam

American Samoa

Hawaii

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Regional Offices

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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

Declared Counties

Map of the United States showing disaster activity and FEMA presence. Key locations include Kansas City, MO (DR-4872-MO, R7 IMAT), Winchester, VA (SOTUA, MERS), Columbus AFB, MS (DR-4899-MS, SMT Hawaii, ISB Charlie), Pearl, MS (DR-4899-MS, R4 IMAT 2, MERS), and Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands. Weather conditions like Heavy Snow, Mixed Precipitation, and Flash Flooding are indicated in various regions.

IM Workforce

11,389 Assigned

4,162 (-18) Unavailable

2,781 Deployed

39% / 4,446 (+18) Available

IM Cadre Availability

7 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 24% (23/96); Disability Integration: 25% (4/16); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 16% (102/653); External Affairs: 25% (69/273); Field Leadership: 19% (22/117); Hazard Mitigation: 19% (144/771); Planning: 19% (66/346)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned

6 Unavailable

2 (+1) Deployed

28 (-1) Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned

0 Unavailable

0 Deployed

28 Available

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3 Type I

36 Assigned

4 Unavailable

25 (16 FCO) Deployed

7 Available

Declaration Requests in Process – 18

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
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
CTM* – Straight-line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 12
FBIC* – Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 13
OR – Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	Feb 18

*San Carlos Apache Tribe / Native Village of Kipnuk / Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes / Crow Tribe of Montana / Fort Belknap Indian Community



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