

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Atmospheric River – Pacific Northwest to Northern Rockies

Hazard Monitoring

- Excessive Rainfall/Flash Flooding – California to Pacific Northwest
- Heavy Snow – Cascades, Northern Rockies

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

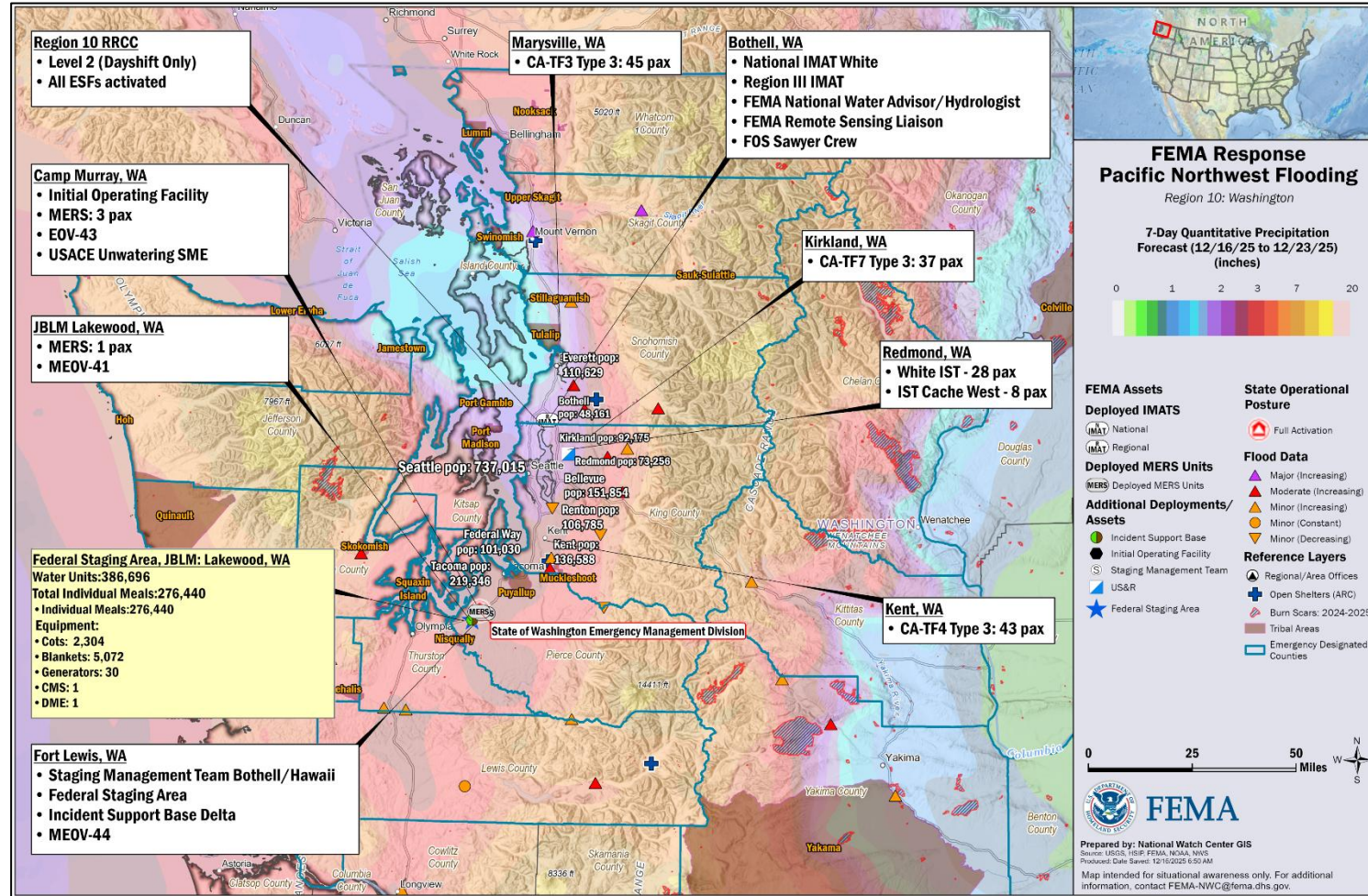
Event Monitoring

- No significant events



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Situation: A second round of heavy rain is expected Tuesday through Wednesday, trending upwards in wind intensity and total moisture content, with lowering snow levels; this will result in heavy rain causing a second peak in the river heights, and snow in the mountains that will measure in feet in the Cascades through the end of the week (NRCC SLB #6, as of 8:00 p.m. ET, Dec 15). The threats of landslides and debris flows, particularly in recent burn scar areas remain a primary concern.

Federal, state, and local agencies continue to support the affected areas.

Lifeline Impacts: (NRCC SLB #6, as of 8:00 p.m. ET, Dec 15)

Safety & Security: Evacuations continue in affected area.

- King Co., WA, reported failures on the Desimone-Briscoe Levee in Tukwila (pop. 22k) and the White River Levee in Pacific (pop. 7k). Mandatory evacuations have been lifted in the Tukwila area but remain in effect in Pacific. (NWS Seattle, King County, Bothell MOC, and open sources, as of 8:30 a.m. ET)
- Approximately 395 individuals have been rescued across 11 counties
- The Seattle District Reservoir Control Center assumed control of Ross Dam and Upper Baker Dam operations; USACE is directing Puget Sound Energy and Seattle City Light on reservoir releases from Upper Baker Dam and Ross Dam to reduce flood risks for Concrete and downstream Skagit River communities. No concerns or impacts reported.
- 61 personnel / 5 Law Enforcement Strike Teams (LESTs) from various agencies are staged and ready to support
- As evacuation orders continue, some residents in Stehekin Valley unable to evacuate due to lack of navigable roads
- Food, Hydration, Shelter:** Shelter operations ongoing. Food and water being supplied in affected areas.
- 8 (+7) truckloads of meals / 245k units (+215k); and 12 (+2) truckloads of water / 210k liters (+34k) arrived at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM)
- 9 (+2) shelters open / 167 (-29) occupants
- Drinking Water:
 - Chelan Co., WA: Stehekin currently without potable water. Sheriff's Department is distributing pallets of water
 - Pierce Co., WA: Tacoma treatment plant is offline; residents using stored water and water conservation measures
 - Whatcom Co., WA: drinking water treatment plant in Sumas is offline; currently using stored water resources
 - Skagit Co., WA: Boil water advisory issued for Cascade River Community Club
 - Lincoln Co., MT: Lower Flower Creek Diversion Structure (Libby, MT water source) damaged; stabilization required (National Water Center, as of 6:42 a.m. ET, Dec 15 and R8 Response, as of 12:58 a.m. ET, Dec 16)

Water Systems: Multiple drinking water treatment plants are offline, with limited reserves for affected cities and towns.

- Treatment: Multiple drinking water treatment plants are offline affecting approximately 638k residents
- Wastewater Management: Multiple wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) are not operational and currently on bypass
 - Whatcom Co., WA: Eversion WWTP is not operational due to flooding and has been evacuated
 - Benton Co., WA: Richland WWTP in Benton is offline due to its drain field being under water

Transportation: Multiple roads and rails remain closed; currently, Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has no unmet needs.

- 14 (-3) WA state routes closed, with 19 (-12) closures along them; I-90 has reopened
- BNSF Sumas Subdivision in Whatcom Co. is out of service due to washouts; repairs are expected

State / Local Response:

- WA SEOC at Full Activation (day shift only); WA Gov declared state of emergency on Dec 10; FEMA-3629-EM-WA approved Dec 12
- MT SEOC at Partial Activation

FEMA / Federal Response:

FEMA Region 8: Denver MOC at Enhanced Watch (Flooding); RRCC is Rostered, moving to Level 3 (day shift only) at 10:00 a.m. ET

FEMA Region 10:

- Bothell MOC at Monitoring; RRCC at Level 2 (day shift only); all ESFs activated; R10 IMAT is Reconstituting; 2 FEMA LNOs deployed to WA SEOC; MEOV is deploying to support federal staging area at JBLM

HQ:

- NWC at Monitoring; Hydro LNO deployed to FEMA Region 10
- NRCC activated at Level 3 (day shift only)
- Region 3 IMAT deployed to Bothell, WA
- Elements of N-IMAT White deployed to Bothell, WA

US&R:

- White IST, West IST Cache are operating out of Redmond. CA-TF4 operating in Kent, WA. CA-TF7 moving to Kent, WA, this morning. CA-TF3 -staged in Marysville, WA.

Logistics:

- SMT Bothell/SMT Hawaii/ISB Delta deployed to JBLM

RGO:

- Coordinating with R10 on imagery needs and damage assessment

USACE:

- Monitoring Lake Silvia Dam, Mud Mountain Dam, and Howard Hanson Dam

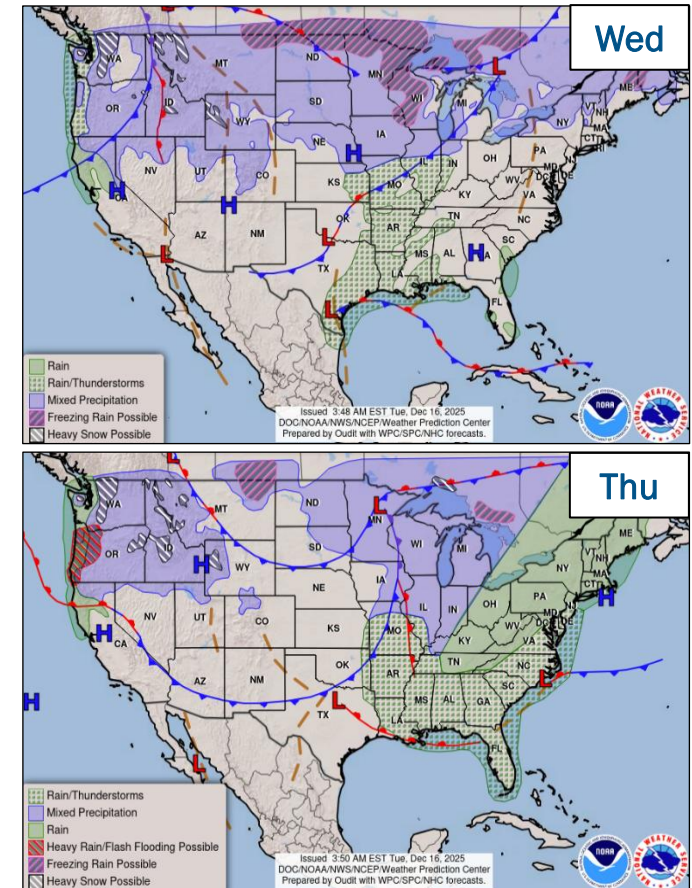
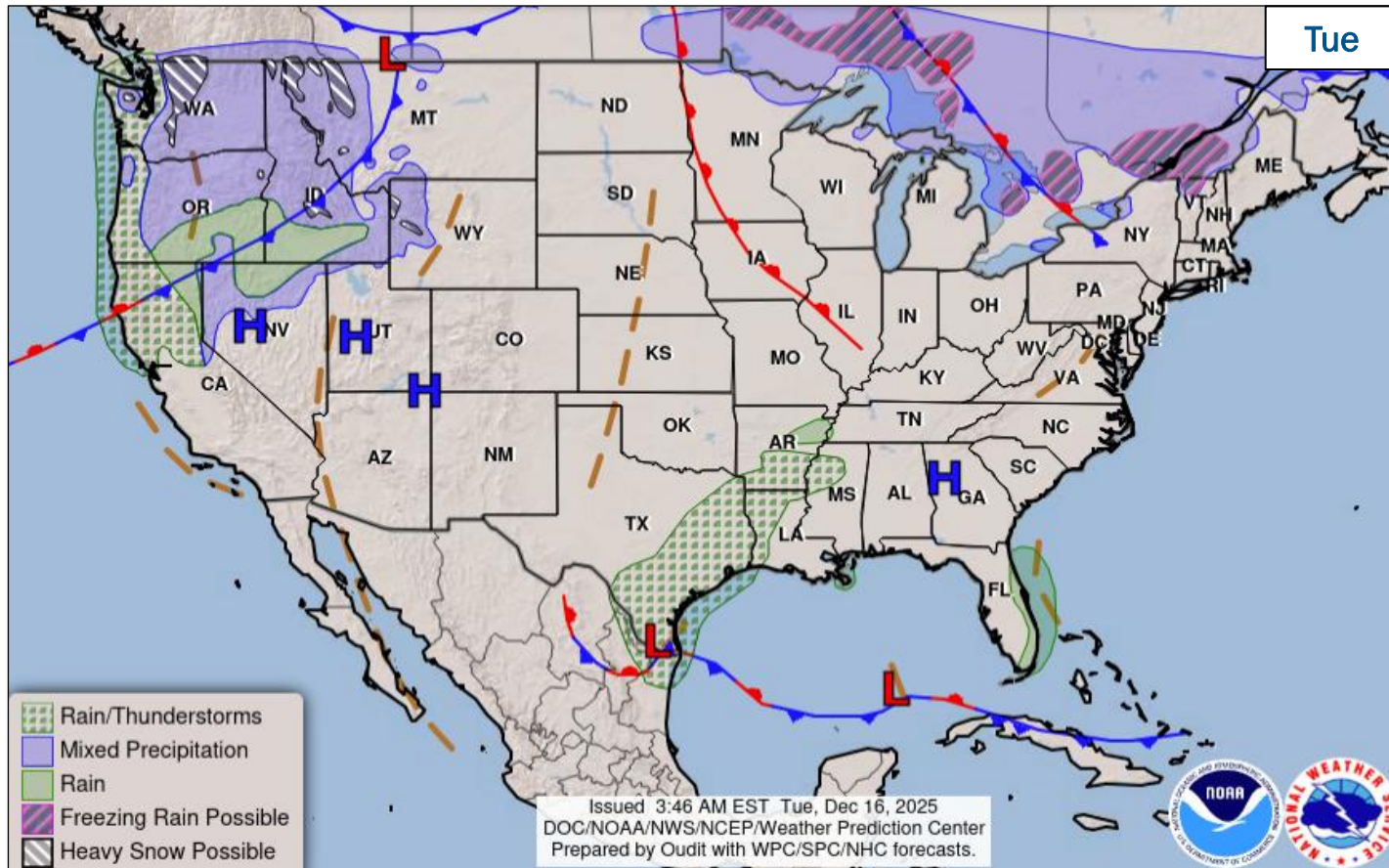
The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 10. Updates will be reported in the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET) and the twice-daily FEMA National Situation Report (5:00 p.m. / 3:00 a.m. ET).

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FEMA Common Operating Picture

14
Joint Field
Offices

Supporting

44 Major Disasters

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8 Emergency Declarations





12 Direct House Missions

8 RSF-Supported Disasters

6 Joint Recovery Offices

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NWC	NRCC	
Monitoring	Level 3	
FEMA REGIONS		
Watch	RRCC	
Monitoring	R1	Rostered
Monitoring	R2	Rostered
Monitoring	R3	Rostered
Monitoring	R4	Rostered
Monitoring	R5	Rostered
Monitoring	R6	Rostered
Monitoring	R7	Rostered
Enhanced	R8	Rostered
Monitoring	R9	Rostered
Monitoring	R10	Level 2
Notes:		
<u>NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:</u>		<u>State EOCs:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NRCC: Atmospheric River (Dayshift only)• R10 RRCC: Atmospheric River (Dayshift only)• Denver MOC: MT Flooding• R5 RWC: Staffing (Dayshift only)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HI: Wildfires• FL: Previous Incidents• AZ/MT/TX: Flooding• WA: Atmospheric River
<u>IMATS:</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• R10 IMAT: Reconstituting (Dec 12-26)		
Surge Capacity Force		
Rostered 7,969	Deployed 0	

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	WA (Dec 12)
Blue	
Gold	
HS	
R-IMATs	
≥ 7 Teams Available	
R1	3
R2	
R3	WA (Dec 11)
R4 (1)	
R4 (2)	1
R5	
R6 (1)	
R6 (2)	2
R7	MO (Oct 27)
R8	
R9 (1)	
R9 (2)	
R10	Reconstituting
	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	2	5	1	0
R4	6	16	5	1
R5	0	2	0	0
R6	4	7	1	3
R7	1	11	0	0
R8	1	2	0	0
R9	0	0	0	0
R10	0	1	1	0



Alaska



Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands



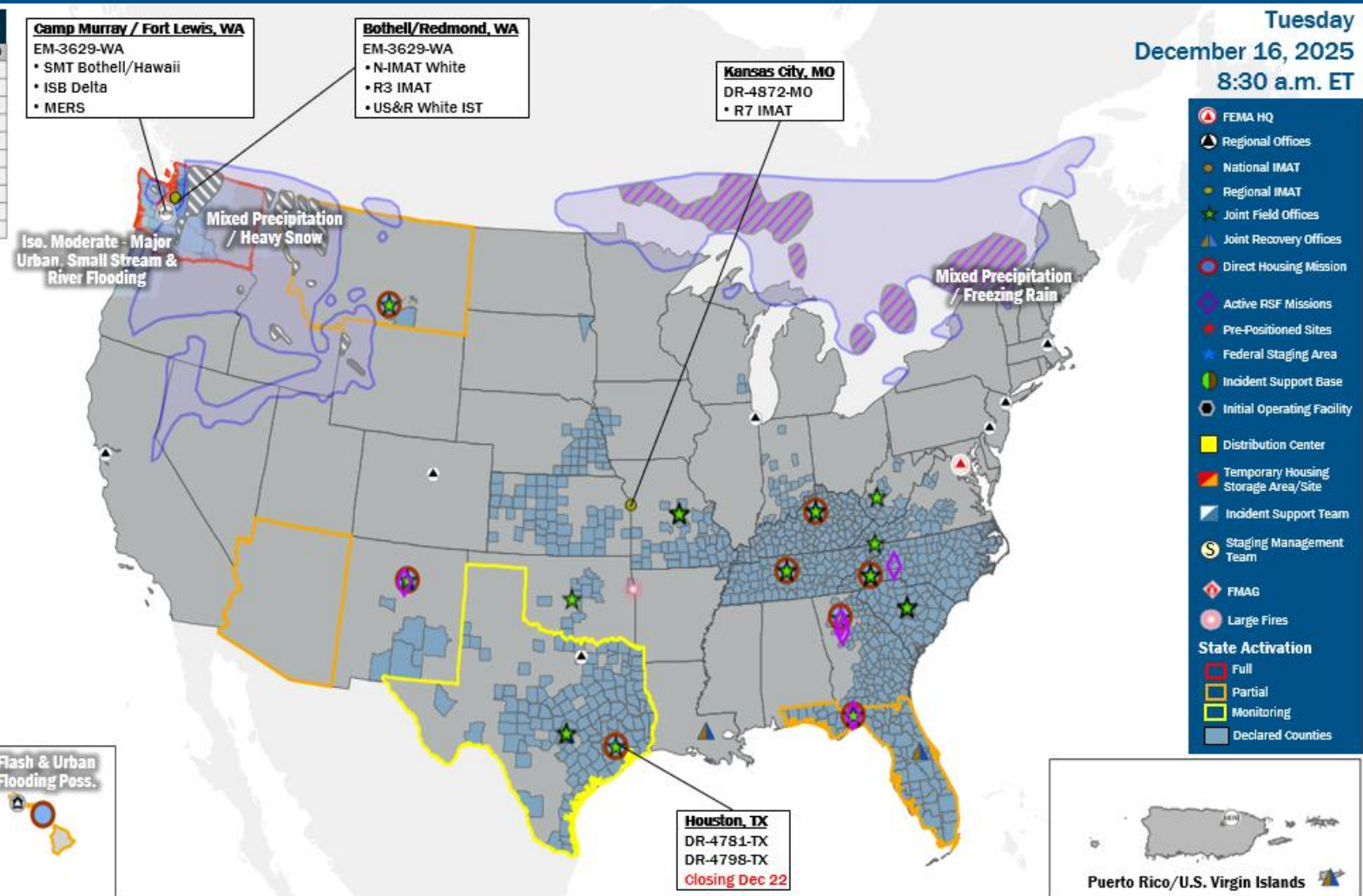
Guam



American Samoa



Hawaii



IM Workforce

11,622 (-2) Assigned
5,668 (+40) Unavailable
3,041 (-77) Deployed

25% / 2,913 (+35) Available

IM Cadre Availability

Alternative Dispute: 13% (4/31); Civil Rights: 16% (16/101); Disability Integration: 12% (2/17); External Affairs: 11% (32/287); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 7% (45/664); Field Leadership: 17% (20/120); Financial Management: 20% (37/183); Hazard Mitigation: 9% (73/780); Human Resources: 18% (29/159); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 20% (40/197); Public Assistance: 17% (347/2,051); Planning: 8% (30/355); Safety: 10% (9/90); Security: 11% (13/112)

14 (-1) Cadres \leq 25% Availability

MERS
≥ 66%

36 Assigned
6 Unavailable
1 Deployed

29 Available

US&R
≥ 66%

28 Assigned
0 Unavailable
3 Deployed

25 Available

FCO

38 Assigned
5 Unavailable
26 (+1) (17 FCOR) Deployed

7 (-1) Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Completed	
R8	MT	Severe Storm and Flooding Dec 11	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	2	0	12/15 – TBD
R10	WA	Severe Storms Dec 5 and continuing	IA	12	0	12/15 – TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A



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Declaration Requests in Process – 14

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
OK – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Aug 19
KS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 17
RST* – Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, and Tornado – Appeal	DR	X	X	X	Sep 18
CO – Lee and Elk Fires, Flooding, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	Sep 26
MT – Water Systems Failure	EM		X		Oct 22
POA** – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Oct 22
AZ – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Oct 24
CO – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	Nov 12
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
LLBO*** – Building Fire	DR		X	X	Nov 30

* Rosebud Sioux Tribe

** Pueblo of Acoma

*** Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



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