

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, January 22, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Winter Storm – Southern Rockies to Eastern U.S.

Hazard Monitoring

- Winter Weather – Southern Plains to Eastern U.S.

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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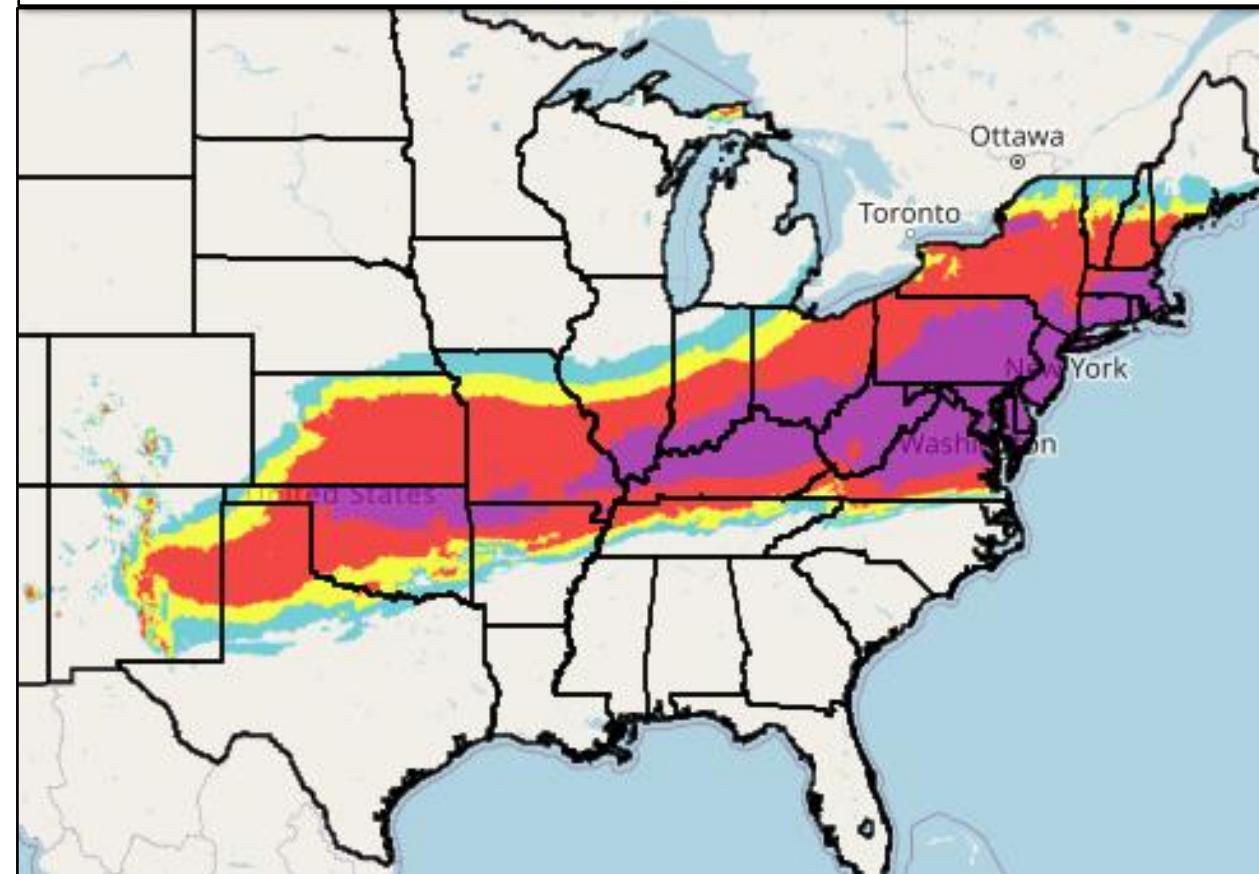
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January 23-26 Winter Storm

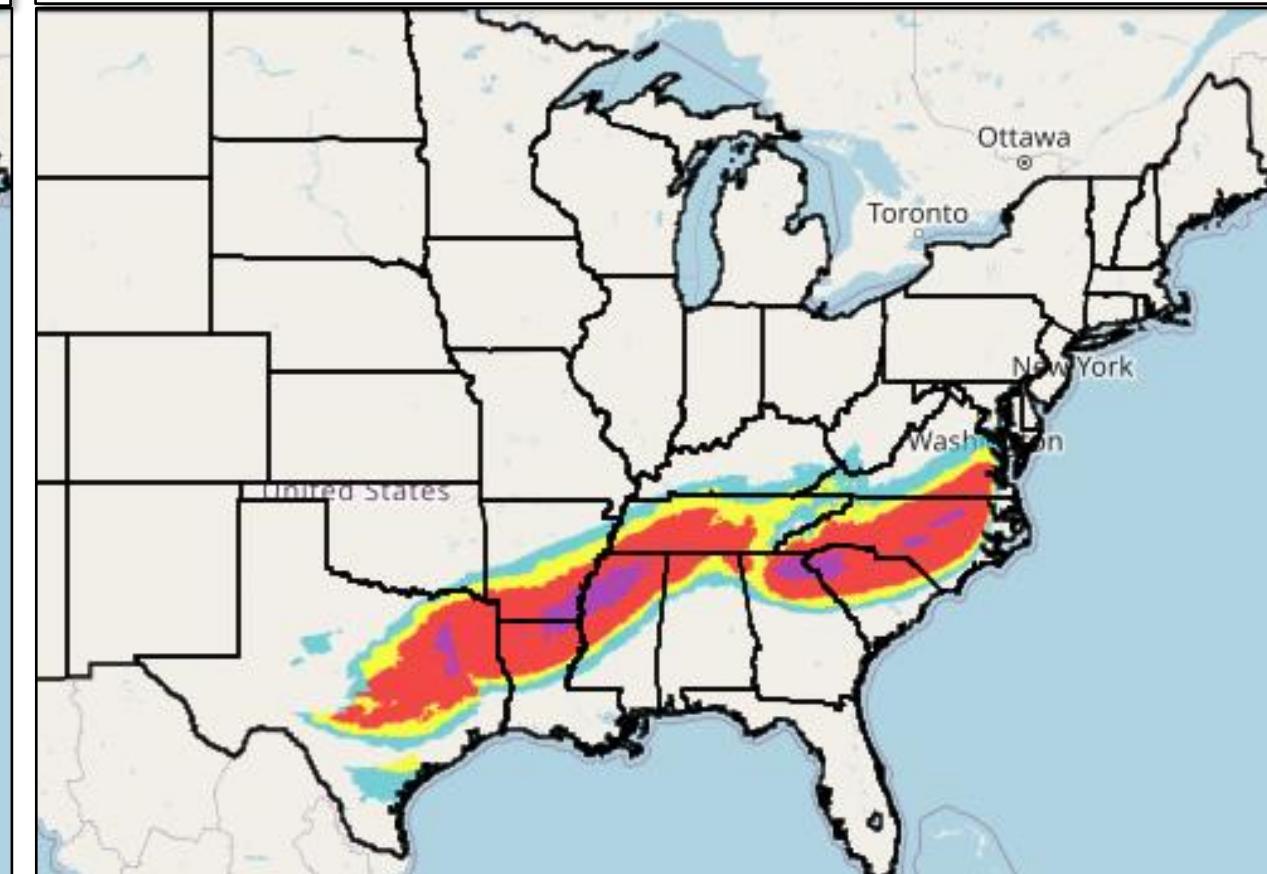
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Probability of Exceeding Warning Criteria (Snowfall)



Probability of Exceeding Warning Criteria (Ice)



< 10%

10-30%

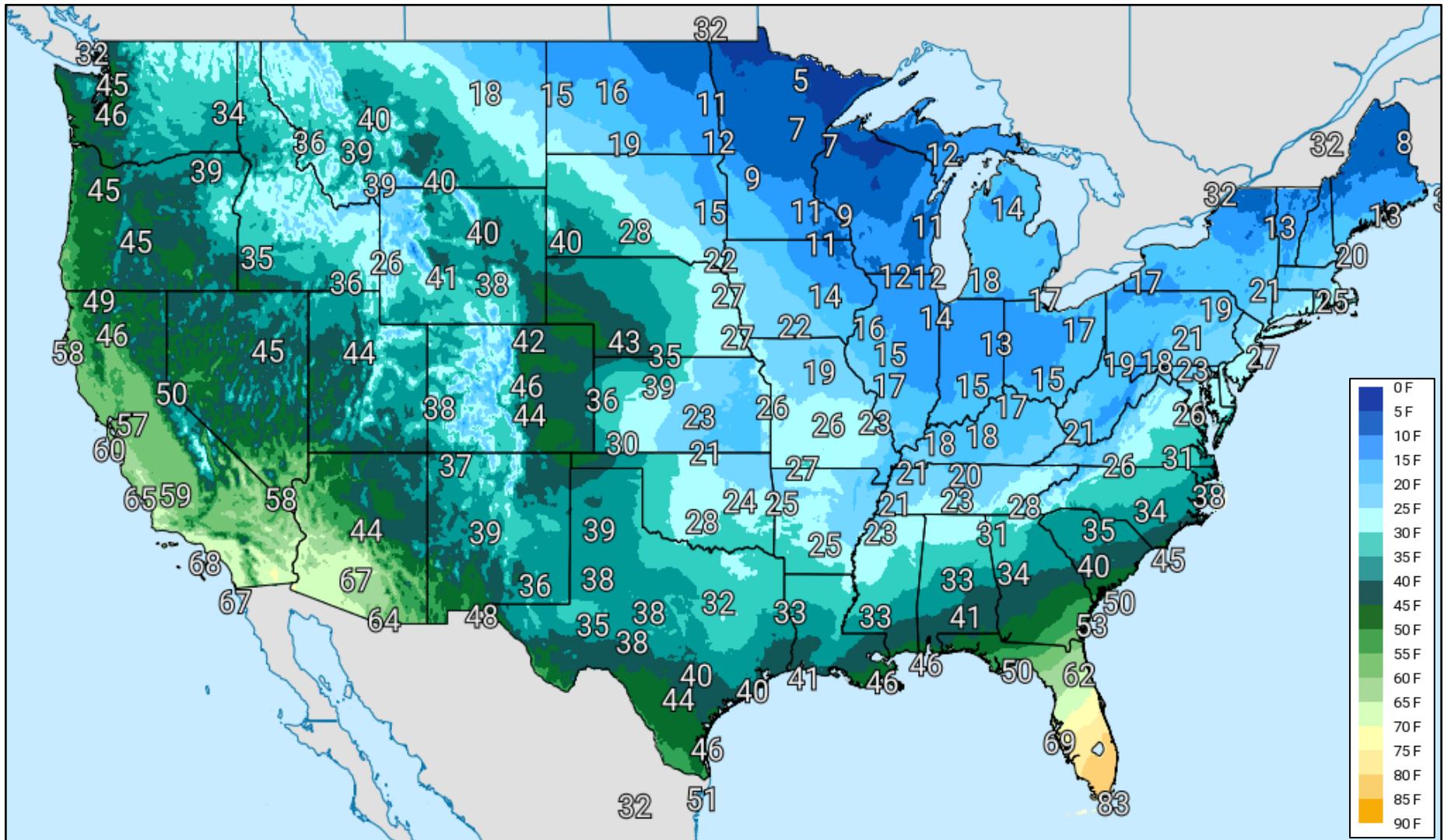
30-50%

50-80%

> 80%

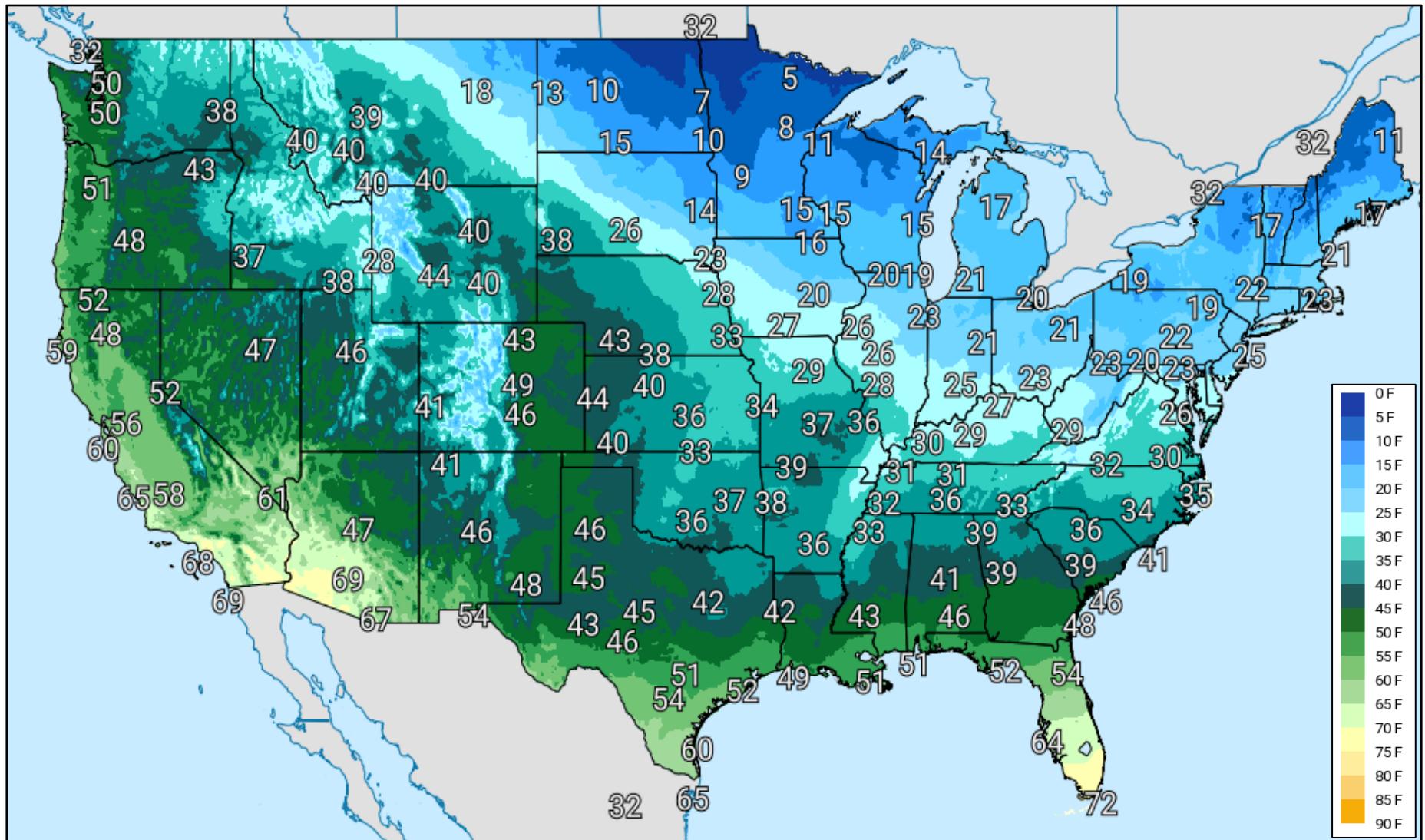
High Temperatures - Monday, January 26

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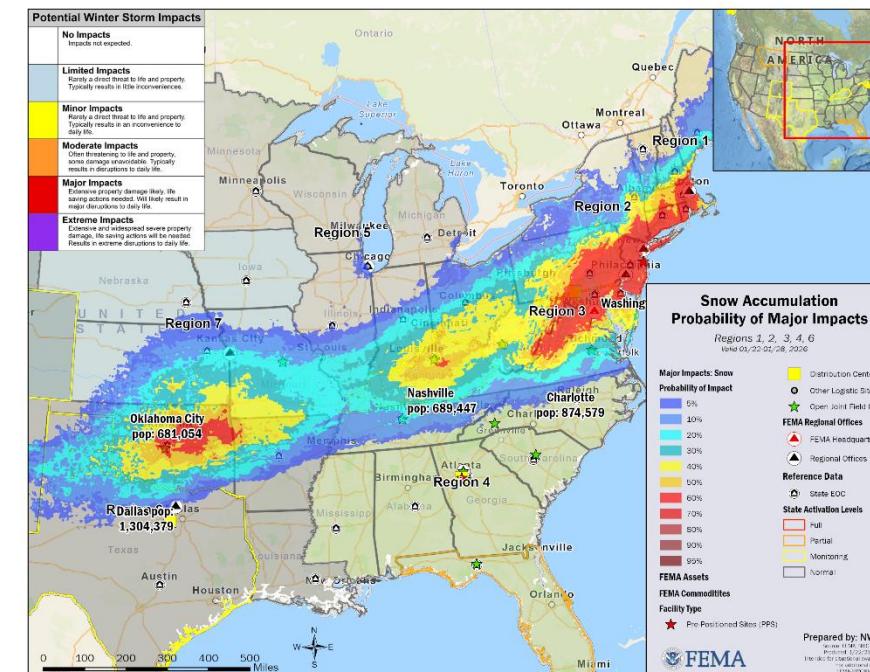
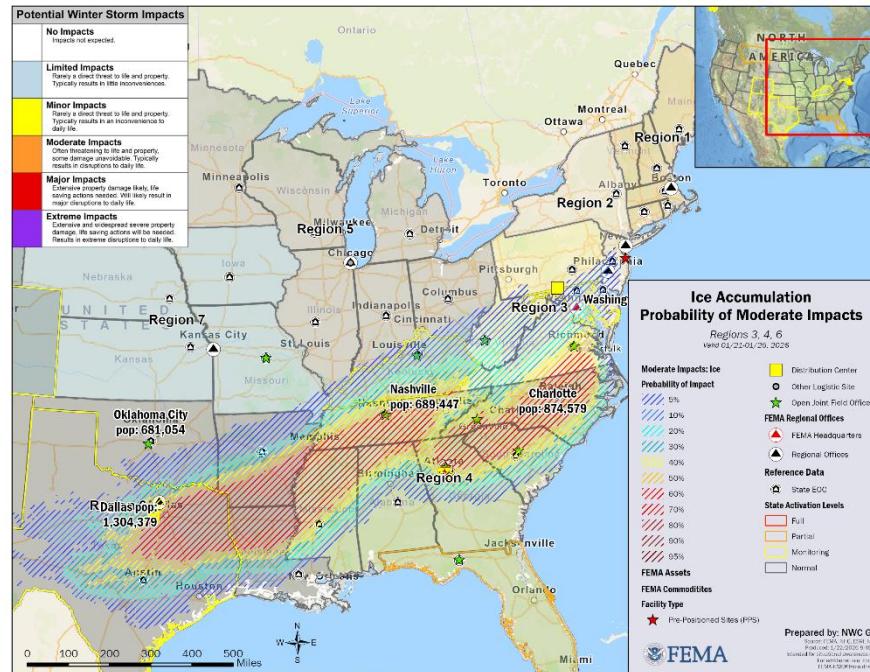
High Temperatures - Tuesday, January 27

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Winter Storm - Southern Rockies to Eastern U.S.

Situation: An Arctic air mass late this week will bring much below normal temperatures for the Central and Eastern U.S. by Friday. This is expected to lead to a widespread winter weather event with snow and ice likely from the Southern Plains to the Mid-Atlantic this weekend. The main concerns for freezing rain and ice are for FEMA Regions 6 and 4. The heaviest snowfall amounts are likely across Oklahoma on Saturday and then FEMA Region 3 on Sunday. Disruptions to travel and daily activities are expected.



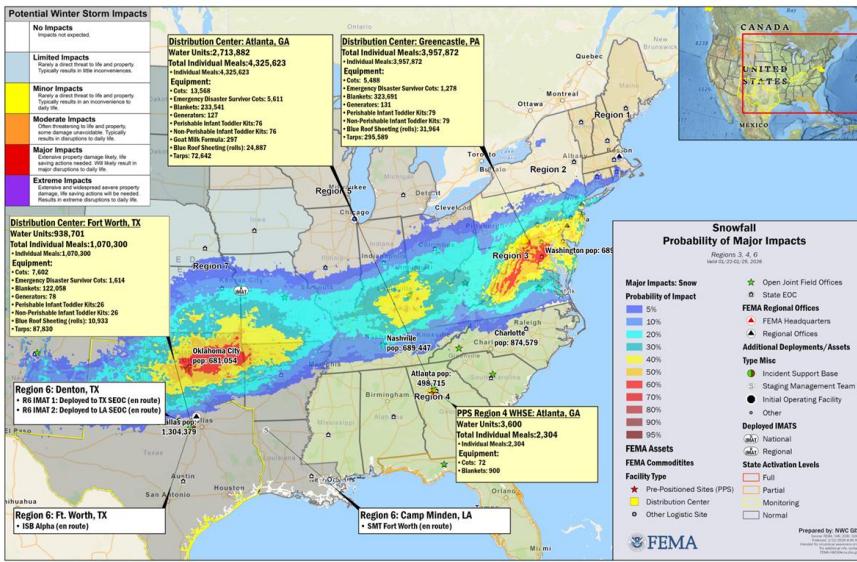
Possible Impacts: Travel will be severely disrupted due to snow-covered roads, icy surfaces, and low visibility, with widespread flight delays and possible cancellations. Freezing rain and sleet may result in treacherous travel, tree damage, and prolonged power outages. Strong winds could further damage infrastructure and hinder emergency response. The extreme cold following the storm will increase the risk of hypothermia and frostbite, especially for vulnerable populations, and may strain utility systems as demand for heating rises. School and business closures, as well as disruptions to public transportation and supply chains, are likely.



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Winter Storm - Southern Rockies to Eastern U.S. (cont.)



State / Local / FEMA / Federal Response:

FEMA Region 1:

- All SEOCs at Normal Operations
- Regional Watch is Monitoring; RRCC at Steady State; R-IMAT is available

FEMA Region 2:

- All SEOCs at Normal Operations
- Regional Watch is Monitoring; RRCC at Steady State; R-IMAT is available

FEMA Region 3:

- DC & MD are Monitoring (Winter Storm)
- Regional Watch is Monitoring; RRCC at Steady State; R-IMAT is available
- All States have FEMA Integrated Teams (FIT) in place engaged with SEOCs

FEMA Region 4:

- KY is Monitoring (Winter Storm)
- AL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, and TN at Normal Operations (Partial Activation on 1/23 for Winter Storm)
- Regional Watch is Monitoring (will activate to Enhanced Watch (dayshift only) on 1/23; RRCC at Steady State; R-IMATs are available
- All States have 2-3 temporary power vendors each to pull capabilities for generators

FEMA Region 5:

- All SEOCs at Normal Operations
- Regional Watch is Monitoring; RRCC at Steady State; R-IMAT is available

FEMA Region 6:

- NM SEOC is Monitoring (Winter Weather)
- TX SEOC is Monitoring (Previous Incident); (Partial Activation on 1/24 for Winter Storm)
- AR SEOC is at Normal Operations
- LA SEOC is at Normal Operations (Partial Activation on 1/23 for Winter Storm)
- OK SEOC is at Normal Operations (Monitoring on 1/23 for Winter Storm)
 - LA requested generators to be pre-positioned in Minden, LA; Region 6 is working to fulfill request and timing
- Watch is Monitoring; RRCC at Steady State (activating to Level 3 on 1/22); R-IMAT 1 deploying to TX and R-IMAT 2 to LA
- FIT members in place in OK, AR, and NM

FEMA Region 7:

- All SEOCs at Normal Operations
- Regional Watch is Monitoring; RRCC at Steady State

Department of Energy:

- Coordinating with response contacts in the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council (ESCC), Oil and Natural Gas Subsector Coordinating Council (ONG SCC), North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Bulk Power System Awareness team, as well as several of the Independent System Operators (ISO) in the potentially affected region
- Electricity sector industry partners are holding pre-storm calls and pre-staging equipment and crews
- Several ISOs will declare conservative operations on 1/23
- There are no unmet needs

HQ:

- NWC is Monitoring (relocating to Mt. Weather on 1/24); NRCC is activated at Level 3; N-IMATs are available
- Incident Support Base (ISB) Team Alpha deploying to Ft. Worth, TX
- Stage Management Team (SMT) Ft. Worth deploying to Camp Minden, LA

NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Reporting will continue twice daily in the FEMA National Situation Report (5:00 p.m. / 3:00 a.m. ET) and the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET).



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

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Joint Field Offices

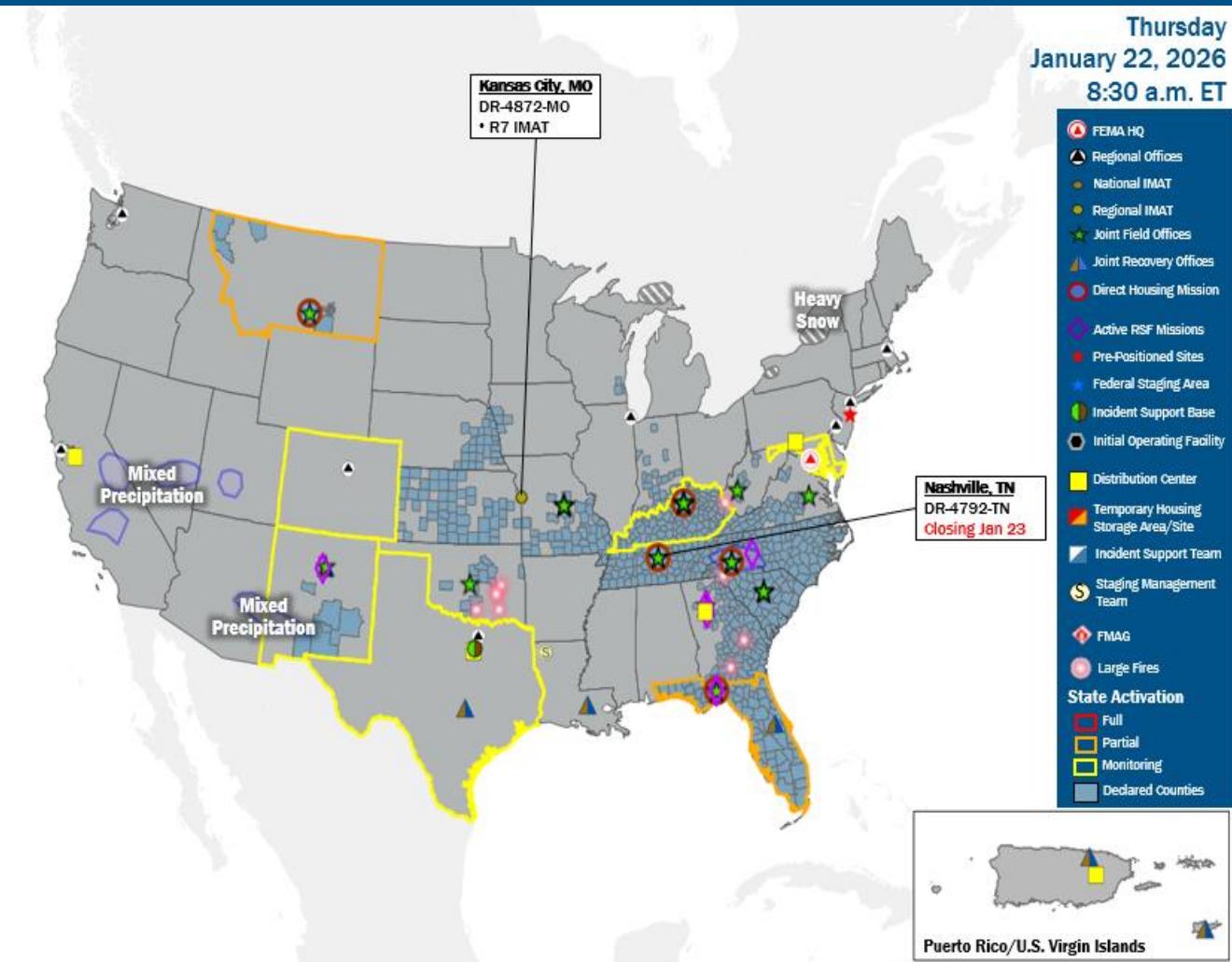
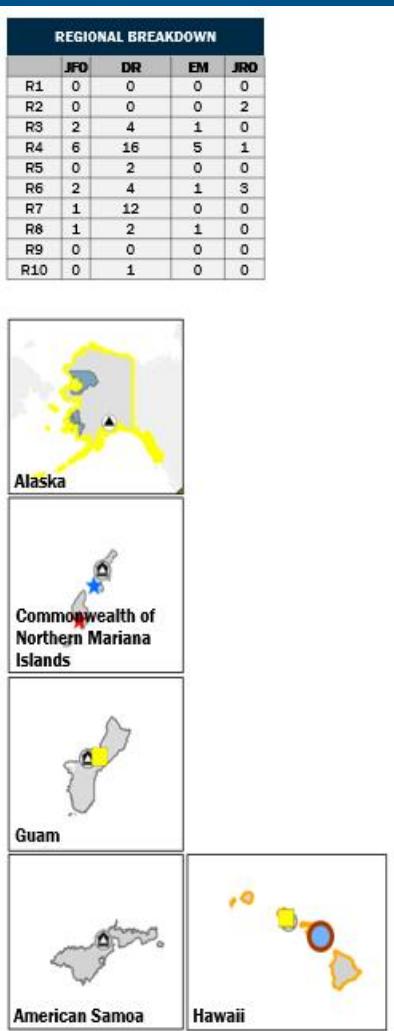
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Major Disasters
Supporting

8
Emergency Declarations
Direct Housing Missions

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RSF-Supported Disasters
Joint Recovery Offices

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FEMA HQ		N-IMATs 2-5 Teams Available	
NWC	NRCC	Red	
Monitoring		White	
Steady State		Blue	
FEMA REGIONS		Gold	
Watch		HS	
RRCC		R-IMATs ≥ 7 Teams Available	
Monitoring	R1	R1	
Monitoring	R2	R2	
Monitoring	R3	R3	
Monitoring	R4	R4	
Monitoring	R5	R5	
Monitoring	R6	R6	
Monitoring	R7	R7	
Monitoring	R8	R8	
Monitoring	R9	R9	
Monitoring	R10	R10	
Notes:			
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:		State EOCs:	
• R5 RWC: Staffing Dayshift (7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. ET)		• HI: Wildfires	
• R6 RRCC: activating at LVL 3 1 p.m. 1/22		• FL: Previous Incidents	
IMATs:		• CO/MT/TX: Flooding	
• R6 IMAT-1 deploying to TX for Winter Storm 1/22		• AK: Winter Weather	
• R6 IMAT-2 deploying to LA for Winter Storm 1/22		• DC/KY/MD/NM: Winter Storm	
Surge Capacity Force			
Rostered 7,969	Deployed 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully Mission Capable (FMC) Partially Mission Capable (PMC) Not Mission Capable (NMC) Deployed 	



IM Workforce

11,528 Assigned
4,403 (+15) Unavailable
2,960 (+31) Deployed

36% (-1) / 4,165 (-45) Available

IM Cadre Availability

Civil Rights: 24% (24/98); Disability Integration: 18% (3/17); External Affairs: 23% (66/283); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 17% (112/659); Field Leadership: 19% (23/119); Hazard Mitigation: 17% (128/775); Planning: 19% (65/350)

7 Cadres (+1) ≤ 25% Availability

MERS

≥ 66%
36 Assigned
6 Unavailable
0 Deployed

30 Available

US&R

≥ 66%
28 Assigned
0 Unavailable
0 Deployed

28 Available

FCO

≥ 4 Type I
36 Assigned
2 Unavailable
23 (14 FCOR) Deployed

11 Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Completed	
R8	SD	Straight-line Wind Event Dec 17, 2025	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	3	0	1/20 - TBD
R10	ID	Windstorm Dec 16-18, 2025	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	10	0	1/14 - 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
R10	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 – 16

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

*Pueblo of Acoma, **San Carlos Apache Tribe, ***Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



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Declaration Requests in Process – 16 (Continuation)

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
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

****Native Village of Kipnuk



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