

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



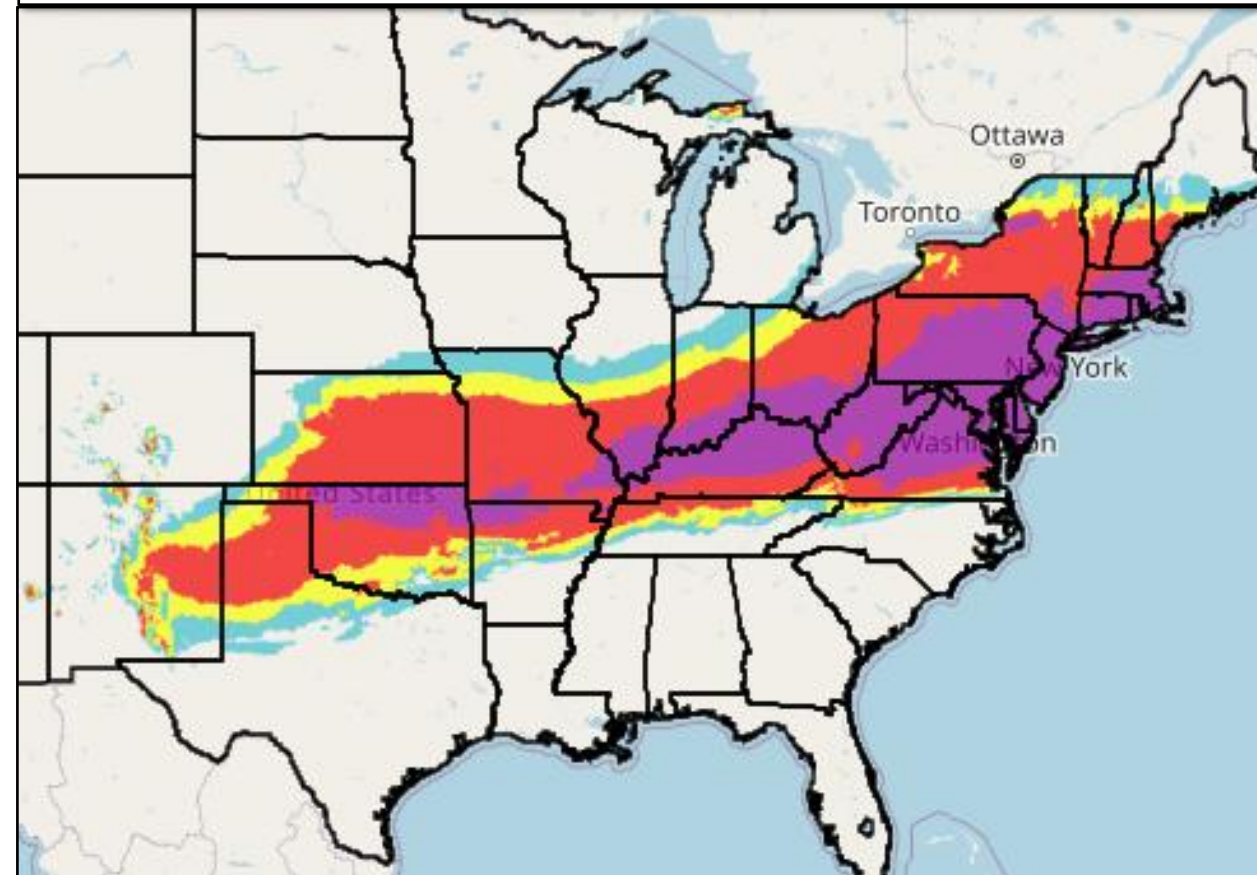
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January 23-26 Winter Storm

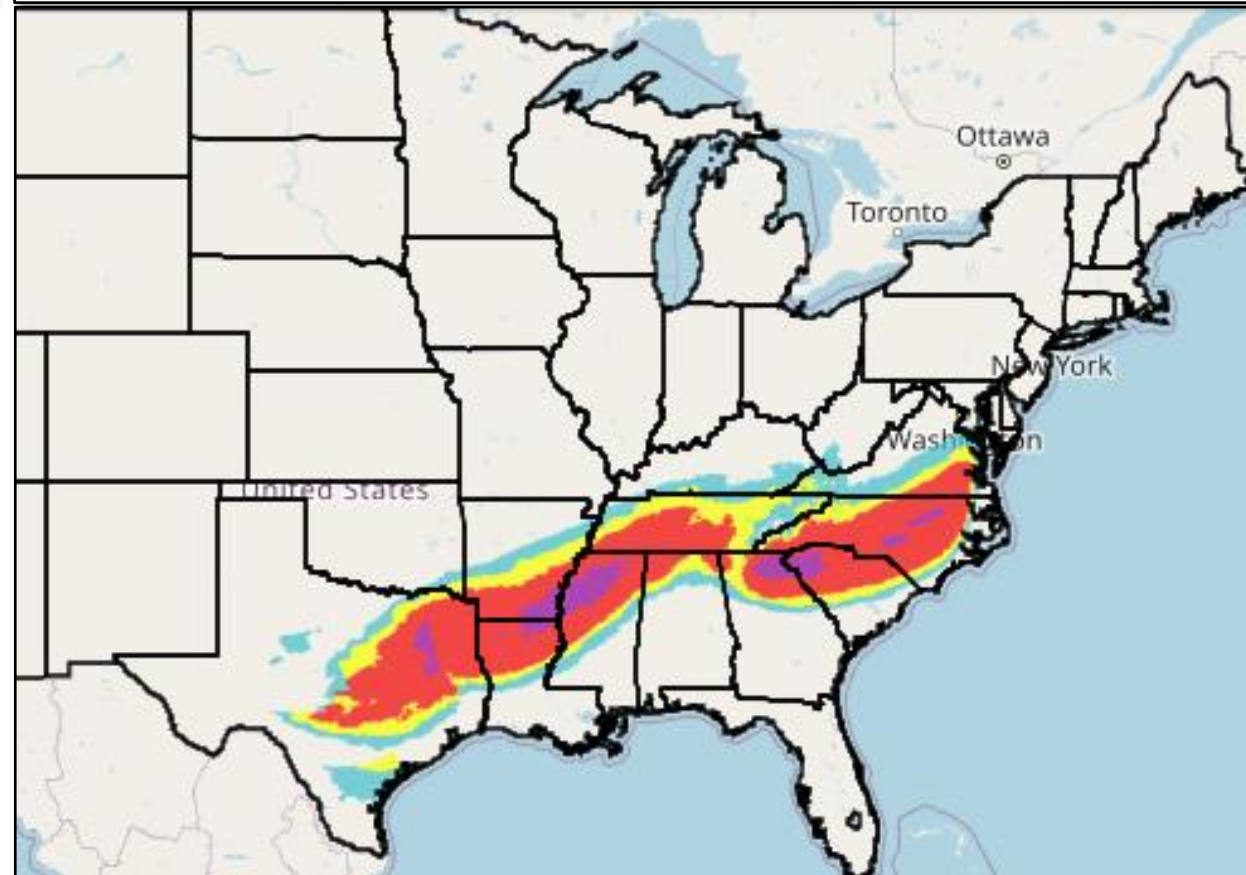
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Probability of Exceeding Warning Criteria (Snowfall)



Probability of Exceeding Warning Criteria (Ice)



< 10%

10-30%

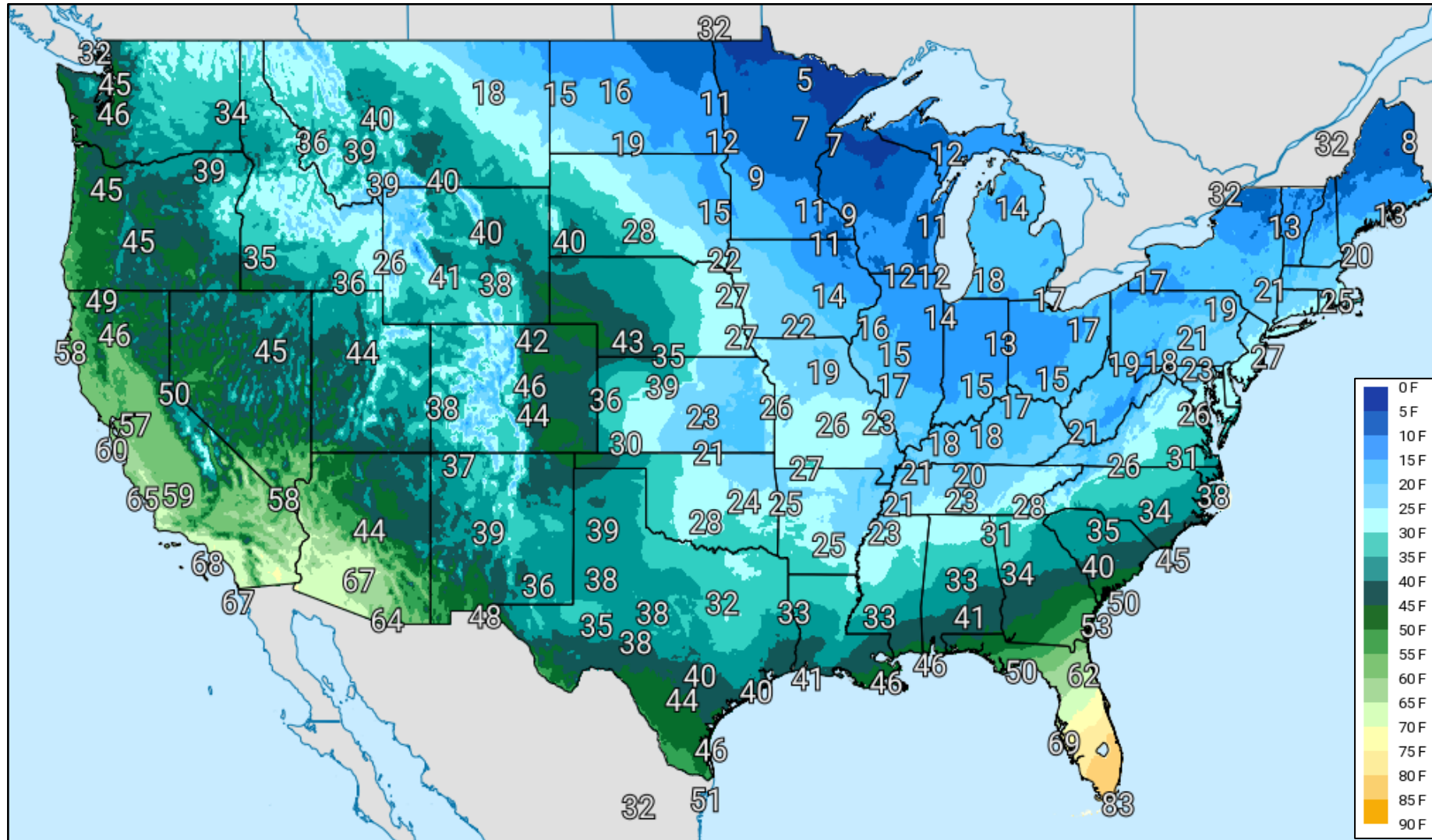
30-50%

50-80%

> 80%

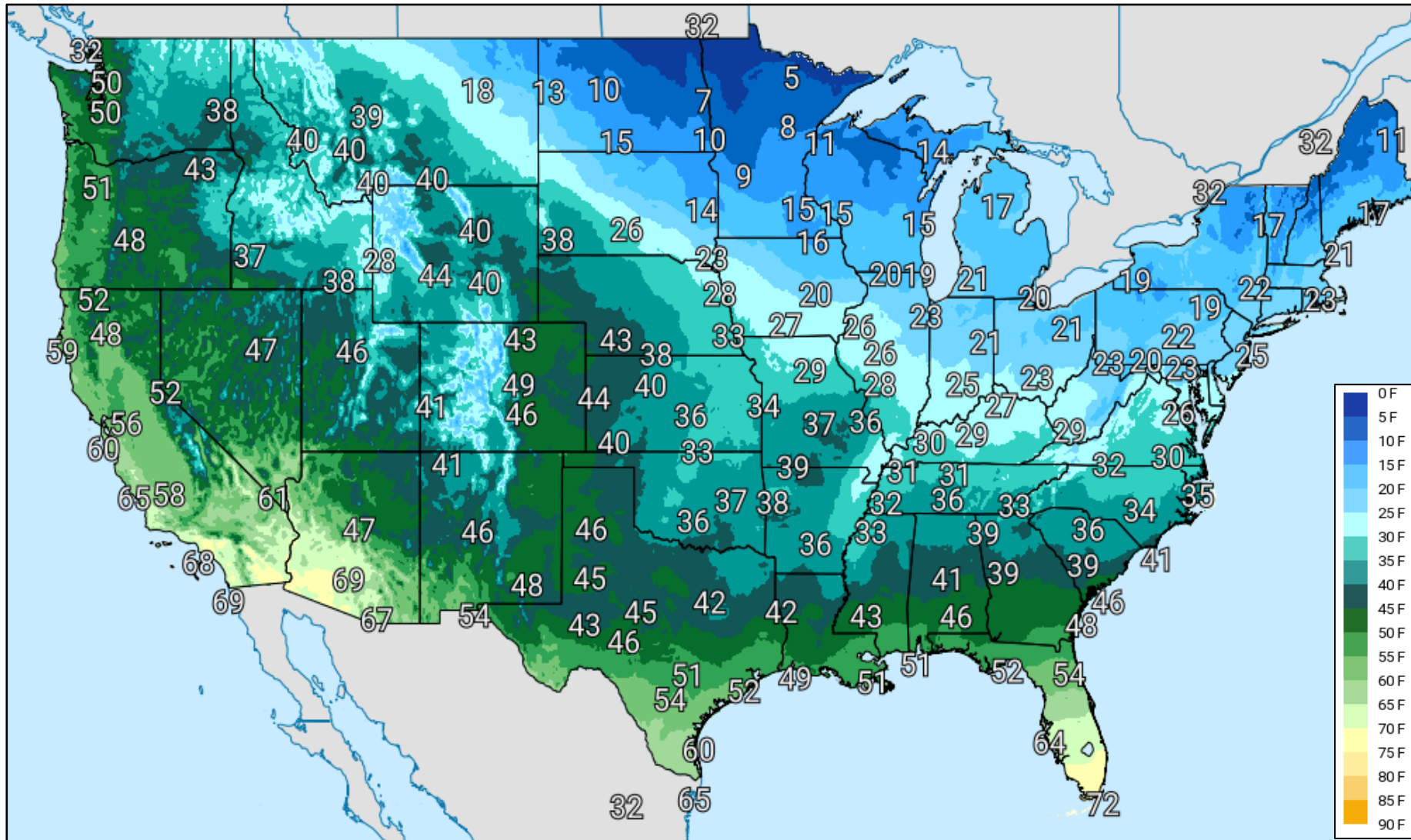
High Temperatures - Monday, January 26

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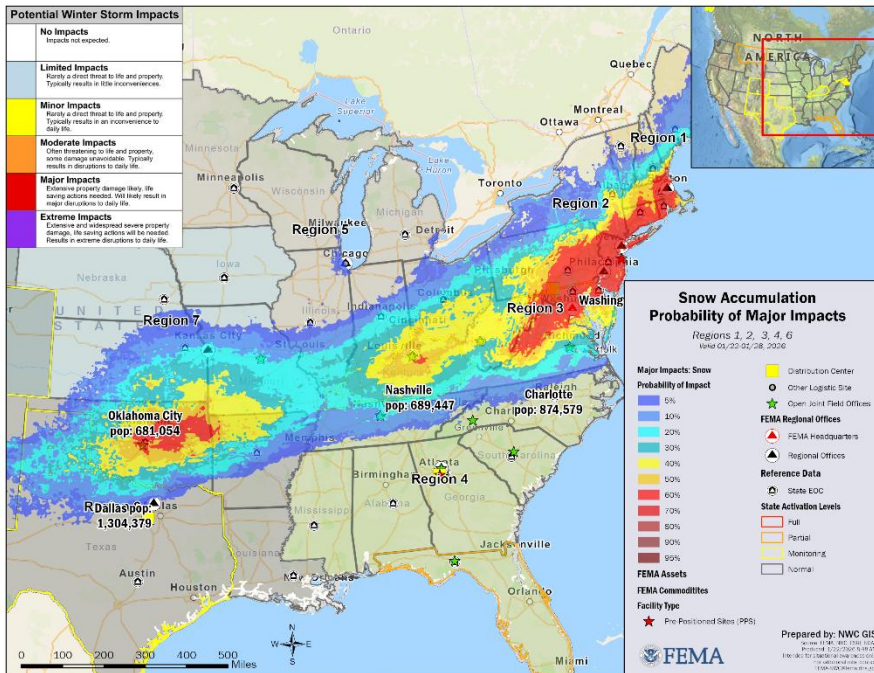
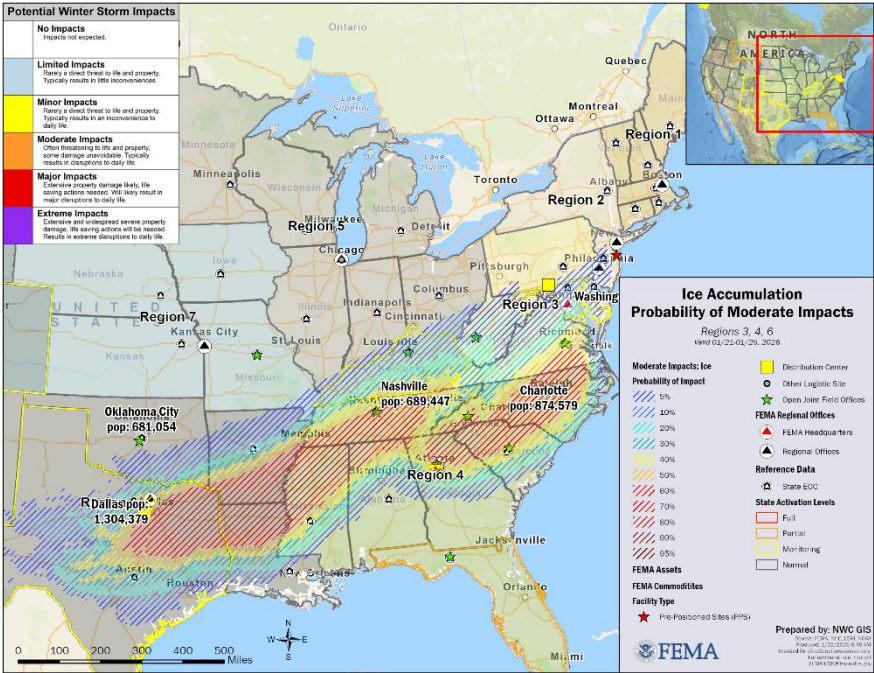
High Temperatures - Tuesday, January 27

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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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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).

FEMA Common Operating Picture

12

Joint Field
Offices

Supporting

41

Major
Disasters

+

8

Emergency
Declarations

8

Direct Housing
Missions

8

RSF-Supported
Disasters

6

Joint Recovery
Offices

FEDERAL HQ

NWC

NRCC

Monitoring

Steady State

FEDERAL REGIONS

Watch

RRCC

Monitoring

R1

Rostered

Monitoring

R2

Rostered

Monitoring

R3

Rostered

Monitoring

R4

Rostered

Monitoring

R5

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Monitoring

R6

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R7

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Monitoring

R8

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Monitoring

R9

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Monitoring

R10

Rostered

Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

• R5 RWC: Staffing Dayshift (7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. ET)

• R6 RRCC: activating at LVL 3 1 p.m. 1/22

IMATs:

• R6 IMAT-1 deploying to TX for Winter Storm 1/22

• R6 IMAT-2 deploying to LA for Winter Storm 1/22

State EOCs:

• HI: Wildfires

• FL: Previous Incidents

• CO/MT/TX: Flooding

• AK: Winter Weather

• DC/KY/MD/NM: Winter Storm

Surge Capacity Force

Rostered

Deployed

7,969

0

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	0	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	2	4	1	0
R4	6	16	5	1
R5	0	2	0	0
R6	2	4	1	3
R7	1	12	0	0
R8	1	2	1	0
R9	0	0	0	0
R10	0	1	0	0

Alaska

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Guam

American Samoa

Hawaii

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FEMA HQ

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

Declared Counties

Kansas City, MO
DR-4872-MO
• R7 IMAT

Nashville, TN
DR-4792-TN
Closing Jan 23

Heavy Snow

Mixed Precipitation

Mixed Precipitation

Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands

IM Workforce

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

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

IM Cadre Availability

7 Cadres (+1) ≤ 25% 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)

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
	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 – 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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