

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Sunday, January 25, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

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

Hazard Monitoring

- Freezing Rain – Southern Plains to Central Appalachians and Mid-Atlantic
- Heavy Snow – Central Rockies to Mid-Atlantic
- Severe Thunderstorms – Eastern Gulf Coast

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approval: Emergency Declaration – AR, IN, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, TN, WV

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events

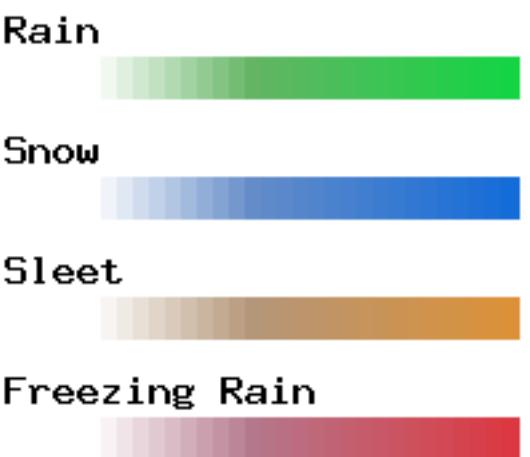
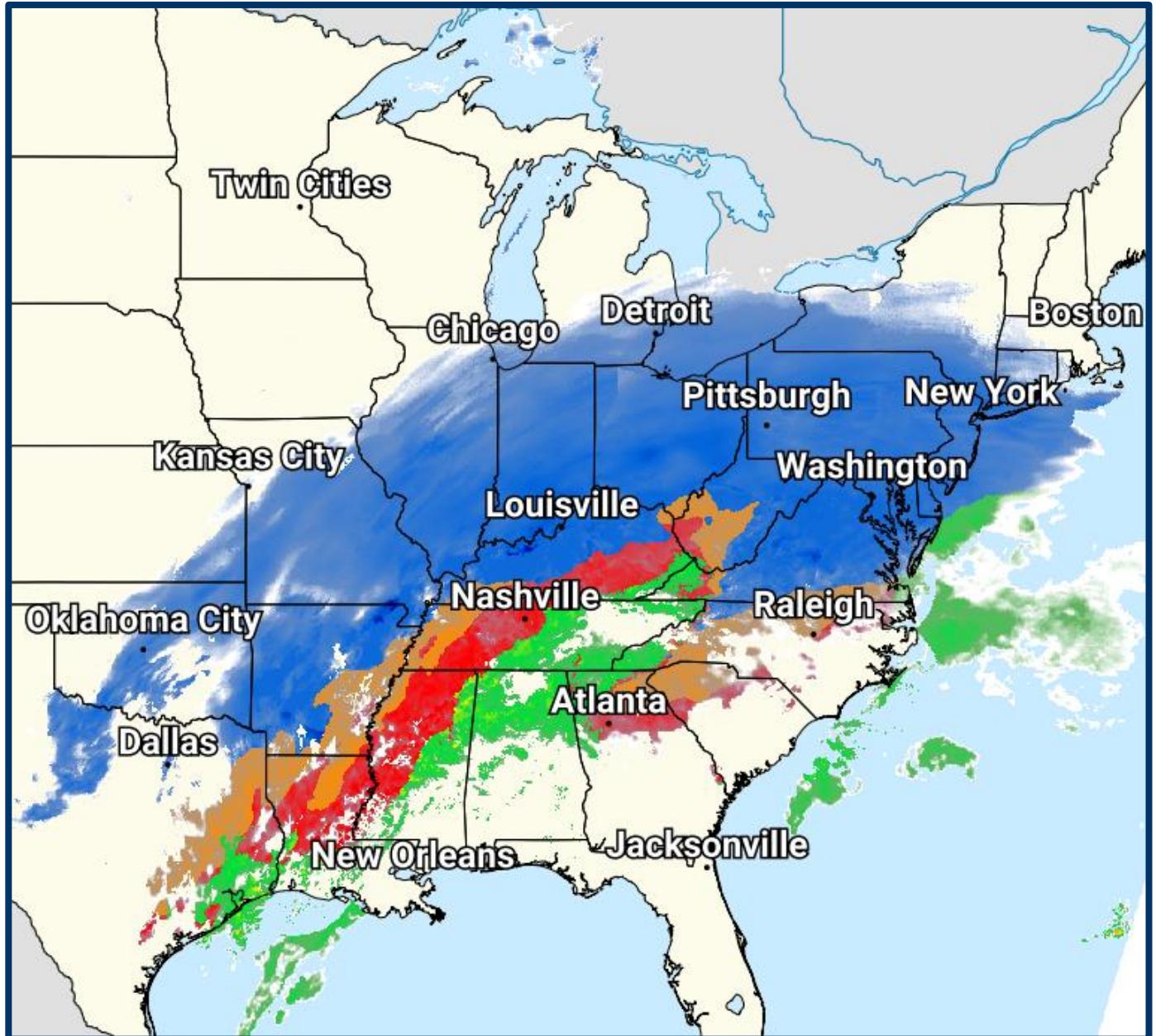


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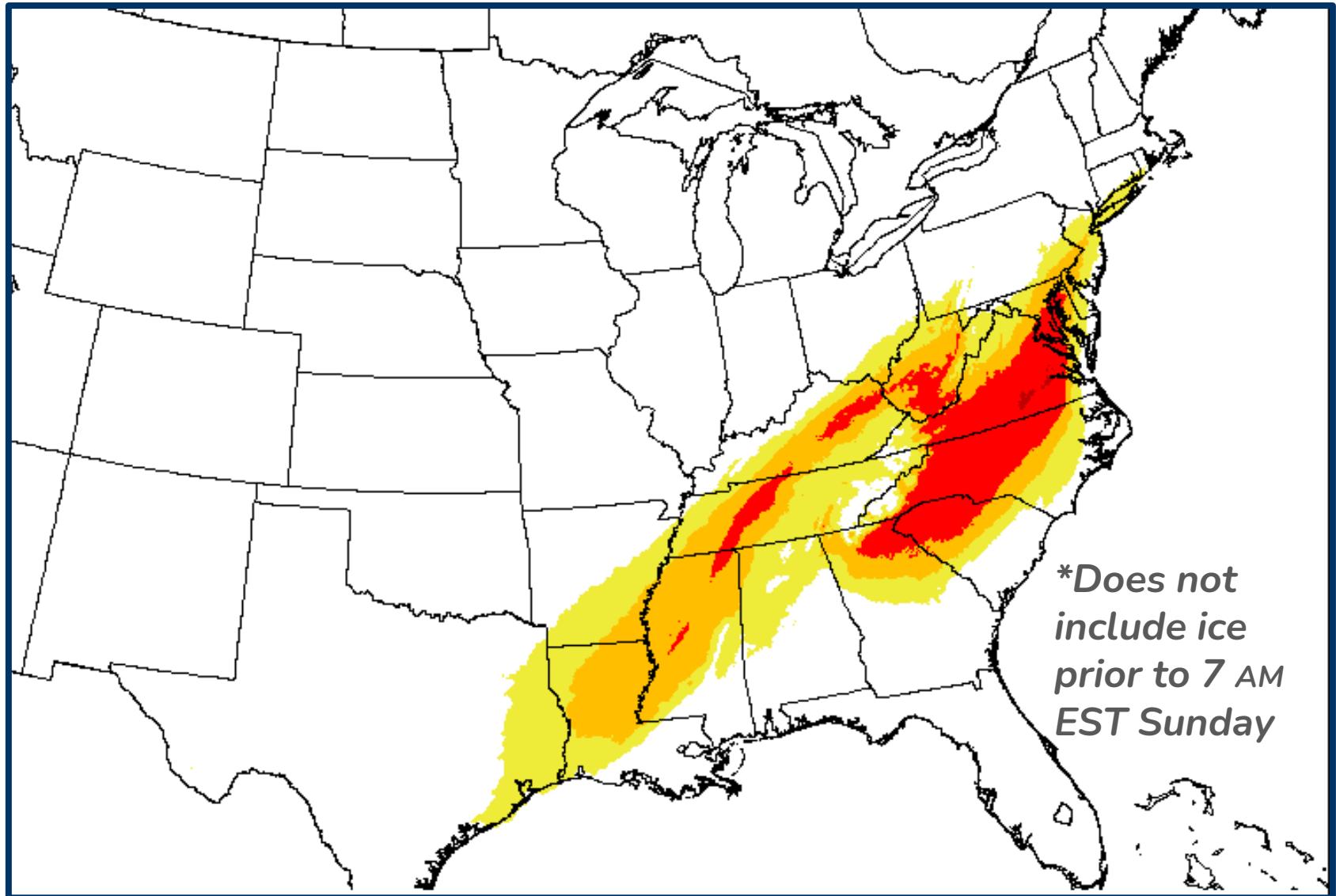
Radar & Estimated Precipitation Type

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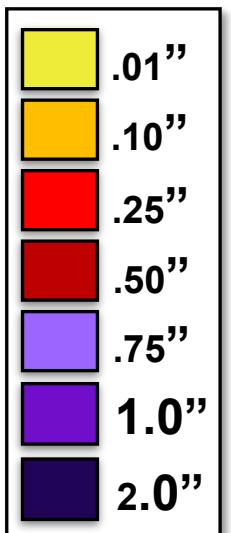


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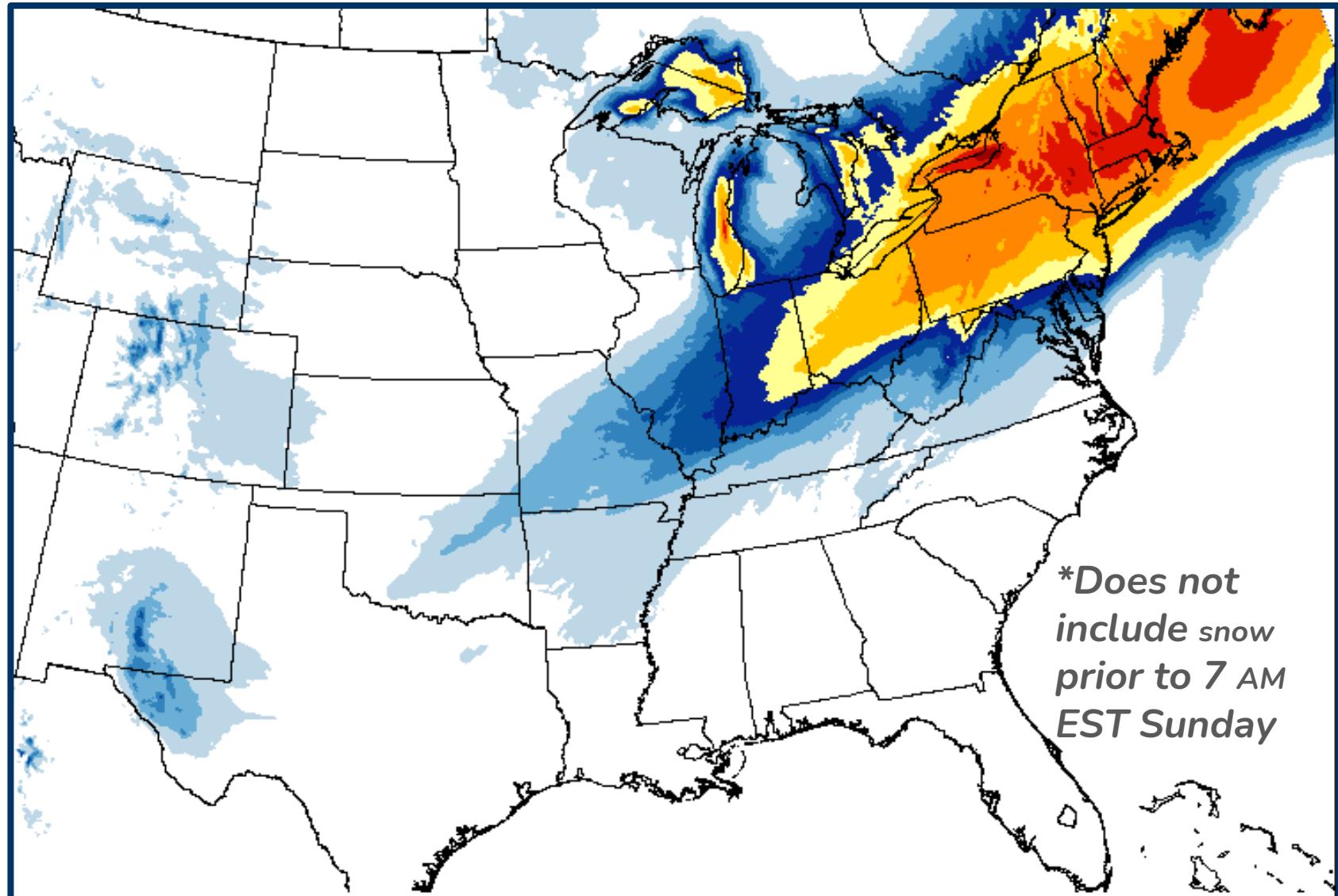


Storm Totals:
0.5-1"
Isolated >1"
ArkLaTex through
TN/OH Valley;
NE Georgia into
Southern Mid-Atlantic



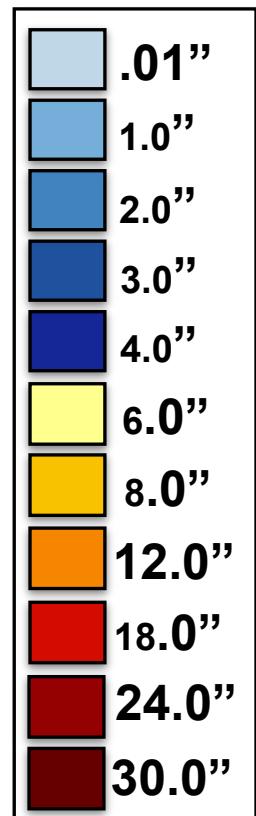
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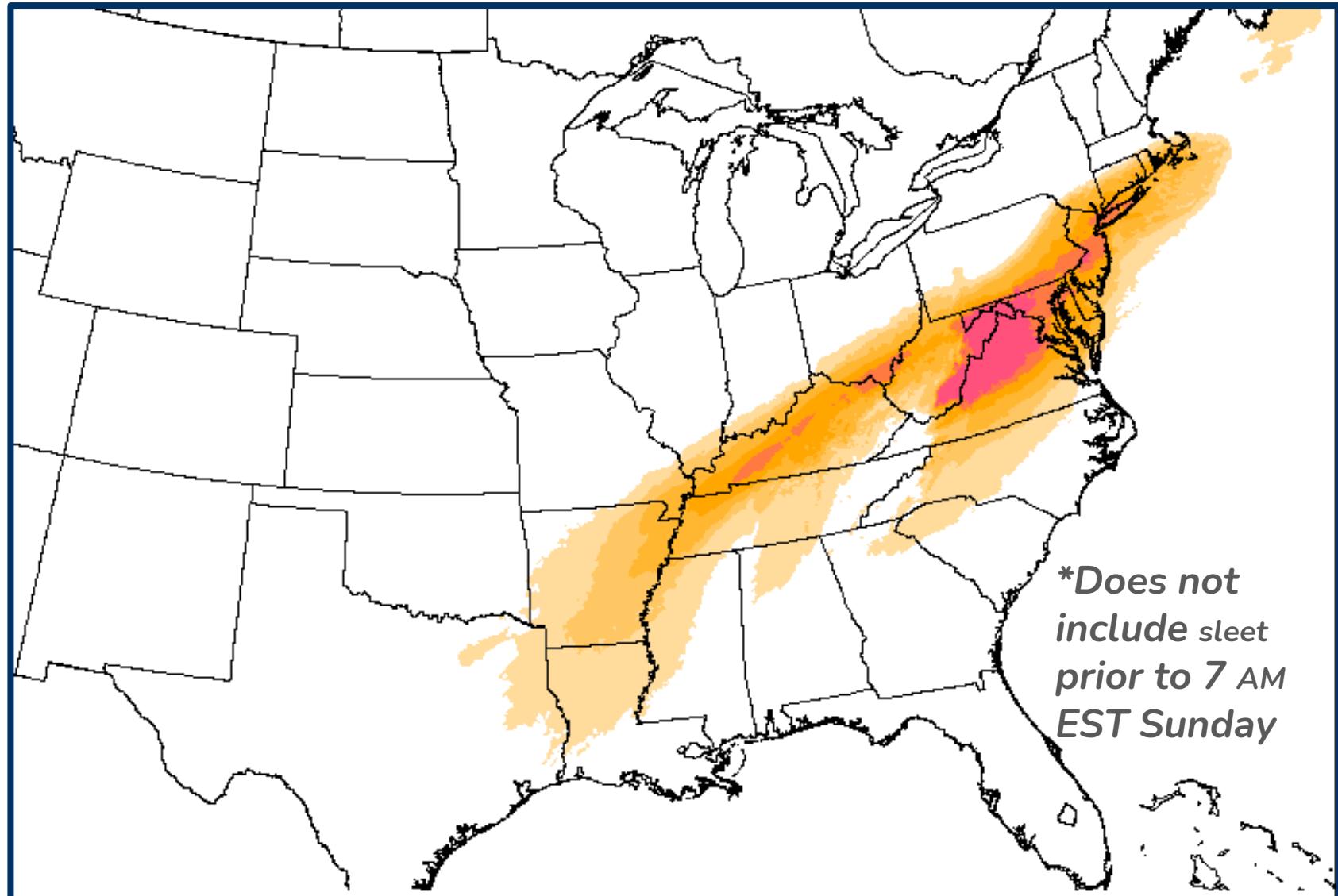
Storm Totals:
8-18"
Isolated **24"**

**Southern Rockies,
Plains, OH Valley,
Northern Mid-Atlantic,
and Northeast**

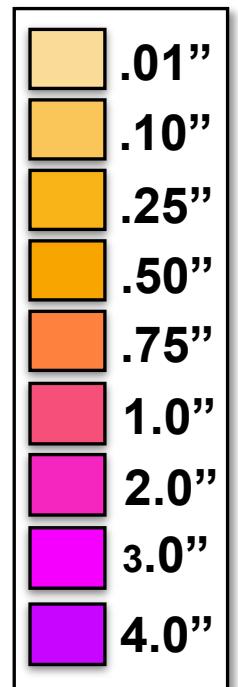


Additional Sleet Forecast – Through Monday

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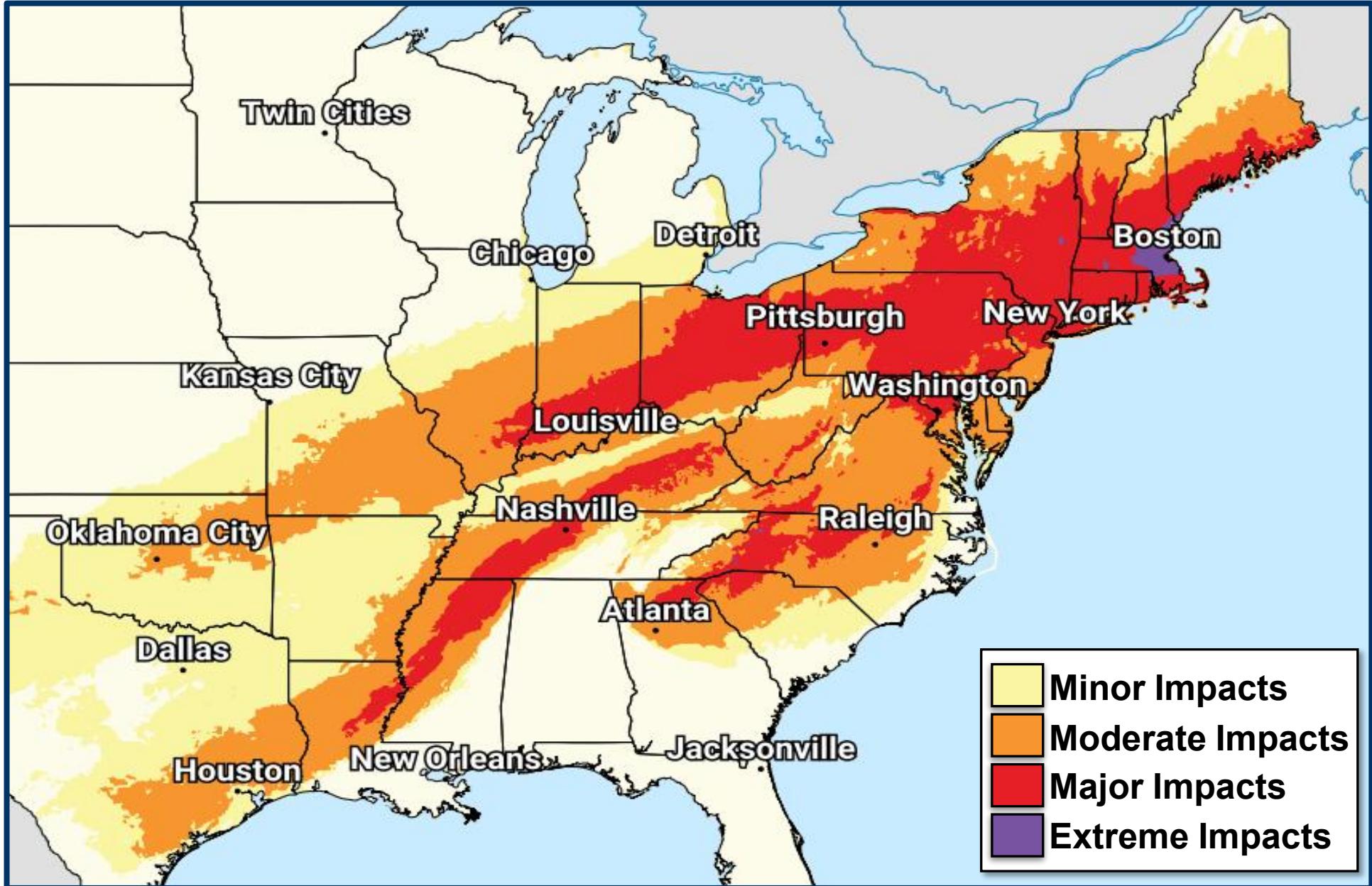


Storm Totals:
1-3"
Isolated >4"
**Southern Plains into
the OH Valley;
Appalachians into the
Mid-Atlantic**



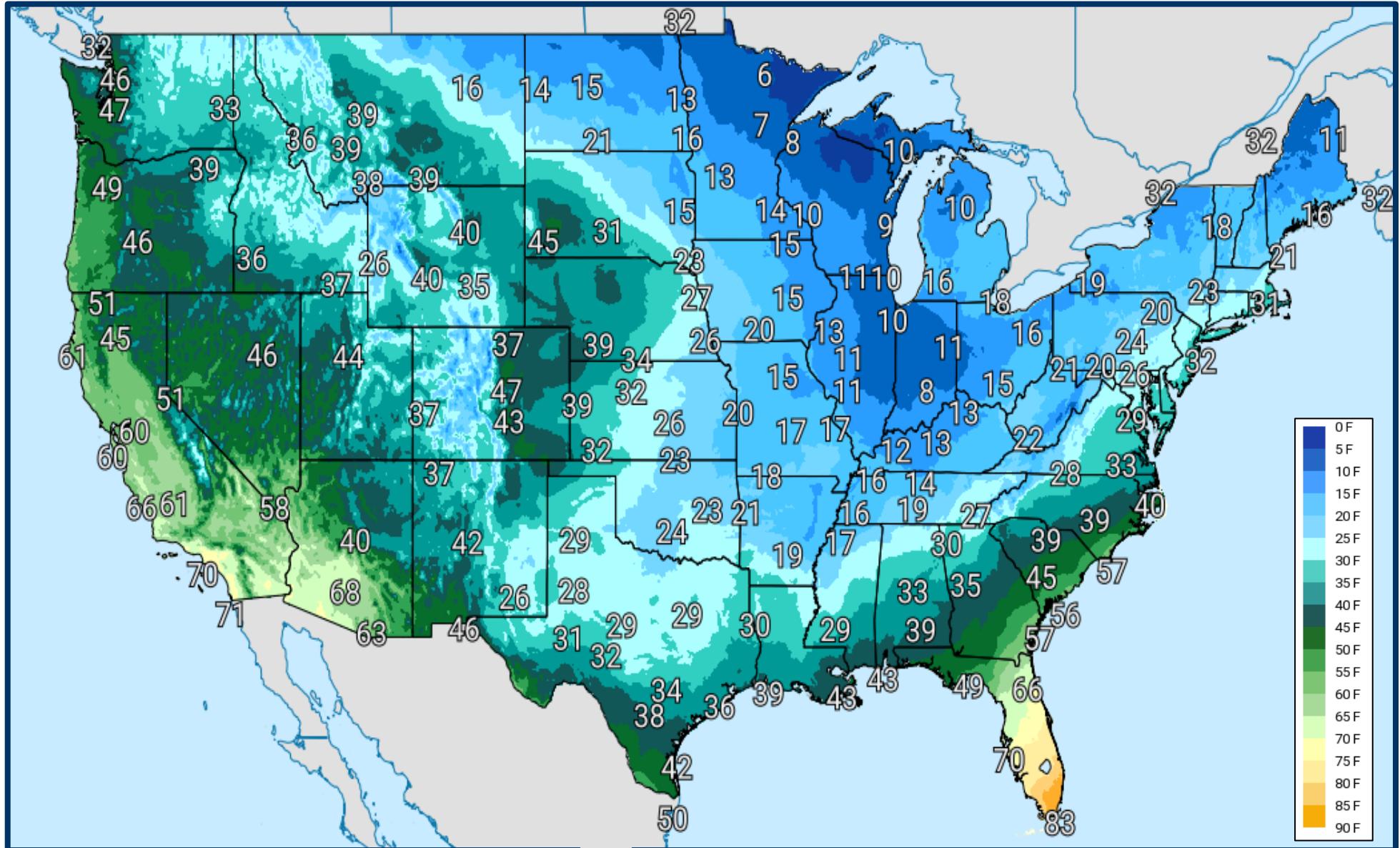
Winter Storm Severity Index (WSSI)

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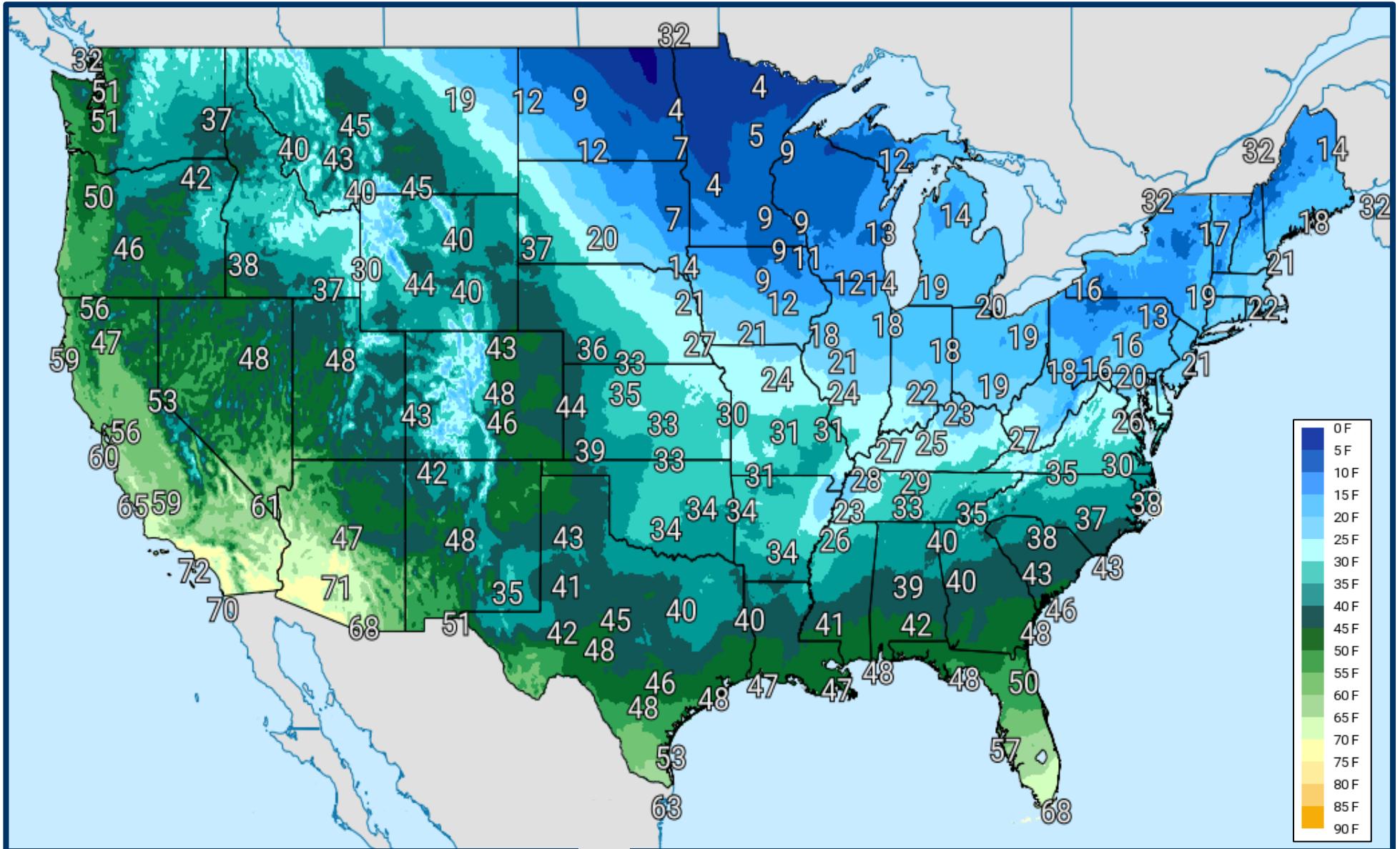
High Temperatures - Monday, January 26

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High Temperatures - Tuesday, January 27

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Winter Storm - Southern Plains to Eastern U.S.

Situation: A significant winter storm is underway which brings heavy snow, sleet, and freezing rain from the Southern Rockies to New England Monday. Frigid temperatures and dangerous wind chills will impact the eastern two-thirds of the U.S. **will prolong dangerous travel and infrastructure impacts** as an artic front spreads sub-zero low temperatures **through midweek**. Minimal power outages have been reported for most affected FEMA Regions and American Red Cross has open multiple shelters across FEMA Regions 3, 4 and 6.

Lifeline Impacts:

Food, Hydration, Shelter: (ARC Shelter Report, as of 6:50 a.m. ET)

FEMA Region 3:

- VA: 1 shelter open / 1 occupant

FEMA Region 4:

- NC: 8 shelters open / 64 occupants
- MS: 2 shelters open / 6 occupants
- SC: 1 shelter open / 5 occupants

FEMA Region 6:

- LA: 2 shelters open / 47 occupants
- OK: 4 shelters open / 166 occupants
- TX: 14 shelters open / 160 occupants

Energy: (Eagle-I as of 8:15 a.m. ET)

FEMA Region 4:

- MS: 65k (5%) customers without power
- TN: 127k (4%) customers without power

FEMA Region 6:

- LA: 51k (2%) customers without power
- TX: 120k (<1%) customers without power

State / Local Response:

FEMA Region 1:

- All SEOCs at Normal Operations
 - VT and ME SEOCs are Monitoring (Severe Winter Storm)

FEMA Region 2:

- All SEOCs at Normal Operations
- NY SEOC at Partial Activation (Severe Winter Storm)
- NJ SEOC at Monitoring (Severe Winter Storm)

FEMA Region 3:

- PA, VA, WV, MD are at Full Activation (Severe Winter Storm)
- DC and DE SEOCs are Monitoring (Severe Winter Storm)

FEMA Region 4:

- AL, FL, KY, MS, and TN SEOCs are at Partial Activation (Severe Winter Storm)
- GA, NC, SC SEOCs at Full Activation (Severe Winter Storm)

FEMA Region 5:

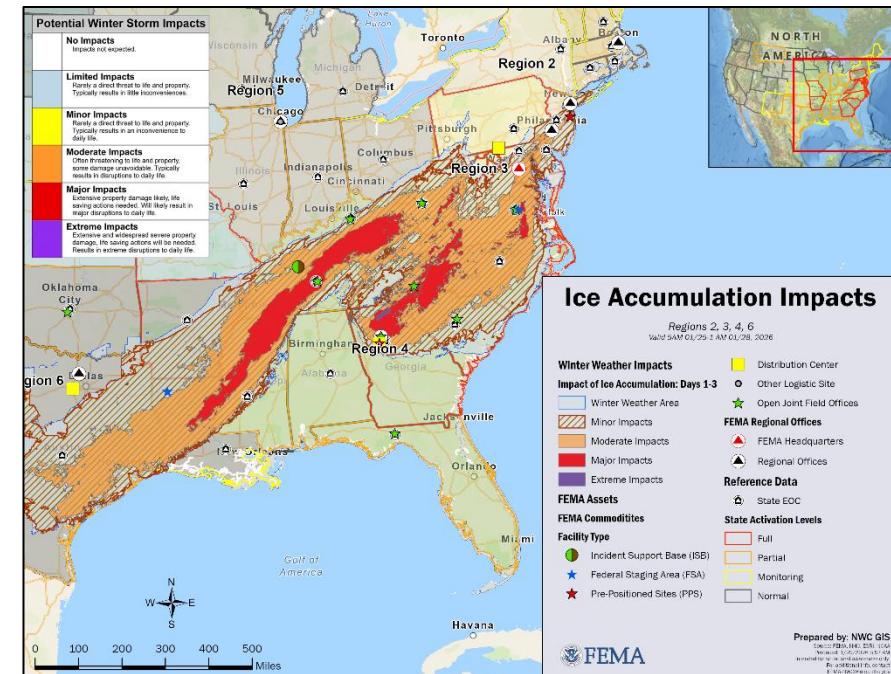
- All SEOCs at Normal Operations
 - IN, IL SEOCs is at Partial Activation (Severe Winter Storm)
 - OH, SEOC is Monitoring (Severe Winter Storm)

FEMA Region 6:

- AR SEOC is at Full Activation (Severe Winter Storm)
 - LA and NM SEOC is Monitoring (Severe Winter Storm)
 - OK and TX SEOCs are at Partial Activation (Severe Winter Storm)

FEMA Region 7:

- All SEOCs at Normal Operations
 - KS SEOC is at Monitoring (Severe Winter Storm)
 - MO SEOC is at Full Activation (Severe Winter Storm)



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

FEMA / Federal Response:

FEMA Region 1: Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Enhanced (will elevate to Level 3 on 1/25); R-IMAT is available

FEMA Region 2: Watch is Monitoring; RRCC will elevate to Level 3 (Dayshift only); R-IMAT is available

FEMA Region 3:

- Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is at Level 3; R-IMAT deployed to Richmond, VA
- All States have FEMA Integrated Team (FIT) in place engaged within SEOCs

FEMA Region 4:

- Watch is at Enhanced; RRCC at Level 3; R-IMATs are available
- All States have 2-3 temp power vendors each to pull capabilities for generators
- FIT LNOs deployed to all threatened states

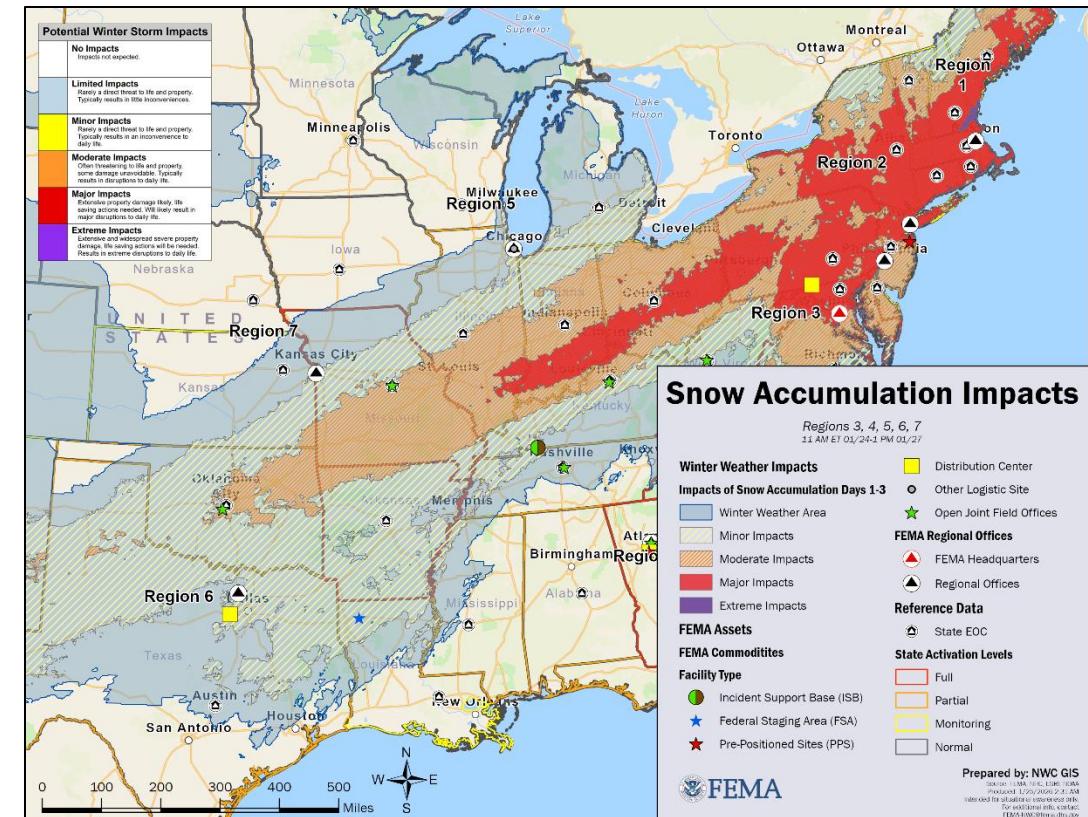
FEMA Region 5:

- Watch is at Enhanced (Severe Winter Storm); RRCC is Rostered; R-IMAT is available

FEMA Region 6:

- Watch is Monitoring; RRCC at Level 3 (Severe Winter Storm); R-IMAT 1 deployed to Austin, TX and R-IMAT 2 is deployed to Baton Rouge, LA
- FIT members in place in OK, AR, and NM

FEMA Region 7: Watch is at Enhanced; RRCC is Rostered; R-IMAT deployed to MO



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

FEMA / Federal Response (cont.):

Department of Energy (DOE):

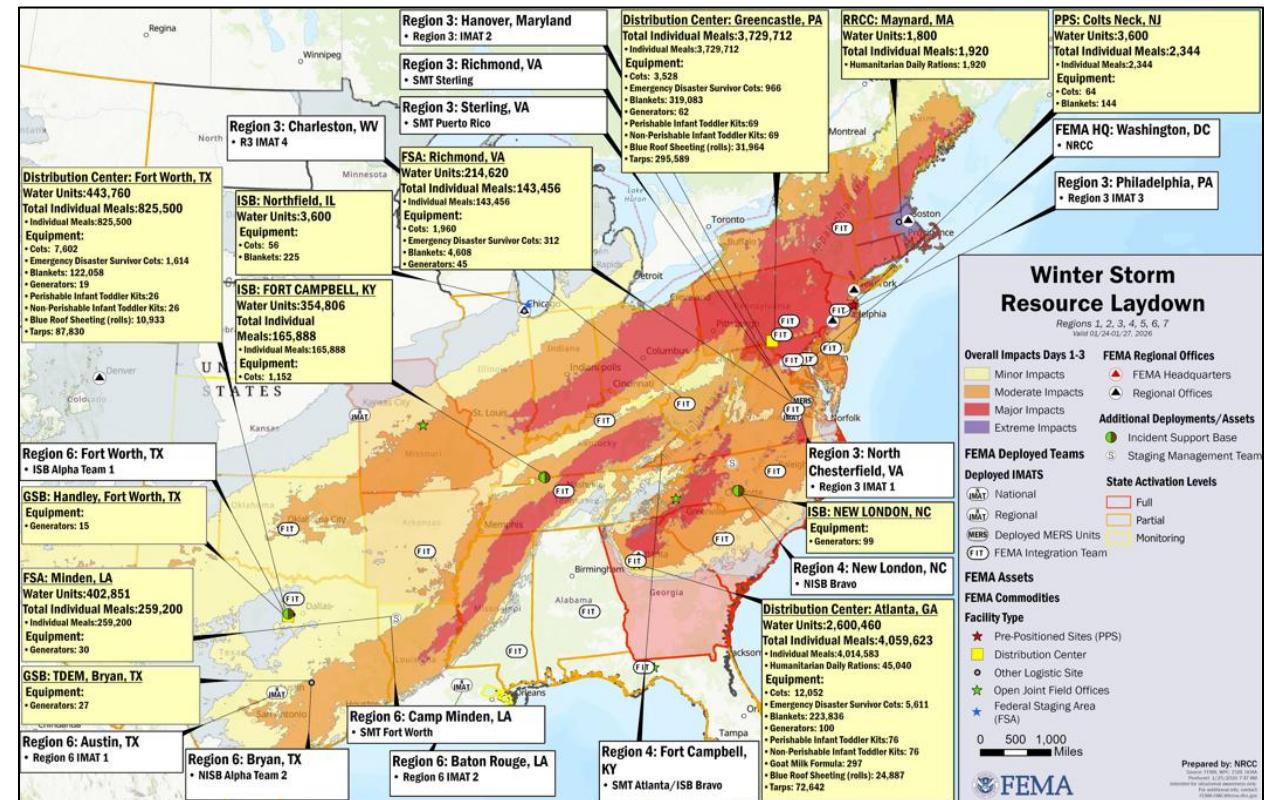
- DOE Energy Response Organization (ERO) is activated to manage ESF #12 operations and coordinate with industry partners
- Electricity sector industry partners are holding pre-storm calls, and beginning to pre-stage equipment and crews
- Several Independent System Operators (ISO) declared conservative operations
- DOE ESF #12 responders deployed to FEMA Regions 3 & 6 RRCCs (virtually)
- Oil and natural gas pipeline operators preparing systems and pre-positioning generators and equipment

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS):

- Coordinating with SLTT partners in preparation for potential staffing at SEOCs at state request
- Monitoring and prepared to staff FEMA NRCC and FEMA RRCCs as needed

Department of Transportation (DOT):

- Monitoring and prepared to staff FEMA NRCC and FEMA RRCCs as needed
- HQ:**
 - NWC is at Enhanced Watch; NRCC is at Level 3; N-IMATs are available
 - Incident Support Base (ISB) Alpha Team 1 deployed to Ft. Worth, TX
 - ISB Alpha Team 2 deployed to Bryan, TX
 - ISB Bravo deployed to New London, NC
 - Stage Management Team (SMT) Ft. Worth deployed to Camp Minden, LA
 - SMT Atlanta deployed to [Fort Campbell, KY](#)
 - SMT Sterling & SMT Puerto Rico deployed to Sterling, VA



NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Reporting will continue 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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Approved Emergency Declarations – 12 (Winter Storm)

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
SC – Severe Winter Storm – Approved	DR		X		Jan 23
VA – Severe Winter Storm – Approved	DR		X		Jan 23
KY – Severe Winter Storm – Approved	EM		X		Jan 23
MD – Severe Winter Storm – Approved	EM		X		Jan 23
TN – Severe Winter Storm – Approved	EM		X		Jan 23
NC – Severe Winter Storm – Approved	EM		X		Jan 23
LA – Severe Winter Storm – Approved	EM		X		Jan 23
AR – Severe Winter Storm – Approved	EM		X		Jan 23
WV – Severe Winter Storm – Approved	EM		X		Jan 23
MS – Severe Winter Storm – Approved	EM		X		Jan 23
IN – Severe Winter Storm – Approved	EM		X		Jan 23
GA - Severe Winter Storm – Approved	EM		X		Jan 24



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

12
Joint Field Offices

40
Major Disasters
Supporting

+ 20
Emergency Declarations

8
Direct Housing Missions

8
RSF-Supported Disasters

6
Joint Recovery Offices

Sunday
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NWC	NRCC
Enhanced	Level 3

FEMA REGIONS

Watch	RRCC
Monitoring	R1 Enhanced
Monitoring	R2 Level 3
Monitoring	R3 Level 3
Enhanced	R4 Level 3
Enhanced	R5 Rostered
Monitoring	R6 Level 3
Enhanced	R7 Rostered
Monitoring	R8 Rostered
Monitoring	R9 Rostered
Monitoring	R10 Rostered

Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:	State EOCs:
• NRCC/NWC: Severe Winter Storm	• HI: Wildfires
• R1 RRCC: Enhanced (Winter Storm; dayshift only)	• FL: Previous Incidents
• R2/R3/R4/R6 RRCC: Level 3 (Severe Winter Storm)	• MT: Flooding
• R4/R5/R7 Watch: Severe Enhanced (Winter Storm)	• AL/AR/DC/DE/GA/IL/IN/KS/KY/LA/MD/ME/MD/NC/NJ/NM/NY/OH/OK/PA/SC/TN/TX/VA/VT/WV: Winter Storm

IMATs:

- NSTR

Surge Capacity Force

Rostered 7,969	Deployed 0
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N-IMATs 2-5 Teams Available

Red	
White	
Blue	
Gold	
HS	

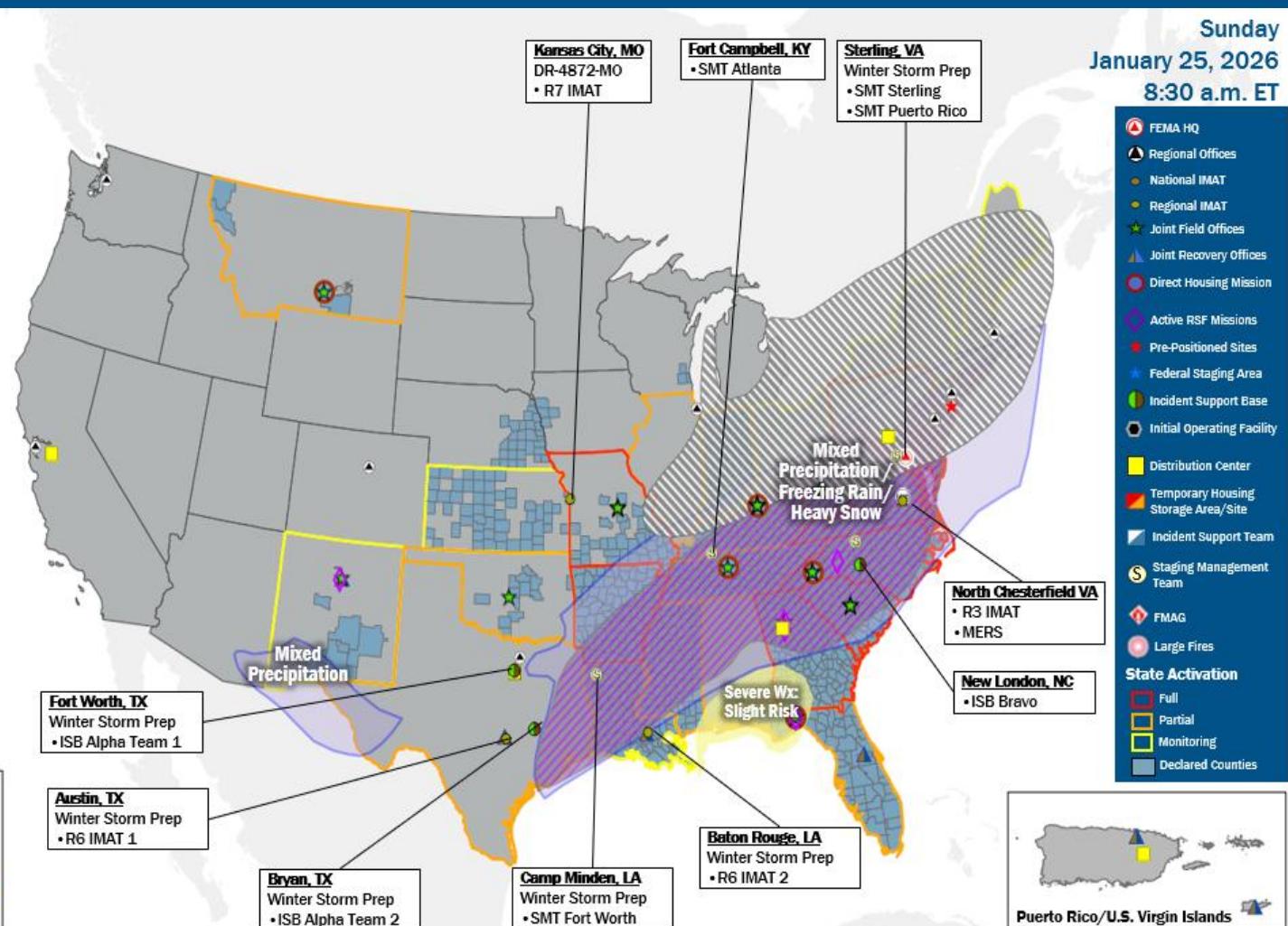
REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	0	0
R2	0	0	2
R3	2	4	0
R4	6	15	11
R5	0	2	1
R6	2	4	3
R7	1	12	0
R8	1	2	0
R9	0	0	0
R10	0	1	0

R-IMATs ≥ 7 Teams Available

R1	
R2	
R3	VA (Jan 22)
R4 (1)	
R4 (2)	
R5	
R6 (1)	TX (Jan 22)
R6 (2)	LA (Jan 22)
R7	MO (Oct 27)
R8	2
R9 (1)	
R9 (2)	1
R10	3

- Fully Mission Capable (FMC)
- Partially Mission Capable (PMC)
- Not Mission Capable (NMC)
- Deployed



IM Workforce

11,529 Assigned
4,333 (-25) Unavailable
3,068 (+23) Deployed

36% / 4,128 (+2) Available

IM Cadre Availability

Civil Rights: 23% (23/98); Disability Integration: 24% (4/17); External Affairs: 23% (64/283); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 17% (110/659); Field Leadership: 17% (20/119); Hazard Mitigation: 17% (133/776); Planning: 18% (64/350); Safety: 24% (21/89)

8 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

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36% / 4,128 (+2) Available

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned
6 Unavailable
1 Deployed

29 Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned
1 (+1) Unavailable
0 Deployed

27 (-1) Available

FCO

≥ 4 Type I

36 Assigned
1 Unavailable
23 (14 FCOR) Deployed

12 Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Completed	
R10	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 – 17

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
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

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



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Declaration Requests in Process – 17 (cont.)

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



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