

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Wildfires – Southern California

Hazard Monitoring

- Extreme Fire Weather – Southern California

Disaster Declaration Activity

- FMAG Approved: Palisades Fire – CA
- FMAG Approved: Eaton Fire – CA
- FMAG Approved: Hurst Fire – CA

Event Monitoring

- State Funeral President Jimmy Carter – Washington, DC



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Palisades Fire – California

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Palisades (Los Angeles, CA)	5549-FM-CA	2,921	0%	M: 36,900	H: 13,306	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation: The Regional Administrator for FEMA Region IX approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Palisades Fire. The fire is burning on state and private land in and around the community of Pacific Palisades, California (est. pop 21k). Mandatory evacuations and Evacuation Warnings are in effect for this area. This fire is determined a Particularly Dangerous Situation (PDS) across Los Angeles and Ventura Counties due to very strong winds up to 60 mph. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA Region IX SPOTREP, as of 12:48 a.m. ET, Jan 8)

Safety & Security:

- All Malibu schools are closed
- 2 fire stations are threatened

Food, Water, & Shelter: 2 evacuation shelters open (Los Angeles and Woodland Hills)

Health & Medical: LA County Public Health issued unhealthy air quality alerts

Transportation: Southbound CA-1 is closed in the vicinity of the fire

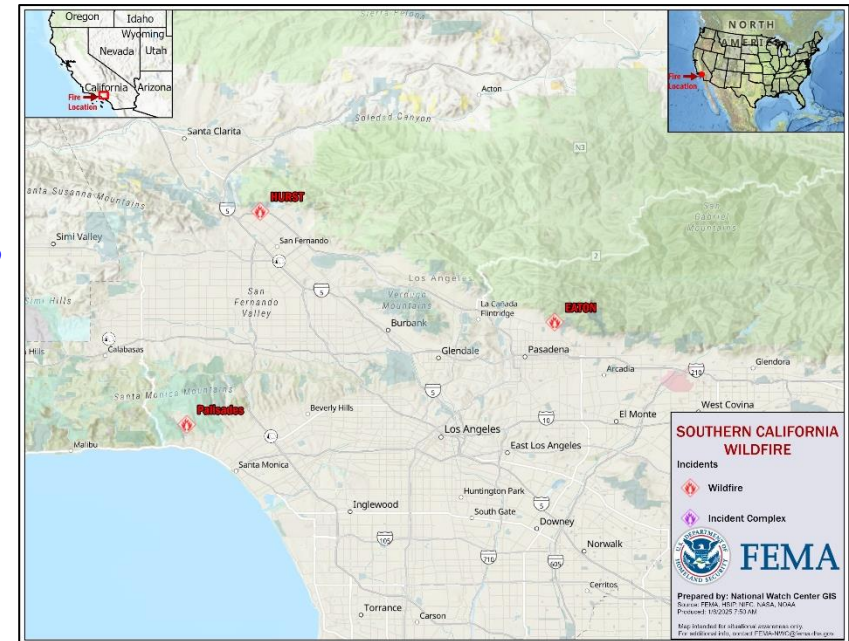
Energy: 150k customers (1%) are without power statewide in CA, including 48k (1%) in Los Angeles County and 27k (8%) in Ventura County (Eagle-1, as of 7:30 a.m. ET)

State / Local Response:

- CA Governor declared a State of Emergency for Los Angeles and Ventura Counties
- CA EOC is at Normal Operations

FEMA / Federal Response:

- FMAG approved Jan 7
- FEMA Region IX RRCC activating to Level III as of 11:00 am ET.
- FEMA NWC is Monitoring



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Eaton Fire – California

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Eaton (Los Angeles, CA)	5550-FM-CA	400	0%	M: 19,000	H: 8,200	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 22,000	O: 524	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation: The Regional Administrator for FEMA Region IX approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Eaton Fire. The fire is burning on state and private land in the vicinity of Altadena (est. pop 43k) and Pasadena (est. pop 134k) as well as the Angeles National Forest in Los Angeles County .

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA Region IX SPOTREP, as of 1:06 a.m. ET, Jan 8)

Food, Water, & Shelter: 2 evacuation shelters open (Los Angeles and Woodland Hills)

Health & Medical: LA County Public Health issued unhealthy air quality alerts

Transportation: I-210 Freeway is threatened

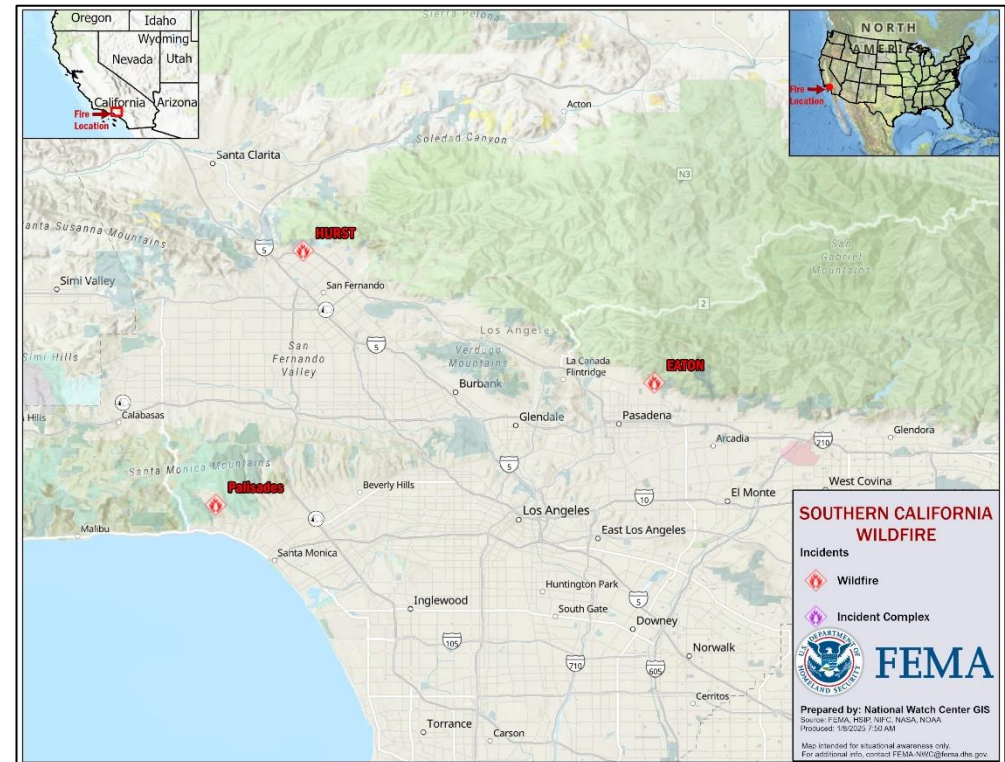
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Hurst Fire – California

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Hurst (Los Angeles, CA)	5551-FM-CA	400	0%	M: 44,000	H: 40,000	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 27,000	O: 400	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation: The Regional Administrator for FEMA Region IX approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Hurst Fire. The fire is burning in the vicinity of San Fernando and Newhall in Los Angeles (est. pop 23k).

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA Region IX SPOTREP, as of 4:41 a.m. ET, Jan 8)

Food, Water, & Shelter: 1 evacuation shelter open (Ritchie Valens Recreation Center, Pacoima, CA)

Transportation: I-5 and I-210 Freeways threatened

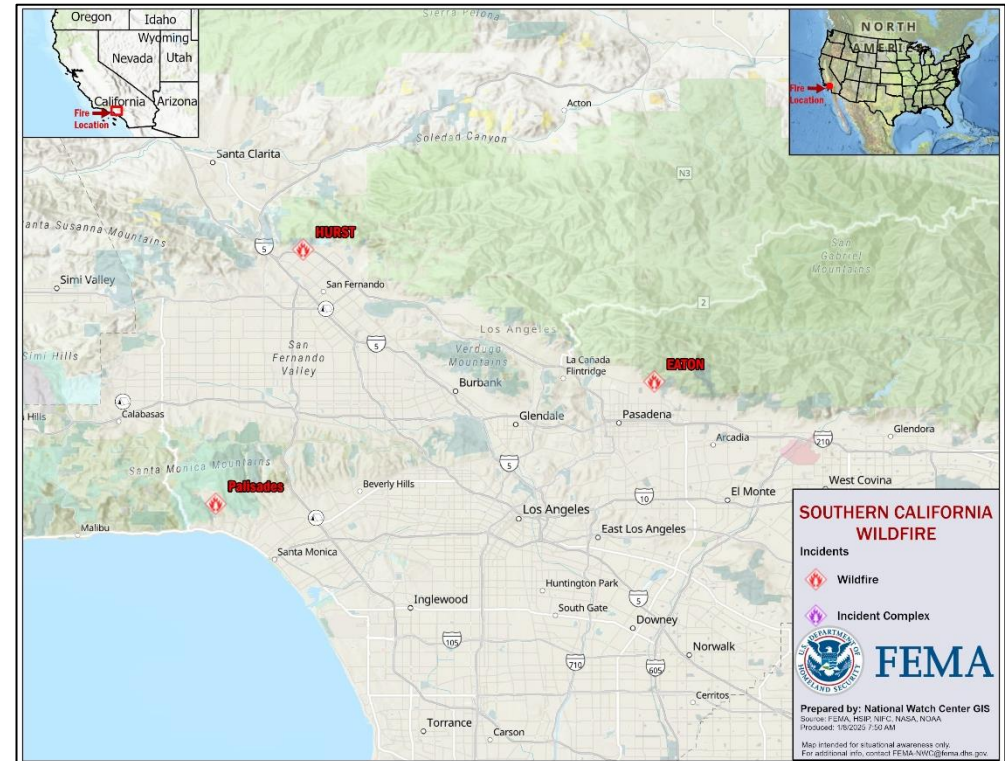
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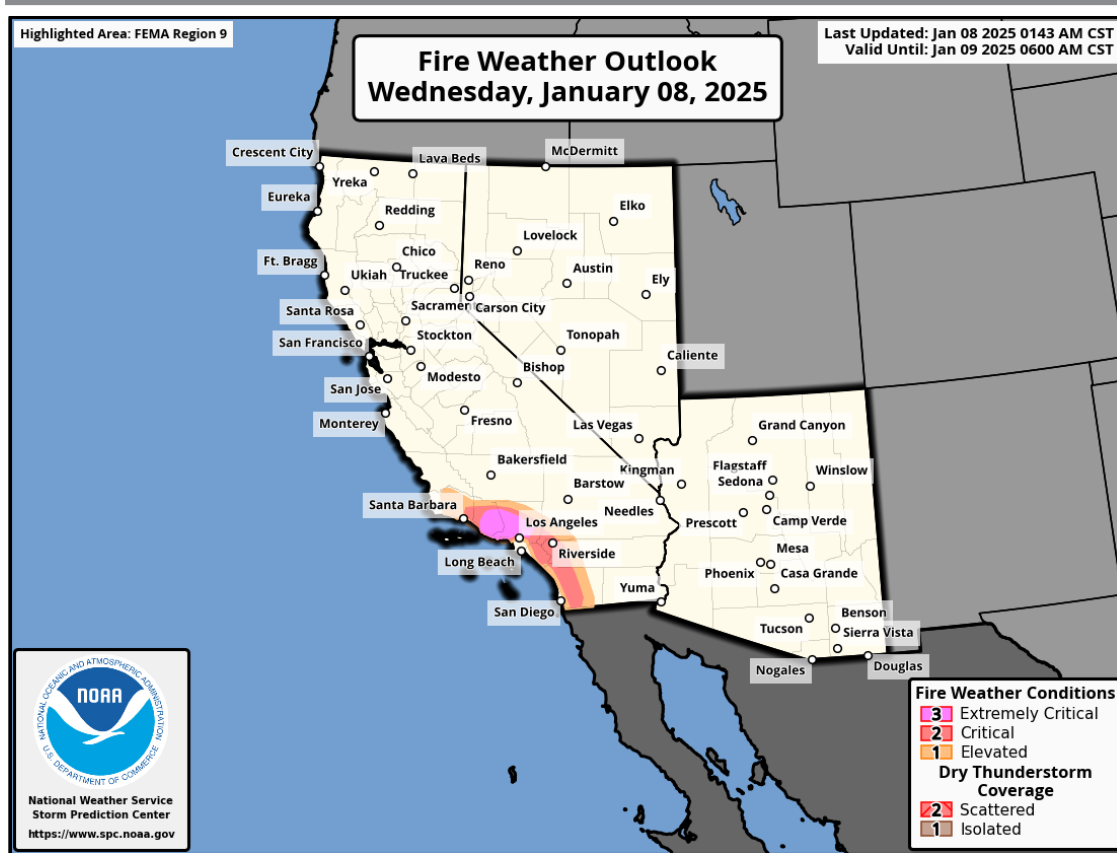
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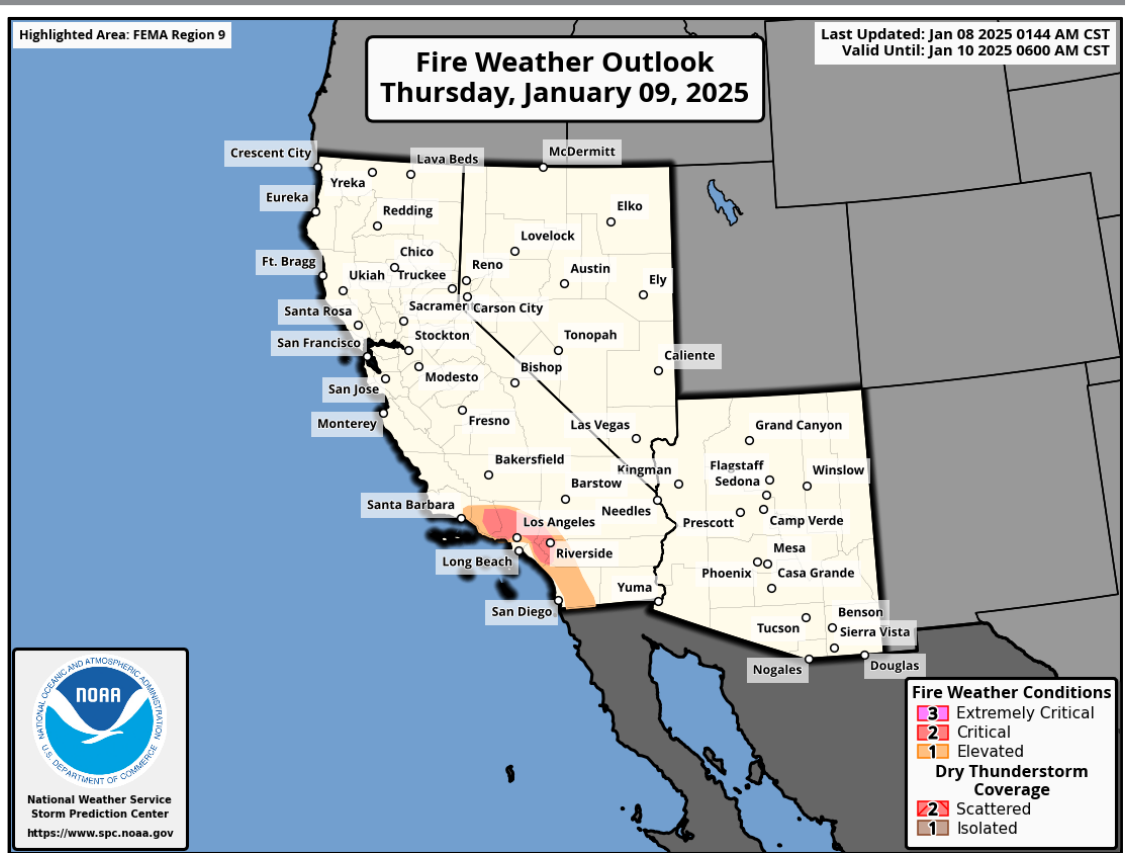
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



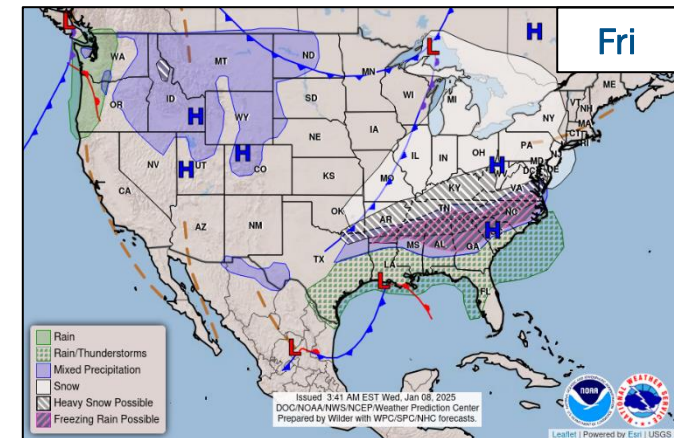
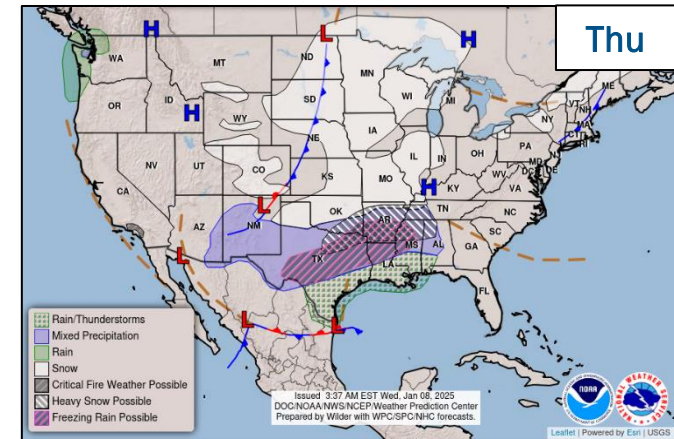
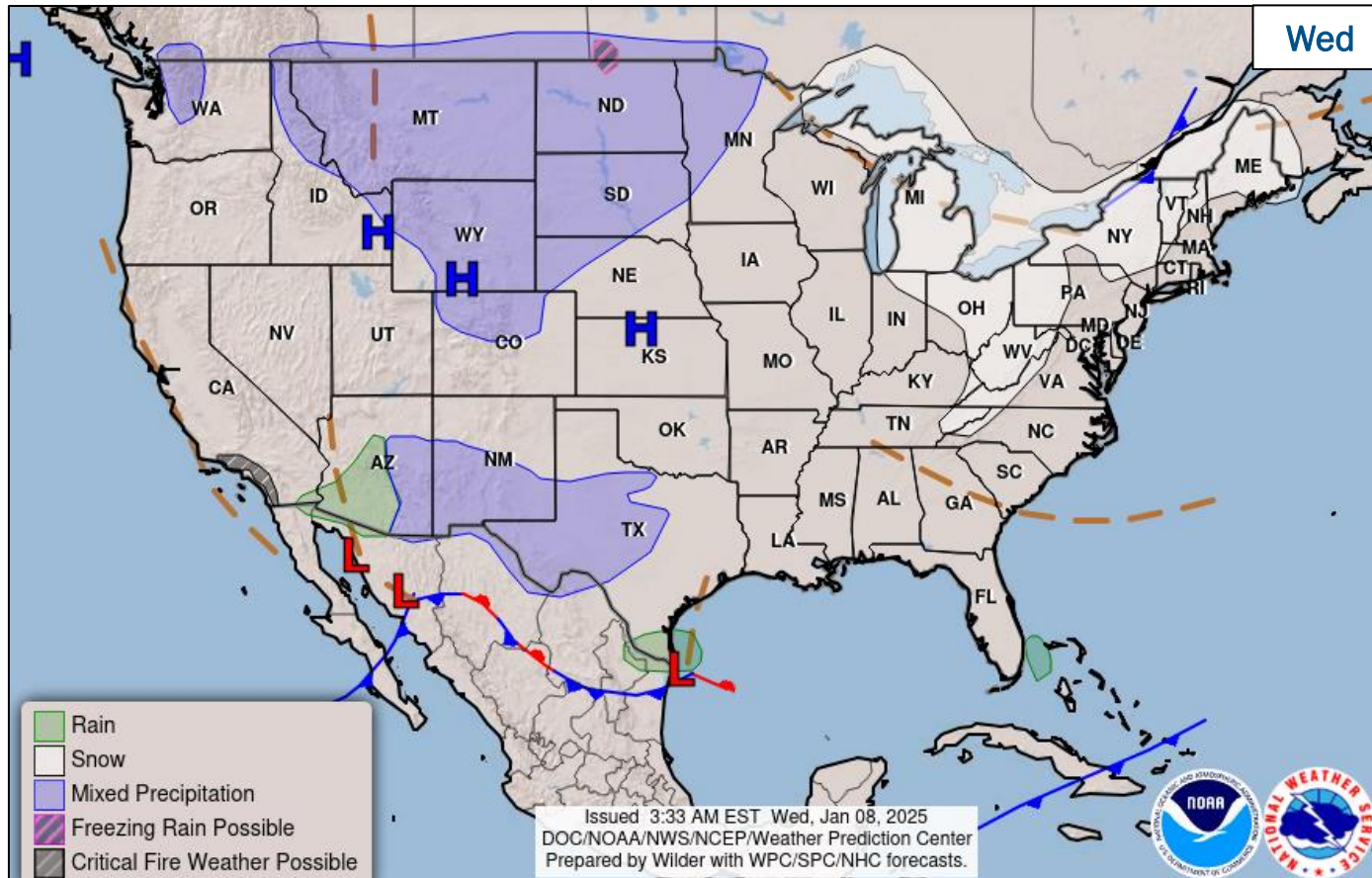
Tomorrow



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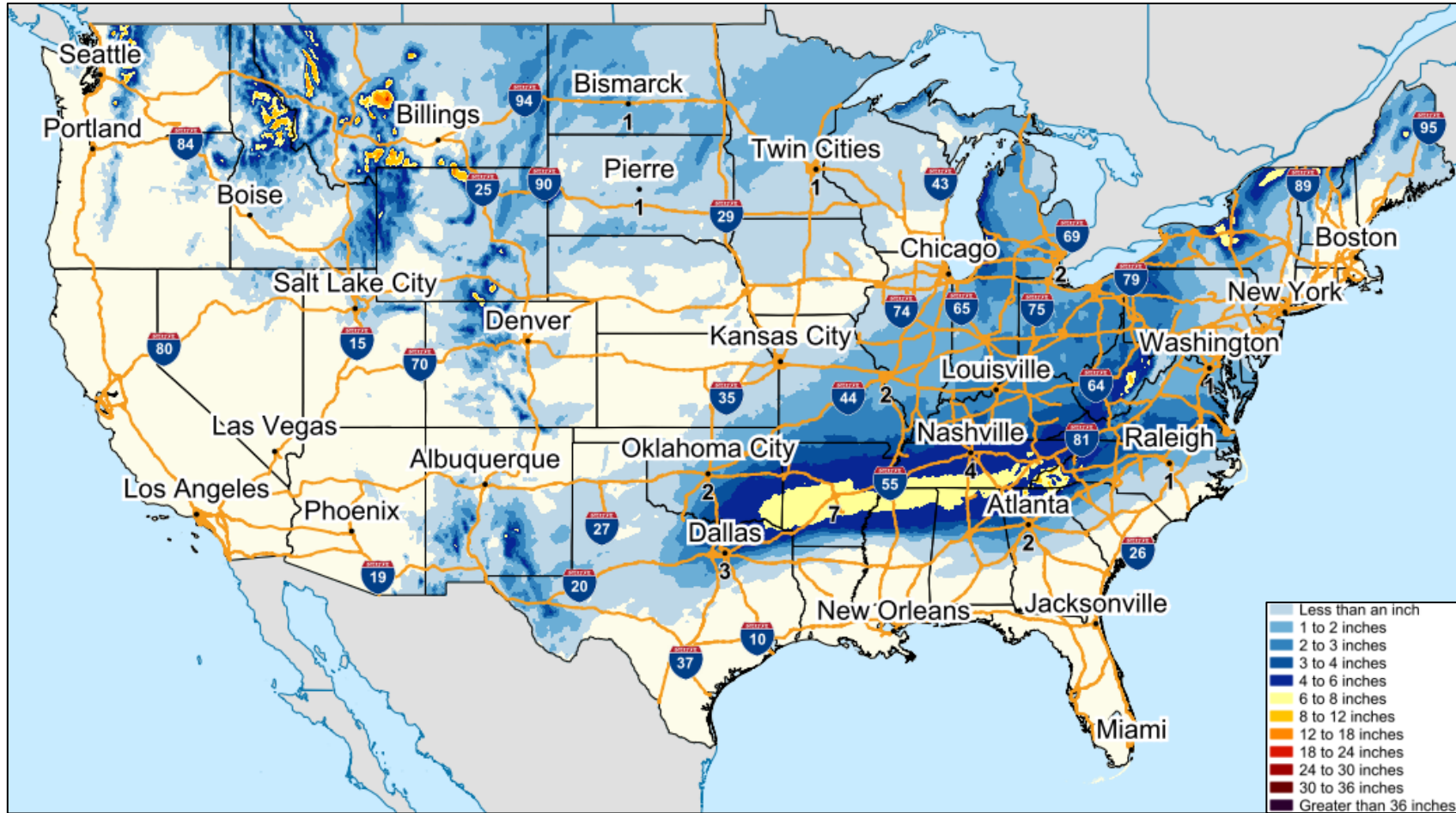
National Weather Forecast



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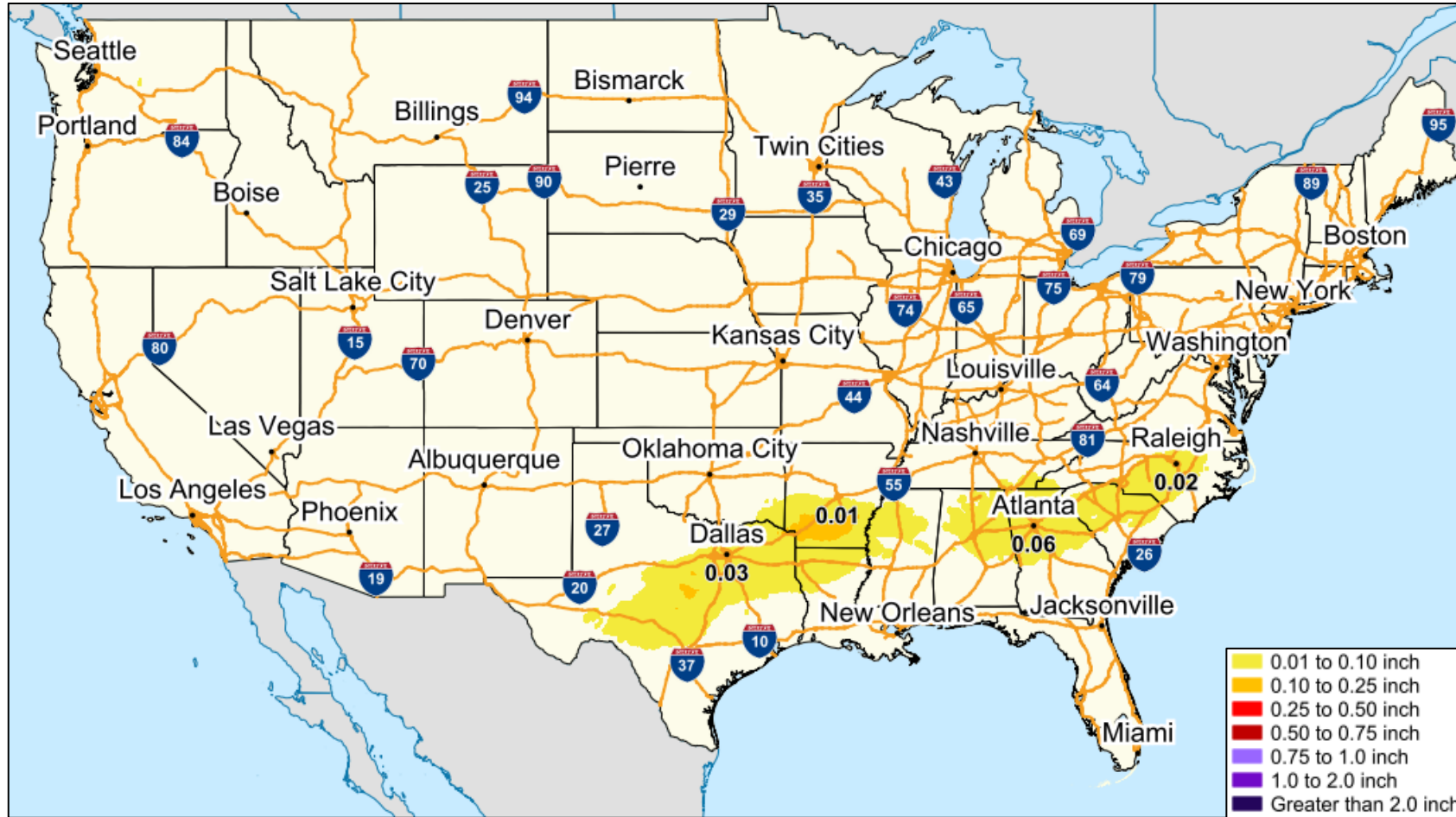
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Snowfall Forecast



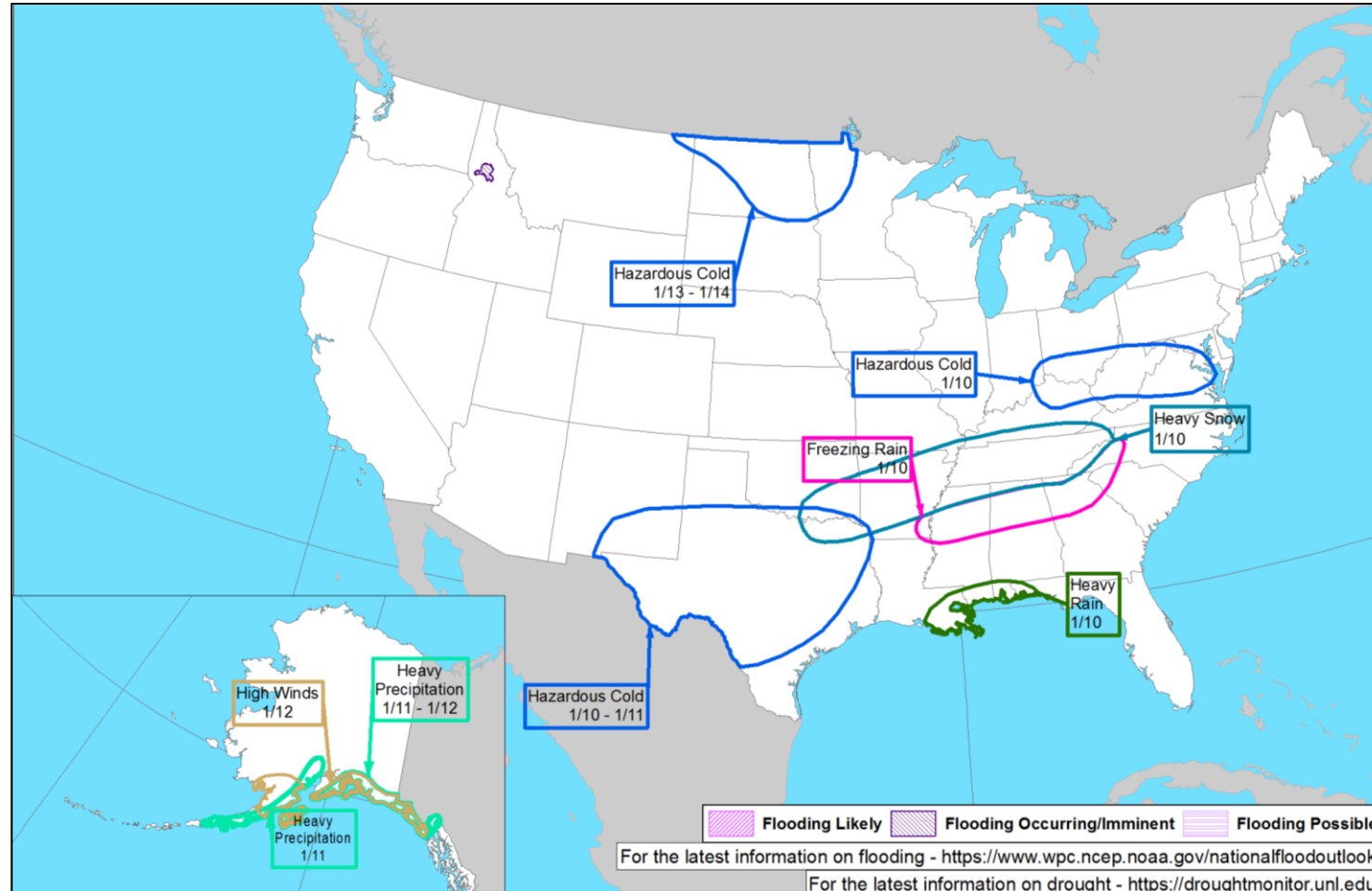
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Ice Accumulation Forecast



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Hazards Outlook – Jan 10-14



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

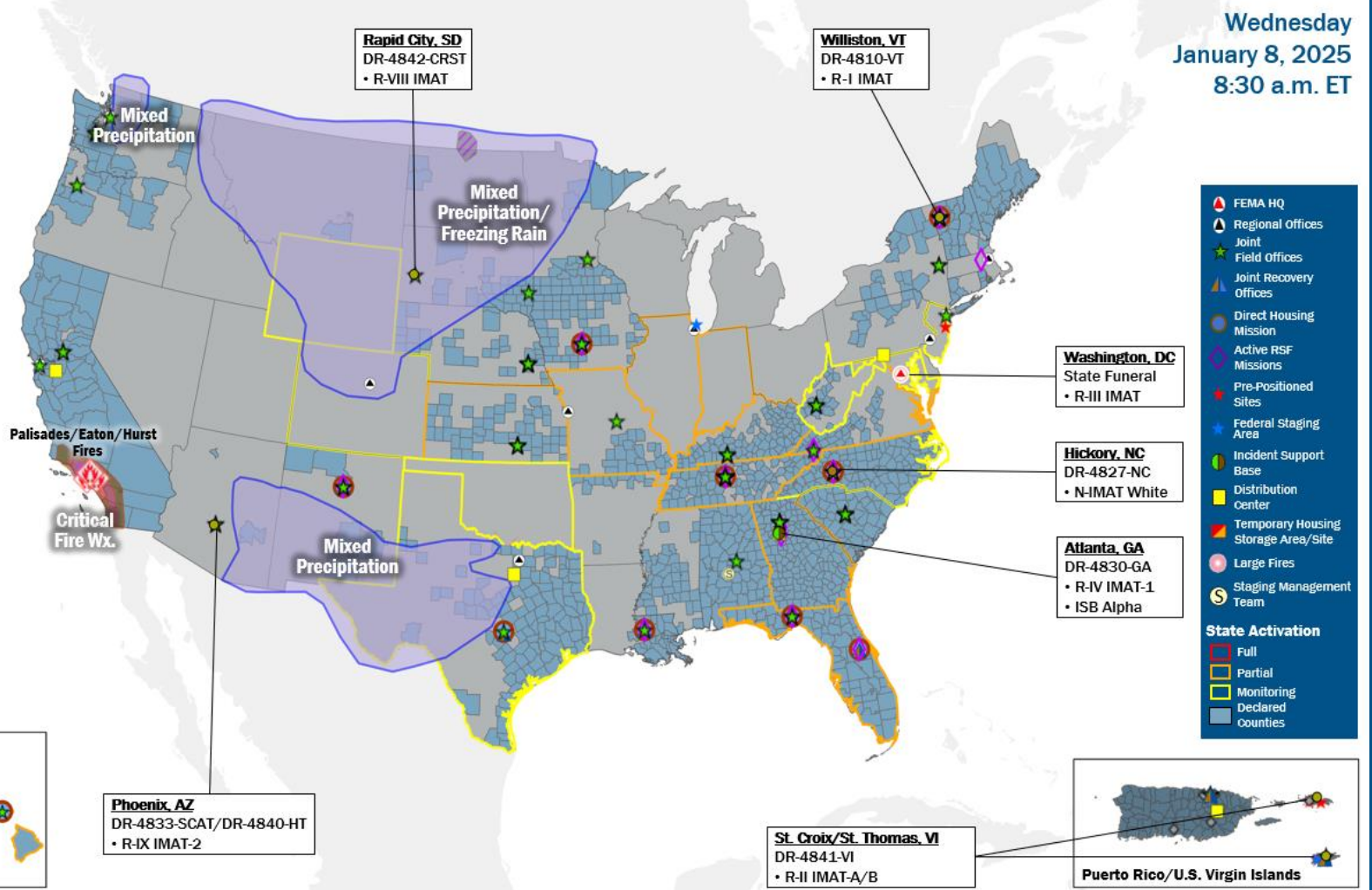
31 + **3** Supporting **108** + **10** Major Disasters Emergency Declarations | **16** Direct Housing Missions **26** RSF-Supported Disasters **6** Joint Recovery Offices

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FEMA HQ	
NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Steady State
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Monitoring	I Rostered
Monitoring	II Rostered
Monitoring	III Enhanced
Monitoring	IV Rostered
Monitoring	V Rostered
Monitoring	VI Rostered
Monitoring	VII Rostered
Monitoring	VIII Rostered
Monitoring	IX Level III
Monitoring	X Rostered
Notes:	
NRCC/RWCCs/RRCCs: • R-III RRCC: State Funeral • R-IX RRCC: Wildfires (effective 11:00 a.m. ET)	State EOCs: • HI: Wildfires • FL: TC Milton • FL/NC/TN/VA: TC Helene • WY: Inauguration • CO/WV/MO/VA/MD IL/IN/KS/KY: Winter Weather • DC/GA: State Funeral • AS: Severe Weather
Volunteer Force	
Rostered 7,840	Deployed 3
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 9,000	Deployed 20 (-3)

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	NC (Sep 30)
Blue	
Gold	
HS	
R-IMATs	
> 7 Teams Available	
I	VT (Jan 6)
II	VI (Oct 30)
III	DC (Jan. 6)
IV-1	GA (Oct 5)
IV-2	Reconstituting
V	
VI-1	
VI-2	
VII	3/Personnel
VIII	SD (Nov 18)
IX-1	2
IX-2	AZ (Oct 8)
X	1/Personnel

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO/VJFO	DR	EM	JRO
I	3/0	18	2	0
II	3/1	8	0	2
III	2/0	6	1	0
IV	7/0	27	7	1
V	1/0	1	0	0
VI	3/0	6	0	3
VII	4/0	14	0	0
VIII	2/0	4	0	0
IX	3/1	12	0	0
X	3/1	12	0	0



Legend

- FEMA HQ
- Regional Offices
- Joint Field Offices
- Field Offices
- Joint Recovery Offices
- Direct Housing Mission
- Active RSF Missions
- Pre-Positioned Sites
- Federal Staging Area
- Incident Support Base
- Distribution Center
- Temporary Housing Storage Area/Site
- Large Fires
- Staging Management Team

State Activation

- Full
- Partial
- Monitoring
- Declared
- Counties

IM Workforce

14,394 (-1) Assigned
4,820 (-4) Unavailable
6,734 (+64) Deployed

20% / 2,840 (-61) Available

IM Cadre Availability

16 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Disability Integration: 22% (9/41); External Affairs: 23% (123/527); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 17% (148/869); Field Leadership: 15% (23/151); Financial Management: 21% (50/237); Hazard Mitigation: 9% (107/1,221); Human Resources: 14% (25/183); Individual Assistance: 15% (419/2,756); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 25% (82/331); Information Technology: 20% (141/718); Logistics: 9% (153/1,677); Operations: 17% (63/370); Public Assistance: 15% (339/2,312); Planning: 8% (36/460); Safety: 17% (16/95); Security: 14% (20/139)

MERS

> 66%

36 Assigned
0 Unavailable
0 Deployed

36 Available

US&R

> 66%

28 Assigned
1 Unavailable
0 Deployed

27 Available

FCO

≤ 1 Type I

55 Assigned
5 Unavailable
50 (28 FCO) Deployed

0 Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
X	WA	Severe Storm Nov 17-25	IA	3	3	12/9 - 12/13
			PA	14	0	1/6 - TBD



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Declaration Requests in Process – 9

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
NY – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	EM		X		Jul 20
MI – Severe Storm and Tornadoes (APPEAL)	DR	X		X	Sep 11
NVKW* – Severe Storm and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Nov 4
CA – Park and Borel Fires (APPEAL)	DR	X	X	X	Dec 2
PA – Severe Winter Weather	EM		X		Dec 6
SC – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X		Dec 13
AK – Severe Storm and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Dec 16
OK – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X		X	Dec 20
LA – Terrorist Attack	EM	X	X		Jan 2

* Native Village of Kwigillingok



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