

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Sunday, January 12, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Wildfires – Southern California

Hazard Monitoring

- Critical Fire Weather – Southern California
- Heavy Snow – Northern Plains and Upper Mississippi Valley
- Mixed Precipitation – Oregon

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- No significant events



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Wildfires – Southern California



Situation: Southern California is facing multiple uncontrolled fires, fueled by an ongoing Santa Ana wind event. **Red Flag Warnings in effect through Wednesday evening.** Critical fire weather conditions **will allow for rapid spread of new and existing fires.** There remains a high chance (90%) for stronger Santa Ana winds in southern California through, with the strongest winds forecast for Tuesday.

Lifelines: (FEMA Region IX SLB, as of 1:10 a.m. ET, Jan 12)

Safety and Security:

- 105,100k (-39.4k) mandatory evacuations for LA County
 - Palisades – Evacuation Order population 52,600 (+5,500)
 - Eaton – Evacuation Order population 52,500 (-44,900)
- 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. curfew in evacuation/warning zones
- 5,178 Fire Fighting personnel deployed

Food, Hydration, and Shelter: (Red Cross Morning Shelter Report, as of 6:50 a.m. ET)

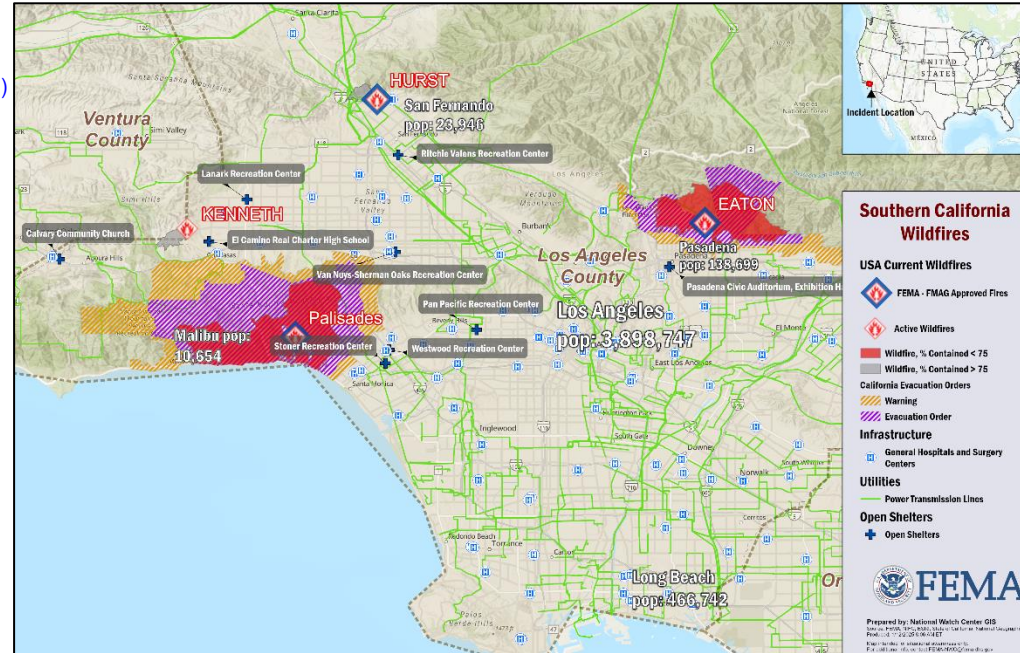
- 8 (-1) shelters open / 887 (+117) occupants

| Shelter | Population |
|--|------------|
| Westwood Recreation Center | 180 |
| Ritchie Valens Recreation Center | 15 |
| Pasadena Civic Auditorium, Exhibition Hall | 475 |
| Pomona Fairplex (Gate 3) | 7 |
| Pan Pacific Recreation Center | 190 |
| Stoner Recreation Center | 12 |
| Calvary Community Church | 2 |
| Van Nuys-Sherman Oaks Recreation Center | 6 |

- 28 40ft containers of bottled water staged at March Air Reserve Base for any future state requests

Health and Medical:

- U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) declared a Public Health Emergency for California
- Air Quality Index (AQI) ranges from Moderate to Unhealthy for the Palisades Fire and Moderate to Hazardous around the Eaton Fire
- 19 (-1) healthcare facilities evacuated; 75 (+4) facilities are being monitored; 7 clinics closed in LA County



Water Systems:

- Boil Water Notice for LA Department of Water and Power and LA County Water Works District
- Do Not Drink Notice for Kinneloa Irrigation District and Pasadena
- Do Not Use Notice for Lincoln Avenue Water Company, Rubio Canon Land and Water Association, and Las Flores Water Company

Energy: (Eagle-I, as of 8:40 a.m. ET)

- 54k (-10k) / 3.5% customers without power in the areas below:
 - Los Angeles County: 42k (-15k) / 1.2% (-.3%)
 - Ventura County: 844 (-6k) / <1% (-1%)
 - San Bernadino: 11k / 1.36%

Transportation:

- Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) Transit reports that all Commuter Express and DASH routes are subject to delays and rerouting
- Closures have been reported on CA-1 from Malibu to Santa Monica, CA-27 from Topanga Beach to Woodland Hills, and CA-2 from La Cañada Flintridge to Red Box Gap
- Metro bus services being used for evacuations and shuttle services

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Wildfires – Southern California



State / Local Response:

- CA SEOC is at Full Activation
- CA Governor declared a State of Emergency for Los Angeles and Ventura counties
 - Major Disaster FEMA-4856-DR-CA Approved

FEMA / Federal Response:

Region IX: (FEMA Region IX SLB, as of 1:10 a.m. ET, Jan 12)

- Region IX RRCC activated to Level III
- Pasadena Area Office open
- Region IX IMAT-1 deployed to the Pasadena Area Office
- 1 LNO deployed to CA SEOC; 2 LNOs deployed to LA County; 2 LNOs deployed to LA City
- FMAGs approved for Palisades, Eaton, and Hurst Fires



FEMA / Federal Response:

HQ:

- FEMA NWC is Monitoring
- Response Geospatial Office (RGO) is coordinating with Region IX on imagery requests, including ICEYE wildfire insights and commercial satellite from NGA.
- US&R Blue IST is Rostered; US&R Branch identified available US&R Task Forces
- Staging Management Team (SMT) Bothell, SMT Tracy, and Incident Support Base (ISB) Team Alpha deployed to March Air Reserve Base
- National Responder Mobilization Team deployed to FEMA Region IX to establish Personnel Mobilization Center (PMC) light
- National Fire Preparedness Level (PL) – 2
- Operations Coordination call conducted with FEMA Region IX at 2:00 p.m. ET on Jan 11

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Wildfire Summary

| 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 | 23,654 (+2,337) | 11% (+3) | M: 47,100 (+5,000)* | H: 12,250 | H: 5,507 (+497)* | H: 426 (+206)** | 2 / 3 |
| | | | | V: 0 | O: 0 | O: 0 | O: 4** | |
| Eaton (Los Angeles, CA) | 5550-FM-CA | 14,117 | 15% (+12) | M: 97,400 (-7,100)* | H: 36,904 | H: 5,894 (-165)* | H: 1,179 (+207)** | 8 (+3) / 5 |
| | | | | V: 0 | O: 3,411 | O: 0 | O: 0 | |
| Hurst (Los Angeles, CA) FINAL | 5551-FM-CA | 799 (+28) | 76% (+6) | M: LIFTED | H: 0 (-490) | H: 2* | H: 0 | 0 / 0 |
| | | | | V: LIFTED | O: 0 (-67) | O: 0 | O: 0 | |

*Region IX SLB #4, as of 1:10 a.m. ET, Jan 12

**Confirmed structures destroyed; Some non-authoritative estimates may be higher

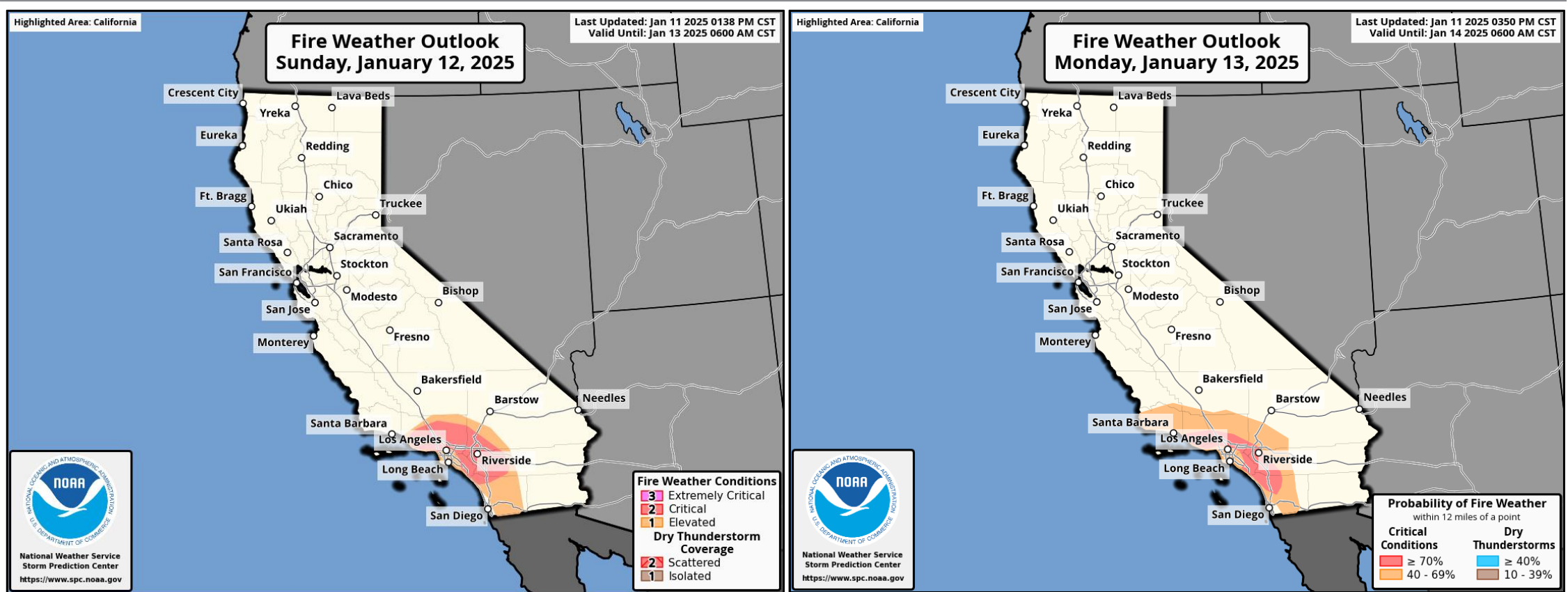
(Evacuations: M = Mandatory / V = Voluntary; Structures: H = Homes and Mixed Commercial/Residential / O = Non-residential Commercial/Other Minor Structures)



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Fire Weather Outlook



Today

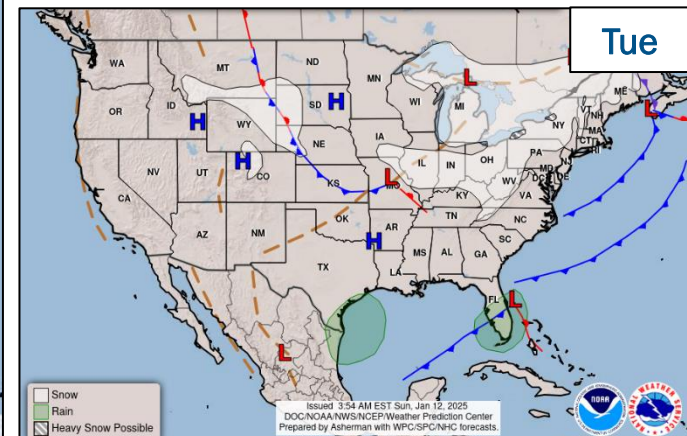
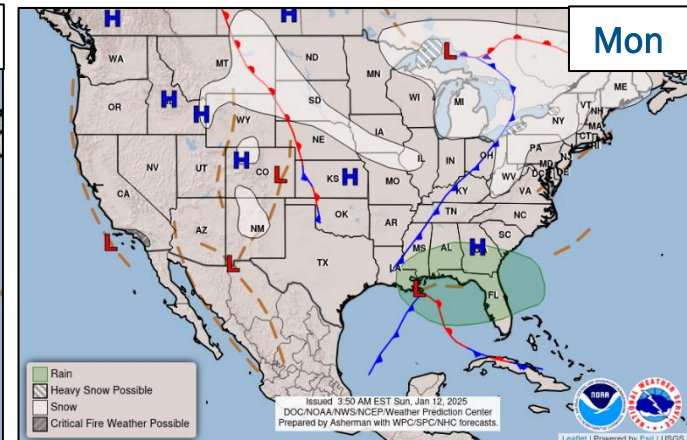
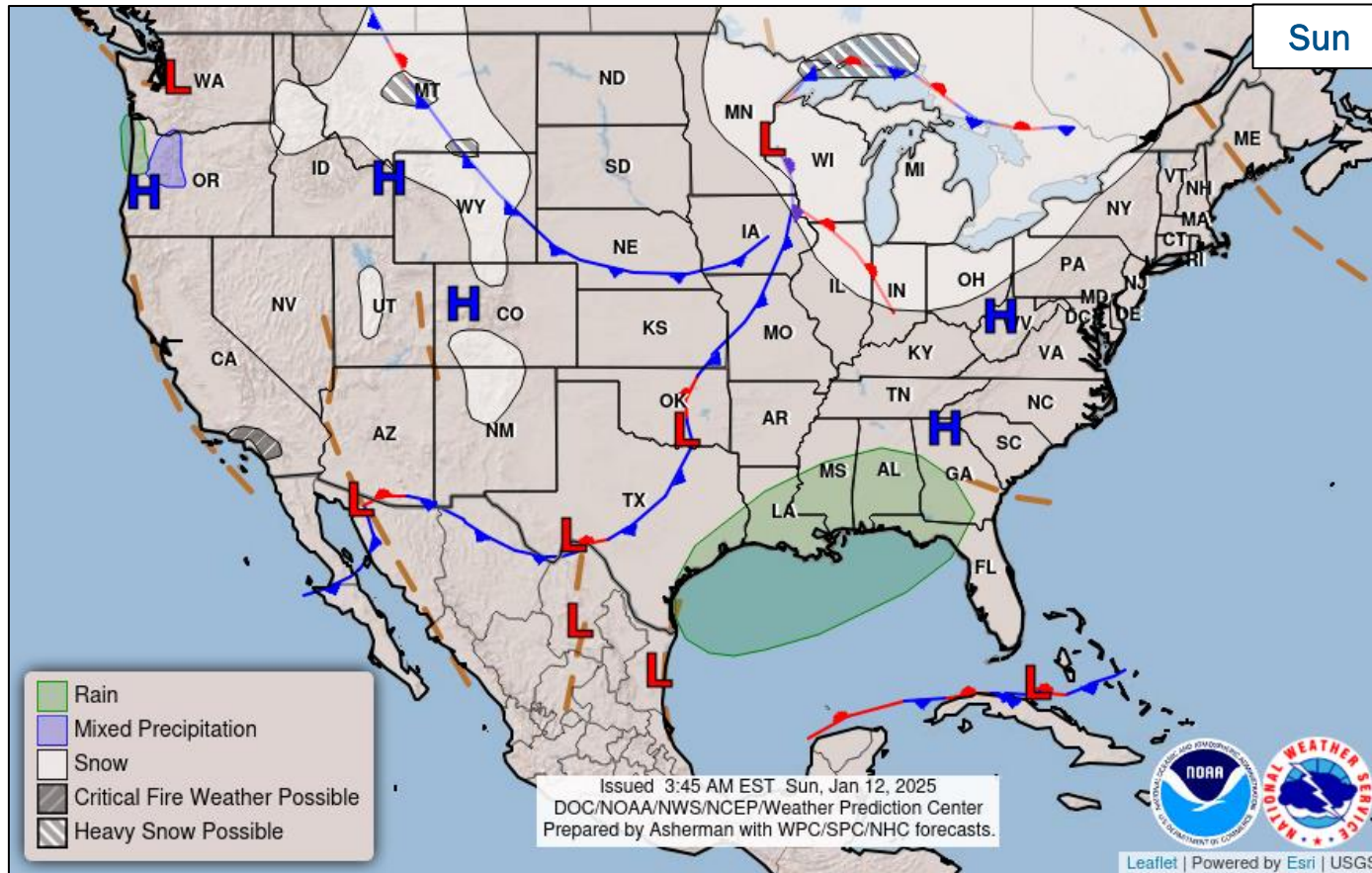
Tomorrow



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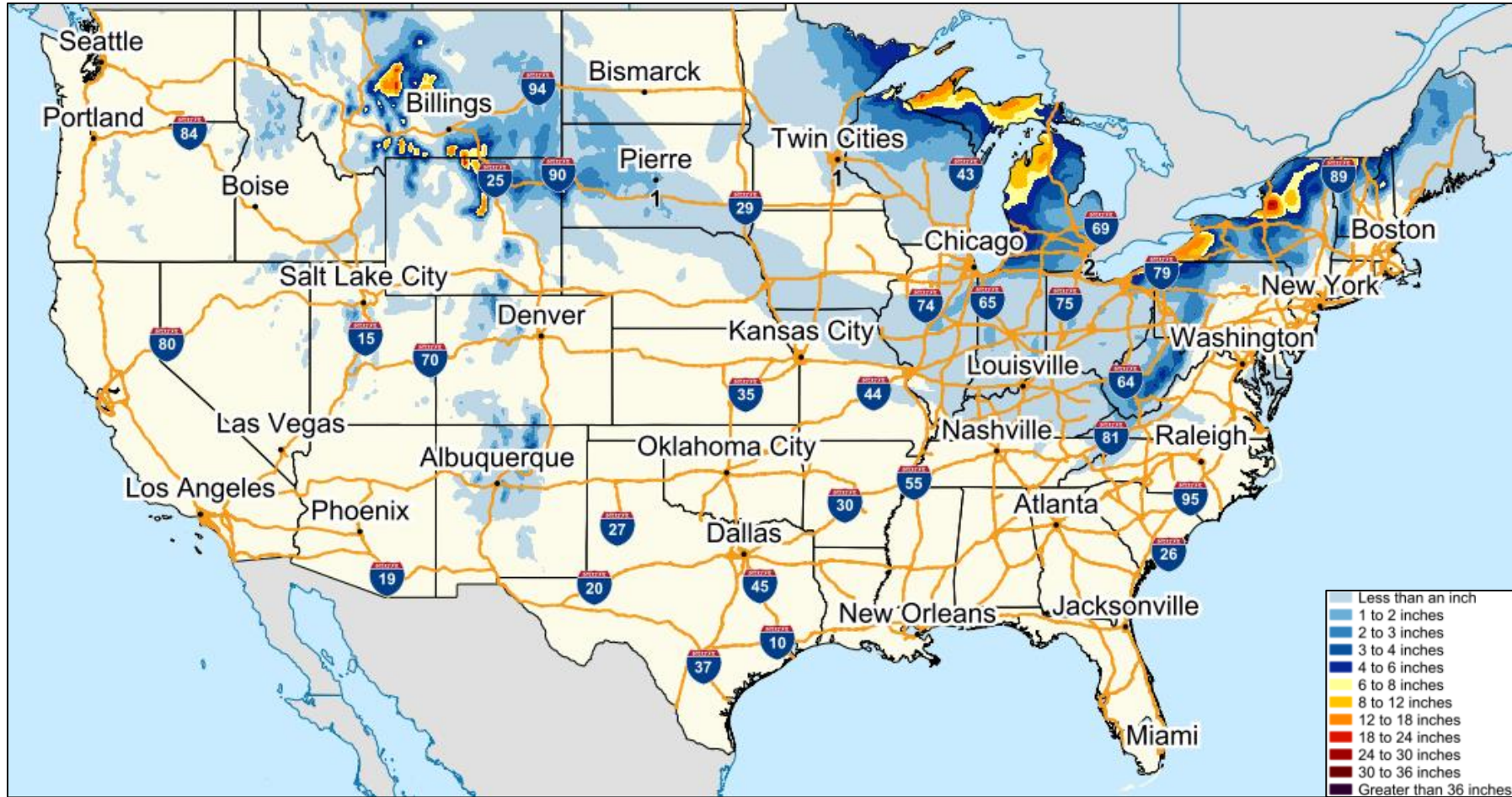
National Weather Forecast



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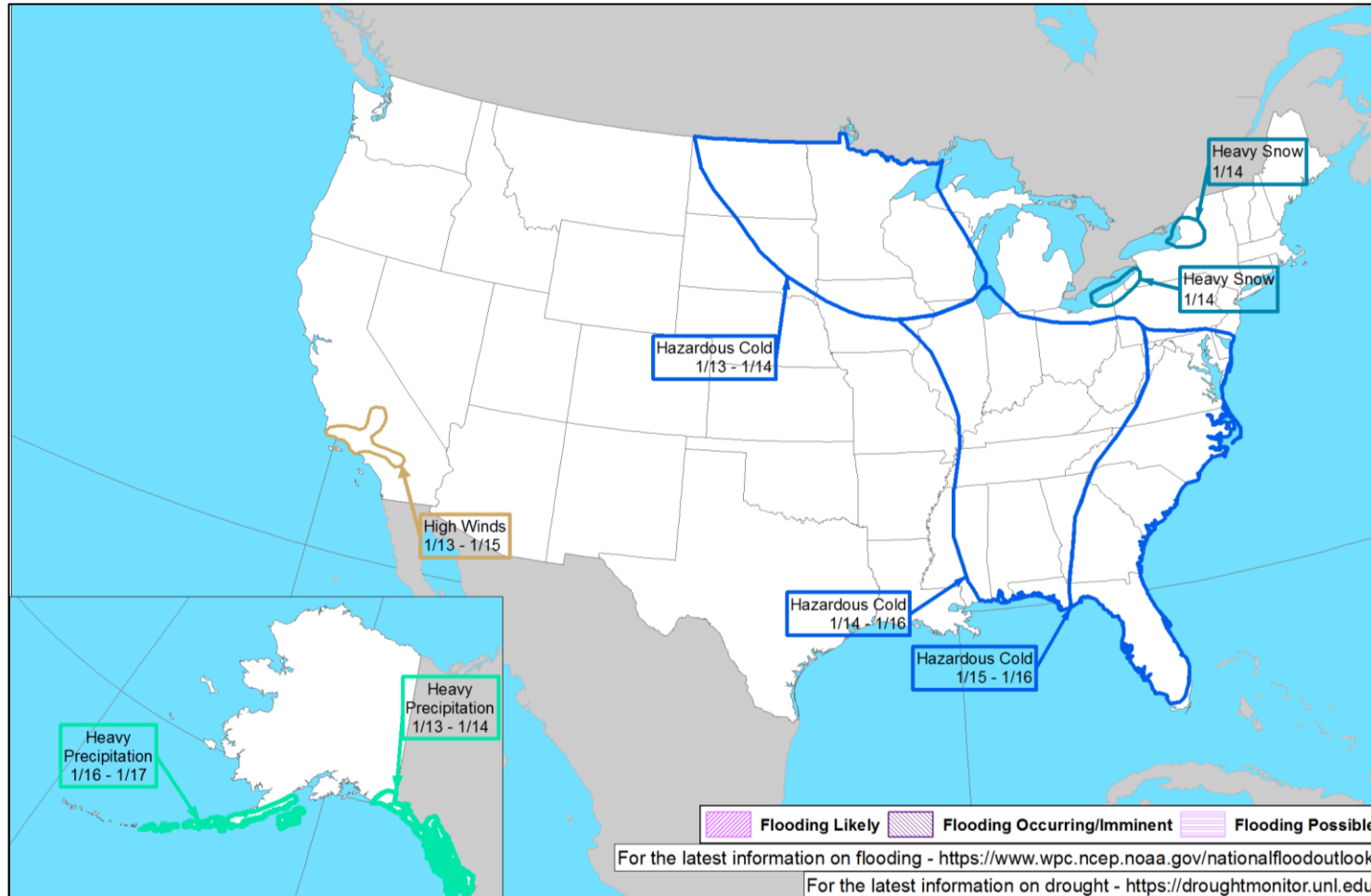
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Snowfall Forecast



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Hazards Outlook – Jan 13-17

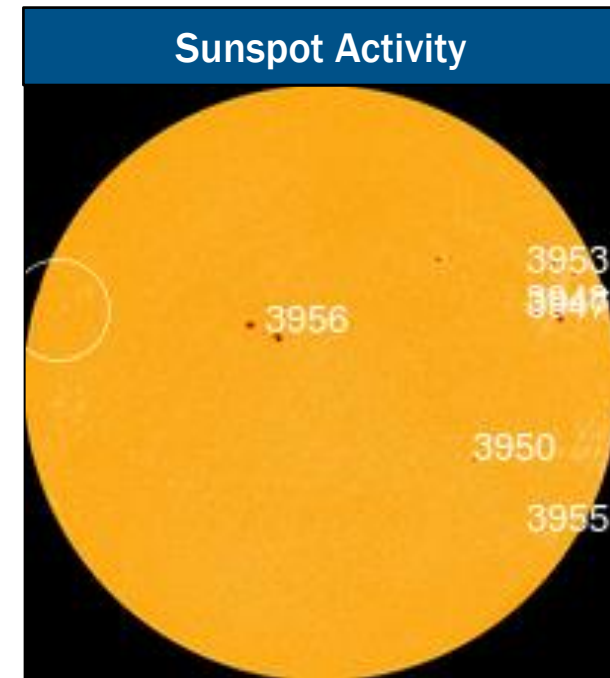
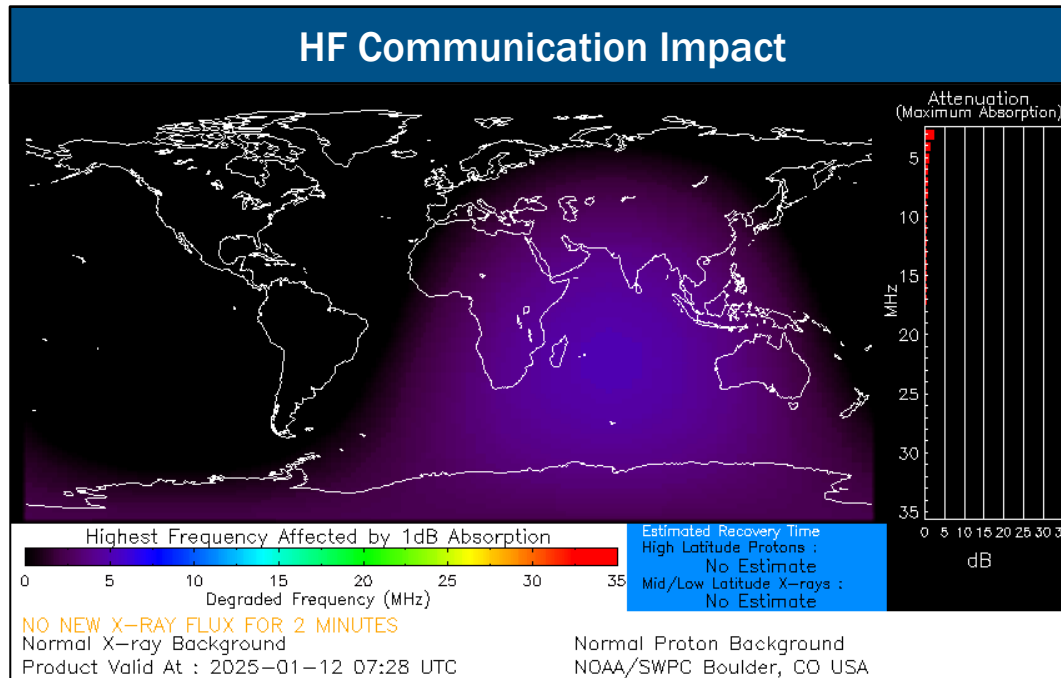


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Space Weather Outlook

| Minor | Space Weather Activity | Geomagnetic Storms | Solar Radiation | Radio Blackouts |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Past 24 Hours | None | None | None | None |
| Next 24 Hours | None | None | None | None |

For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to: <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation>
 For further information on Sunspot Activity refer to: <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/phenomena/sunspotssolar-cycle>



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

31 + **3** Supporting **111** + **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 | Rostered |
| Enhanced IV | Rostered |
| Monitoring V | Rostered |
| Monitoring VI | Level III |
| Monitoring VII | Rostered |
| Monitoring VIII | Rostered |
| Monitoring IX | Level III |
| Monitoring X | Rostered |
| Notes: | |
| NRCCs/RWCCs/RRCCs: • R-IX RRCC: Wildfires • R-IV RWC: Winter Weather • R-VI RRCC: Winter Weather | State EOCs: • OK/TN: Severe Weather • HI/CA/UT: Wildfires • CO/WV/MO/VA/IL/MD/KY/TX/AL/MS/GA/AR/NC: Winter Weather • FL: TC Milton • FL/NC/TN/VA: TC Helene • DC/WY: Inauguration |
| Volunteer Force | |
| Rostered 7,840 | Deployed 3 |
| Surge Capacity Force | |
| Rostered 9,000 | Deployed 17 (-1) |

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

| 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 | 28 | 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 | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| X | 3/1 | 13 | 0 | 0 |

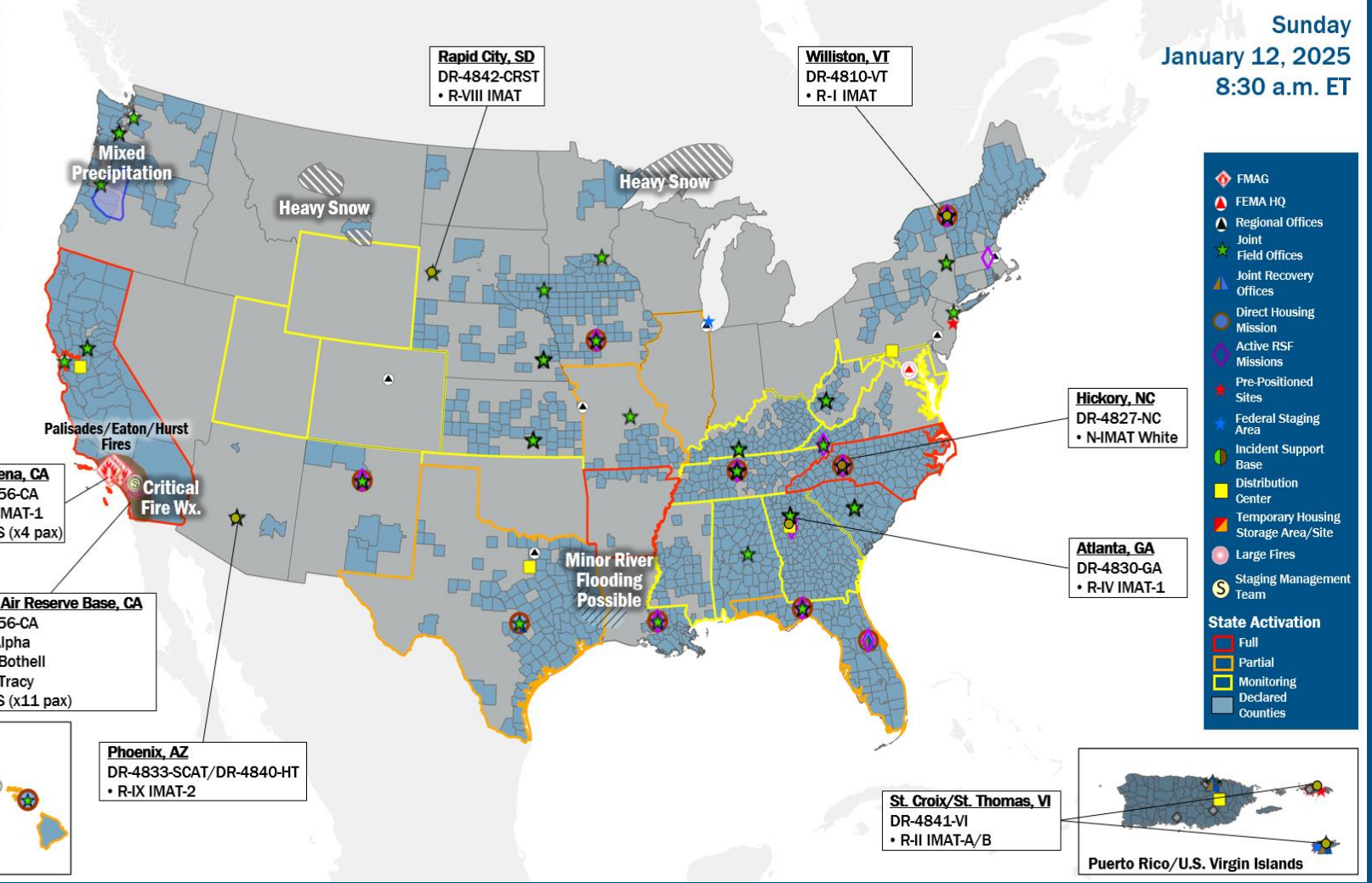
Alaska

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Guam

American Samoa

Hawaii



Legend:

- ◆ FMAG
- ▲ FEMA HQ
- △ Regional Offices
- ★ Joint 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:

- Red outline: Full
- Yellow outline: Partial
- Green outline: Monitoring
- Blue outline: Declared
- Grey: Counties

IM Workforce

14,348 Assigned
4,742 (-3) Unavailable
7,124 (-29) Deployed
17% / 2,482 (-32) Available

IM Cadre Availability

16 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Disability Integration: 20% (8/41); External Affairs: 13% (69/525); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 16% (138/866); Field Leadership: 15% (23/150); Financial Management: 20% (47/236); Hazard Mitigation: 8% (98/1,217); Human Resources: 13% (24/185); Individual Assistance: 12% (325/2,735); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 25% (84/331); Information Technology: 18% (127/717); Logistics: 6% (99/1,675); Operations: 19% (69/368); Public Assistance: 13% (310/2,303); Planning: 7% (32/462); Safety: 8% (8/95); Security: 12% (17/138)

MERS
≥ 66%

36 Assigned
0 Unavailable
3 Deployed
33 Available

US&R
≥ 66%

28 Assigned
1 Unavailable
0 Deployed
27 Available

FCO
≤ 1 Type I

55 Assigned
6 Unavailable
49 (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 | 14 (+14) | 1/6 - 1/10 |



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Declaration Requests in Process – 7

| 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 |
| CA – Park and Borel Fires (APPEAL) | DR | X | X | X | Dec 2 |
| PA – Severe Winter Weather | EM | | X | | Dec 6 |
| 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 |



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