

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, January 15, 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

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Major Disaster Declaration Request – WI

Event Monitoring

- No significant events



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Wildfires – Southern California



Situation: The Santa Ana winds continue to be dangerously strong today. Critical fire weather conditions are expected to persist through Thursday, and a Particularly Dangerous Situation (PDS) Red Flag Warning is in effect until Wednesday evening.

Lifelines: (FEMA Region IX SLB, as of 1:40 a.m. ET, Jan 15)

Safety and Security:

- 83k (-23k) mandatory evacuations for LA County
- 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. curfew in evacuation/warning zones
- 8,802 firefighting personnel deployed

Food, Hydration, and Shelter: (ARC Shelter Morning Shelter Report as of 6:51 a.m. ET)

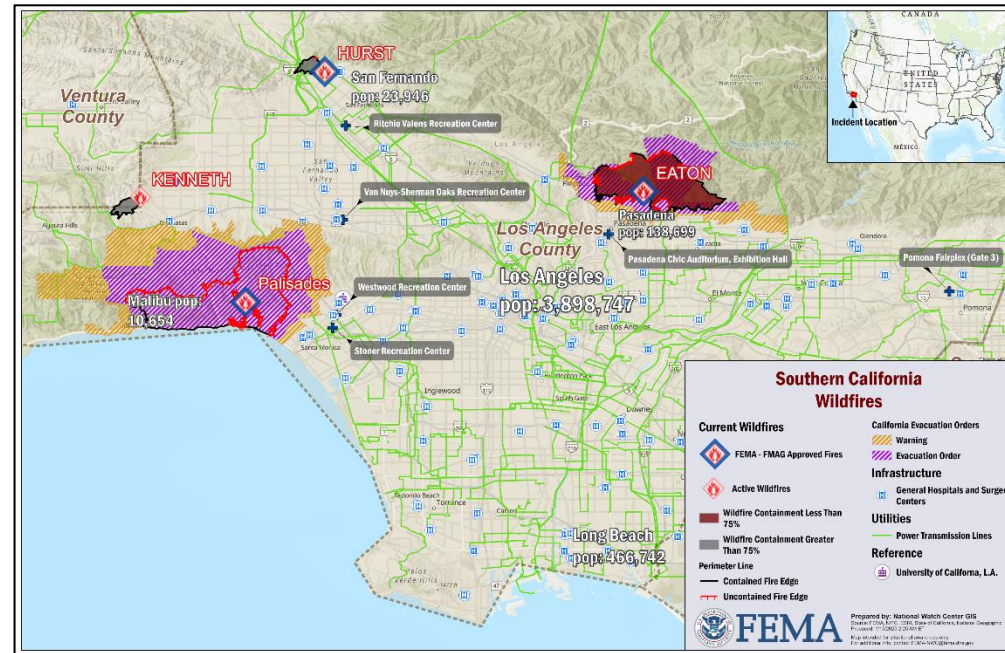
- 7 shelters open / 768 (+63) occupants

Shelter	Population
Westwood Recreation Center	183 (-21)
Ritchie Valens Recreation Center	21 (+2)
Pasadena Civic Auditorium Exhibition Hall	355 (+66)
Pomona Fairplex	18 (+6)
Stoner Recreation Center	32 (-2)
Van Nuys-Sherman Oaks Recreation Center	17 (-1)
Bob Hope Patriotic Hall	129

- 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 (+2) healthcare facilities evacuated; 75 facilities are being monitored; 6 clinics closed in LA County



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Water Systems:

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

Energy: (Eagle-I, as of 7:00 a.m. ET)

- 43k (-38k) / <1% customers without power in the areas below:
 - Los Angeles County: 31k (-13k) / <1%
 - Ventura County: 12k (-9k) / 4% (-3%)

Transportation:

- Closures have been reported on CA-1 east of Topanga, CA-27 from Topanga Beach to Woodland Hills and CA-2 from La Cañada Flintridge to Red Box Gap



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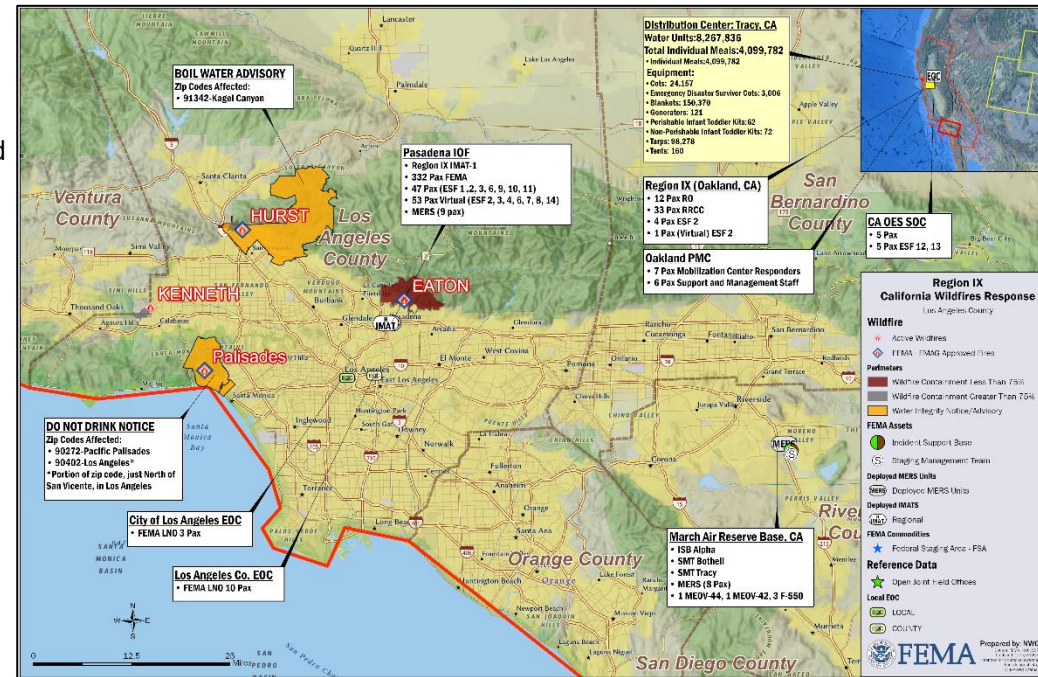
State / Local Response:

- 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:

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



FEMA / Federal Response:

HQ:

- FEMA NWC is Monitoring
- 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
- Personnel Mobilization Center (PMC) light established
- MERS deployed to Pasadena and March ARB, CA
- National Fire Preparedness Level (PL) – 2

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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	23,713	18% (+4%)	M:50,900*	H: 12,250	H: 358 (-5,072)**	H: 1,799 (+717)**	9 (+1)*** / 3
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 33 (-60)**	O: 315 (+117)**	
Eaton (Los Angeles, CA)	5550-FM-CA	14,117	35% (+2%)	M:32,500 (-22,600)*	H: 26,475 (-9,542)	H: 331 (-5,326)**	H: 2,654 (+792)**	16*** / 6 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 2,353 (-1,058)	O: 110 (-11)**	O: 1,334 (+474)**	

*Region IX SLB #7, as of 1:40 a.m. ET, Jan 15.

**Confirmed structures *damaged*/destroyed per ICS-209s; Some non-authoritative estimates may be higher

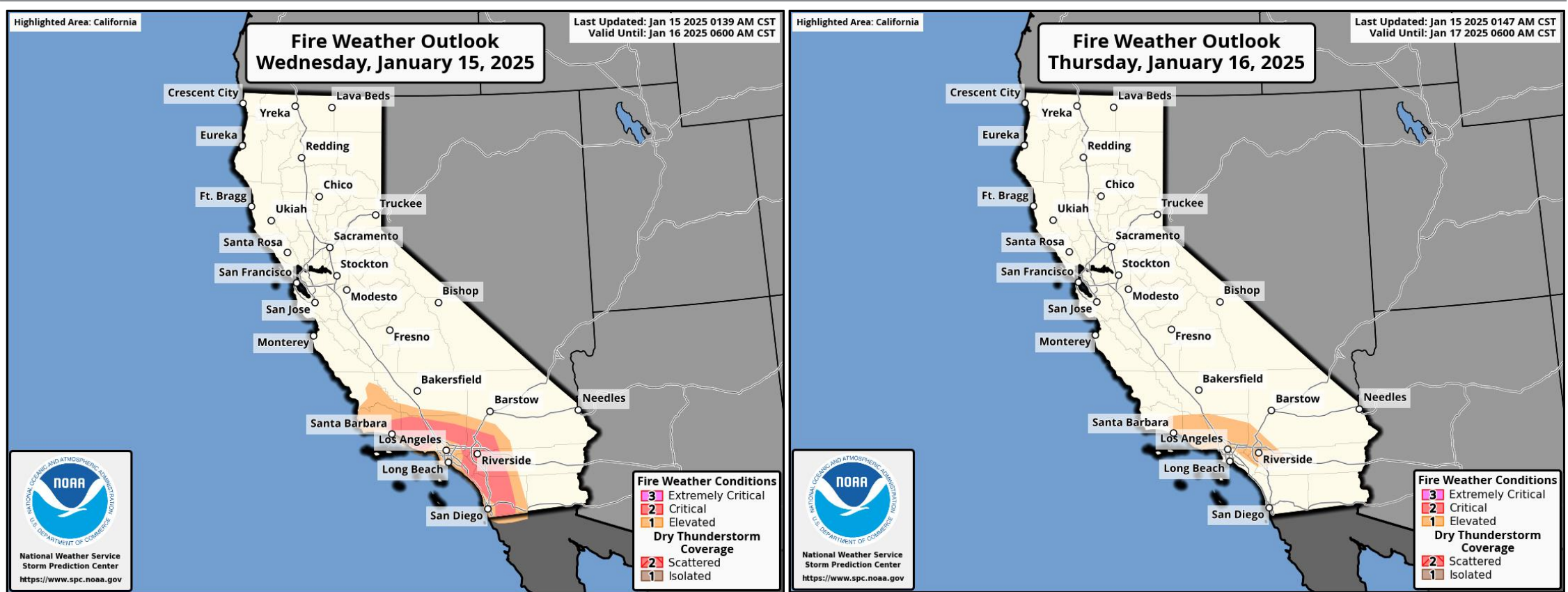
***LA County Medical Examiner, as of 10:00 p.m. ET, Jan 14

(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

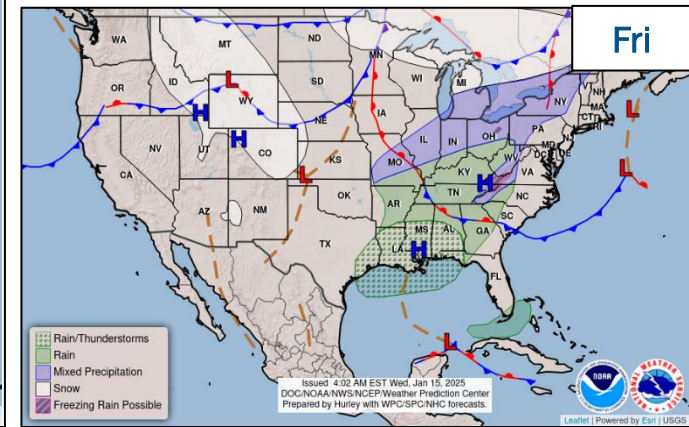
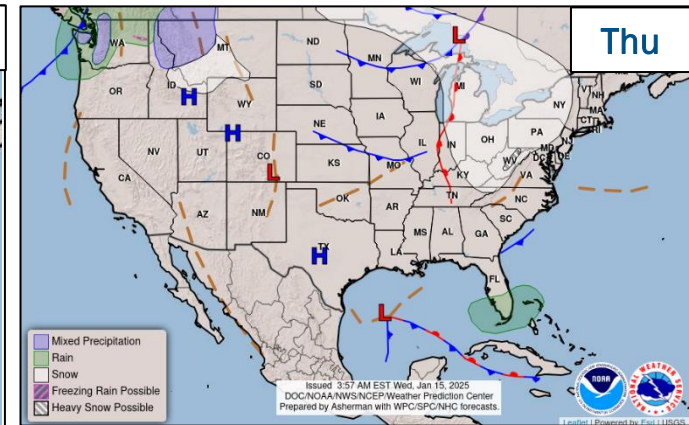
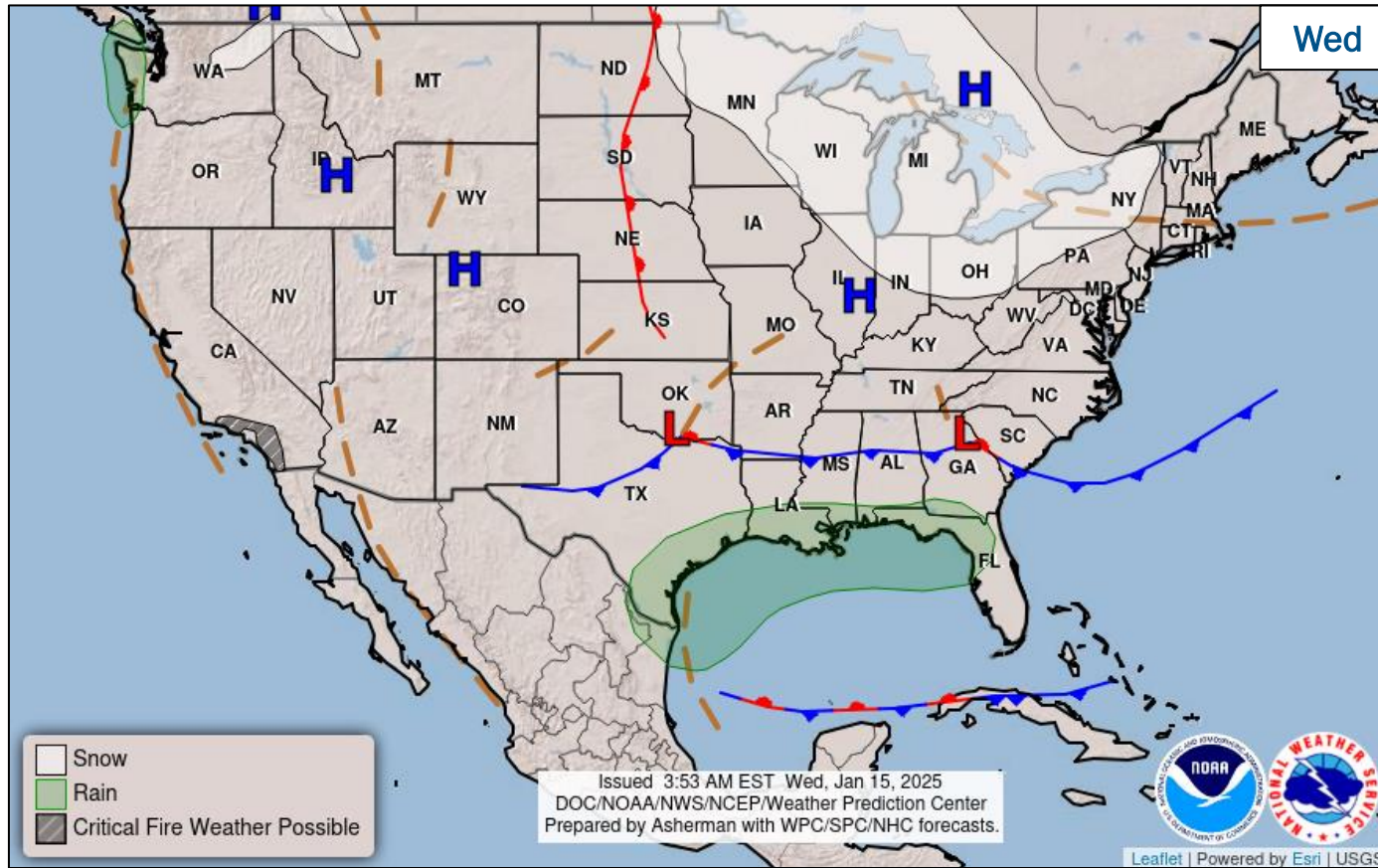
Tomorrow



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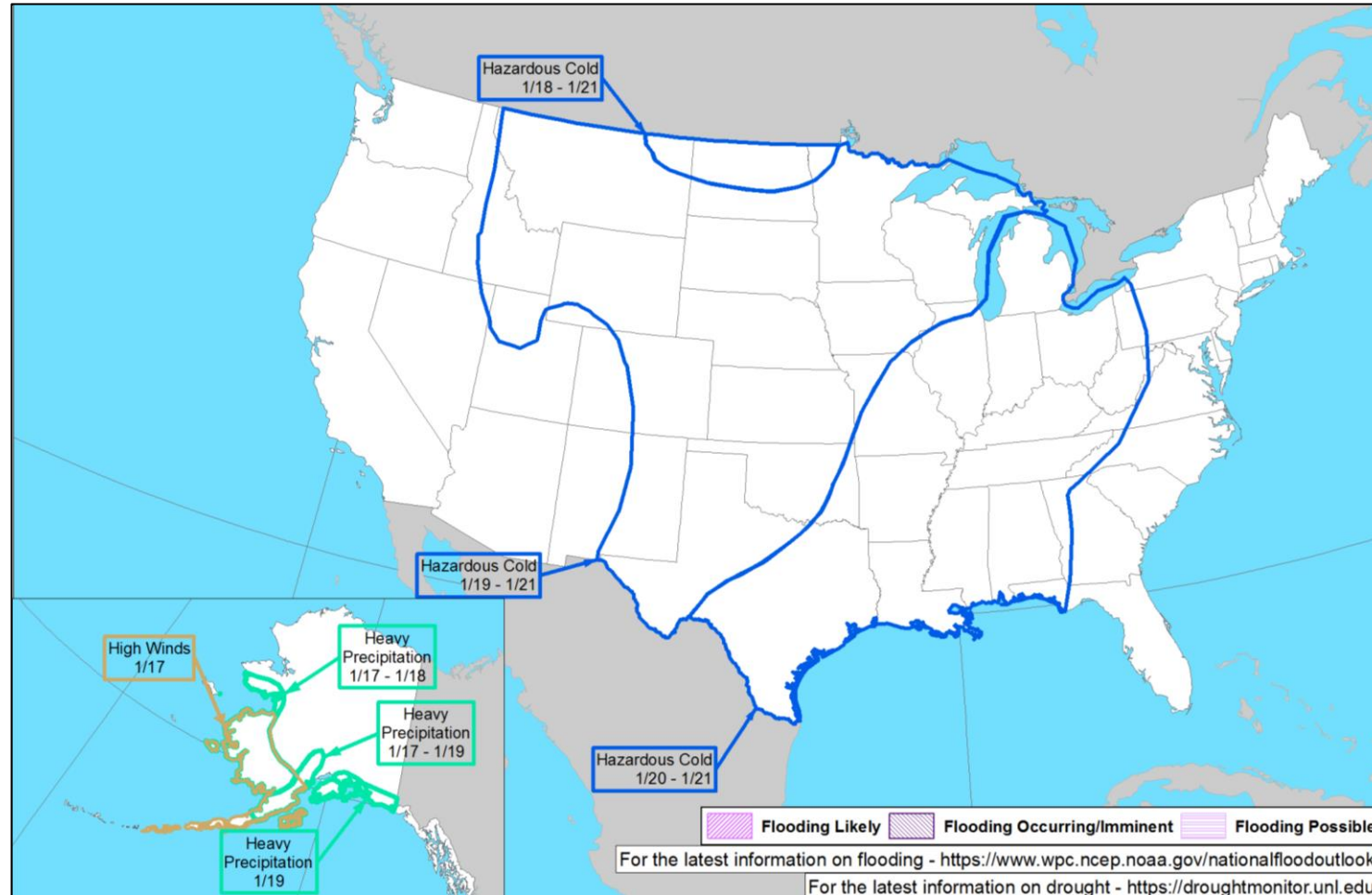
National Weather Forecast



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Hazards Outlook – Jan 17-21

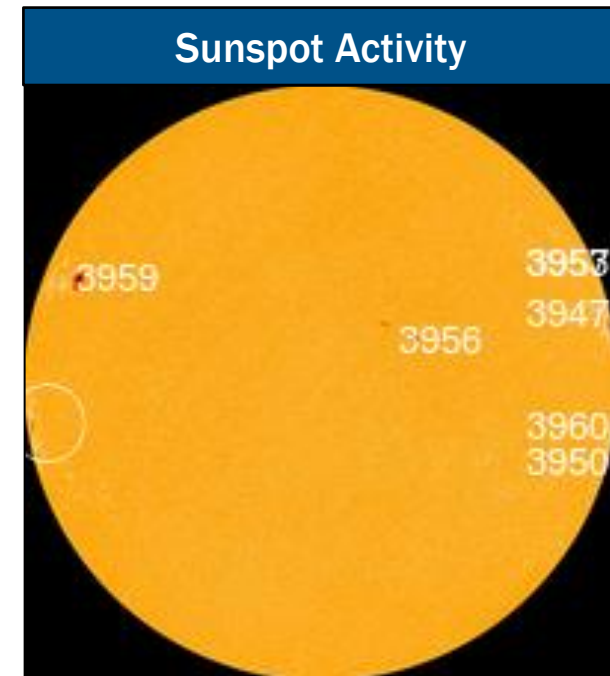
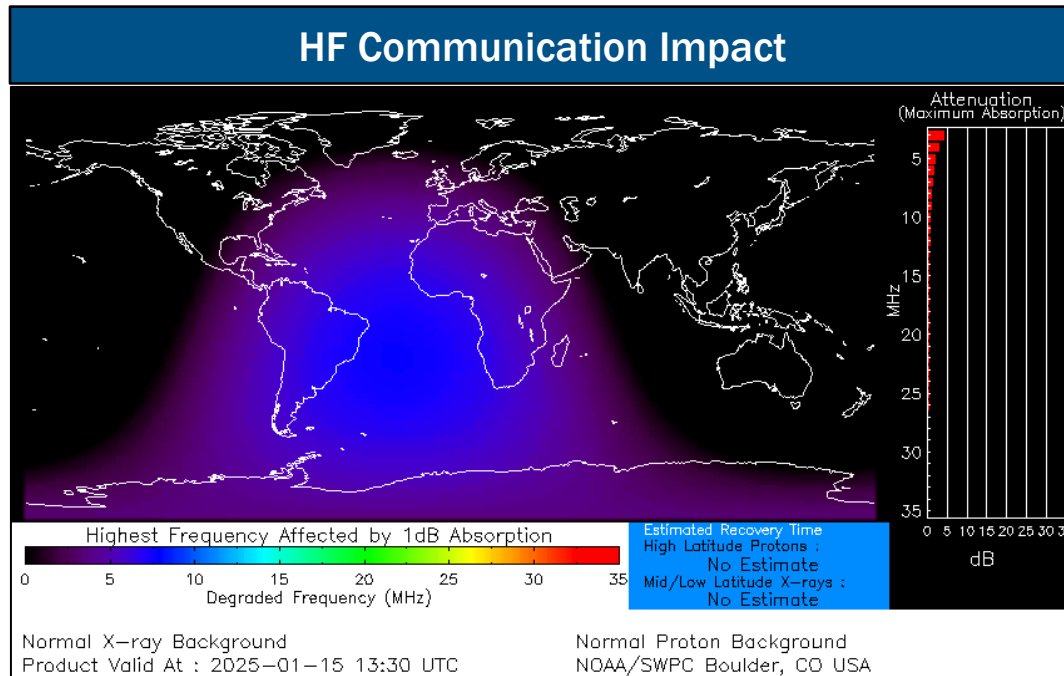


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Space Weather Outlook

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

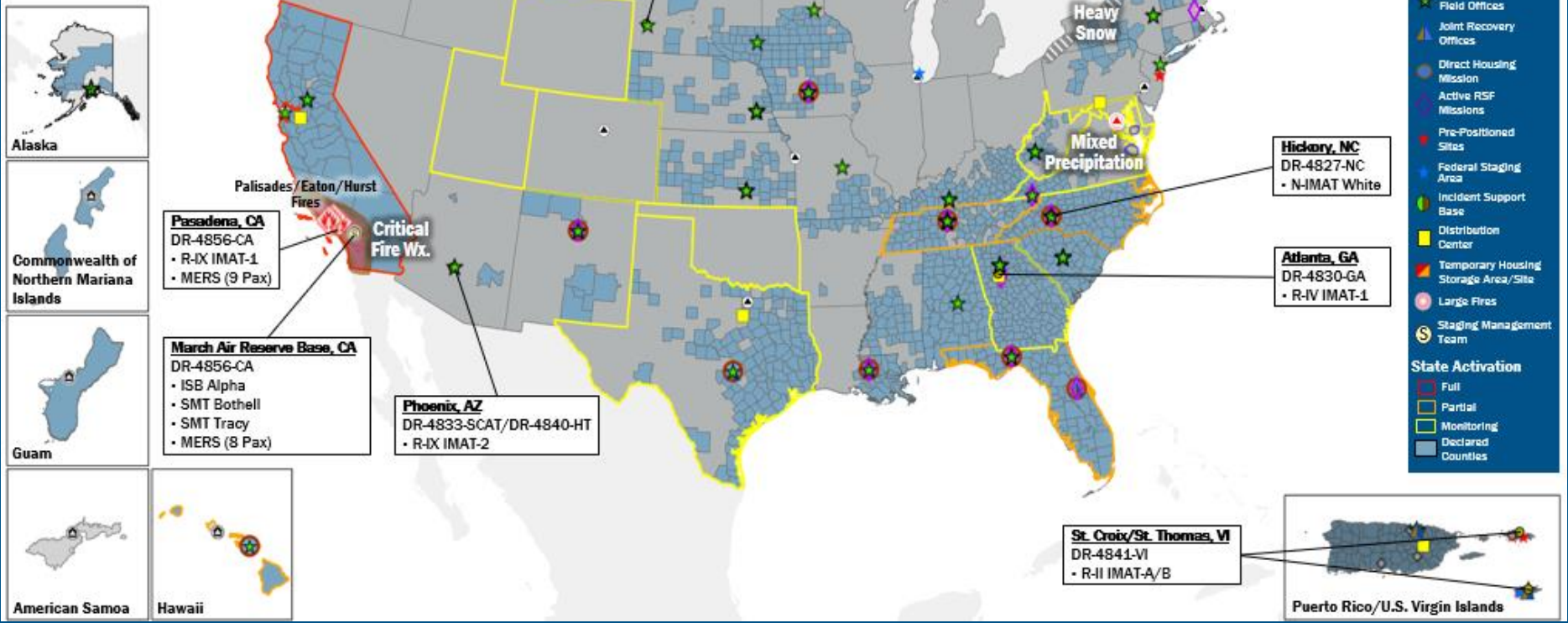
31 + **3** Supporting **111** + **10** Major Disasters Emergency Declarations | **17** Direct Housing Missions **26** RSF-Supported Disasters **6** Joint Recovery Offices

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FEMA HQ	
NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Steady State
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Monitoring I	Rostered
Monitoring II	Rostered
Monitoring III	Rostered
Monitoring IV	Rostered
Monitoring V	Rostered
Monitoring VI	Rostered
Monitoring VII	Rostered
Monitoring VIII	Rostered
Monitoring IX	Level III
Monitoring X	Rostered
Notes:	
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs: • R-IX RRCC: Wildfires	State EOCs: • OK: Severe Weather • HI/CA/UT: Wildfires • CO/WY/VA/MD/GA/TN/TX: Winter Weather • FL: TC Milton • FL/NC/TN/VA: TC Helene • DC/WY/VA: Inauguration
Volunteer Force	
Rostered 7,860 (+20)	Deployed 0 (-3)
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 9,001 (+1)	Deployed 14 (-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	
IV-1	GA (Oct 5)
IV-2	
V	
VI-1	
VI-2	3/Personnel
VII	2/Personnel
VIII	SD (Nov 18)
IX-1	CA (Jan 8)
IX-2	AZ (Oct 8)
X	1

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN			
JFO/WFO	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



IM Workforce

14,376 (+27) Assigned
4,771 (+43) Unavailable
7,195 (+70) Deployed

17% / 2,410 (-86) Available

IM Cadre Availability

16 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Disability Integration: 24% (10/41); External Affairs: 12% (65/529); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 16% (136/866); Field Leadership: 13% (19/150); Financial Management: 21% (49/235); Hazard Mitigation: 9% (109/1,222); Human Resources: 12% (22/185); Individual Assistance: 12% (327/2,747); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 22% (74/331); Information Technology: 17% (122/717); Logistics: 6% (102/1,677); Operations: 19% (69/367); Public Assistance: 13% (305/2,304); Planning: 7% (31/466); Safety: 12% (11/95); Security: 13% (18/138)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned
0 Unavailable
3 Deployed

33 Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned
8 Unavailable
0 Deployed

20 Available

FCO

≤ 1 Type I

54 (-1) Assigned
6 (-1) Unavailable
48 (28 FCO) Deployed

0 Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
VI	OK	Severe Weather Nov 2-4	IA	6	6	11/19 - 11/24
			PA	10	0	1/7 - TBD



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Declaration Request – Wisconsin

Declaration Type: Major Disaster – WI

Date Requested: Jan 13

Incident: Lack of Snow

Incident Period: Dec 20 and continuing

Requested:

- **Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Loan:** 72 counties



■ SBA



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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
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
WI – Lack of Snow (SBA)	DR	X			Jan 13



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