

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, January 16, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Wildfires – Southern California

Hazard Monitoring

- Elevated Fire Weather – Southern California
- Heavy Snow – Central Appalachians

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approval: Major Disaster Declaration – AK
- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – WA
- 13 amendments issued

Event Monitoring

- No significant events



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Wildfires – Southern California



Situation: Elevated Fire Weather is expected to persist through today and Red Flag Warnings remain in effect through this afternoon for the mountainous areas of Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Southern California Edison (SCE) continues de-energization with the potential to impact 291k (+23k) customers due to the fire weather.

Lifelines: (FEMA Region IX SLB, as of 11:40 p.m. ET, Jan 15)

Safety and Security:

- 82k (-1k) mandatory evacuations for LA County
- 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. curfew in evacuation/warning zones
- 8,802 firefighting personnel deployed

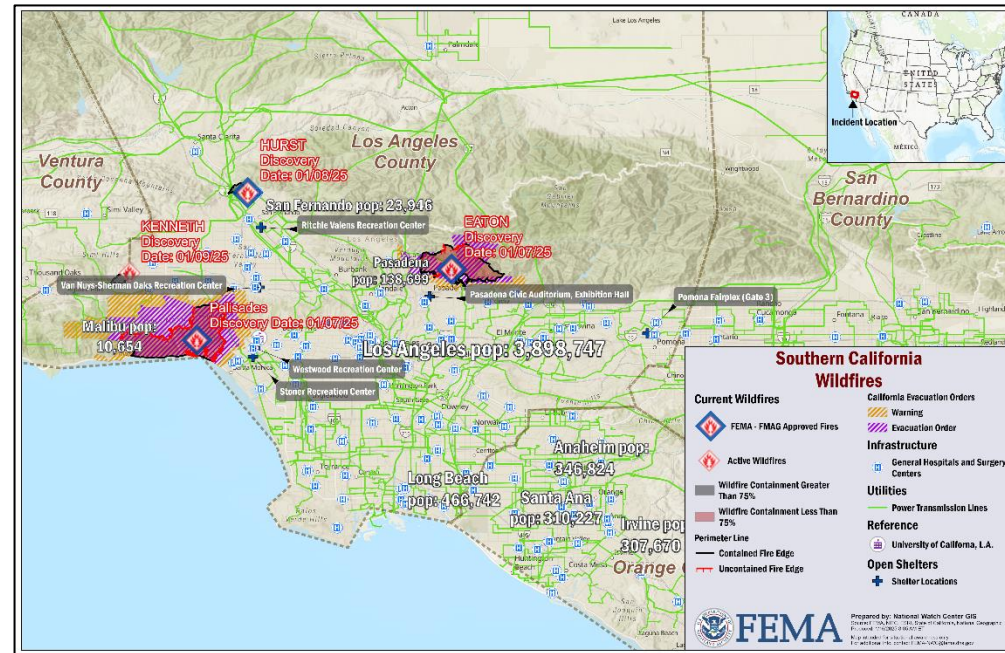
Food, Hydration, and Shelter: (ARC Shelter Morning Shelter Report as of 6:50 a.m. ET)

- 6 (-1) shelters open / 683 (-85) occupants

Shelter	Population
Westwood Recreation Center	178 (-5)
Ritchie Valens Recreation Center	21
Pasadena Civic Auditorium Exhibition Hall	410 (+55)
Pomona Fairplex	20 (+2)
Stoner Recreation Center	31 (-1)
Van Nuys-Sherman Oaks Recreation Center	23 (+6)

Health and Medical:

- U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) declared a Public Health Emergency for California
- Air Quality Index (AQI) ranges are Moderate for most of LA County
- 18 (-1) healthcare facilities evacuated; 75 facilities are being monitored; 6 clinics closed in LA County



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Water Systems:

- LA Department of Water and Power developed a water conservation message for reduction in water usage
- Do Not Drink/Do not use Notices for Malibu and part of the City of Pasadena

Energy: (Eagle-I, as of 7:30 a.m. ET)

- 63k (+20k) / <1% customers without power in the areas below:
 - Los Angeles County: 29k (-2k) / <1%
 - Ventura County: 6k (-6k) / 2% (-1%)
 - San Bernadino: 28k / 3.5%

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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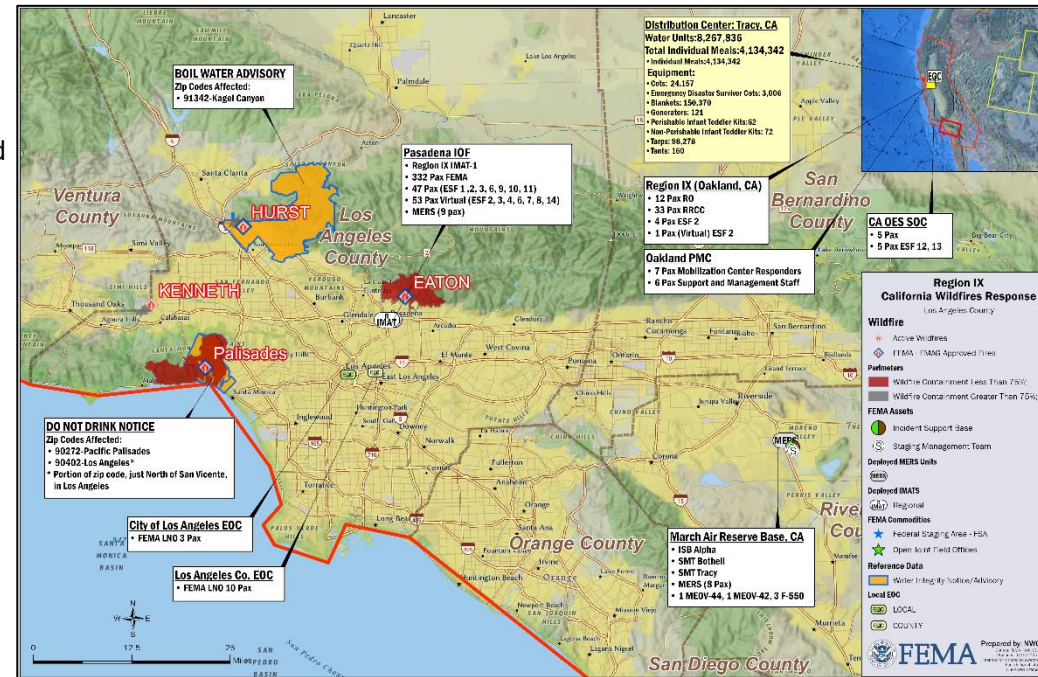
State / Local Response:

- 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
- There are 13 state/regional USAR teams deployed

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
- 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	21% (+3)	M:50,900*	H: 12,250	H: 442** (+84)	H: 2,346** (+547)	9*** / 3
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 42** (+9)	O: 401** (+86)	
Eaton (Los Angeles, CA)	5550-FM-CA	14,117	45% (+10)	M:31,400* (-1,100)	H: 34,040 (+7,565)	H: 444** (+113)	H: 3,520** (+866)	16*** / 6
				V: 0	O: 2,960 (+607)	O: 169** (+59)	O: 1,836** (+502)	

*Region IX SLB #8, as of 11:14 p.m. ET, Jan 15

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

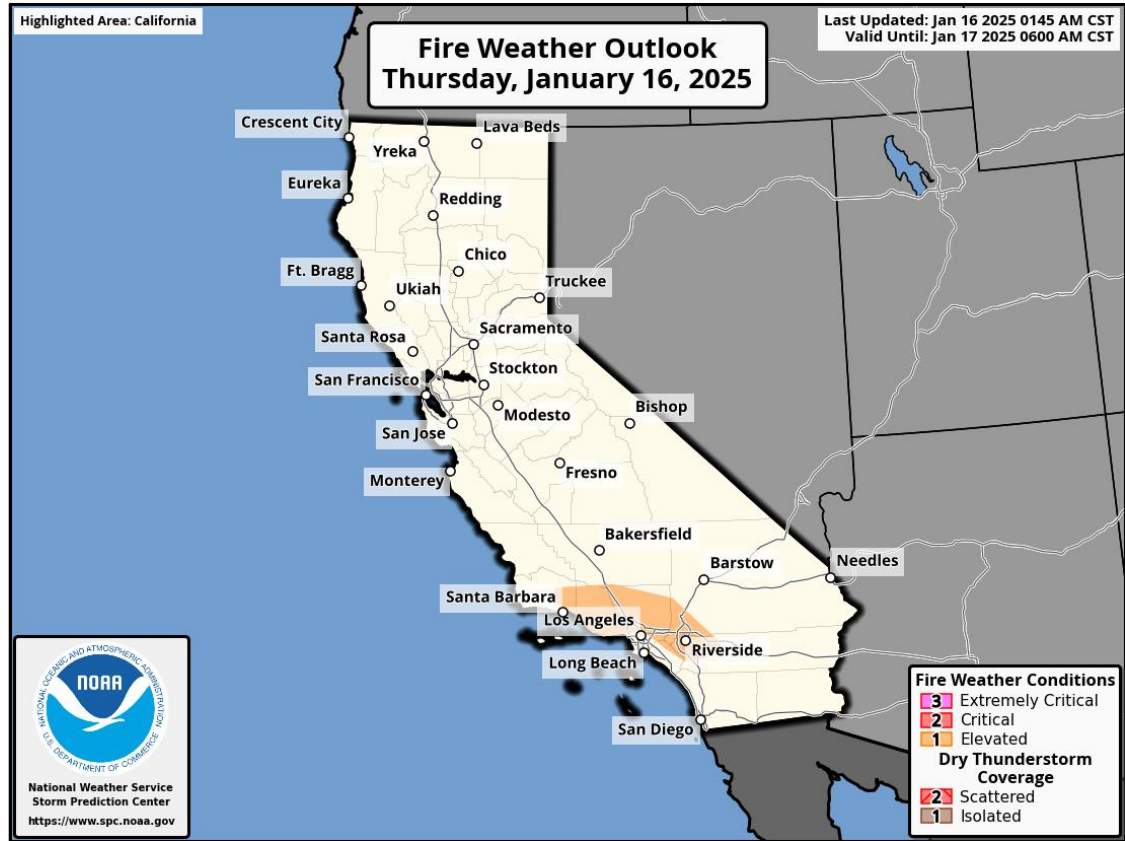
***LA County Medical Examiner, as of 7:00 p.m. ET, Jan 15

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

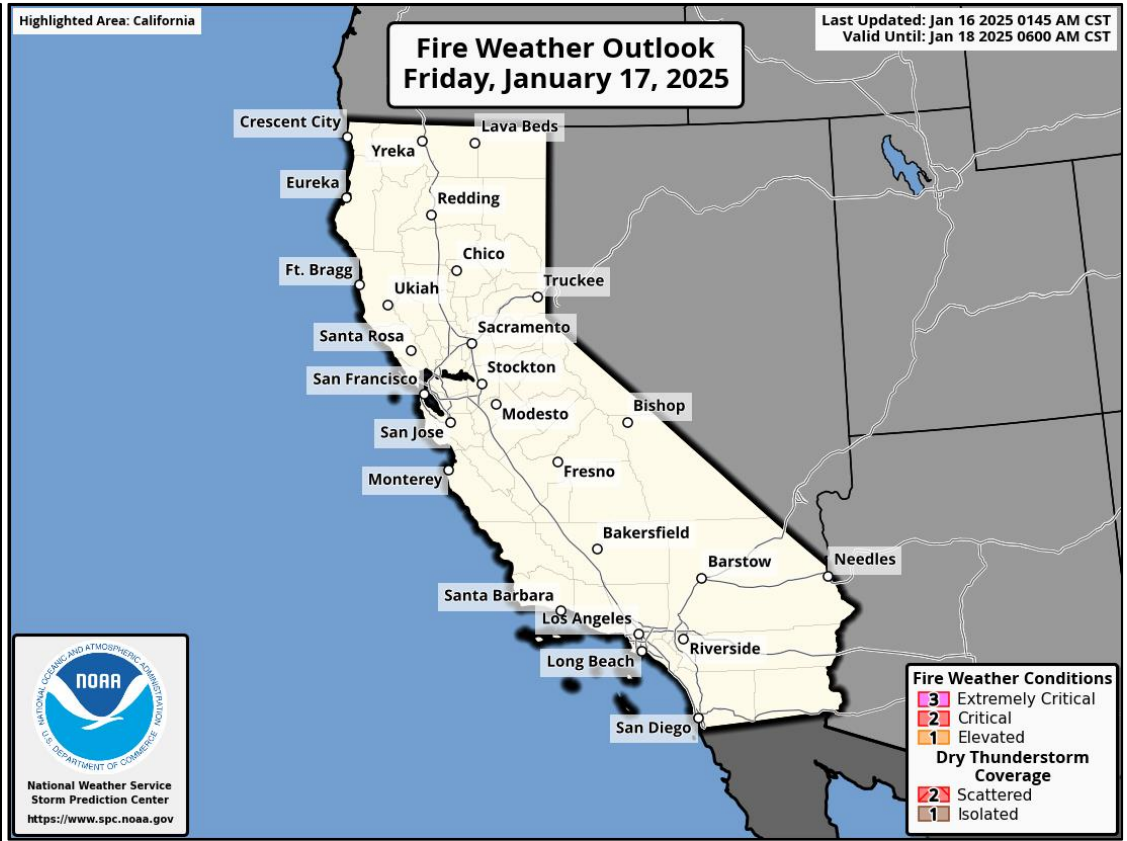


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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



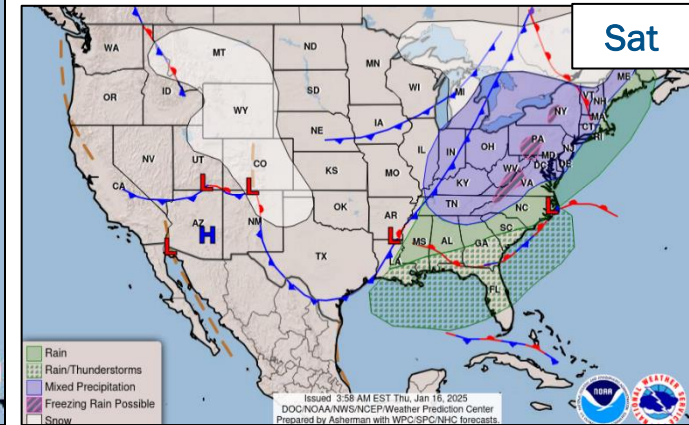
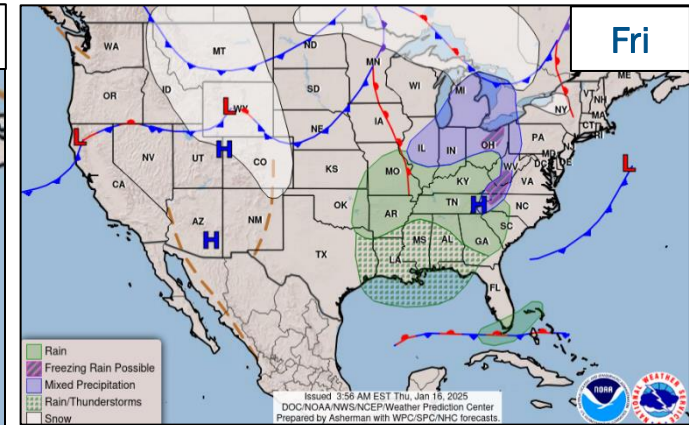
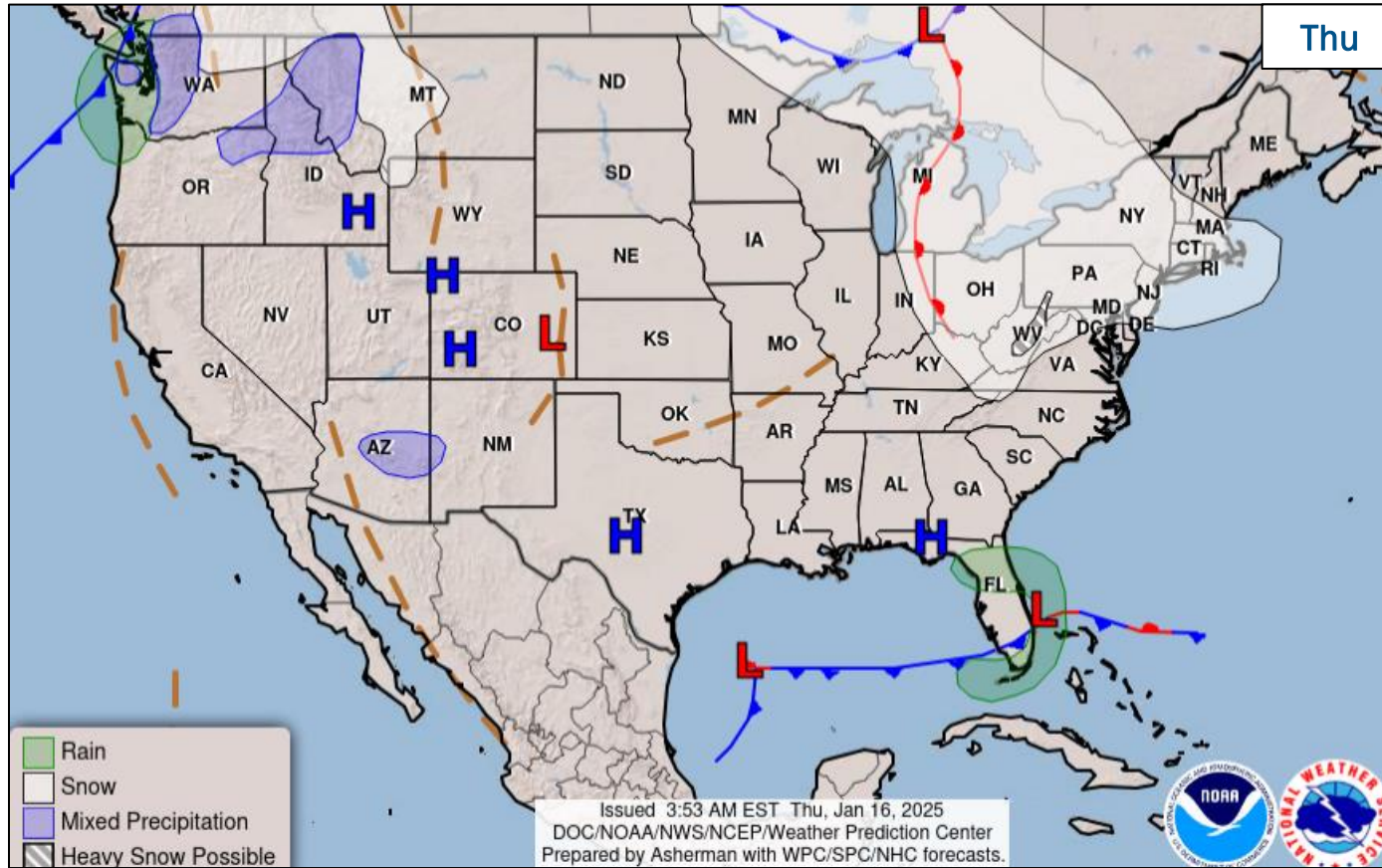
Tomorrow



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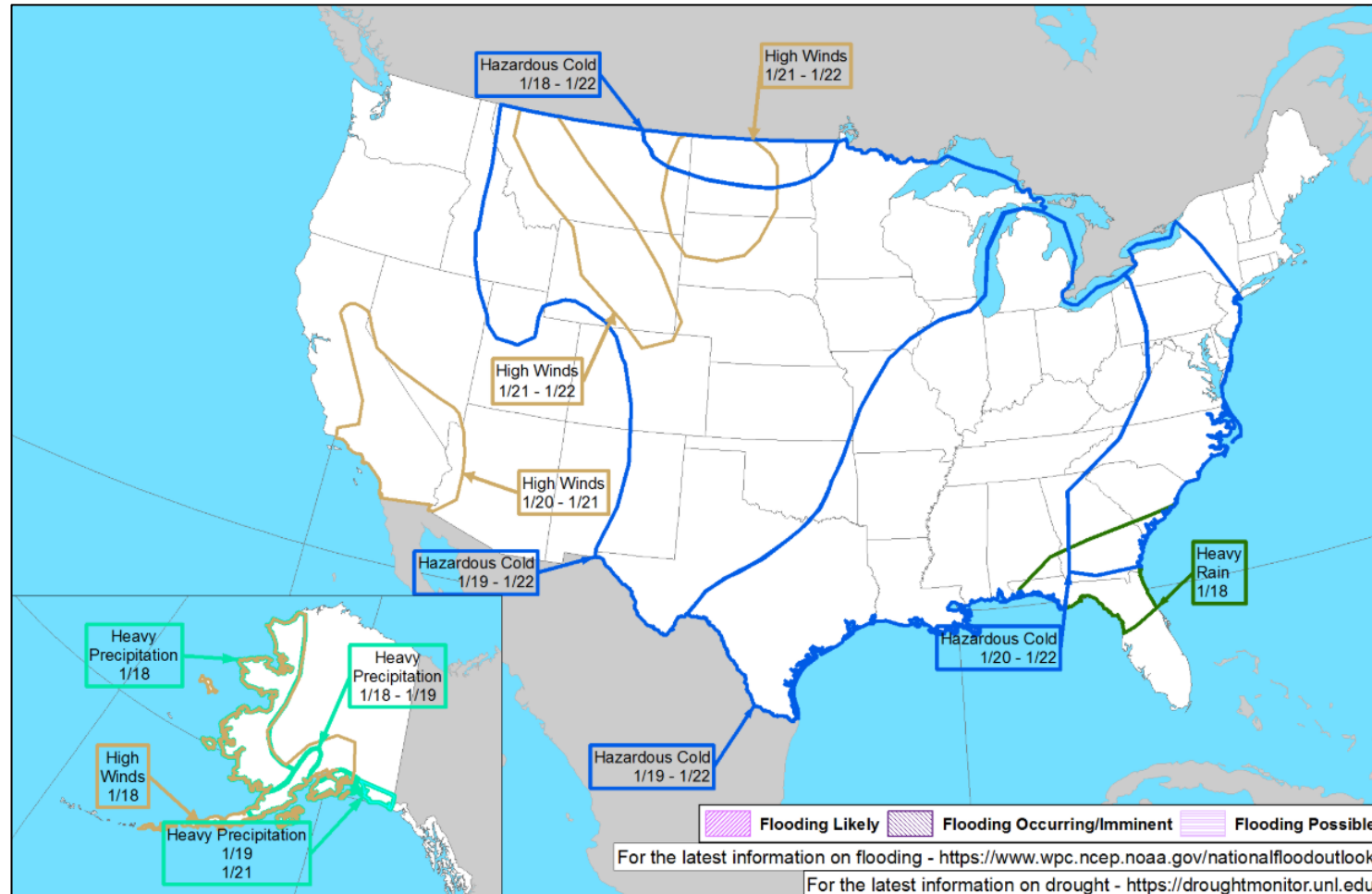
National Weather Forecast



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Hazards Outlook – Jan 18-22

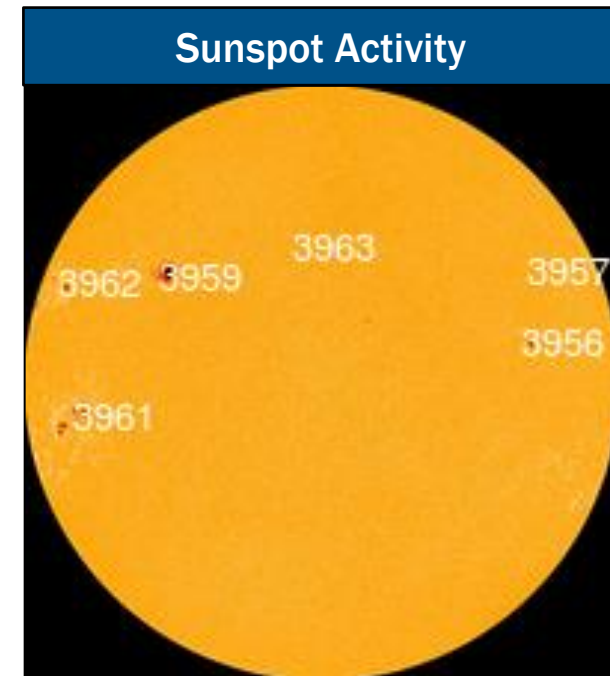
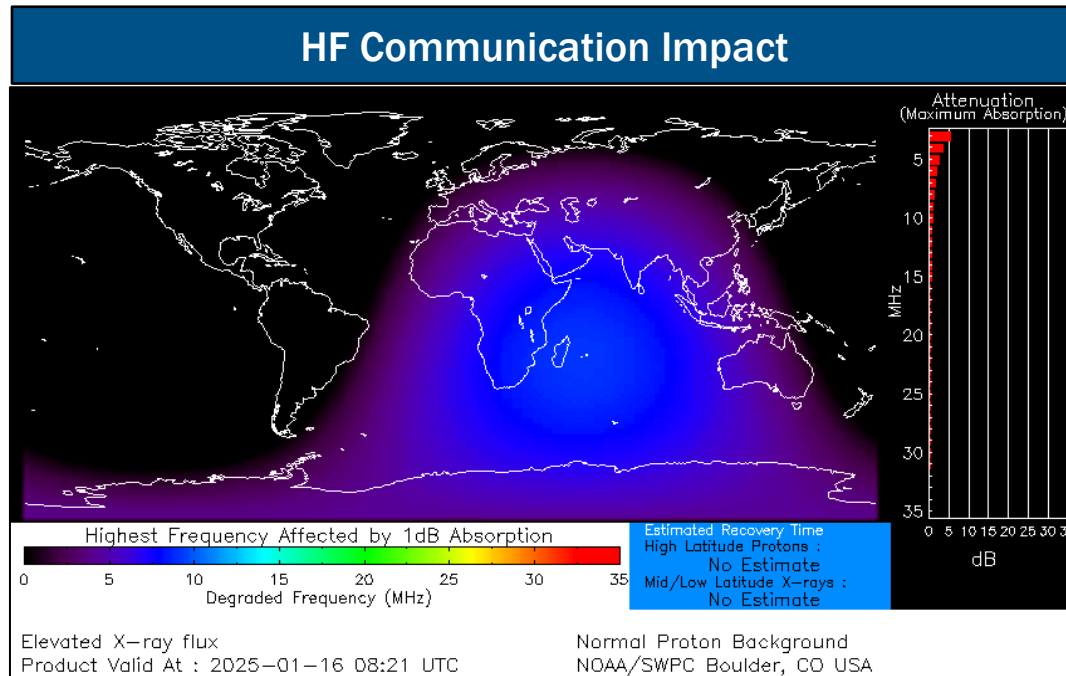


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Space Weather Outlook

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 **112** + **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

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

Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

- R-IX RRCC: Wildfires

State EOCs:

- OK: Severe Weather
- HI/CA/UT: Wildfires
- CO/WV/VA/MD/GA/TN/TX: Winter Weather
- FL: TC Milton
- FL/NC/TN/VA: TC Helene
- DC/WY/VA: Inauguration

Volunteer Force	
Rostered	Deployed
7,860	0
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered	Deployed
9,001	13 (-1)

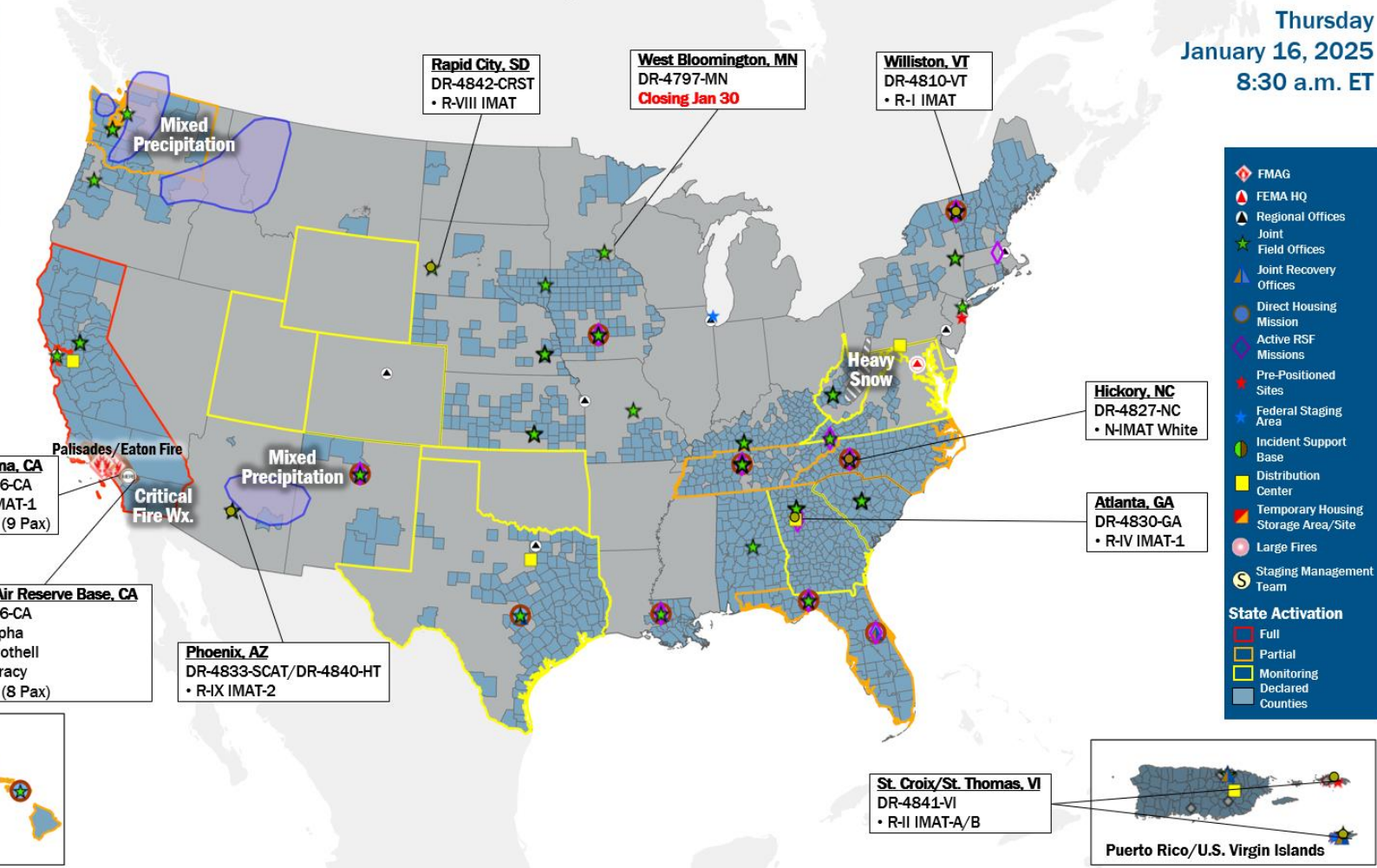
Fully Mission Capable (FMC)

Partially Mission Capable (PMC)

Not Mission Capable (NMC)

Deployed

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	14	0	0



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:

- Full
- Partial
- Monitoring
- Declared
- Counties

IM Workforce

14,391 (+15) Assigned
4,793 (+22) Unavailable
7,176 (-19) Deployed

17% / 2,422 (+12) Available

IM Cadre Availability

16 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Disability Integration: 24% (10/41); External Affairs: 11% (59/529); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 16% (138/866); Field Leadership: 12% (18/150); Financial Management: 21% (49/235); Hazard Mitigation: 8% (100/1,222); Human Resources: 13% (24/185); Individual Assistance: 12% (336/2,747); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 23% (76/331); Information Technology: 16% (118/717); Logistics: 6% (109/1,677); Operations: 19% (69/367); Public Assistance: 13% (307/2,304); Planning: 7% (32/466); Safety: 11% (10/95); 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

55 (+1) Assigned
7 (+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 Approval – Alaska

Declaration: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4859-DR-AK
Requested: Dec 16

Date Approved: Jan 15
Incident: Severe Storm and Flooding
Incident Period: Oct 20-23, 2024

Provides:

- **PA:** 1 borough and the Bering Strait REAA
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide

FCO: Lance E. Davis



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Declaration Request – Washington

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – WA

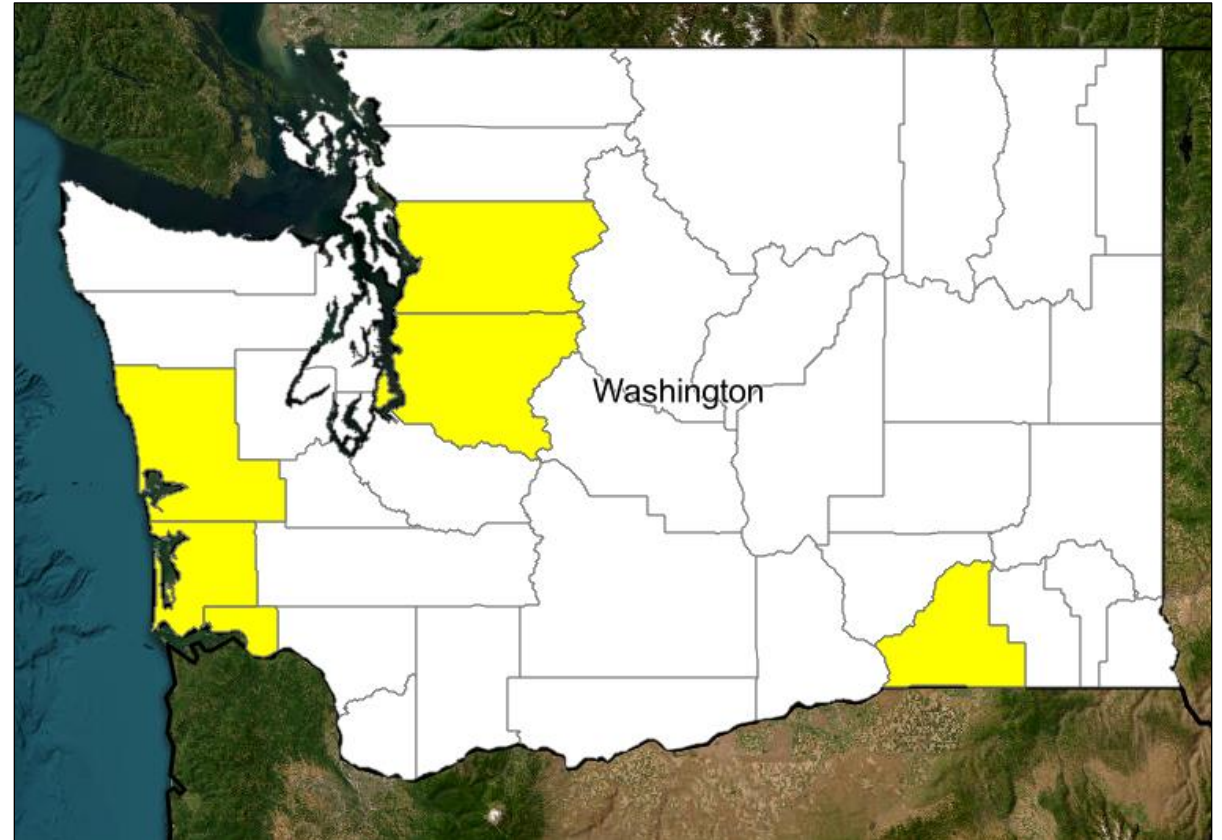
Requested: Jan 14

Incident: Severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides, and mudslides

Incident Period: Nov 17-25

Requested:

- **PA:** 6 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



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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 – Approved	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) Economic Injury Loan	DR	X			Jan 13
WA – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	Jan 14



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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-4774-DR-KS	3	Jan 6	Appoints Constance C. Johnson-Cage as the Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA-4778-DR-NE	2	Jan 6	Appoints Constance C. Johnson-Cage as the Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA-4786-DR-NE	1	Jan 6	Appoints Constance C. Johnson-Cage as the Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA-4800-DR-KS	2	Jan 6	Appoints Constance C. Johnson-Cage as the Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA-4803-DR-MO	2	Jan 6	Appoints Glennie Burks as the Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA-4808-DR-NE	2	Jan 6	Appoints Constance C. Johnson-Cage as the Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA-4811-DR-KS	1	Jan 6	Appoints Constance C. Johnson-Cage as the Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA-4822-DR-NE	3	Jan 6	Appoints Constance C. Johnson-Cage as the Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA-4824-DR-KS	2	Jan 6	Appoints Constance C. Johnson-Cage as the Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA-4838-DR-NE	1	Jan 6	Appoints Constance C. Johnson-Cage as the Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA-4855-DR-MO	1	Jan 6	Appoints Glennie Burks as the Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA-4856-DR-CA	1/2	Jan 13/Jan 15	Cost-sharing arrangements amended / Adds Public Assistance



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