

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, January 18, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Wildfires – Southern California

Hazard Monitoring

- Freezing Rain – Central Appalachians to Northeast
- Arctic Blast – Rockies to Northeast

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- 60th Presidential Inauguration – Washington, DC



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Wildfires – Southern California



Situation: Improving fire weather conditions are expected through the weekend as winds shift, clouds increase, and temperatures cool. All Watches and Warnings have expired. Critical Fire Weather conditions are forecast to return Monday, Jan 20, to Friday, Jan 24. Fire weather conditions will be similar to last week, but this upcoming period will be exceptionally drier.

Lifelines: (FEMA Region IX SLB, as of 11:31 p.m. ET, Jan 17)

Safety and Security:

- 75k (-7k) mandatory evacuations for LA County
- 6:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. curfew in evac/warning zones
- 8,051 (-656) firefighting personnel deployed / 174 (+2) hand crews deployed

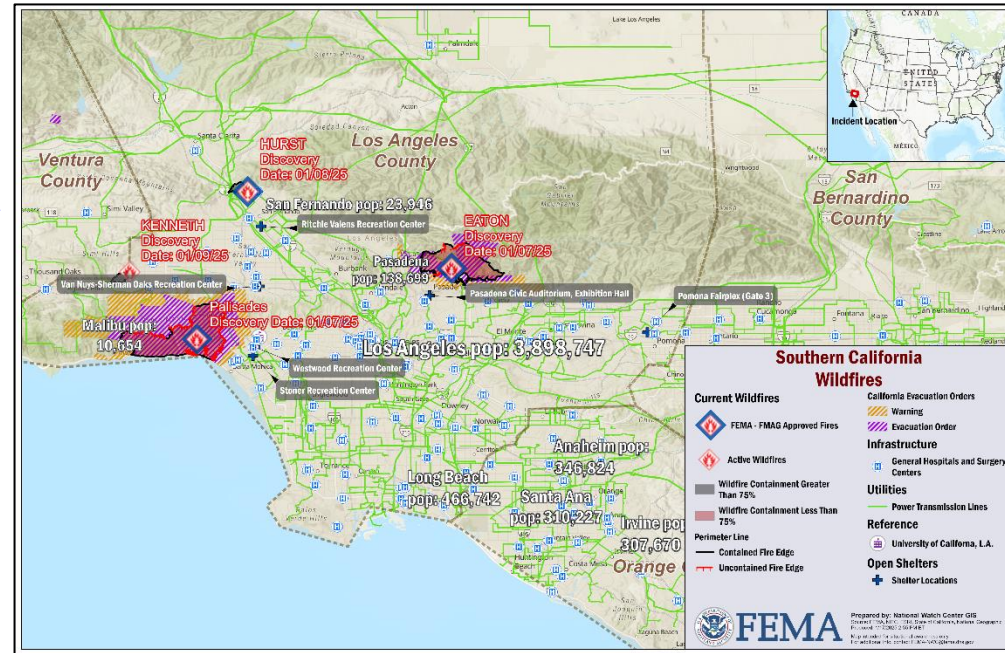
Food, Hydration, and Shelter: (ARC Shelter Morning Shelter Report as of 6:53 a.m. ET)

- 6 shelters open / 542 (-27) occupants

Shelter	Population
Westwood Recreation Center	160
Ritchie Valens Recreation Center	12
Pasadena Civic Auditorium Exhibition Hall	280
Pomona Fairplex	20
Stoner Recreation Center	46
Van Nuys-Sherman Oaks Recreation Center	24

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 and trending upward for most of LA County
- 18 (-1) healthcare facilities evacuated; 9 health centers closed in LA County and 5 dialysis clinics closed due to mandatory evacuations



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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: Power outages continue to trend downwards and remain below 1% across the affected areas (Eagle-I, as of 7:00 a.m. ET, Jan 18)

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

Hazardous Materials:

- Additional SMEs, contracting, and GIS support activated for USACE debris removal; debris removal execution in progress
- Finalizing lease agreement for Households Hazardous Material (HHM) and lithium-ion battery at Eaton staging area; awaiting USACE LA district approval



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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
- There are 12 state/regional USAR teams deployed

FEMA / Federal Response:

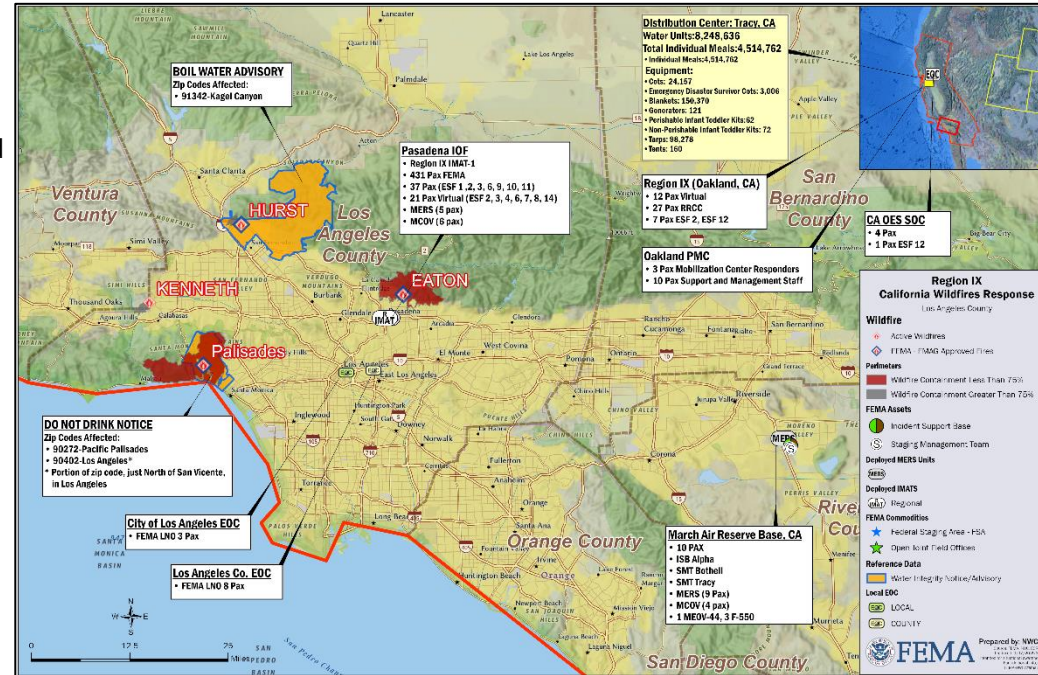
Region IX:

- 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



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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	39% (+12)	M: 43,900 (-7,000)*	H: 12,250	H: 543 (+18)**	H: 3,186 (+374)**	2* / 3
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 74 (+8)**	O: 610 (+94)**	
Eaton (Los Angeles, CA)	5550-FM-CA	14,117	65% (+10)	M: 31,400*	H: 10,973 (-2,383)	H: 691 (+126)**	H: 5,676 (+1,239)**	4* / 7 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 952 (-208)	O: 247 (+39)**	O: 3,014 (+669)**	

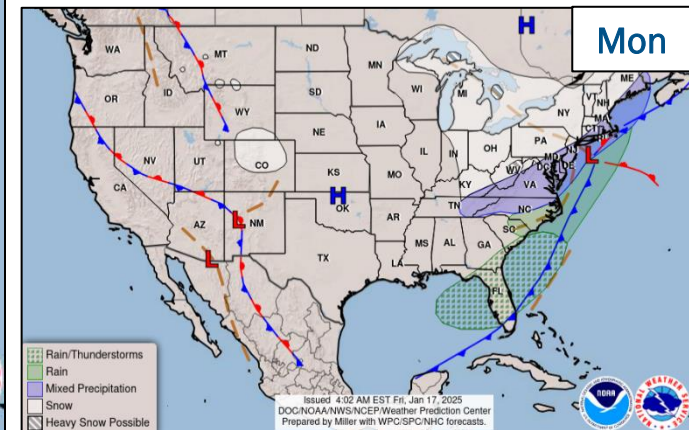
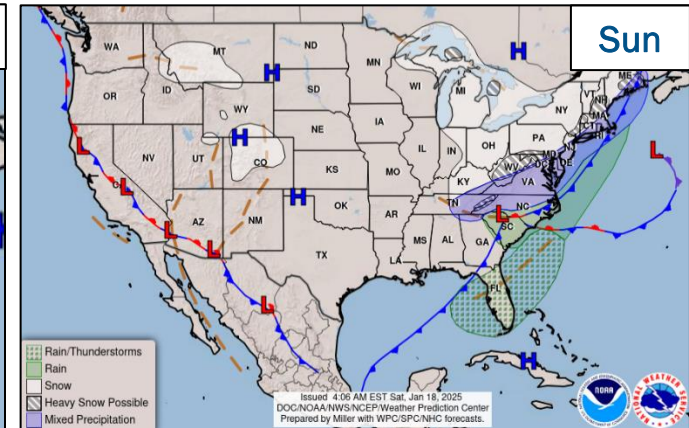
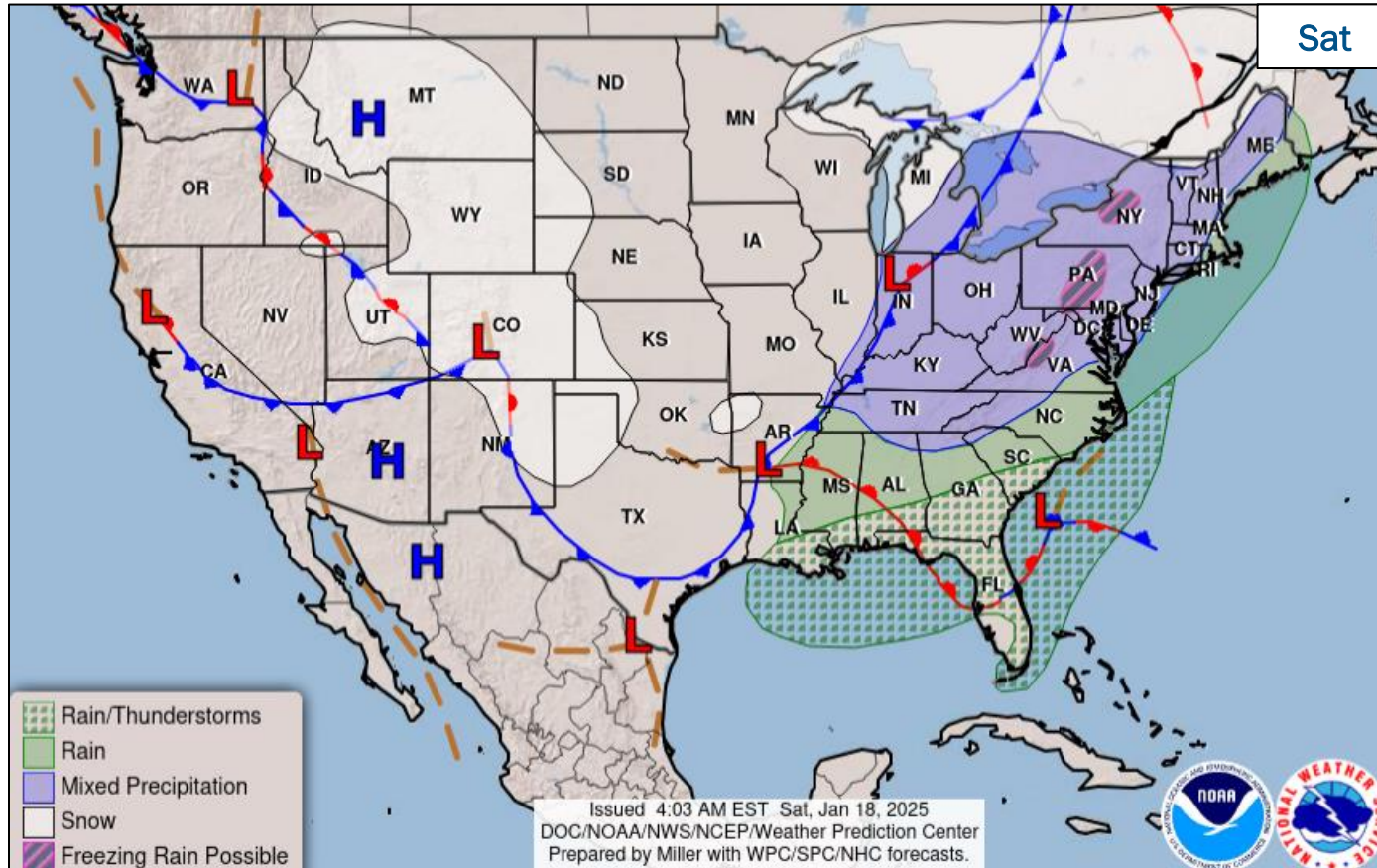
*Region IX SLB #10, as of 11:31 p.m. ET, Jan 17; fatality numbers reflect change in authoritative source

**Confirmed structures damaged/destroyed per ICS-209s; damage estimates from Geospatial Damage Assessments are non-authoritative; 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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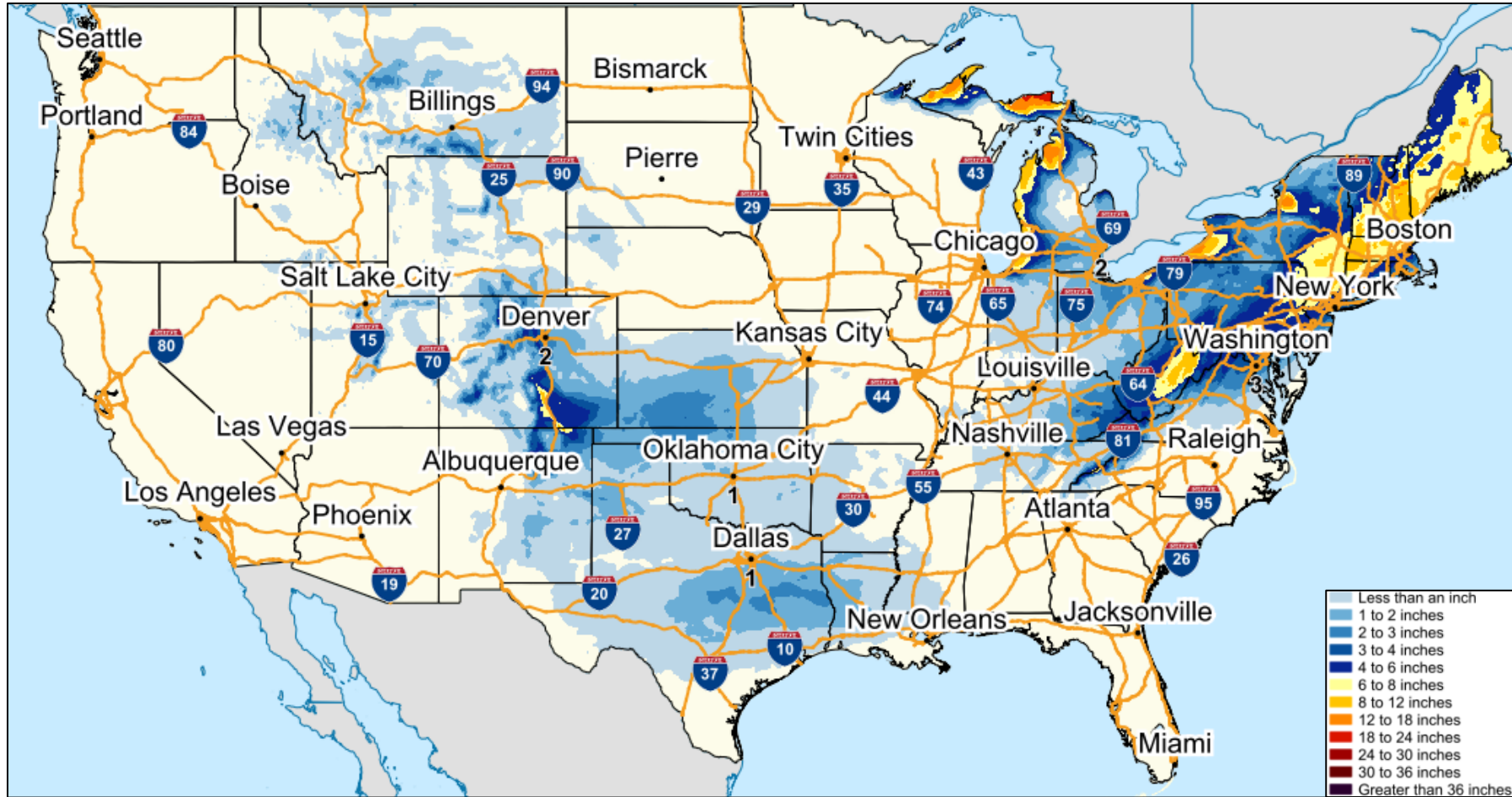
National Weather Forecast



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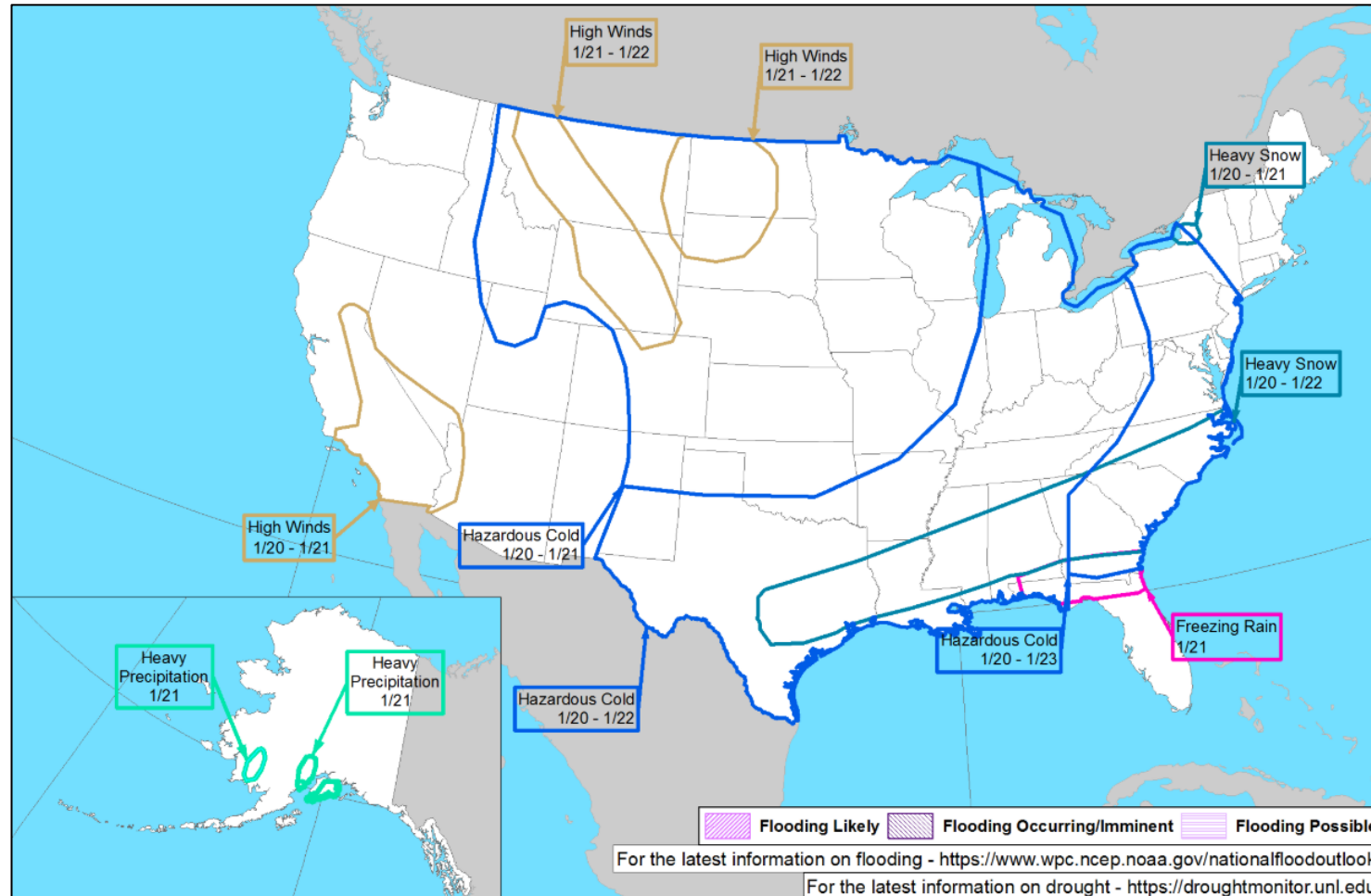
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Snowfall Forecast



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Hazards Outlook – Jan 20-24

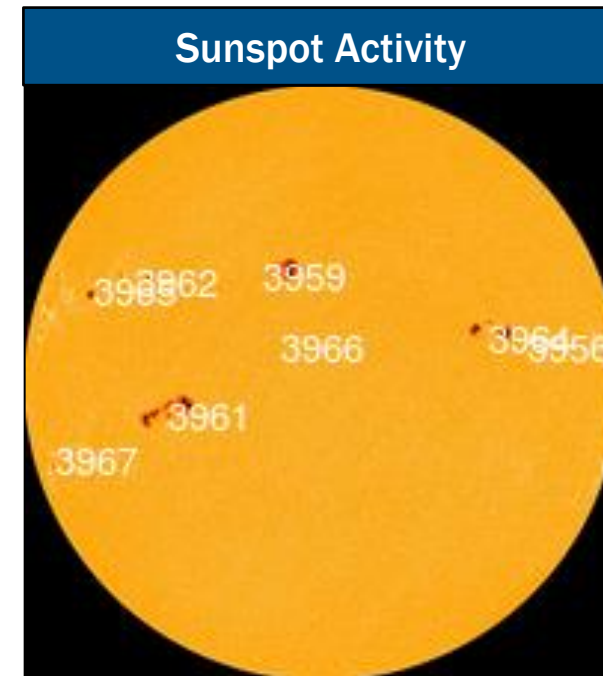
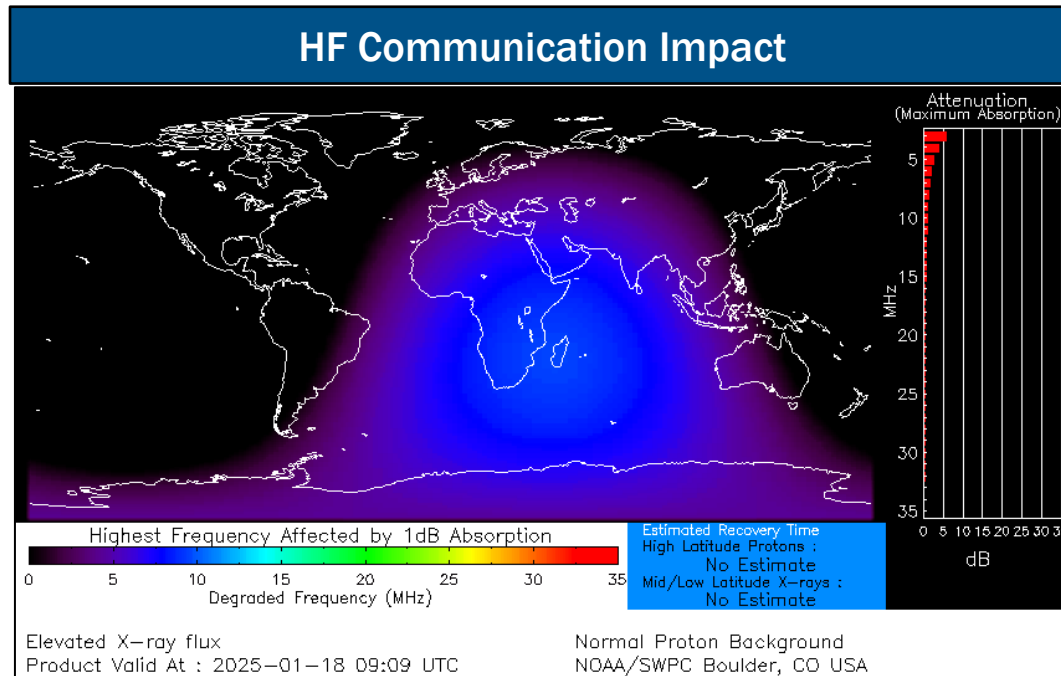


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Space Weather Outlook

Minor	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	Moderate	None	None	R2
Next 24 Hours	Moderate	None	None	R2

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

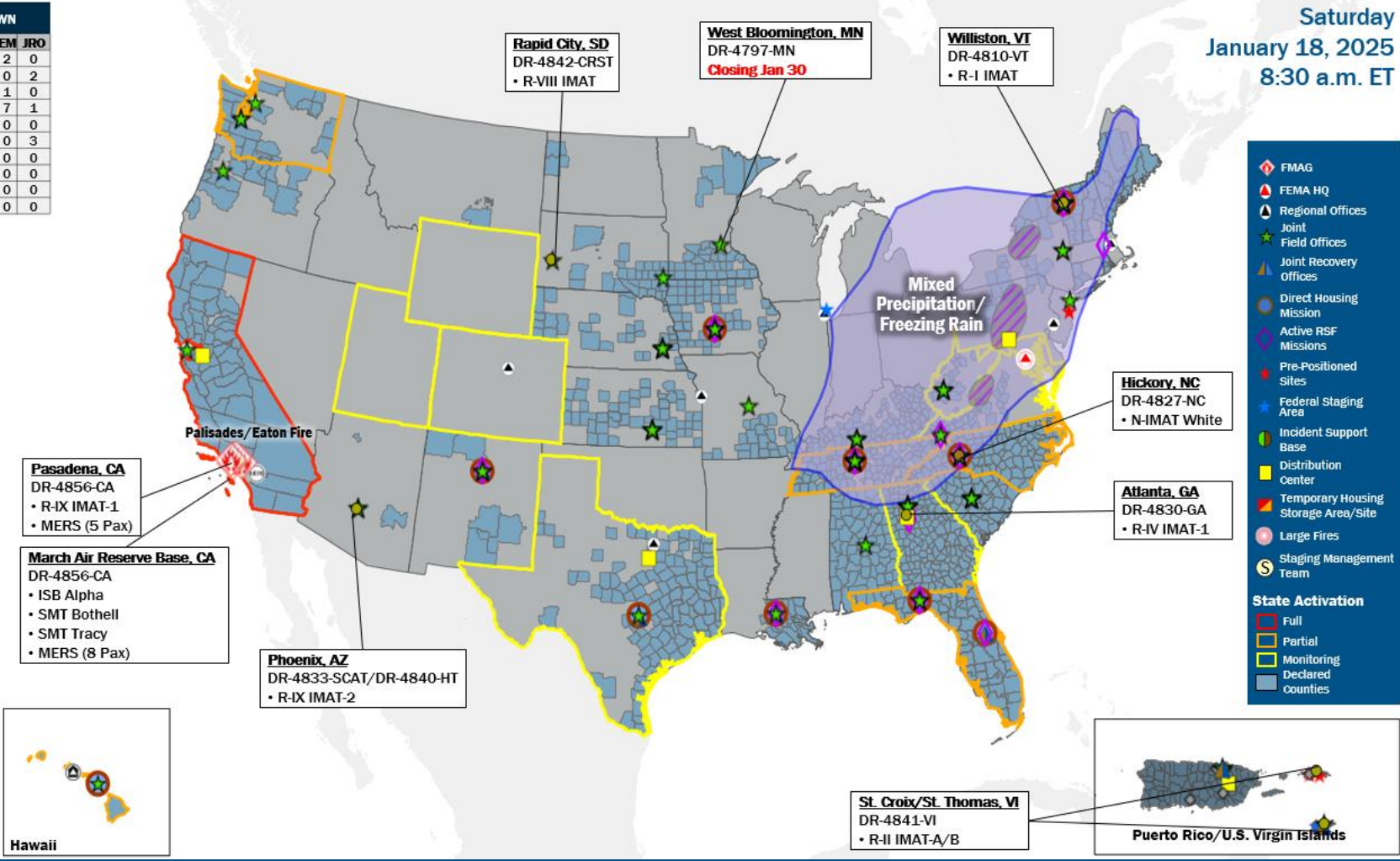
30 + **3** Supporting **108** + **10** Major Disasters Emergency Declarations **17** Direct Housing Missions **26** RSF-Supported Disasters **6** Joint Recovery Offices

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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: • 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 7,860	Deployed 0
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 9,001	Deployed 13

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/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	2/1	9	0	0
X	3/1	14	0	0



IM Workforce

14,400 (+9) Assigned
4,876 (+18) Unavailable
7,340 (+71) Deployed
15% (-1) / 2,184 (-80) Available

IM Cadre Availability

17 (+1) Cadres ≤ 25% Availability
Disability Integration: 25% (10/40); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 14% (186/1287); External Affairs: 15% (79/544); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 15% (134/867); Field Leadership: 12% (18/150); Financial Management: 20% (48/235); Hazard Mitigation: 8% (98/1,222); Human Resources: 14% (25/185); Individual Assistance: 12% (325/2,746); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 21% (70/330); Information Technology: 17% (120/717); Logistics: 6% (105/1,676); Operations: 17% (62/368); Public Assistance: 13% (306/2,304); Planning: 6% (30/464); Safety: 9% (9/95); Security: 11% (15/138)

MERS

≥ 66%
36 Assigned
0 Unavailable
2 Deployed
34 Available

US&R

≥ 66%
28 Assigned
8 Unavailable
0 Deployed
20 Available

FCO

≤ 1 Type I
55 Assigned
7 Unavailable
48 (28 FCO) Deployed
0 Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
IV	KY	Winter Storm Jan 4 and continuing	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	76	23 (+23)	1/17 - TBD
	MS	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Flooding Dec 28-29	IA	4	0	1/19 - TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
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 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
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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