

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, January 30, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Ops / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Aircraft Collision – Ronald Reagan National Airport – FINAL

## Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy Rain/Flash Flooding – Southern Plains and Lower Mississippi Valley
- Severe Thunderstorms – Texas and Louisiana
- Freezing Rain – Washington, Great Lakes to Mid-Atlantic

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## Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

## Event Monitoring

- No significant events



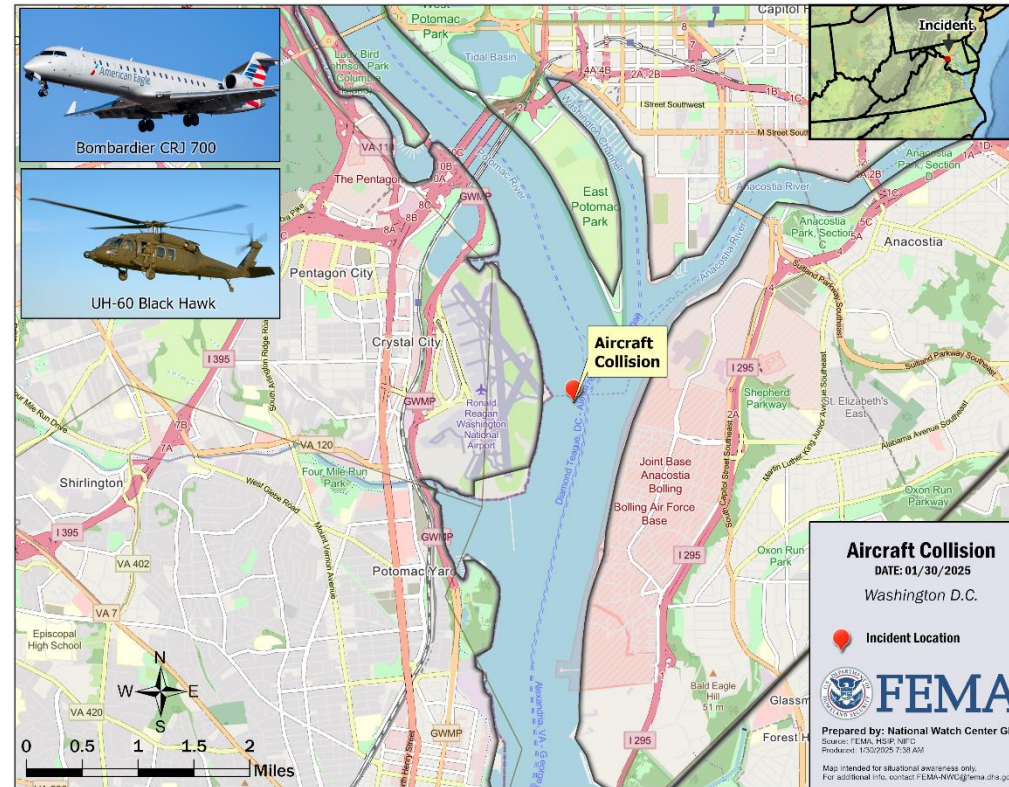
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# Aircraft Collision – Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA) – FINAL

**Situation:** American Airlines (AA) Flight 5342, on final approach to Ronald Reagan National Airport, was involved in a collision with a U.S. Army Blackhawk Helicopter over the Potomac River. AA 5342 had 64 souls on board and the Blackhawk Helicopter had 3 souls on board. Recovery operations are ongoing; however, the wreckage of both aircraft are actively being recovered from the Potomac River.

## Impacts:

- Numerous local, state, and federal responders remain on scene
- A Family Reunification Area has been established at DCA
- A Family Assistance Center will be established at the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, MD
- 28 bodies recovered from the Potomac River (*Press Conference, as of 7:30 a.m. ET, Jan 30*)
- DCA is expected to resume operations at 11:00 a.m. ET (*Press Conference, as of 7:30 a.m. ET, Jan 30*)
- Ramp closures reported to VA 233/Airport Access Road due to the crash



**State / Local Response:** (FEMA Region III SPOTREP, as of 12:53 a.m. ET, Jan 30)

- DC/MD/VA SEOCs at Partial Activation (Aviation Incident)
  - Arlington County (VA) EOC at Full Activation
- MPD Joint Operations Center established
- DC Fire/EMS on scene
- Maryland State Police Dive Team is assisting in operations
- Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWA) command post established

**FEMA / Federal Response:**

**HQ:**

- NWC is Monitoring

**Federal:**

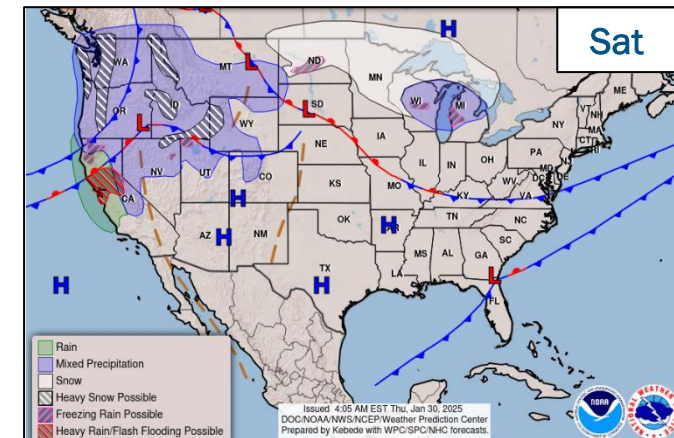
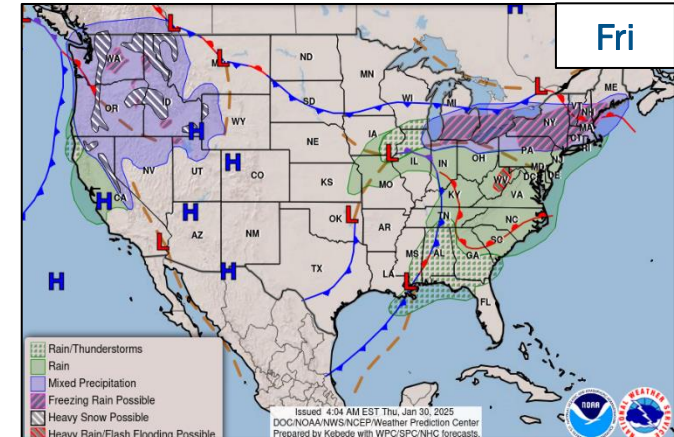
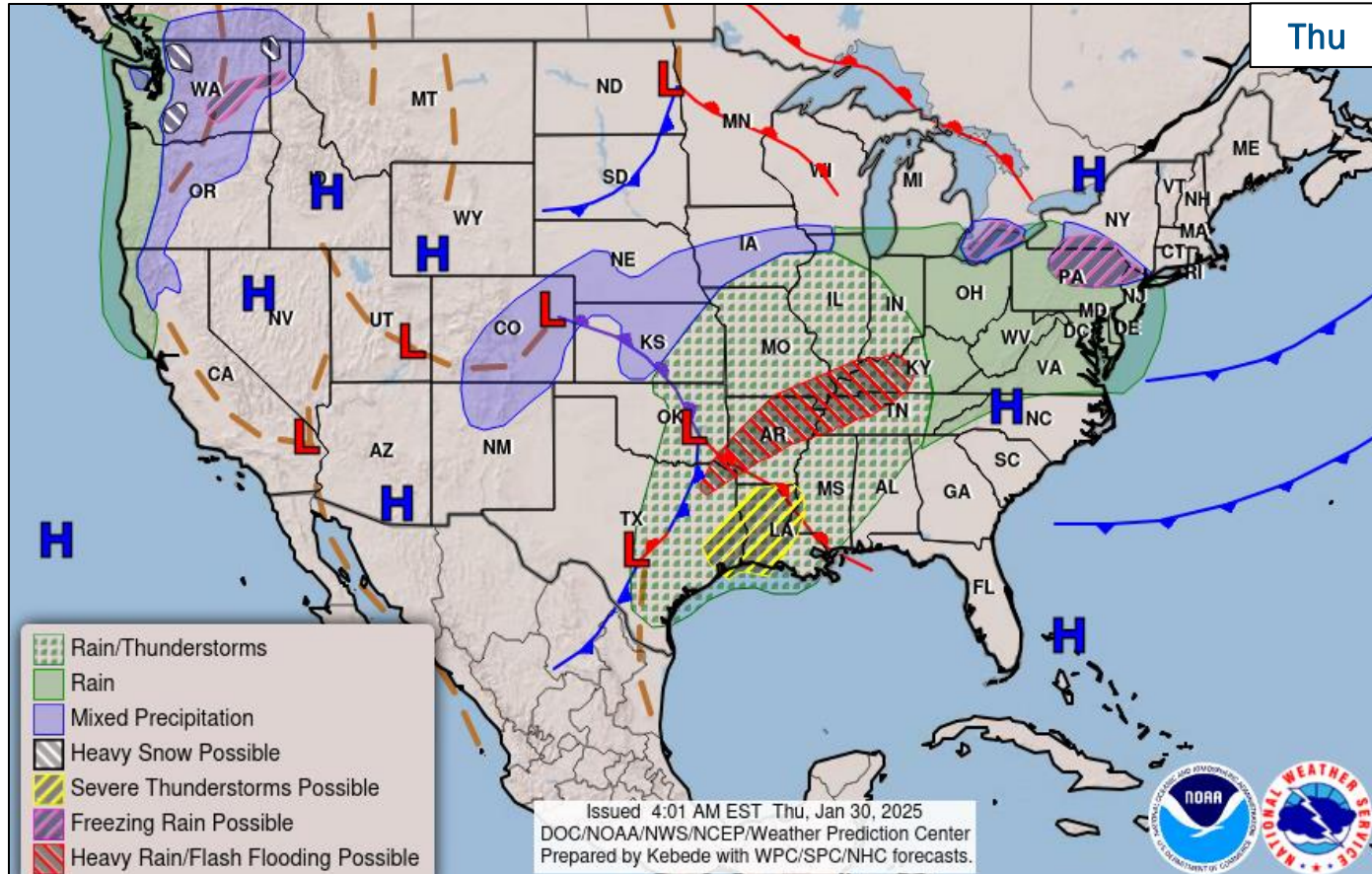
- U.S. Park Police (USPP) Eagle 2 supporting
- USCG on scene
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is Activated
- National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) to begin analyzing aircraft today (*Press Conference, as of 7:30 a.m. ET, Jan 30*)
- NTSB is the lead agency for the investigation and will provide a briefing today (*Press Conference, as of 7:30 a.m. ET, Jan 30*)



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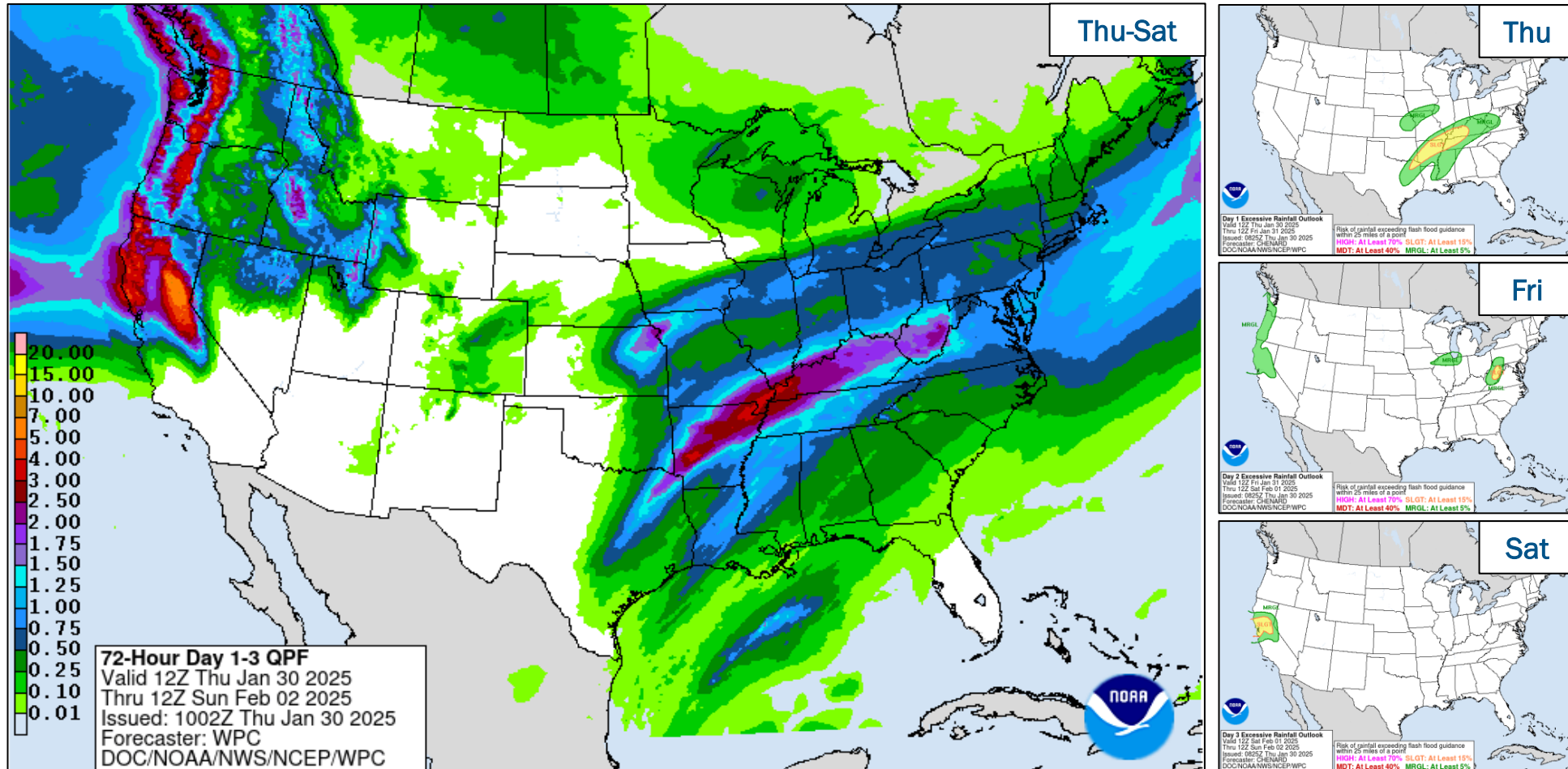
# National Weather Forecast



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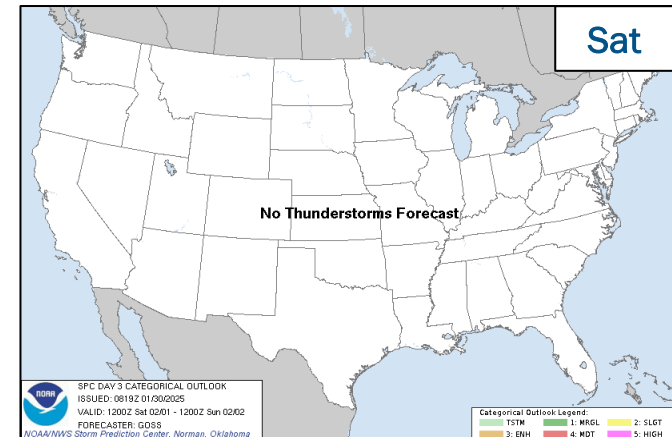
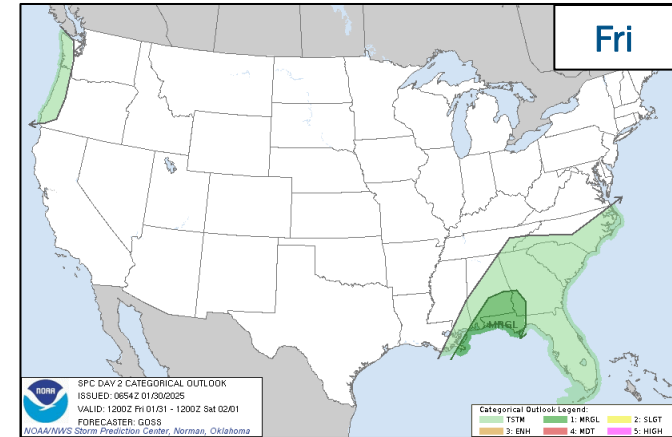
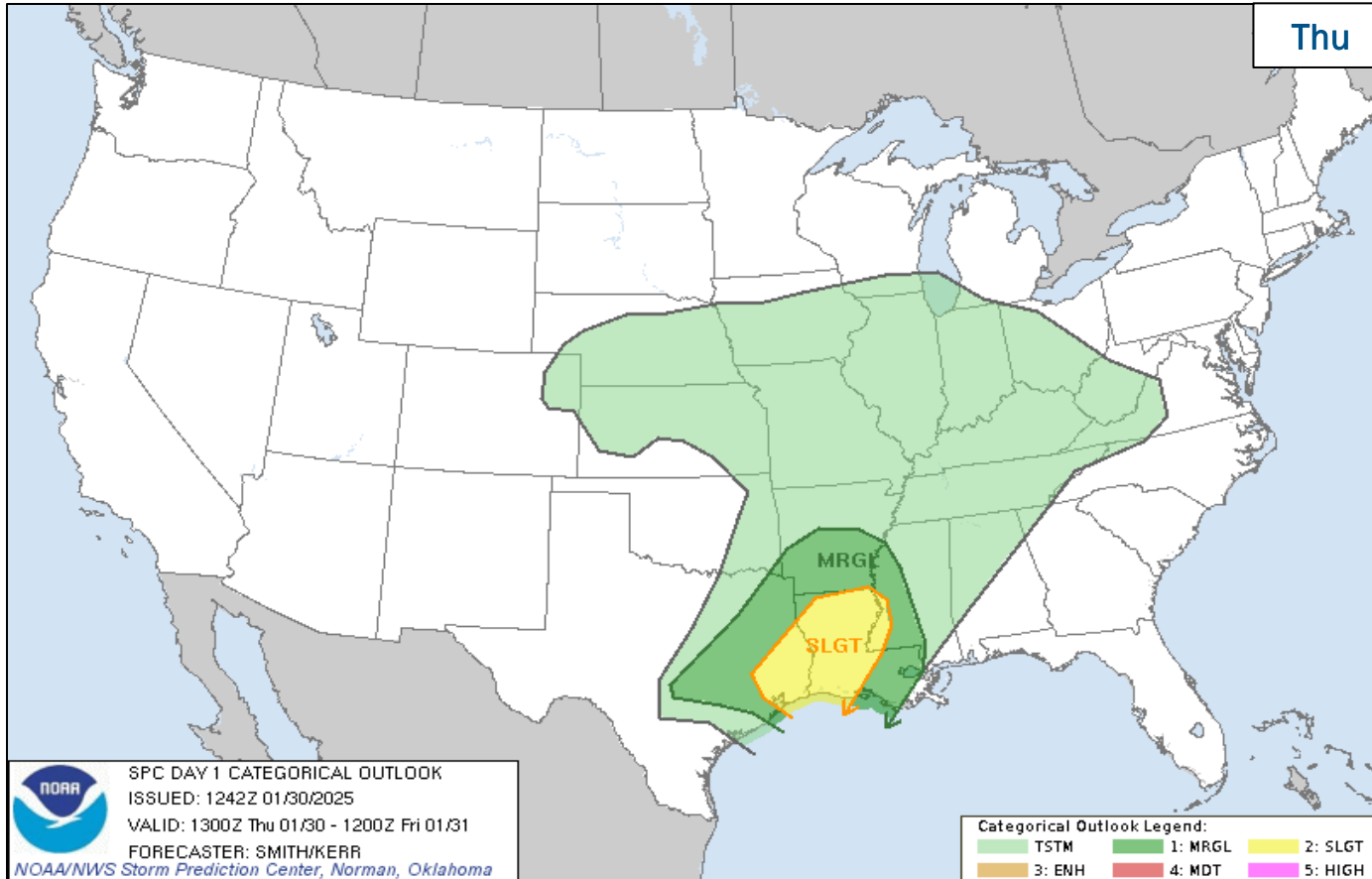
# Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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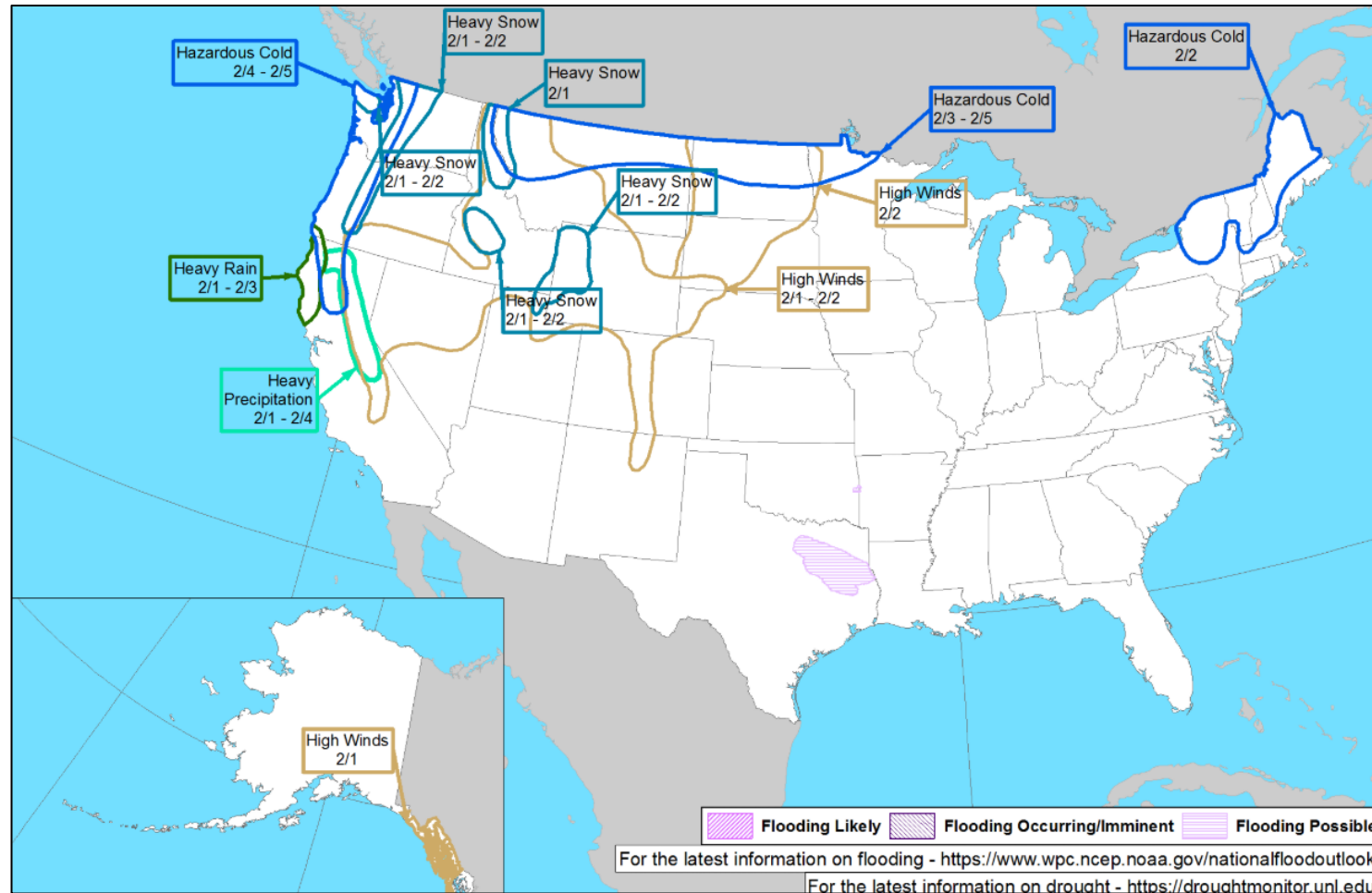
# Severe Weather Outlook



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# Hazards Outlook – Feb 1-5



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# FEMA Common Operating Picture

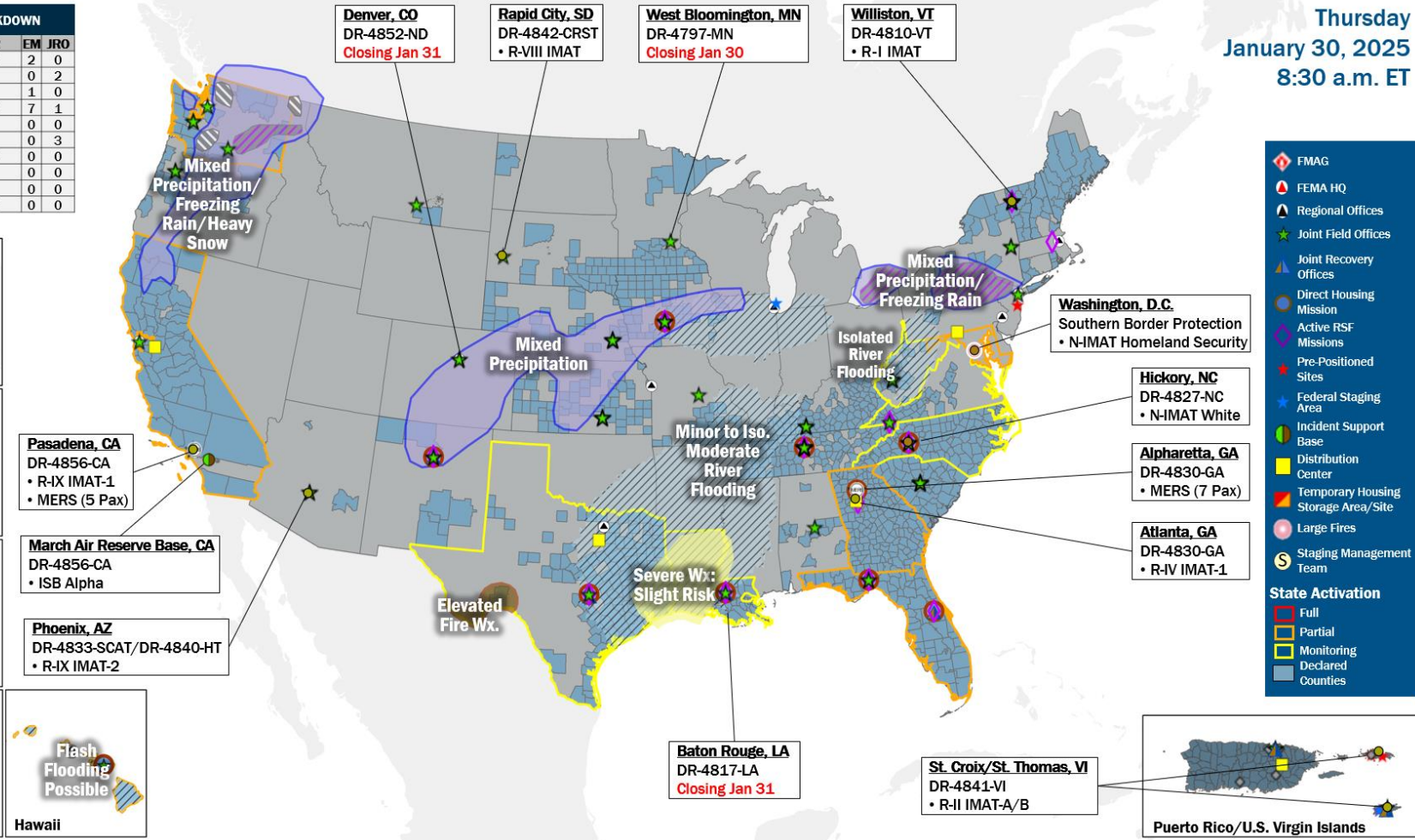
**32 + 4** Joint Field Offices / Virtual Joint Field Offices Supporting  
**108 + 10** Major Disasters / Emergency Declarations  
**16** Direct Housing Missions **28** RSF-Supported Disasters **6** Joint Recovery Offices

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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 Rostered
Monitoring	X Rostered
Notes:	
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs: • NSTR	State EOCs: • HI/CA/WA: Wildfires • WV/VA/GA/TX/FL/NC: Winter Weather • NC/VA: TC Helene • LA: Mardi Gras • DC/MD/VA: Aviation Incident
Volunteer Force	
Rostered 7,860	Deployed 0
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 9,001	Deployed 11

N-IMATs 2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	NC (Sep 30)
Blue	
Gold	
HS	DC (Jan 28)
R-IMATs ≥ 7 Teams Available	
I	VT (Jan 6)
II	USVI (Oct 30)
III	2
IV-1	GA (Oct 5)
IV-2	
V	
VI-1	
VI-2	Personnel
VII	3/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	2/1	4	0	0
IX	3/1	9	0	0
X	4/1	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

14,324 (-56) Assigned  
 4,784 (-60) Unavailable  
 7,115 (+12) Deployed  
 17% / 2,425 (-8) Available

## IM Cadre Availability

16 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Disability Integration: 15% (6/40); External Affairs: 19% (101/539); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 14% (118/866); Field Leadership: 10% (15/150); Financial Management: 22% (52/233); Hazard Mitigation: 9% (104/1,215); Human Resources: 13% (25/187); Individual Assistance: 13% (334/2,659); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 24% (79/334); Information Technology: 16% (111/714); Logistics: 7% (118/1,676); Operations: 18% (65/370); Public Assistance: 13% (299/2,308); Planning: 7% (33/464); Safety: 14% (13/94); Security: 10% (14/136)

## MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned  
 0 Unavailable  
 3 (+1) Deployed  
 33 (-1) Available

## US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned  
 5 Unavailable  
 0 Deployed  
 23 Available

## FCO

≤ 1 Type I

55 Assigned  
 6 Unavailable  
 48 (29 FCO) Deployed  
 1 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	100	100 (+63)	1/17 - 1/29



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# Declaration Requests in Process – 6

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
NY – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	EM		X		Jul 20
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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