

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Ops / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Flooding – Ohio Valley

## Hazard Monitoring

- Arctic Air – Central U.S.
- Heavy Snow – Northern Intermountain and Mid-Atlantic
- Freezing Rain – Mid-Atlantic

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## Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Expedited Major Disaster Declaration – KY
- One amendment issued

## Event Monitoring

- No significant events



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# Flooding – Ohio Valley

KY



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## Lifelines:

**Safety & Security:** (Region III SPOTREP, as of 8:00 p.m. ET, Feb 17)

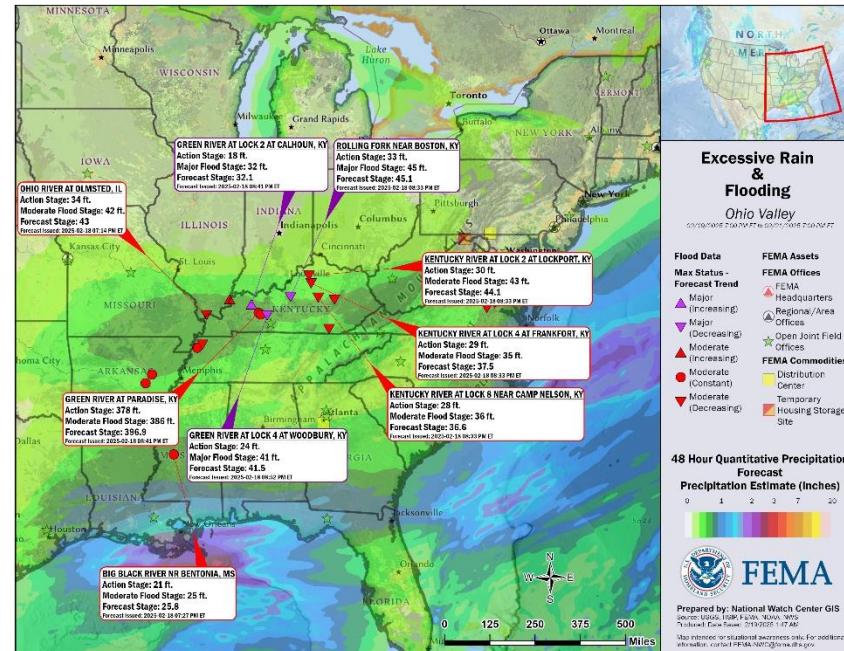
- KY: Swiftwater rescue operations concluded (Region IV RWC Update, as of 1:25 p.m. ET, Feb 18)
- VA: Swiftwater rescue operations concluded. 150 rescues conducted (FEMA Region III SPOTREP, as of 5:00 a.m. ET, Feb 18)

**Food, Hydration & Shelter:** (ARC Shelter Report, as of 6:52 a.m. ET)

- KY: 15 (-8) shelters open / 424 (-77) occupants
- VA: 1 (-1) shelters open / 20 occupants
- TN: 2 shelters open / 3 occupants
- WV: 5 (+2) shelters open / 80 (+9) occupants

**Health & Medical:** (Region IV SLB, as of 6:39 p.m. ET, Feb 17)

- KY: 14 (+3) fatalities reported (Region IV RWC Update, as of 1:25 p.m. ET, Feb 18)
  - Evacuated facilities have reopened, and all patients formerly transported to alternate locations are now back in their home facilities (Region IV SLB, as of 5:46 p.m. ET, Feb 18)
- GA: 1 fatality reported (Region IV, as of 9:44 p.m. ET, Feb 17)
- WV: 3 (+2) fatalities reported (Region III, RWC as of 8:17 a.m. ET, Feb 19)



## Water Systems:

- KY: (Region IV SLB, as of 5:46 p.m. ET, Feb 18)
    - 1 (-1) water treatment facility non-operational; 27 (+2) operating at reduced capacity
    - 54.3k (+21.3k) customers under a Boil Water Advisory (BWA) and 21k are without water service
    - 2 wastewater treatment facilities non-operational; 32 (-5) operating at a limited capacity
  - VA: Boil Water Advisories have been reported in Wise County (pop. 36k) and Buchanan County (pop. 20k); water outages have been reported in portions of Dickenson County (pop. 14k) and the Town of Clintwood (pop. 1k) (Region III SPOTREP, as of 8:00 p.m. ET, Feb 17)
- Transportation:**
- KY: 295 (-49) road closures, particularly in eastern and southern No major thoroughfares are impassible. (Region IV SLB, as of 5:46 p.m. ET, Feb 18)
  - VA: 9 primary roads impacted, with no impacts to interstate roadways (Region III SPOTREP, as of 8:00 p.m. ET, Feb 17)
  - WV: Several major and auxiliary roads impacted and impassible (Region III SPOTREP, as of 8:00 p.m. ET, Feb 17)



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**State / Local Response:** (Regions III and IV DSARs, as of 3:30 p.m. ET, Feb 18)

**Region III:**

- VA SEOC is at Partial Activation (Winter Storms); Gov requested Major Disaster Declaration, Feb 16
- WV SEOC is at Full Activation (Flooding); Gov requested Major Disaster Declaration, Feb 17

**Region IV:**

- KY SEOC is at Full Activation (Severe Weather)
  - Emergency Disaster Declaration (FEMA-3624-EM-KY) approved Feb 16
  - Expedited Major Disaster Declaration request submitted, Feb 18

**FEMA Regional Response:** (Regions III and IV DSARs, as of 3:30 p.m. ET, Feb 18)

**Region III:**

- RWC is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered; LNOs deployed to WV and VA SEOCs

**Region IV:**

- RWC is Monitoring; RRCC at Level II (Severe Weather/Flooding) with all ESFs and DCO/DCE (day only);
- R-IMAT-2 Deployed (3624-EM-KY)

**FEMA / Federal Response:** (OPORD 05-2025 Amendment 2, as of 1:51 p.m. ET, Feb 16)

**HQ:**

- NWC is Monitoring; NRCC is at Steady State; Blue Team is rostered
- Region V IMAT deployed to London, KY (3624-EM-KY)
- Operations coordination call conducted, Feb 18

**US&R:**

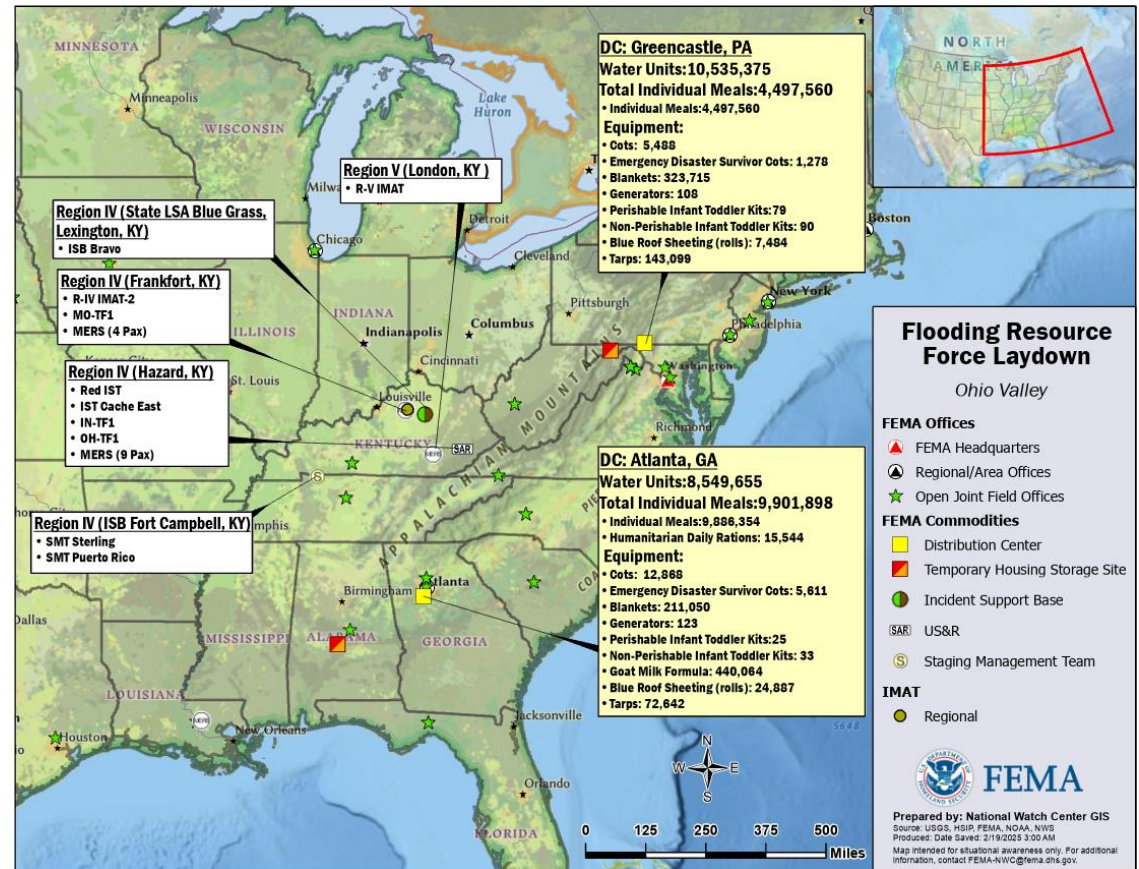
- Red Incident Support Team (IST); IN-TF1, and OH-TF1 deployed to Hazard, KY; MO-TF1 is in Frankfort, KY (US&R Branch, as of 4:15 p.m. ET)

**MERS:**

- MERS detachments FMC; Thomasville MERS assets deployed to Hazard and Frankfort, KY (MERS, as of 3:42 p.m. ET)

**Logistics:**

- Staging Management Team (SMT) Puerto Rico and Sterling deployed to Fort Campbell, KY
- Incident Support Base (ISB) Bravo is deployed to Blue Grass Army Depot, Lexington, KY



NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with Regions III and IV. Reporting will continue in the Daily Operations Brief (8:30 a.m. ET) and the National Situation Report (3:00 a.m. / 5:00 p.m. ET).

# Declaration Request – Commonwealth of Kentucky

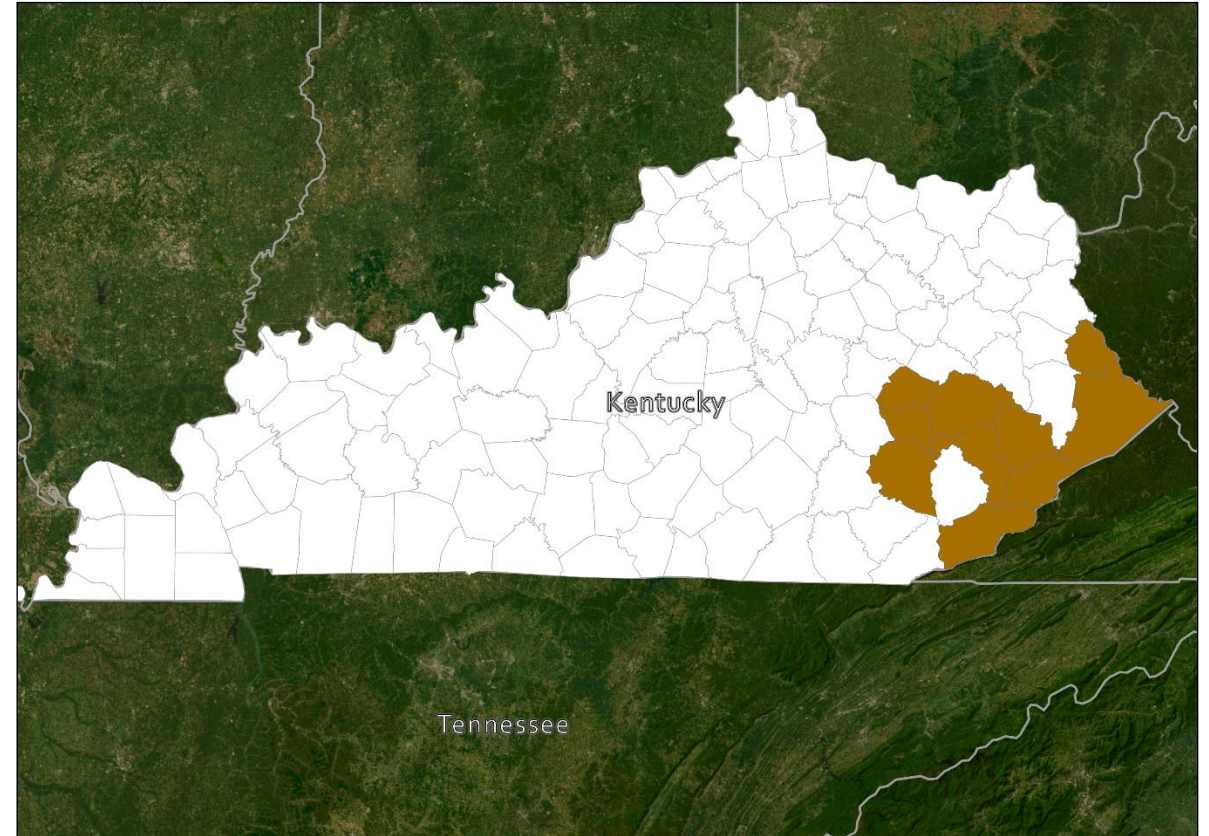
**Declaration Type:** Expedited Major Disaster Declaration – KY  
**Requested:** Feb 18

**Incident:** Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides

**Incident Period:** Feb 14 and continuing

**Requested:**

- **IA/PA:** 10 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Entire Commonwealth

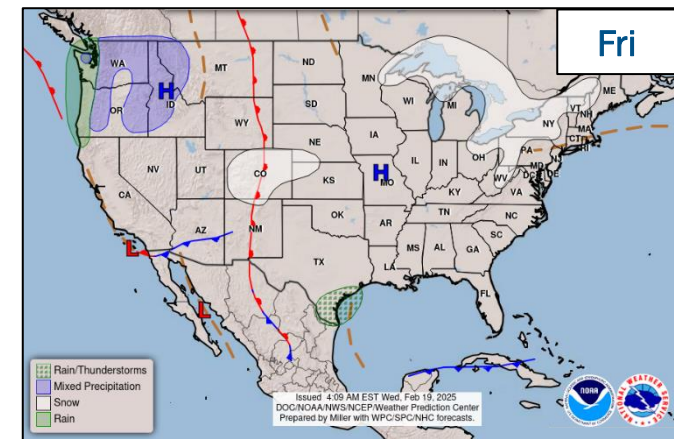
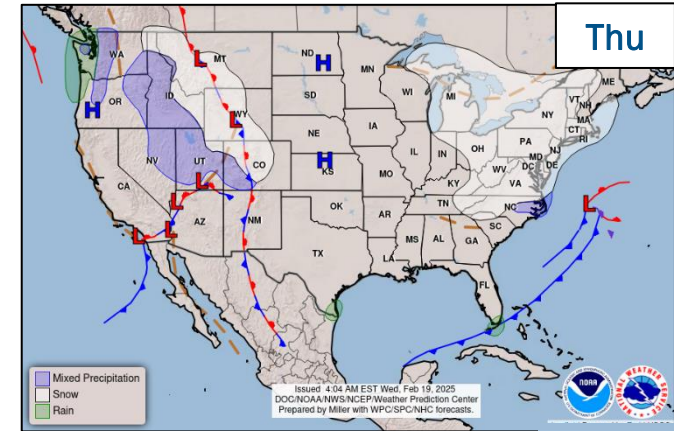
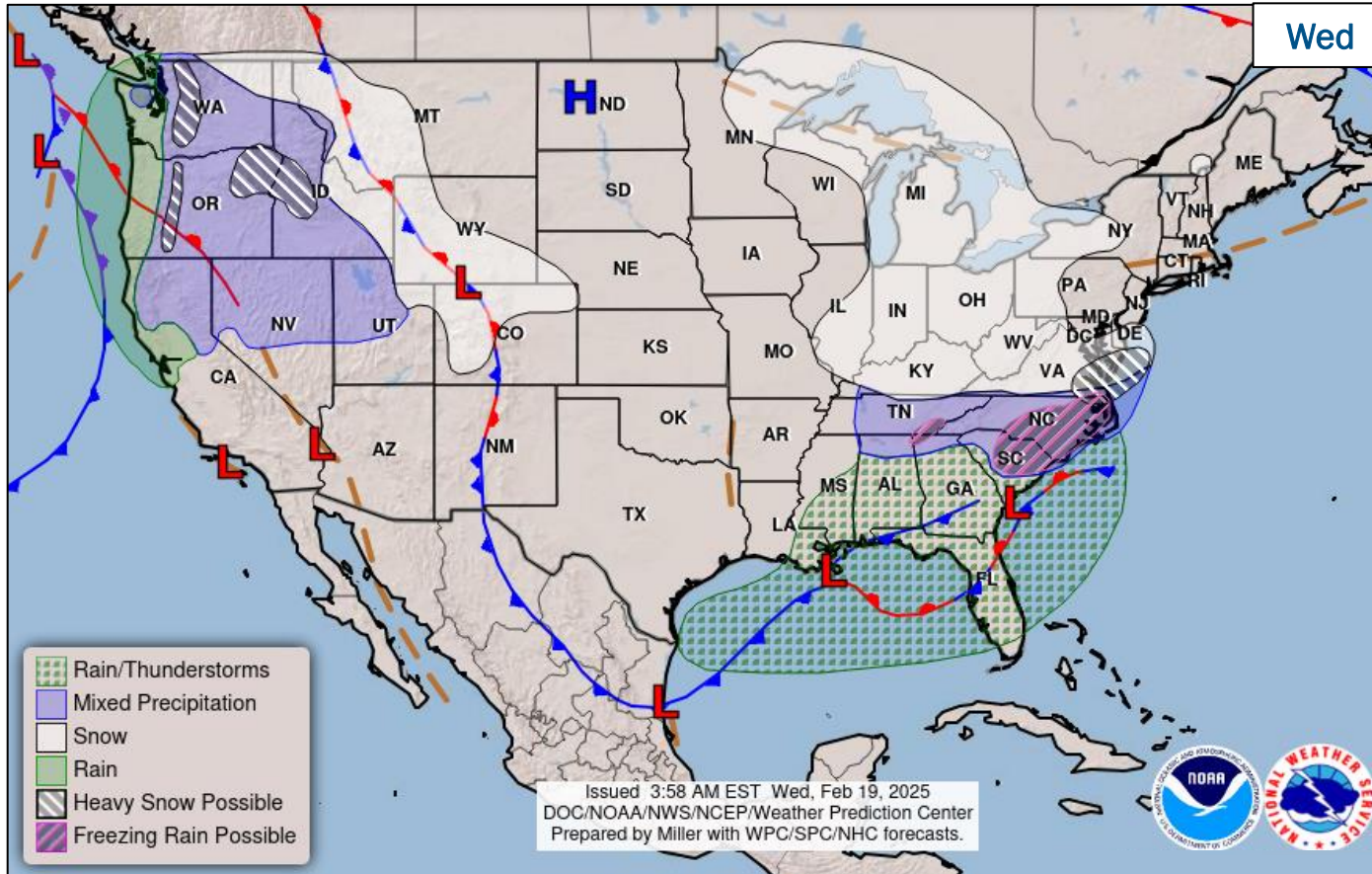


■ IA/PA



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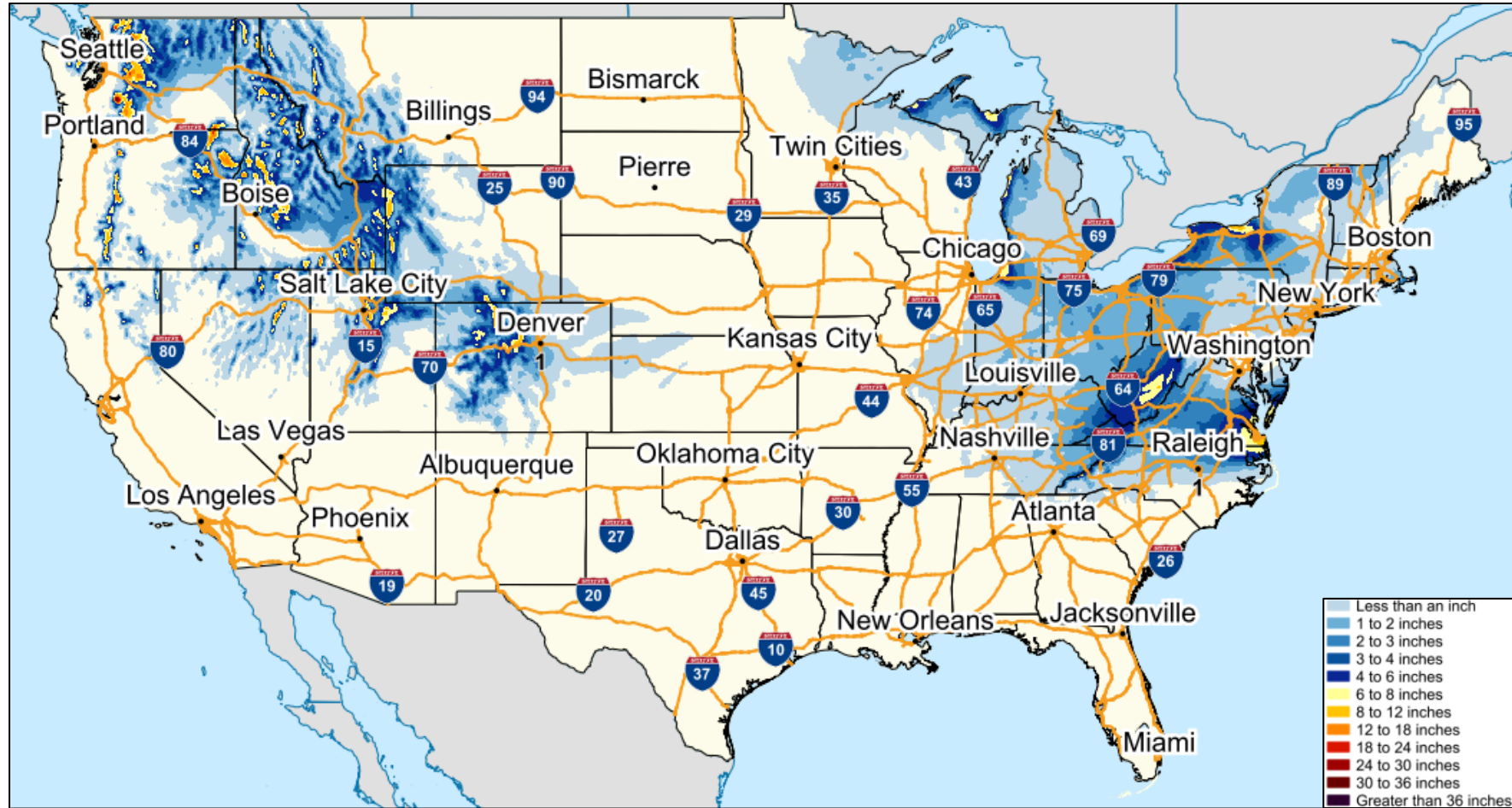
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# Snowfall Forecast



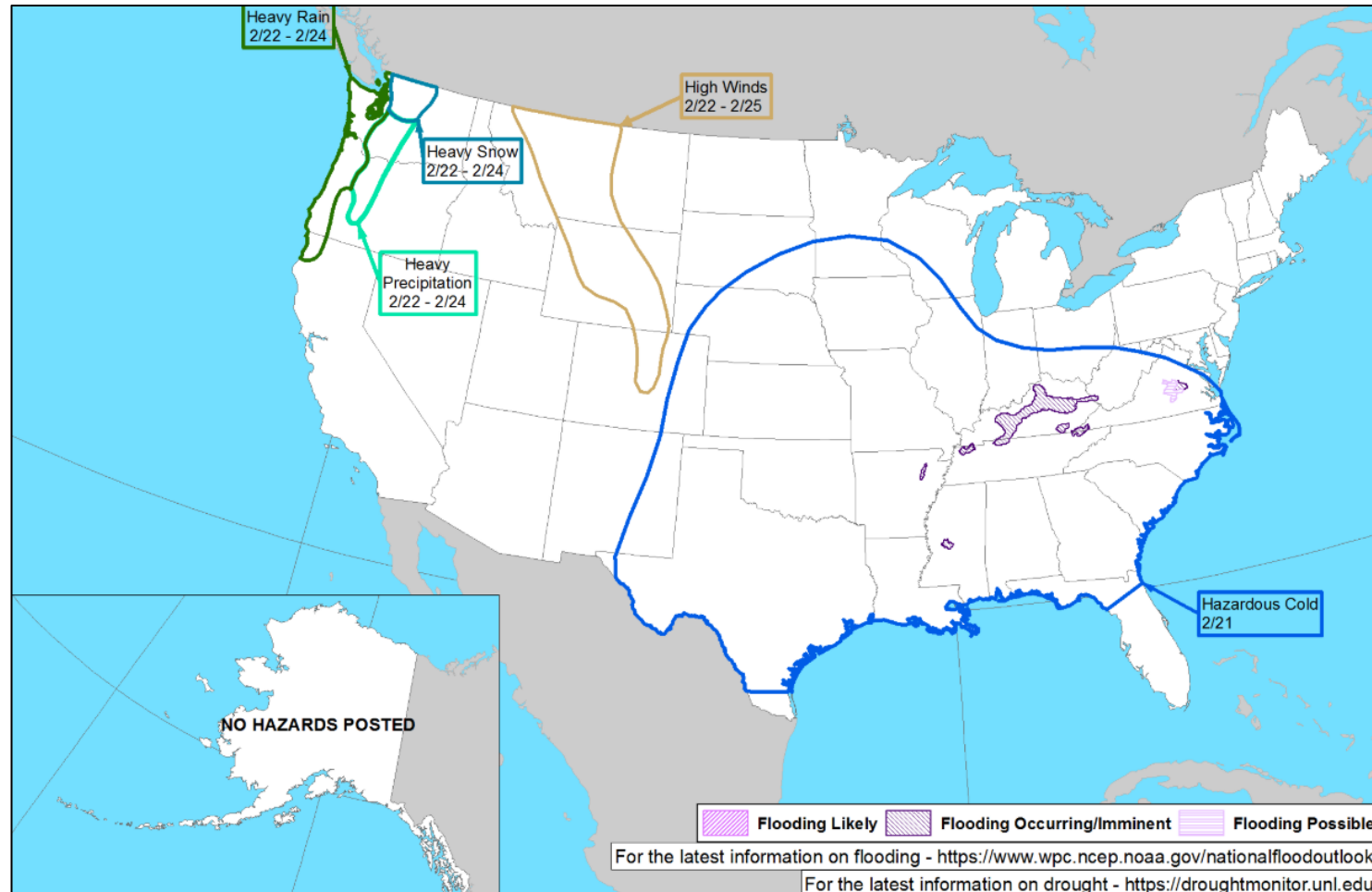
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# Ice Accumulation Forecast



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# Hazards Outlook – Feb 21-25

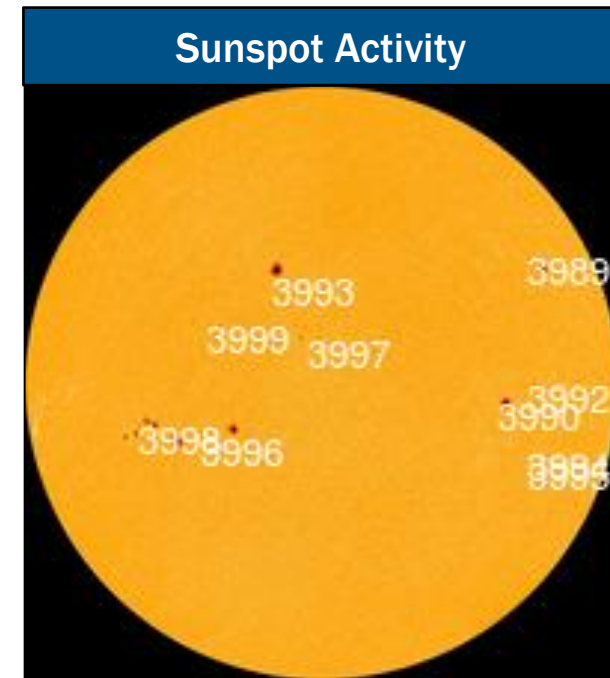
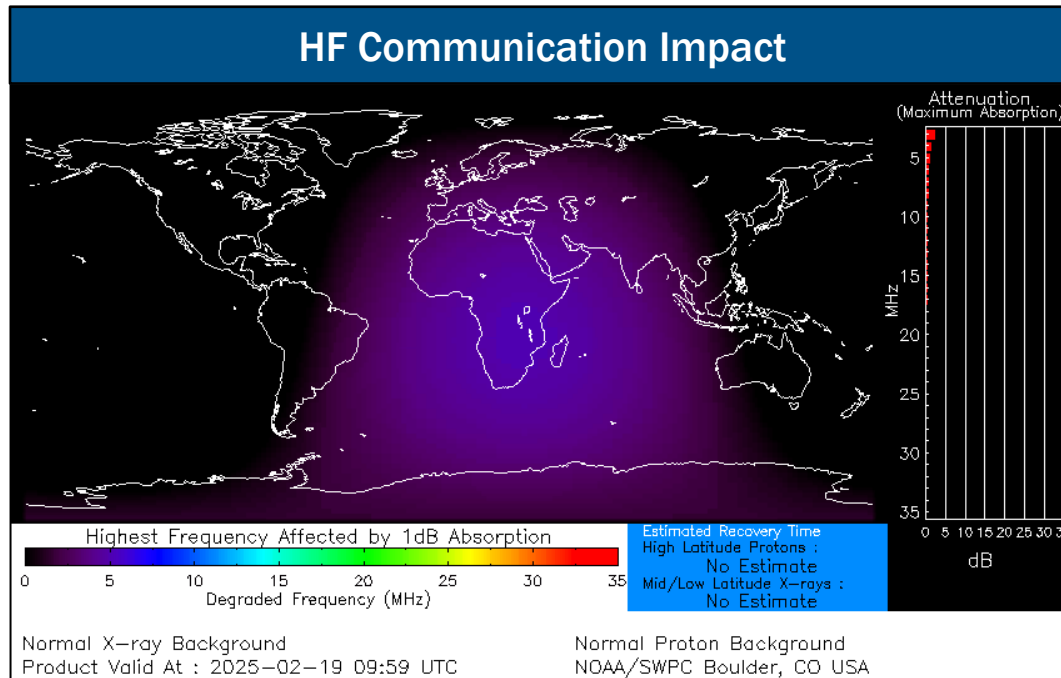


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# Space Weather Outlook

Minor	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	Minor	None	None	G1
Next 24 Hours	Minor	None	None	G1

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

**33** Joint Field Offices    **Supporting**    **98 + 9** Major Disasters    Emergency Declarations    **16** Direct Housing Missions    **29** 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	Level II
Monitoring V	Rostered
Monitoring VI	Rostered
Monitoring VII	Rostered
Monitoring VIII	Rostered
Monitoring IX	Rostered
Monitoring X	Rostered

**Notes:**

**NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:**  
• R-IV RRCC: Flooding and Severe Weather

**State EOCs:**  
• HI: Wildfires  
• DC/DE/NC/TN/TX/VA/WV/OK/MD/MO/AR: Winter Storms  
• NC: TC Helene  
• AL/KY: Severe Weather  
• FL/TN: Previous Incidents  
• WY: I-80 Tunnel Incident

### Volunteer Force

Rostered	Deployed
7,895	0

### Surge Capacity Force

Rostered	Deployed
8,932	9

### N-IMATs

2-5 Teams Available

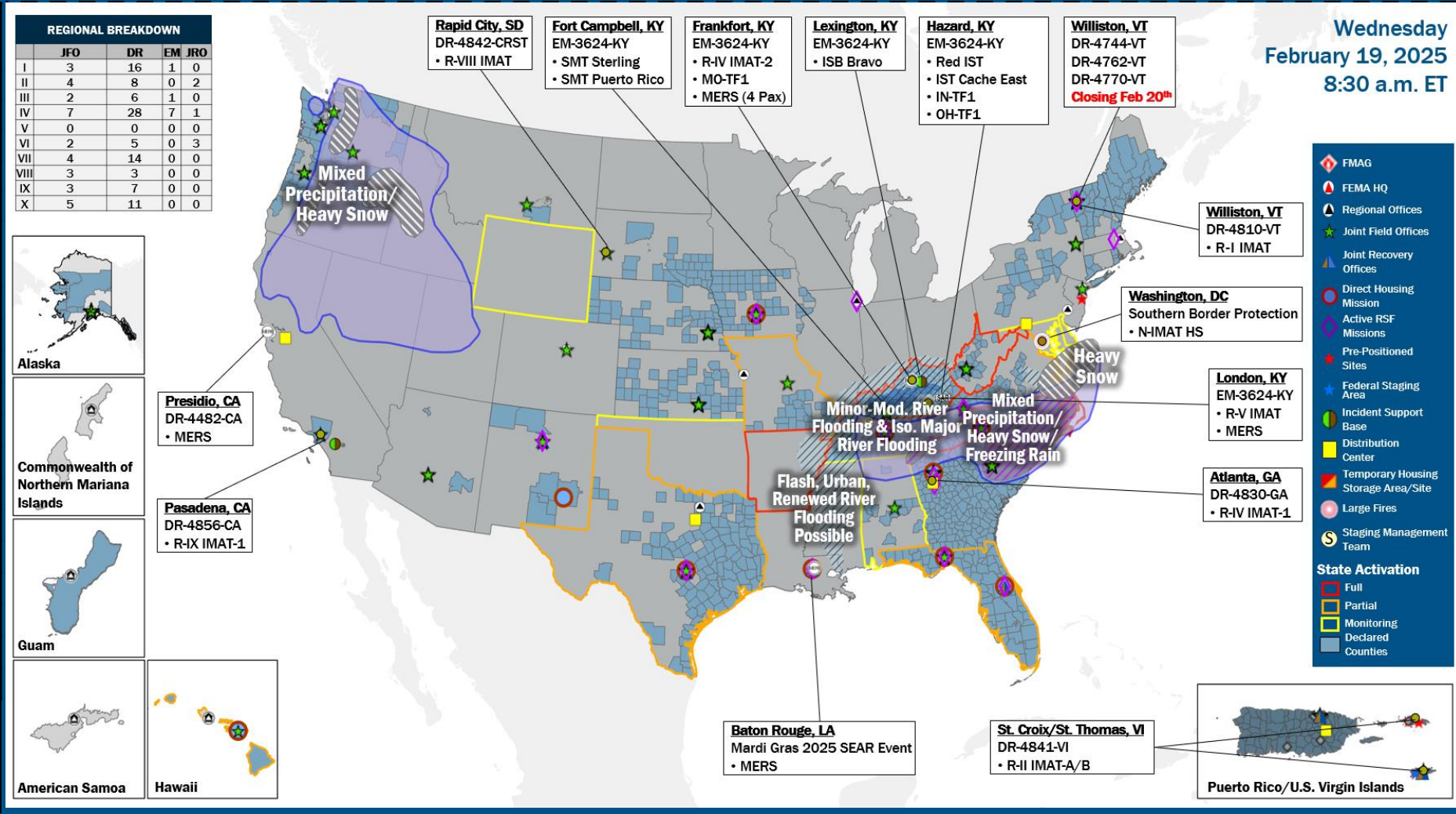
Red	
White	Reconstituting
Blue	
Gold	
HS	DC (Jan 28)

### R-IMATs

4 - 6 Teams Available

I	VT (Jan 6)
II	USVI (Oct 30)
III	
IV-1	GA (Oct 5)
IV-2	KY (Feb 16)
V	KY (Feb 18)
VI-1	1
VI-2	Personnel
VII	Personnel
VIII	SD (Nov 18)
IX-1	CA (Jan 8)
IX-2	
X	2

■ Fully Mission Capable (FMC)  
■ Partially Mission Capable (PMC)  
■ Not Mission Capable (NMC)  
■ Deployed



## IM Workforce

14,189 Assigned  
4,844 (+87) Unavailable  
7,201 (+207) Deployed

15% (-1) / 2,163 (-175) Available

## IM Cadre Availability

19 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 18% (33/179); Disaster Field Training Operations: 22% (22/99); Disability Integration: 13% (5/39); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 19% (249/1303); External Affairs: 7% (29/395); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 14% (123/883); Field Leadership: 13% (20/149); Financial Management: 20% (47/230); Hazard Mitigation: 10% (127/1,225); Human Resources: 17% (31/186); Individual Assistance: 10% (266/2,655); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 22% (75/342); Information Technology: 19% (137/715); Logistics: 9% (144/1,675); Operations: 16% (58/372); Public Assistance: 12% (282/2,306); Planning: 9% (40/468); Safety: 16% (15/94); Security: 10% (14/136)

## MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned  
0 Unavailable  
2 Deployed

34 Available

## US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned  
1 Unavailable  
3 Deployed

24 Available

## FCO

2 Type I

54 Assigned  
5 Unavailable  
45 (26 FCOR) Deployed

4 Available

# Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
III	VA	Flooding, Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Winter Storms Feb 10 and continuing	IA	7	0	2/10 - TBD
			PA	7	0	2/10 - TBD
	WV	Flooding, Landslides, Mudslides, Severe Storms, and Straight-line Winds Feb 15 and continuing	IA	13	0	TBD - TBD
			PA	13	0	TBD - TBD
VI	LA	Winter Weather January 20-23	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	22	0	2/12 - TBD



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# Declaration Requests in Process – 8

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
WA – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	Jan 14
KY – Severe Winter Storms and Snowstorms	DR		X	X	Jan 30
VA – Severe Winter Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Feb 16
WV - Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR	X	X		Feb 17
KY – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR	X	X	X	Feb 18



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# Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-4856-DR-CA	3	Feb 18	Closes the incident period



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