

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, December 12, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops:

- Atmospheric River – Pacific Northwest

Hazard Monitoring:

- Excessive Rainfall / Flash Flooding – Pacific Northwest to Northern Rockies
- Heavy Snow – Northern Rockies to Northern Plains

Disaster Declaration Activity:

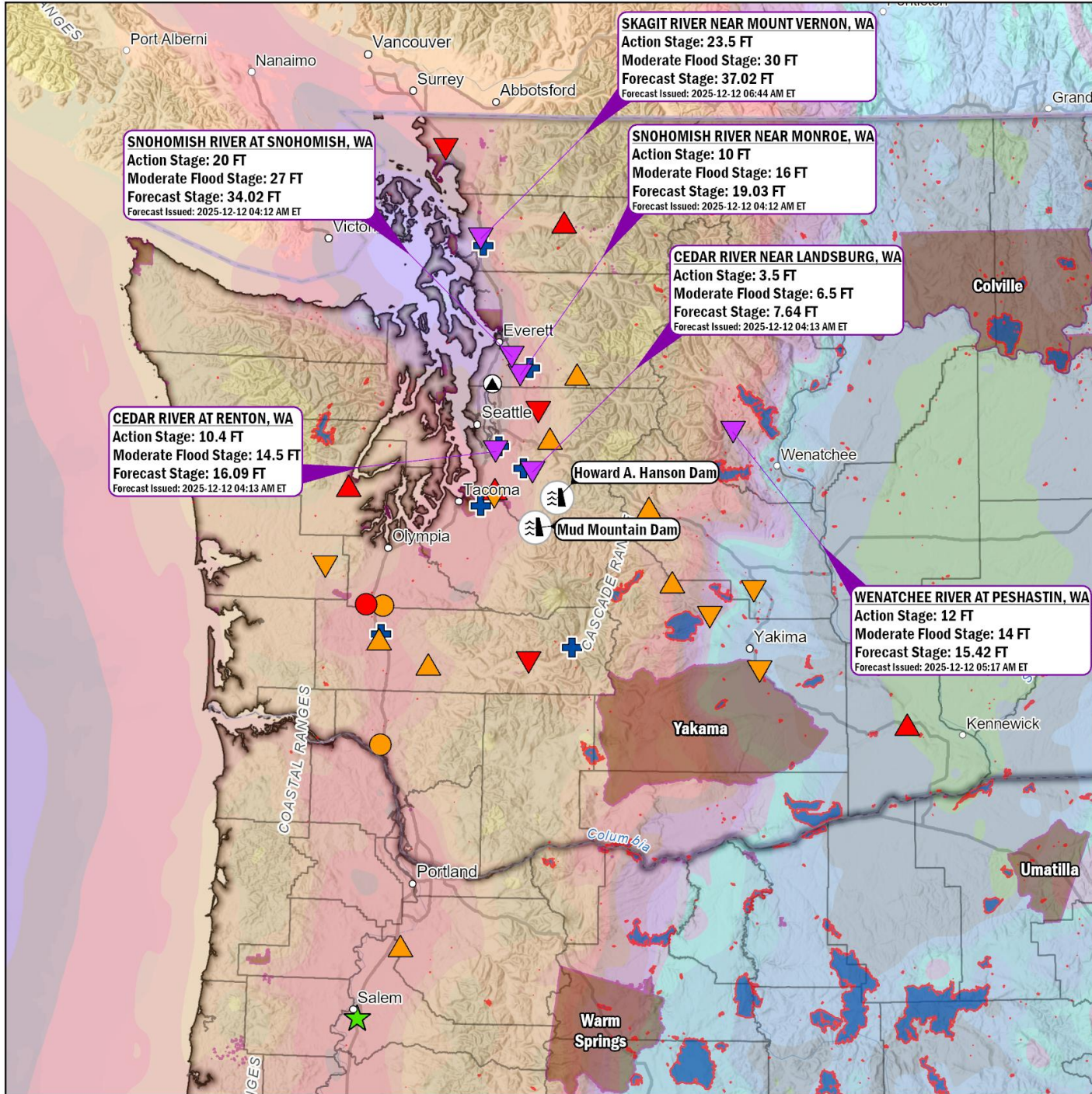
- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring:

- No significant events



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Atmospheric River

Region 10: Washington

7 Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast (12/12/25 to 12/19/25)
Precipitation Estimate (inches)



Flood Data

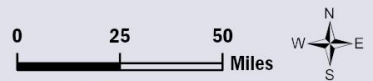
- Major (Decreasing)
- Moderate (Increasing)
- Moderate (Constant)
- Moderate (Decreasing)
- Minor (Increasing)
- Minor (Constant)
- Minor (Decreasing)

FEMA Assets

- Open Joint Field Offices
- Regional/Area Offices

Reference Layers

- Dams of Concern
- Open Shelters
- Burn Scars: 2024-2025
- Tribal Areas



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Atmospheric River – Pacific Northwest



Situation: A major atmospheric river continues to impact Washington and Oregon. Precipitation trended lower than was forecast, leading to lower-than-expected river crests. On Dec 11, 13 rivers crested or were forecast to crest at record/major flood stage; the Skagit at Mt. Vernon is forecast to crest on Dec 12. The threat of landslides and debris flows is high due to extremely saturated soils. There is a 60-70% chance of another wet system arriving by Monday, which could exacerbate flooding. In addition to further flooding concerns the increased winds with the next system, combined with saturated soils, will heighten the concern for downed trees (NRCC SLB, as of 8:00 p.m. ET, Dec 11).

Lifeline Impacts: (NRCC SLB, as of 8:00 p.m. ET, Dec 11)

Safety & Security: Evacuations ongoing in affected areas.

- WA state police authorized an All-Risk Mobilization Plan increasing available resources for swift-water rescues (4 swift water rescue teams, swift water technicians, boats and operators, and a rescue swimmer)
- Whatcom County: Federal Search & Rescue efforts ongoing in Sumas
- A private dam in Sultan is overtopping; owners are being contacted to reduce drainage level due to drainage pipes being blocked
- Evacuations are in effect for Grays County, portions of Pierce and Skagit County, Yakama Nation, and Sauk Suiattle Indian Tribe
- 7 counties, including 22 tribes, have emergency or disaster proclamations
- USACE Seattle District Reservoir Control Center is on 24-hour operations
- *Food, Hydration, Shelter:* 9 (+1) shelters open / 245 (+138) occupants (ARC Shelter Report, as of 6:51 a.m. ET, Dec 12)

Drinking Water:

- Pierce County: in Orting, some wells are shut down until testing is completed
- Lewis County: drinking water treatment plant in Vader is offline; stored water supplies are running low, with estimated 1 day of supply available
- Whatcom County: drinking water treatment plant in Sumas is offline; evacuations should reduce demand. The drinking water treatment plant in Lynden is offline, estimated 1 day of supply available

Water Systems: Multiple drinking water treatment plants offline; limited reserves for affected cities and towns.

- **Wastewater Management:**
 - Water and wastewater treatment plants impacted in Yakima, Chelan, Lewis, Whatcom, and King counties
 - King County: Cedar River Water & Sewer District had a large main break (river washout); assessment ongoing

Transportation: Transportation disruptions due to rising waters.

- 17 State Routes closed, with 31 independent closures along them, including an I-5 exit, and 70 county routes closed
- Everett Community Transit Center closed due to flooding
- Amtrak Cascades service between Seattle and Vancouver, BC, are cancelled due to flooding at Mount Vernon.

State / Local Response:

- WA SEOC at Full Activation (Atmospheric River)
 - Governor declared a state of emergency on Dec 10
- OR SEOC at Normal Operations (monitoring current situation for possible activation)

FEMA / Federal Response:

FEMA Region 10:

- Bothell MOC is Monitoring; RRCC at Level 2, 24/7 operations (all ESFs activated); R10 IMAT is Reconstituting (enhanced demobilization from FEMA-4893-DR-AK); 2 FEMA LNOs deployed to WA SEOC

HQ:

- NWC is Monitoring; Hydro LNO deploying to FEMA Region 10
- NRCC activated to Level 3 (day shift only)
- Region 3 IMAT is deployed to Bothell, WA
- Elements of National IMAT White are deployed to Bothell, WA

US&R:

- White IST, West IST Cache, and 3 Type 3 US&R Task Forces (CA-TF3, CA-TF4, and CA-TF7) deployed to Tacoma, WA area

Logistics:

- Staging Management Teams (SMTs) Bothell and Hawaii deploying to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA

RGO:

- Coordinating with R10 on imagery needs and damage assessment

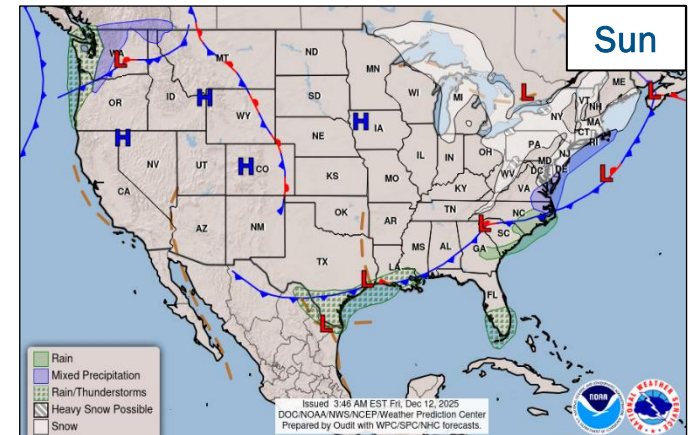
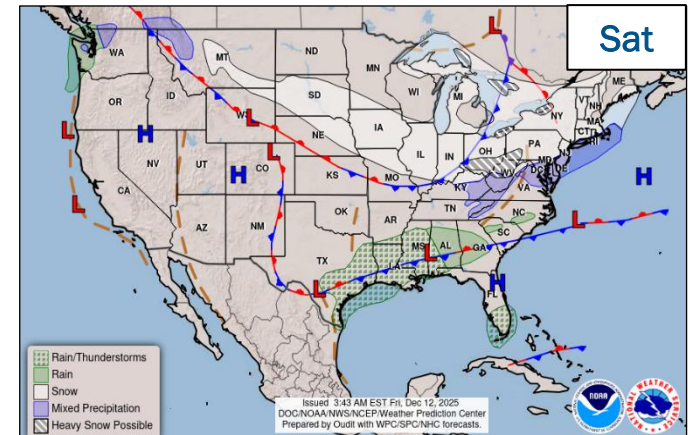
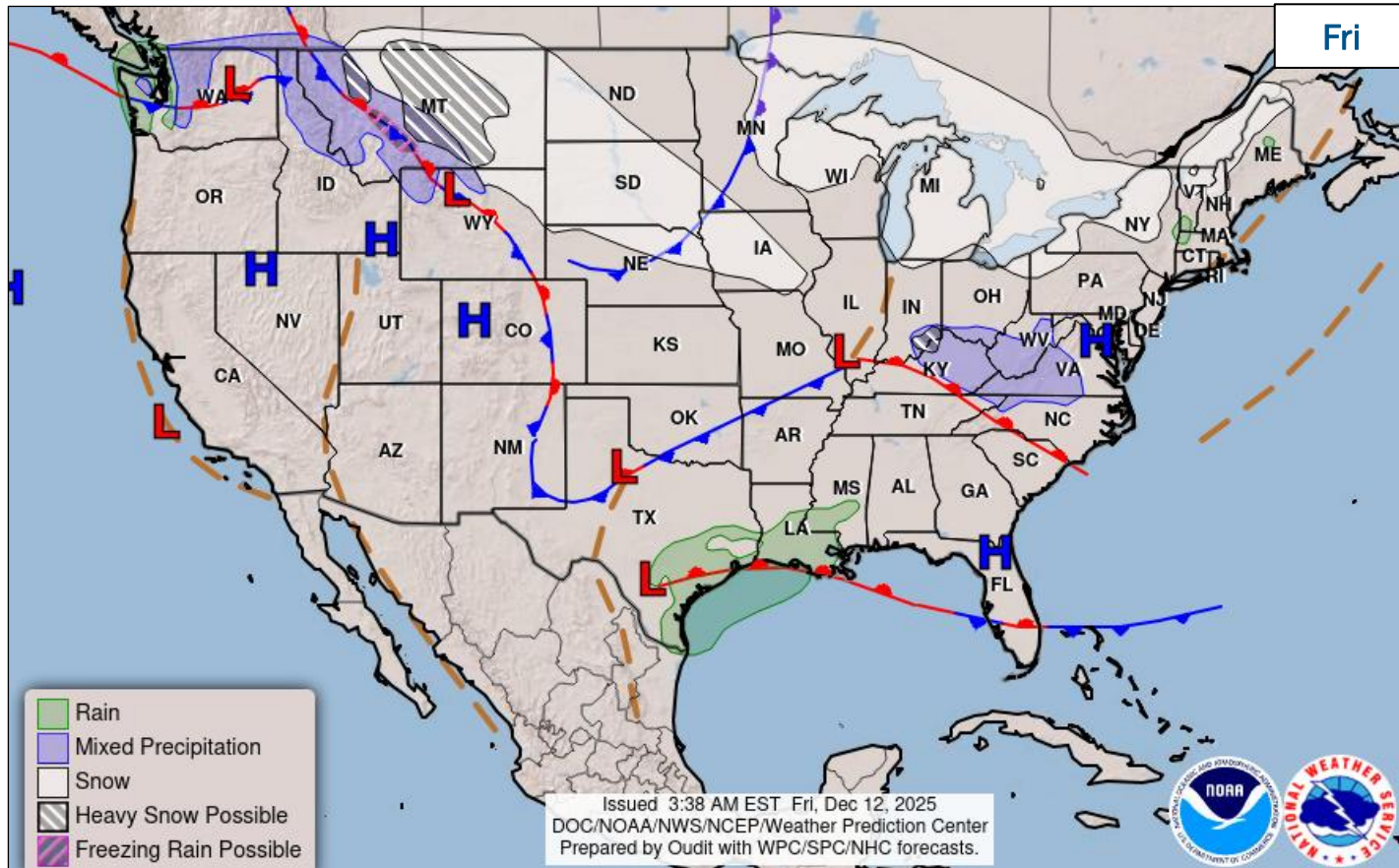
USACE:

- Monitoring Lake Silvia Dam, Mud Mountain Dam, and Howard Hanson Dam



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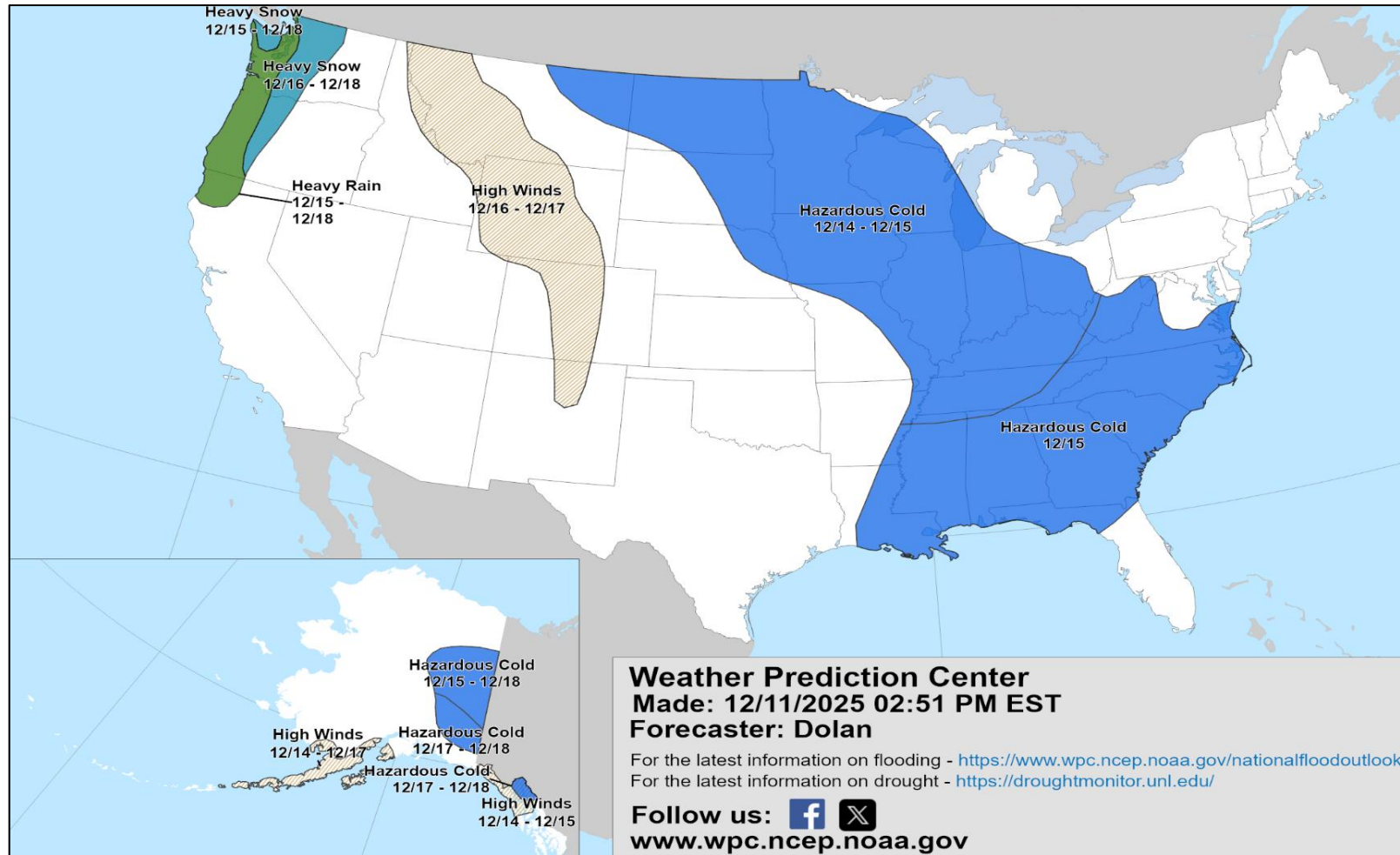
National Weather Forecast



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Hazards Outlook – Dec 14-18



Weather Prediction Center
Made: 12/11/2025 02:51 PM EST
Forecaster: Dolan

For the latest information on flooding - <https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/nationalfloodoutlook/>
For the latest information on drought - <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

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FEMA Common Operating Picture

15 Joint Field Offices **45** Major Disasters **7** Emergency Declarations **12** Direct Housing Missions **8** RSF-Supported Disasters **6** Joint Recovery Offices

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FEMA HQ		
NWC	NRCC	
Monitoring	Level 3	
FEMA REGIONS		
Watch	RRCC	
Monitoring	R1	Rostered
Monitoring	R2	Rostered
Monitoring	R3	Rostered
Monitoring	R4	Rostered
Monitoring	R5	Rostered
Monitoring	R6	Rostered
Monitoring	R7	Rostered
Monitoring	R8	Rostered
Monitoring	R9	Rostered
Monitoring	R10	Level 2
Notes:		
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:	State EOCs:	
• NRCC: Atmospheric River (Dayshift 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. ET)	• HI: Wildfires	
• R10 RRCC: Atmospheric River	• AZ/TX/MT: Flooding	
• R5 RWC: Staffing (Dayshift 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. ET)	• KY: Winter Weather	
	• WA: Atmospheric River	
IMATs:		
• R10: Reporting as NMC through Jan 12		
Surge Capacity Force		
Rostered	Deployed	
7,969	0	

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	WA (en route)
Blue	
Gold	
HS	
R-IMATs	
≥ 7 Teams Available	
R1	3
R2	
R3	WA (Dec 11)
R4 (1)	
R4 (2)	1
R5	
R6 (1)	
R6 (2)	2
R7	MO (Oct 27)
R8	SD (Sep 22)
R9 (1)	
R9 (2)	
R10	Reconstituting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully Mission Capable (FMC) Partially Mission Capable (PMC) Not Mission Capable (NMC) Deployed 	

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	0	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	2	5	1	0
R4	6	16	5	1
R5	0	2	0	0
R6	4	7	1	3
R7	1	11	0	0
R8	1	2	0	0
R9	0	0	0	0
R10	1	2	0	0

Alaska

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

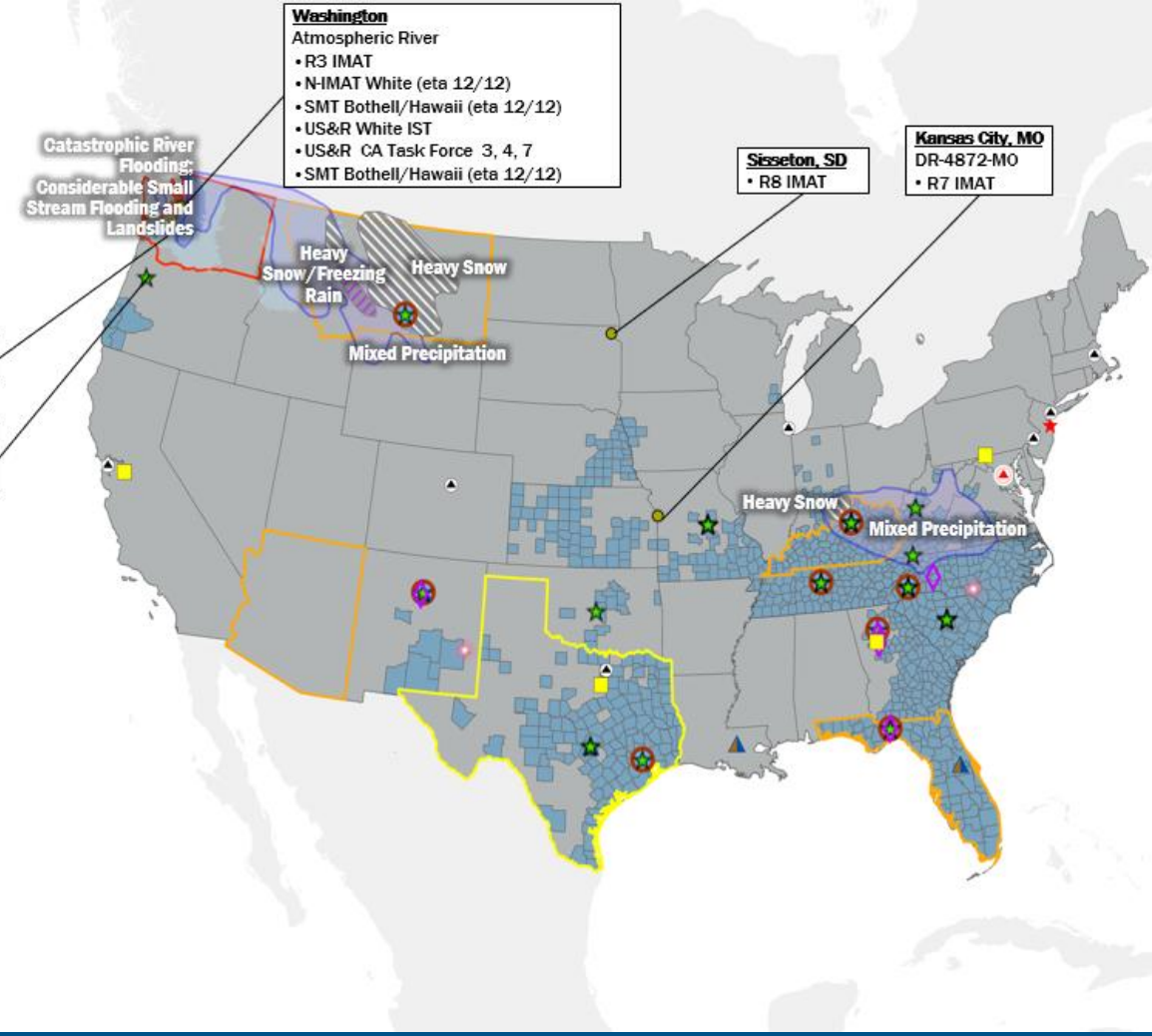
Guam

American Samoa

Hawaii

Camp Murray, WA
• MERS

Salem, OR
DR-4881-OR
Closing Dec 12



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Regional Offices

National IMAT

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Joint Field Offices

Joint Recovery Offices

Direct Housing Mission

Active RSF Missions

Pre-Positioned Sites

Federal Staging Area

Incident Support Base

Initial Operating Facility

Distribution Center

Temporary Housing Storage Area/Site

Incident Support Team

Staging Management Team

FMAG

Large Fires

State Activation

- Full
- Partial
- Monitoring
- Declared Counties

Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands

IM Workforce

11,626 (+1) Assigned
5,618 (-1) Unavailable
3,239 (-1) Deployed

24% / 2,769 (+3) Available

IM Cadre Availability

16 (+1) Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Alternative Dispute: 13% (4/31); Civil Rights: 16% (16/101); Disaster Field Training Operations: 21% (14/66); Disability Integration: 17% (3/18); External Affairs: 11% (33/287); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 6% (40/664); Field Leadership: 13% (15/120); Financial Management: 20% (37/183); Hazard Mitigation: 9% (72/780); Human Resources: 16% (26/159); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 19% (37/197); Logistics: 25% (376/1489); Public Assistance: 16% (325/2,052); Planning: 9% (31/358); Safety: 9% (8/90); Security: 10% (11/112)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned
6 Unavailable
1 (+1) Deployed

29 (-1) Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned
0 Unavailable
3 Deployed

25 Available

FCO

2 Type I

38 Assigned
5 (-1) Unavailable
26 (17 (+1) FCOR) Deployed

7 (+1) Available

Declaration Requests in Process – 14

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
OK – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Aug 19
KS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 17
RST* – Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, and Tornado – Appeal	DR	X	X	X	Sep 18
CO – Lee and Elk Fires, Flooding, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	Sep 26
MT – Water Systems Failure	EM		X		Oct 22
POA** – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Oct 22
AZ – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Oct 24
CO – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	Nov 12
AZ – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR	X			Nov 12
VT – Severe Storm and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Nov 20
IL – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR	X			Nov 21
IL – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding – Appeal	DR	X			Nov 21
KS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Nov 21
LLBO*** – Building Fire	DR		X	X	Nov 30

*Rosebud Sioux Tribe; **Pueblo of Acoma; ***Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



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