

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, December 18, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Operations / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Atmospheric River – Pacific Northwest
- Flooding – Montana

## Hazard Monitoring

- Critical Fire Weather – Central Plains
- Heavy Snow – Pacific Northwest to Upper Mississippi Valley
- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Pacific Northwest
- Freezing Rain – Northern Plains, Northeast

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## Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

## Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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# Atmospheric River – Pacific Northwest (cont.)



## State / Local Response:

- WA SEOC at Full Activation (Atmospheric River Event) day shift only
  - WA Gov declared state of emergency on Dec 10; FEMA-3629-EM-WA approved Dec 12
- ID and OR SEOCs are Monitoring (Atmospheric River Event)
  - 250 National Guard servicemembers activated

## FEMA / Federal Response:

### FEMA Region 10:

Bothell MOC at Monitoring; RRCC at Level 2 (day shift only); all ESFs activated; R10 IMAT is Reconstituting; 2 FEMA LNOs deployed to WA SEOC; MEOV is deployed to support federal staging area at JBLM; MEOV and Emergency Operations Vehicle (EOV) deployed to SEOC in Camp Murray

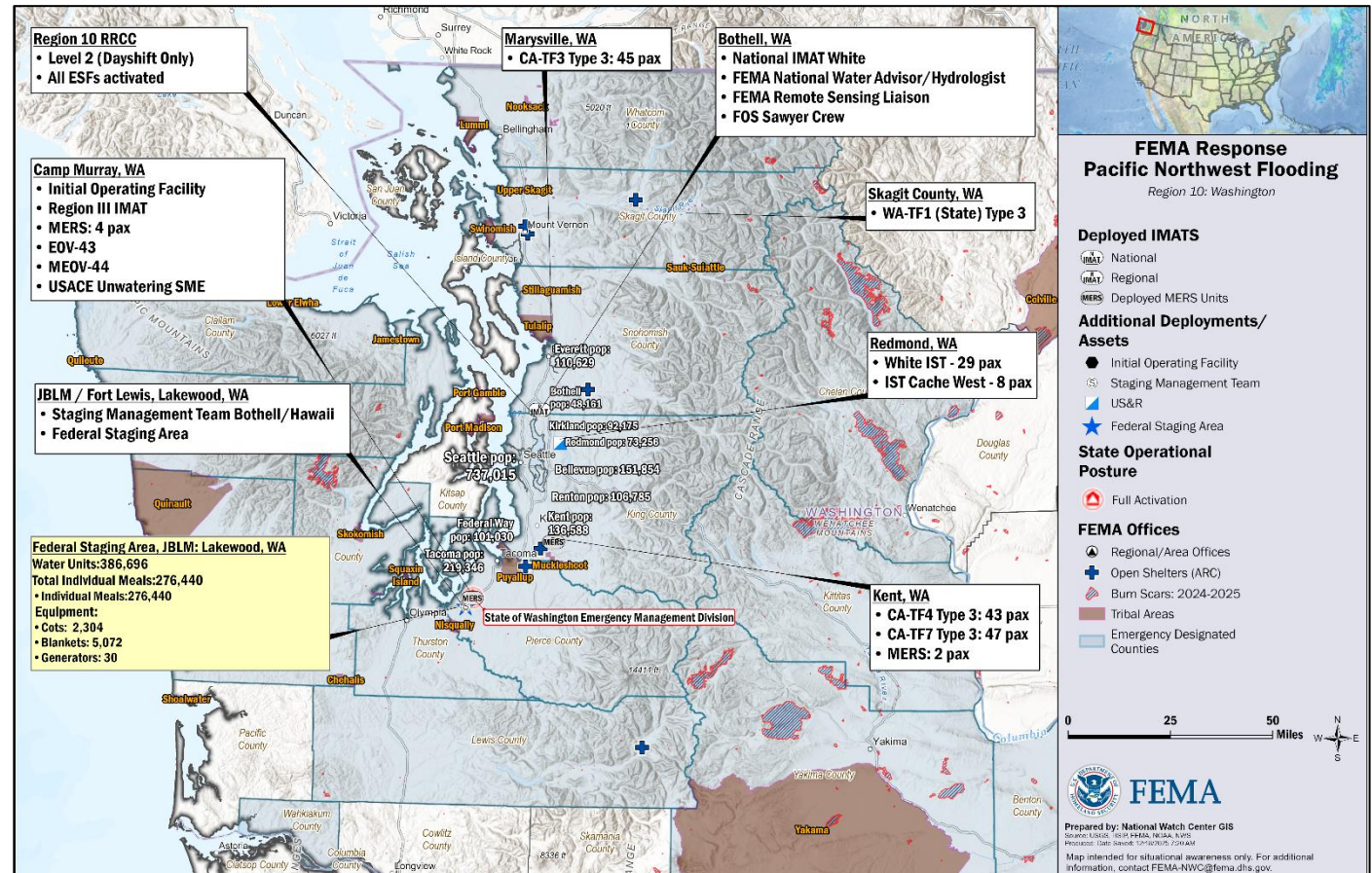
### HQ:

- NWC at Monitoring; Hydro LNO deployed to FEMA Region 10
- NRCC returned to Steady State
- Region 3 IMAT deployed to Bothell, WA
- Elements of N-IMAT White deployed to Bothell, WA

US&R: White IST, West IST Cache are operating out of Redmond. CA-TF4 and CA-TF7 operating in Kent, WA. CA-TF3 staged in Marysville, WA

### Logistics:

- SMT Bothell/SMT Hawaii deployed to JBLM
- ISB Delta
- RGO: Coordinating with R10 on imagery needs and damage assessment
- USACE: Monitoring Lake Silvia Dam, Mud Mountain Dam, and Howard Hanson Dam



The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 10. Updates will be reported in the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET) and the twice-daily FEMA National Situation Report (5:00 p.m. / 3:00 a.m. ET).



# Flooding – Montana



**Situation:** An atmospheric river event brought flooding to northwestern Montana, as well as the Blackfoot Nation. Widespread power outages and road closures throughout the state were caused by damaging winds and lingering impacts due to the atmospheric river event.

**Lifeline Impacts:** (FEMA Region 8 SLB, as of 10:30 p.m. ET, Dec 17)

**Safety & Security:** Lower Flower Creek Dam has been inspected and is determined to be stable

**Food, Hydration, Shelter:** Boil Water Notice in effect for the city of Libby

**Water Systems:** Department of Environment Quality and the City of Libby are identifying options for a sustainable water supply should the need arise

**Energy:** 39k (-5k) (7%) of customers without power statewide (DOE Eagle-I, as of 7:15 a.m. ET, Dec 18)

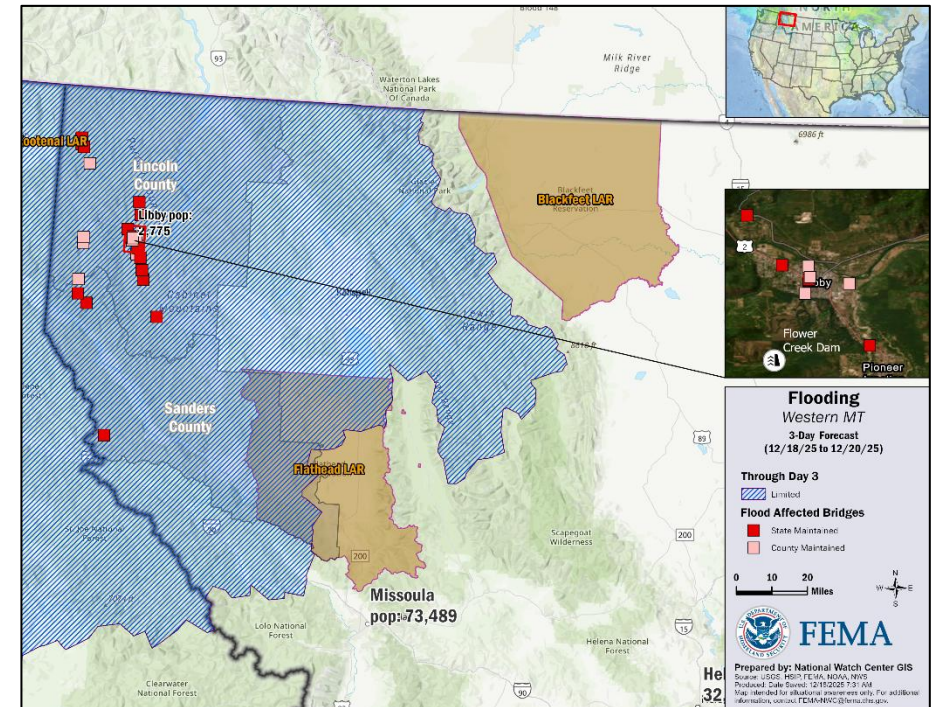
**Transportation:** 3 bridges and 1 road washed out; 1 road compromised

## State / Local Response:

- MT SEOC at Full Activation (Flooding)
  - Governor declared a state of emergency on Dec 11; Emergency Declaration requested on Dec 16

## FEMA / Federal Response:

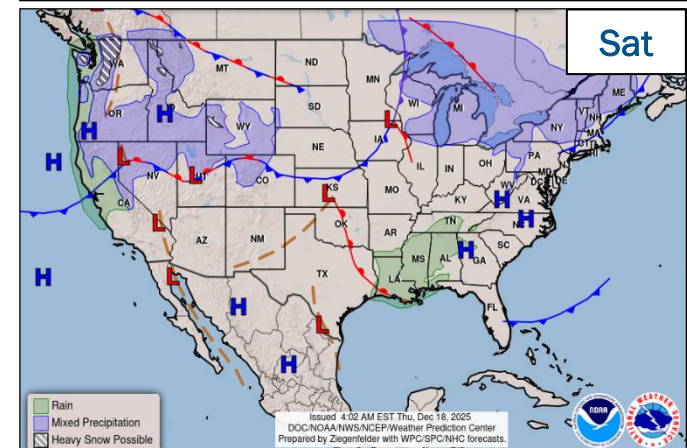
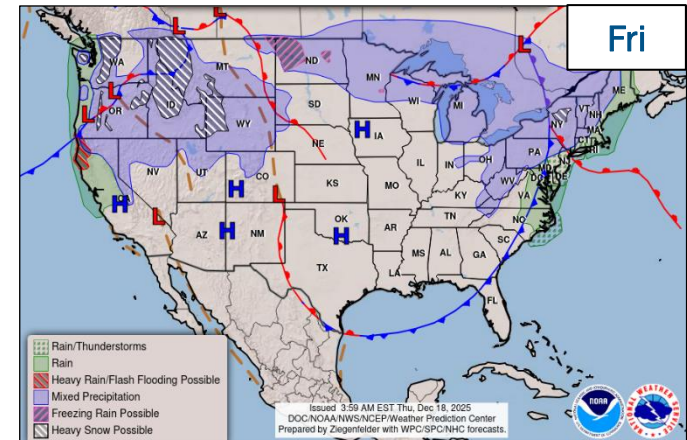
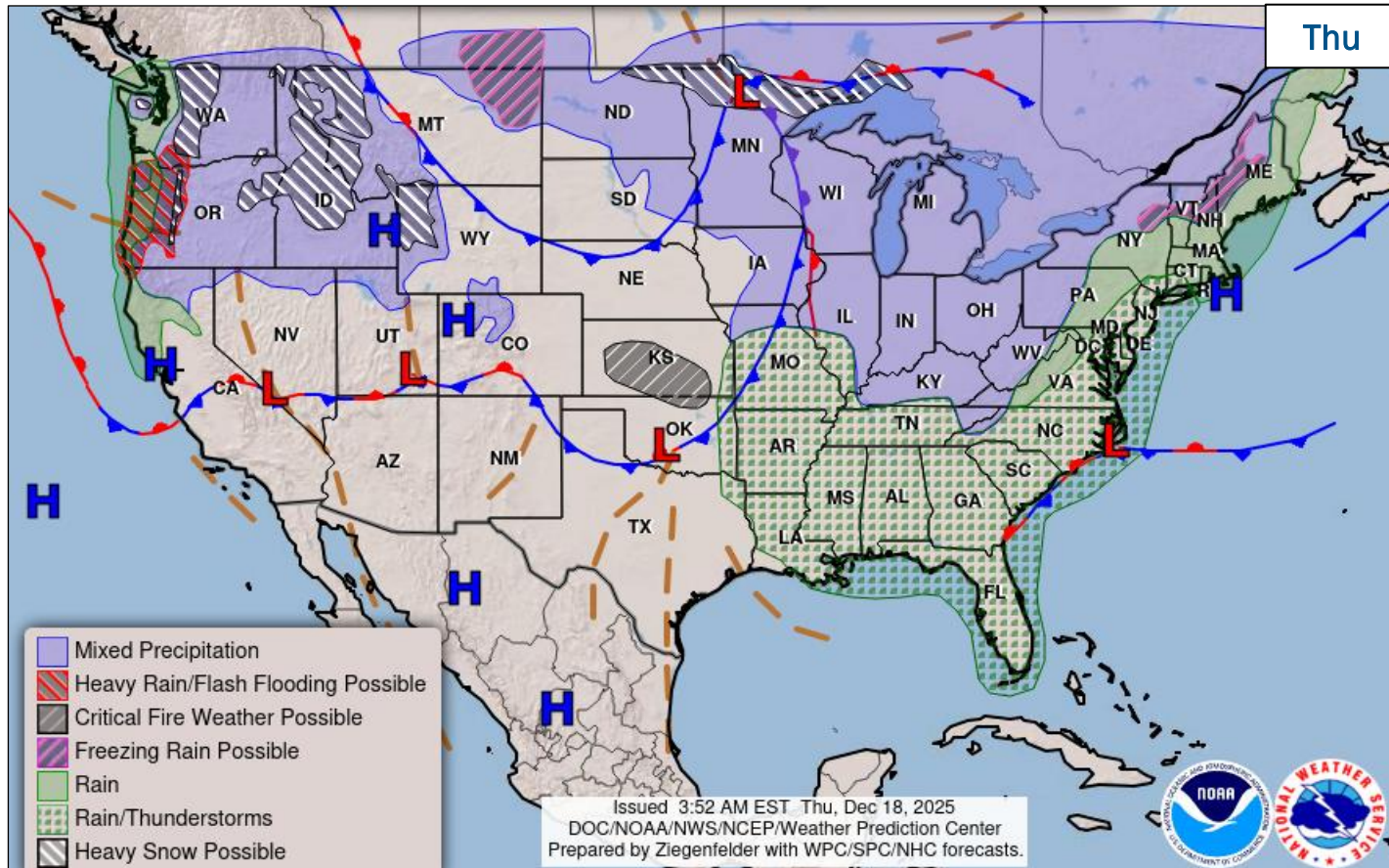
- Denver MOC is at Enhanced Watch; RRCC is at Level 3 (day shift only); R8 IMAT is available
- USACE is prepared to provide technical and direct assistance under their own authorities, if requested by State (USACE LNO, as of 11:04 a.m. ET, Dec 16)



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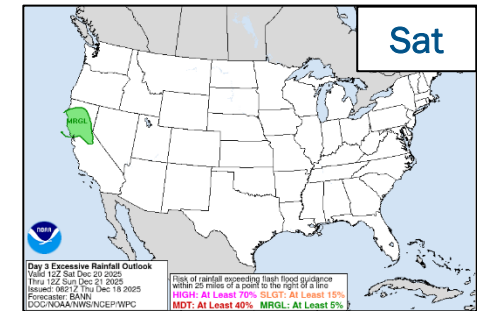
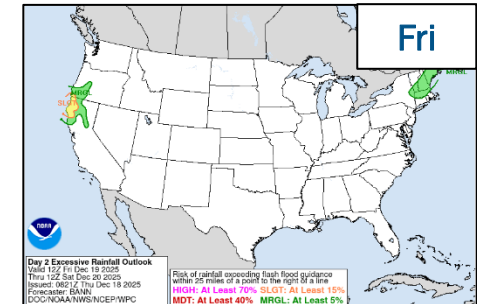
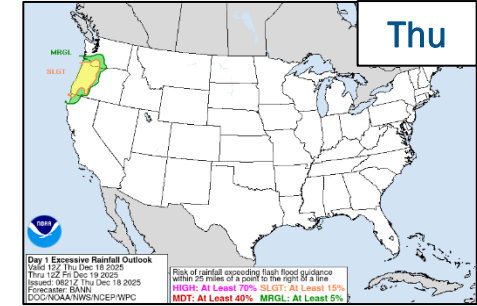
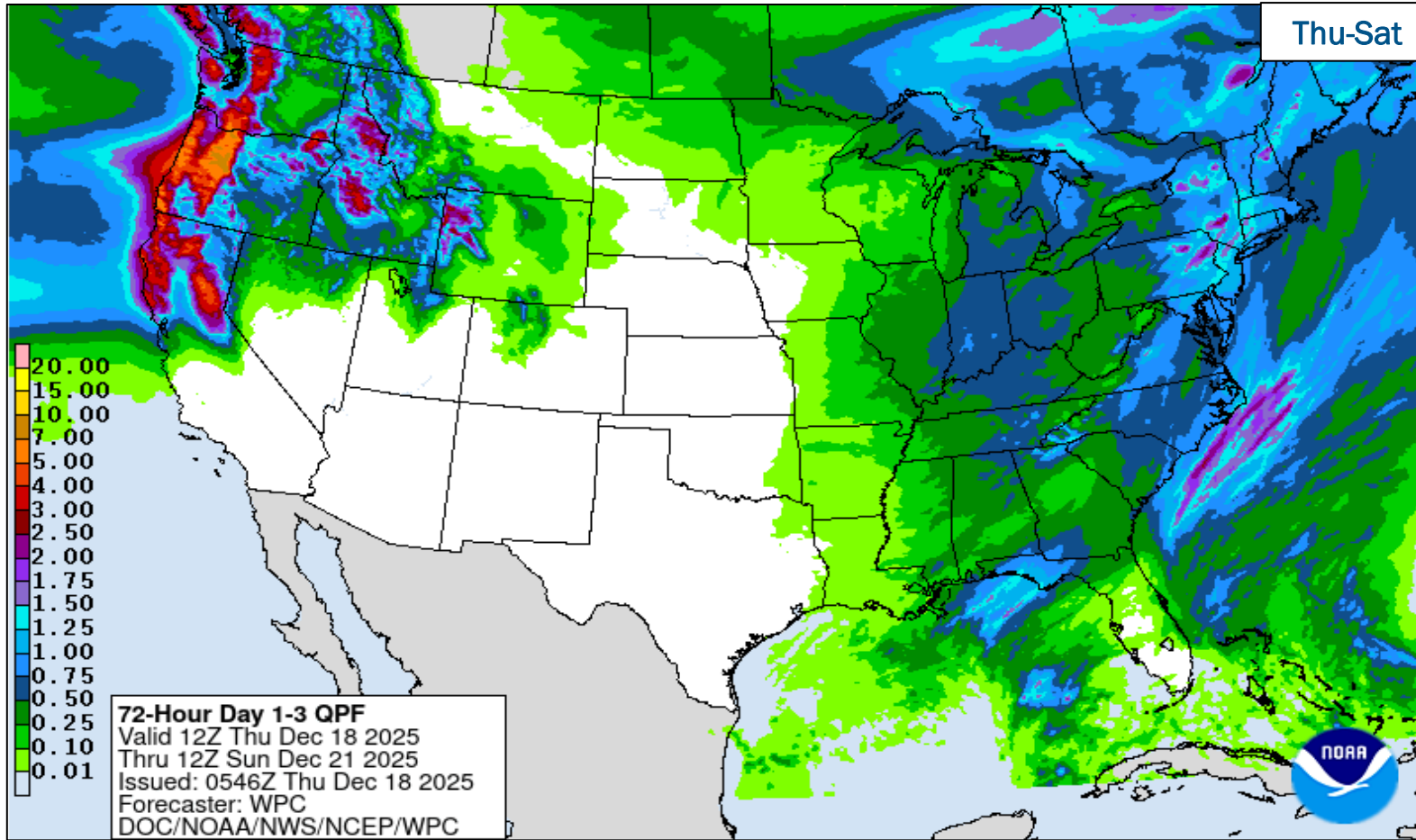
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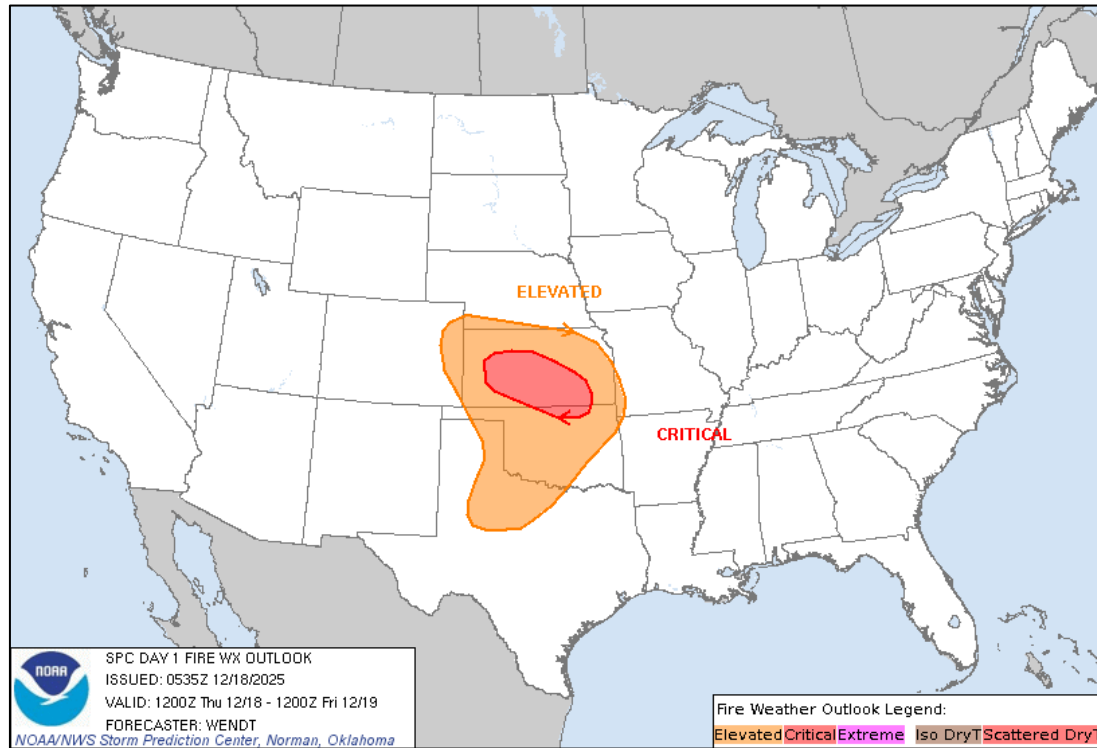
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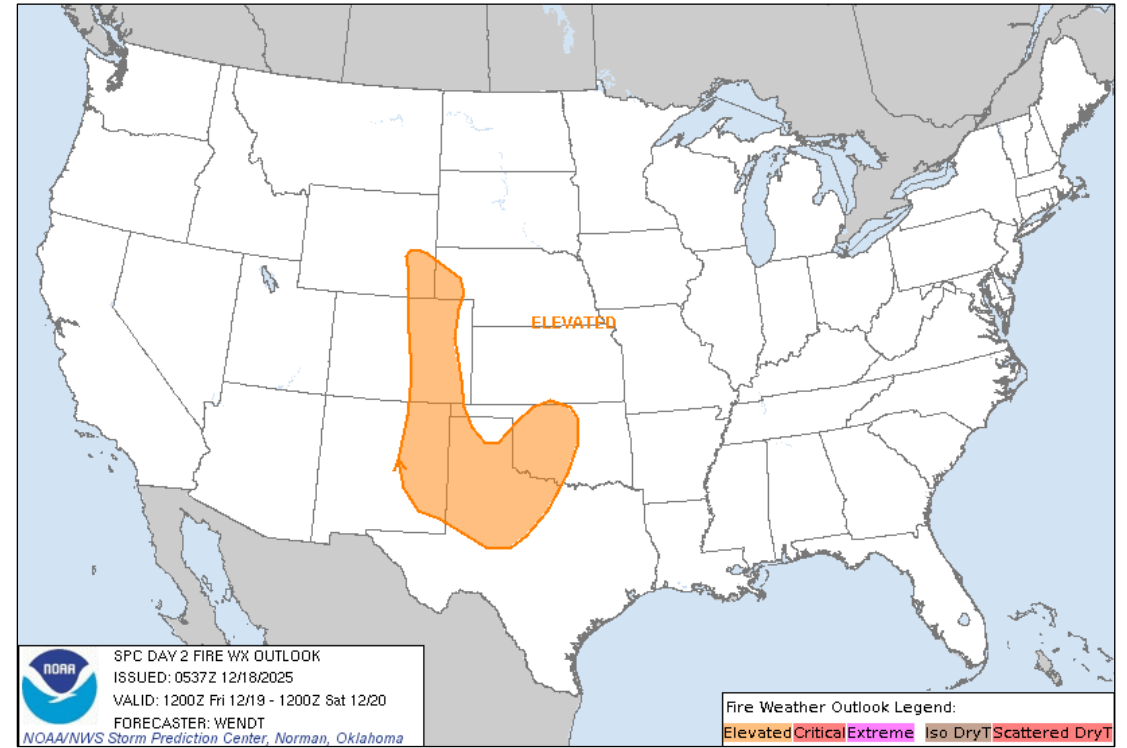


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# Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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# FEMA Common Operating Picture


**14** Joint Field Offices    **Supporting**    **44** Major Disasters    **+**    **8** Emergency Declarations    **12** Direct Housing Missions    **8** RSF-Supported Disasters    **6** Joint Recovery Offices

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FEMA HQ	
NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Steady State
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
Enhanced	R8 Level 3
Monitoring	R9 Rostered
Monitoring	R10 Level 2
<b>Notes:</b>	
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:	State EOCs:
• R5 RWC: Staffing (Dayshift only)	• HI: Wildfires
• R10 RRCC: Atmospheric River (Dayshift only)	• FL: Previous Incidents
• Denver MOC/R8 RRCC: Flooding	• AZ/MT/TX: Flooding
	• ID/OR/WA: Atmospheric River
	• CO: High Winds
<b>IMATs:</b>	
• R10 IMAT: Reconstituting (Dec 12-26)	
<b>Surge Capacity Force</b>	
Rostered 7,969	Deployed 0

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	WA (Dec 12)
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	
R9 (1)	
R9 (2)	
R10	Reconstituting
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	0	1	1	0



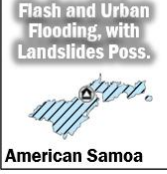
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Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands



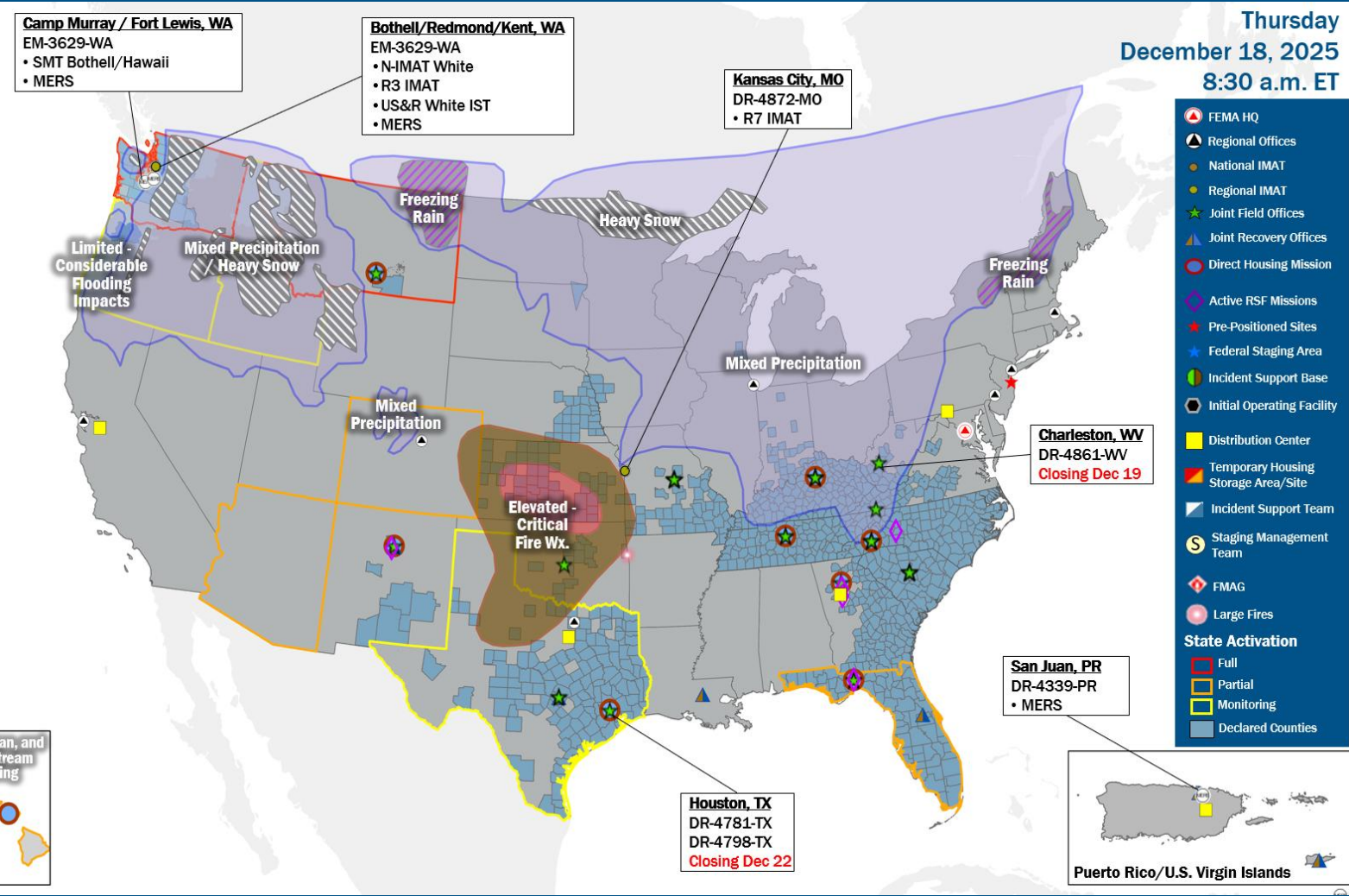
Guam



American Samoa



Hawaii



## IM Workforce

11,625 (-1) Assigned  
5,657 (-13) Unavailable  
3,083 (+43) Deployed

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25% / 2,885 (-31) Available

## IM Cadre Availability

15 (+1) Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Alternative Dispute: 13% (4/31); Civil Rights: 15% (15/101); Disaster Field Training Operations: 25% (17/67); Disability Integration: 12% (2/17); External Affairs: 11% (33/287); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 6% (43/664); Field Leadership: 16% (19/120); Financial Management: 21% (39/183); Hazard Mitigation: 10% (76/780); Human Resources: 18% (29/159); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 19% (38/197); Public Assistance: 16% (335/2,051); Planning: 8% (29/353); Safety: 8% (7/90); Security: 11% (12/112)

## MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned  
6 Unavailable  
3 (+1) Deployed

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27 (-1) Available

## US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned  
1 Unavailable  
3 Deployed

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24 Available

## FCO

2 Type I

38 Assigned  
5 Unavailable  
26 (17 FCOR) Deployed

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7 Available

# Declaration Requests in Process – 15

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
MT – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	EM		X		Dec 16

\*Rosebud Sioux Tribe, \*\*Pueblo of Acoma, \*\*\*Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



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