

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, December 19, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Atmospheric River – Pacific Northwest – FINAL
- Flooding – Montana – FINAL

Hazard Monitoring

- Extreme Fire Weather – Colorado and Wyoming
- Heavy Snow – Northwest and Great Lakes
- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – California

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Atmospheric River – Pacific Northwest – FINAL WA



Situation: As impacts shift south, the Oregon coast and Cascades will experience periods of heavy rainfall. Due to already saturated soils and swollen rivers from previous rain, rivers will be more prone to experience flooding. Most locations are forecast to crest **today**, with larger rivers cresting **tomorrow**. Federal, state, and local agencies will continue to support the affected areas.

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA R10 SLB, as of 8:00 p.m. ET, Dec 17)

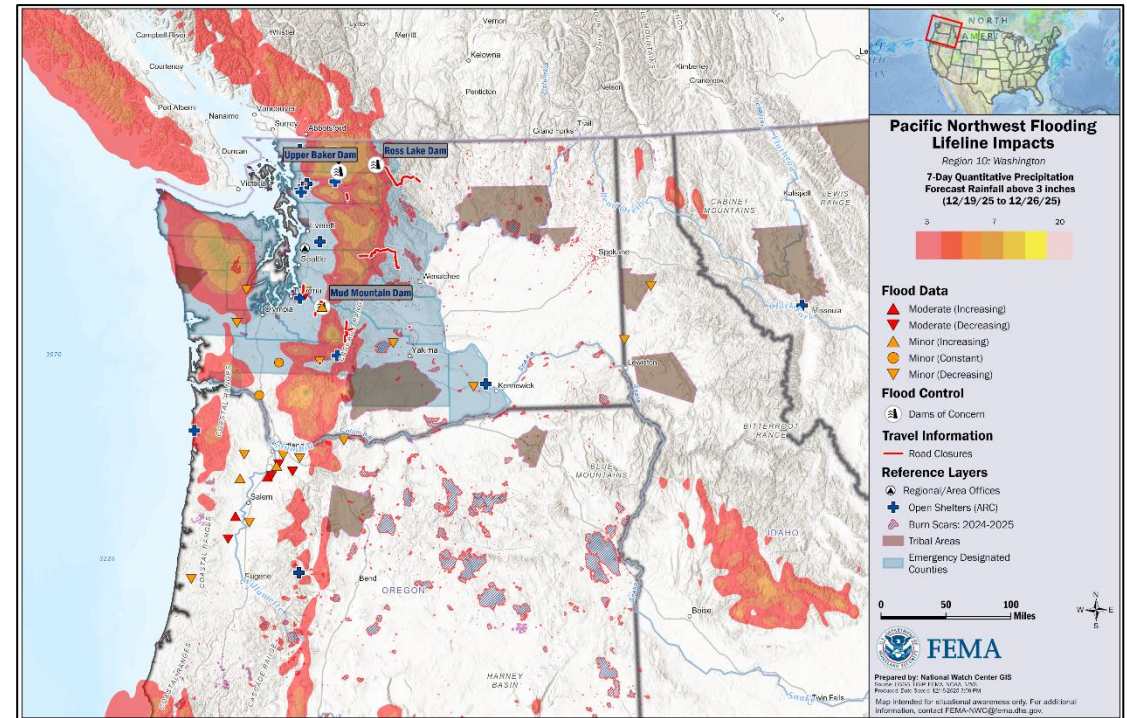
Safety & Security: Evacuations and dam/levee assessments continue in affected areas

- Approximately 395 individuals have been rescued across 11 counties
- US&R supporting White River Pacific Washington Levee failure
- Evacuations are in effect for 4 counties (Chelan, King, Snohomish, and Skagit) and 2 tribal nations (Sauk-Suiattle and Yakama)
- Levees:
 - USACE providing King Co. with engineering support, 300 sandbags, and 900 ft. of barriers
 - USACE Seattle District is providing additional direct assistance in 8 other locations for levee raises, stabilization, and sandbagging
 - US&R supporting White River Pacific Washington Levee failure
- Dams:
 - USACE currently controls Ross Dam and Upper Baker Dam and is the setting outflow to limit the flood peak
 - USACE exited the flood control pools at Skagit projects but will maintain operational control due to expected high flows

Food, Hydration, Shelter:

- 10 (-2) shelters open / 188 (+2) occupants statewide (ARC Shelter Report, as of 6:50 a.m. ET, Dec 19)

Health and Medical: 1 confirmed fatality



Water Systems: All wastewater systems are operational

- Drinking Water:
 - Chelan Co.: Stehekin currently without potable water. Sheriff is distributing pallets of water
 - Pierce Co.: Tacoma treatment plant offline; residents using stored water and conservation measures
 - Whatcom Co.: drinking water treatment plant in Sumas is offline; currently using stored water resources
 - Skagit Co.: Boil water advisory issued for Cascade River Community Club

Transportation:

- 13 WA state routes closed, with 19 closures along them; I-90 has reopened



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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 is Rostered; 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 demobilizing

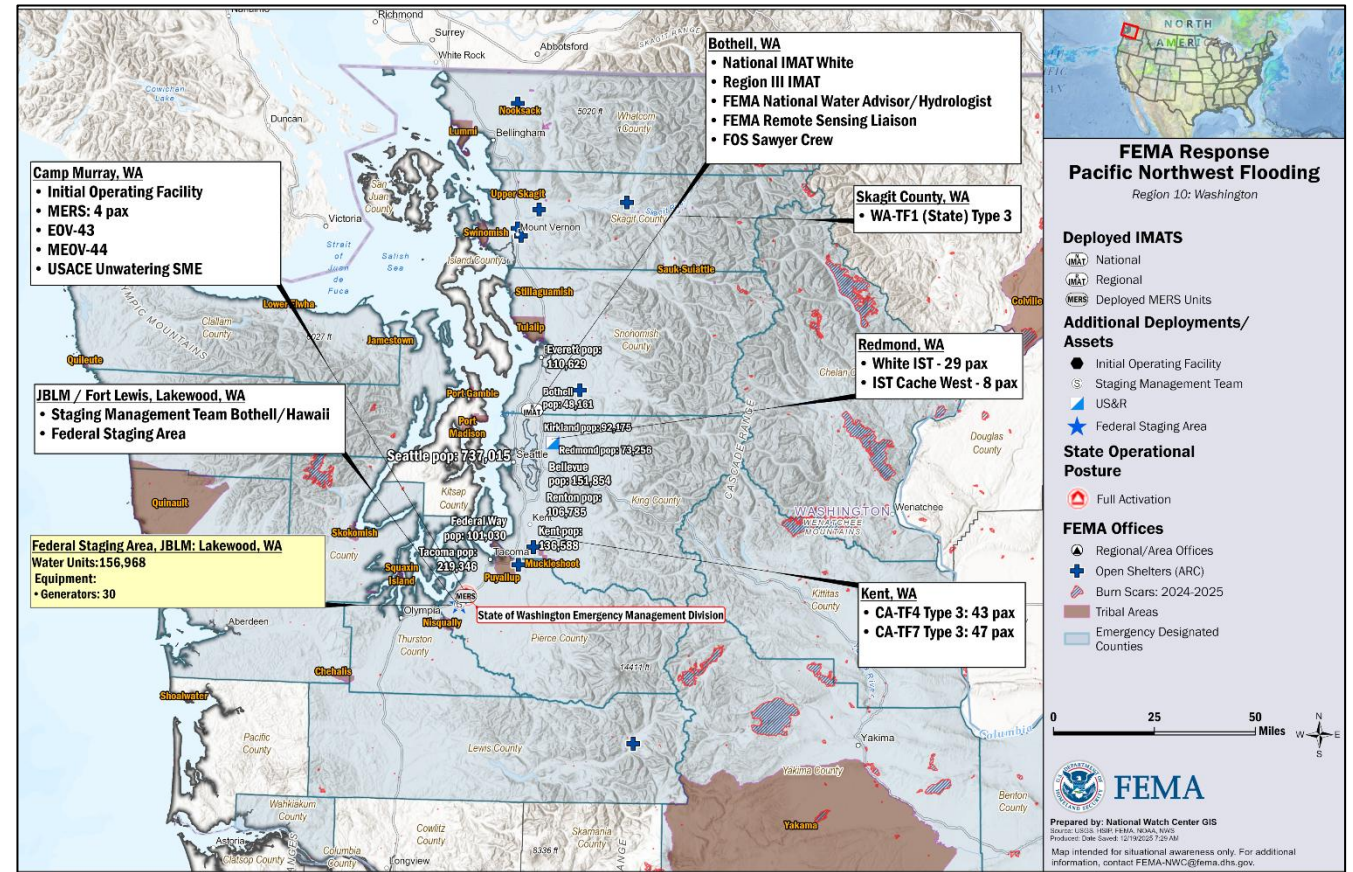
Logistics:

- 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. Barring any new significant updates, this will be the final report.



Flooding – Montana – FINAL



Situation: An atmospheric river event brought flooding to northwestern Montana, to include the Blackfeet Nation. Since the incident occurred, lifelines have improved across the affected areas. Federal, state, and local partners continue to assess impacts.

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA Region 8 SLB, as of 9:00 p.m. ET, Dec 18)

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

Water Systems: Boil Water Notice in effect for the city of Libby. Montana’s Department of Environmental Quality tested for heavy metal contamination in the City of Libby to ensure the safety and reliability of its drinking water.

Energy: Outages are highly concentrated in central and western counties. Restoration efforts continue to trend positively.

- 18k (-21K) (3%) of customers without power statewide (DOE Eagle-I, as of 6:30 a.m. ET, Dec 19)

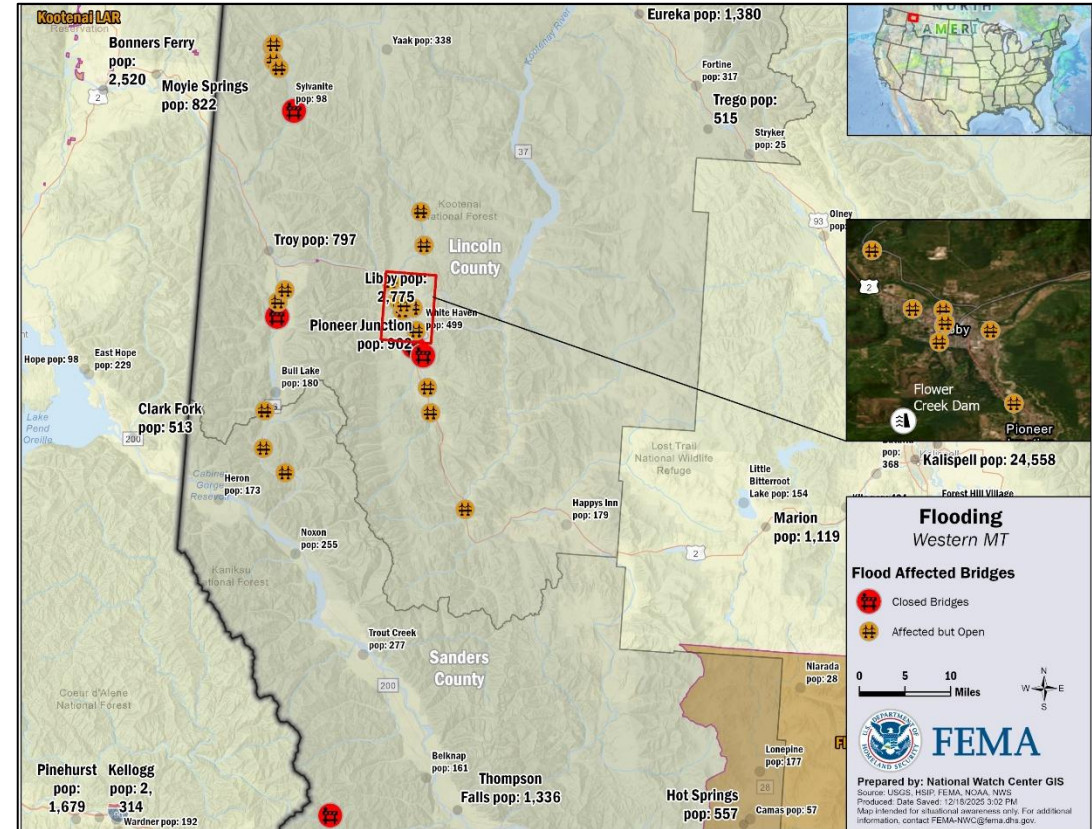
Transportation: 3 bridges and 1 road washed out; 1 road compromised

State / Local Response:

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

FEMA / Federal Response:

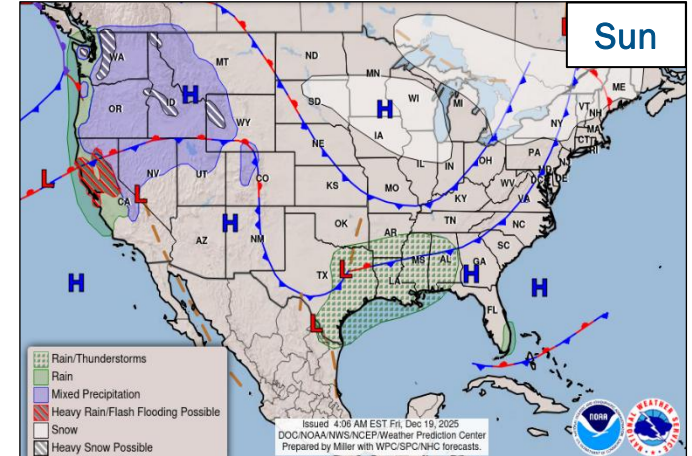
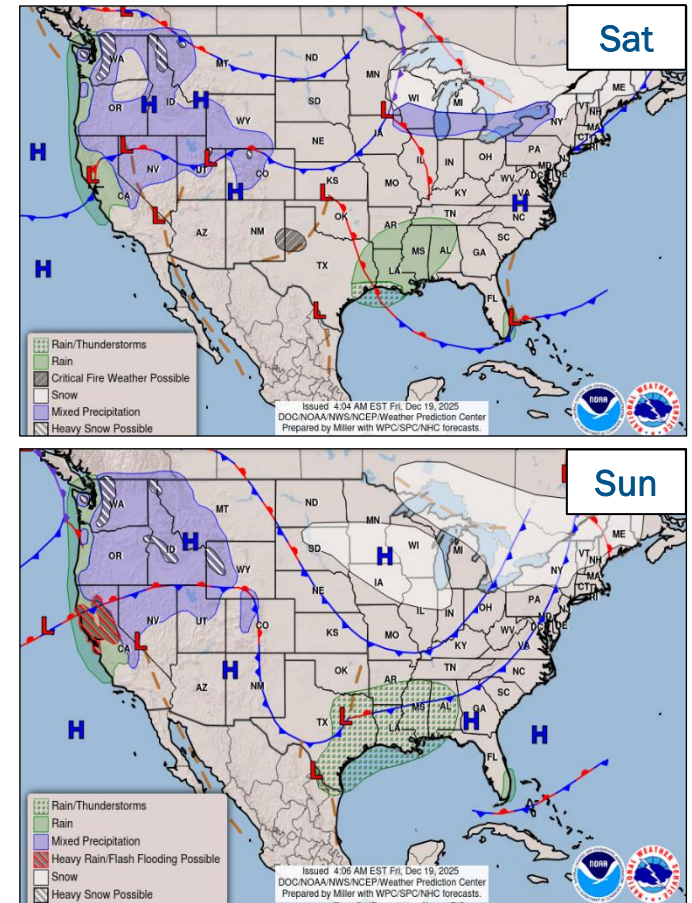
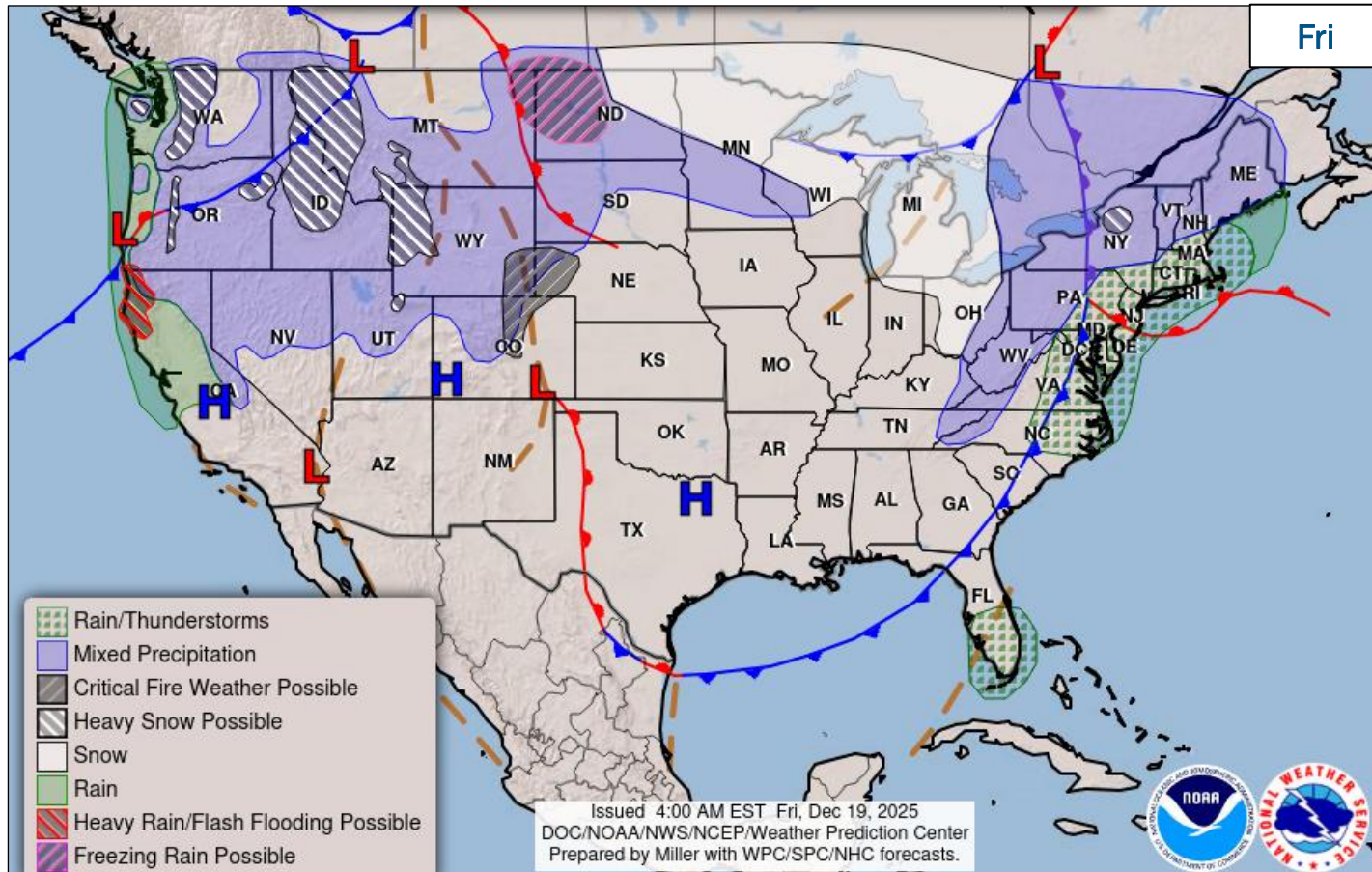
- Denver MOC is at Enhanced Watch; RRCC is at Level 3 (day shift only); R8 IMAT is available
- USACE is prepared to provide technical and direct assistance under their own authorities, if requested by State (USACE LNO, as of 11:04 a.m. ET, Dec 16)



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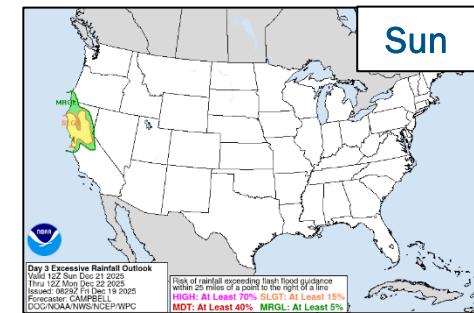
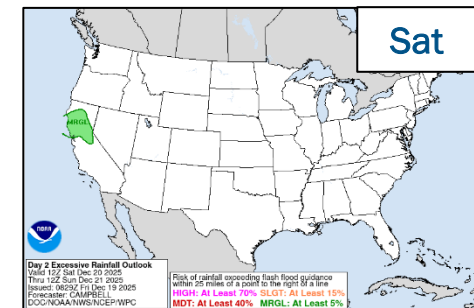
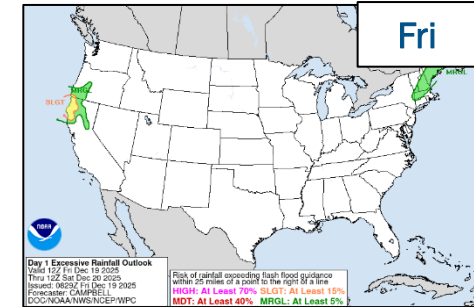
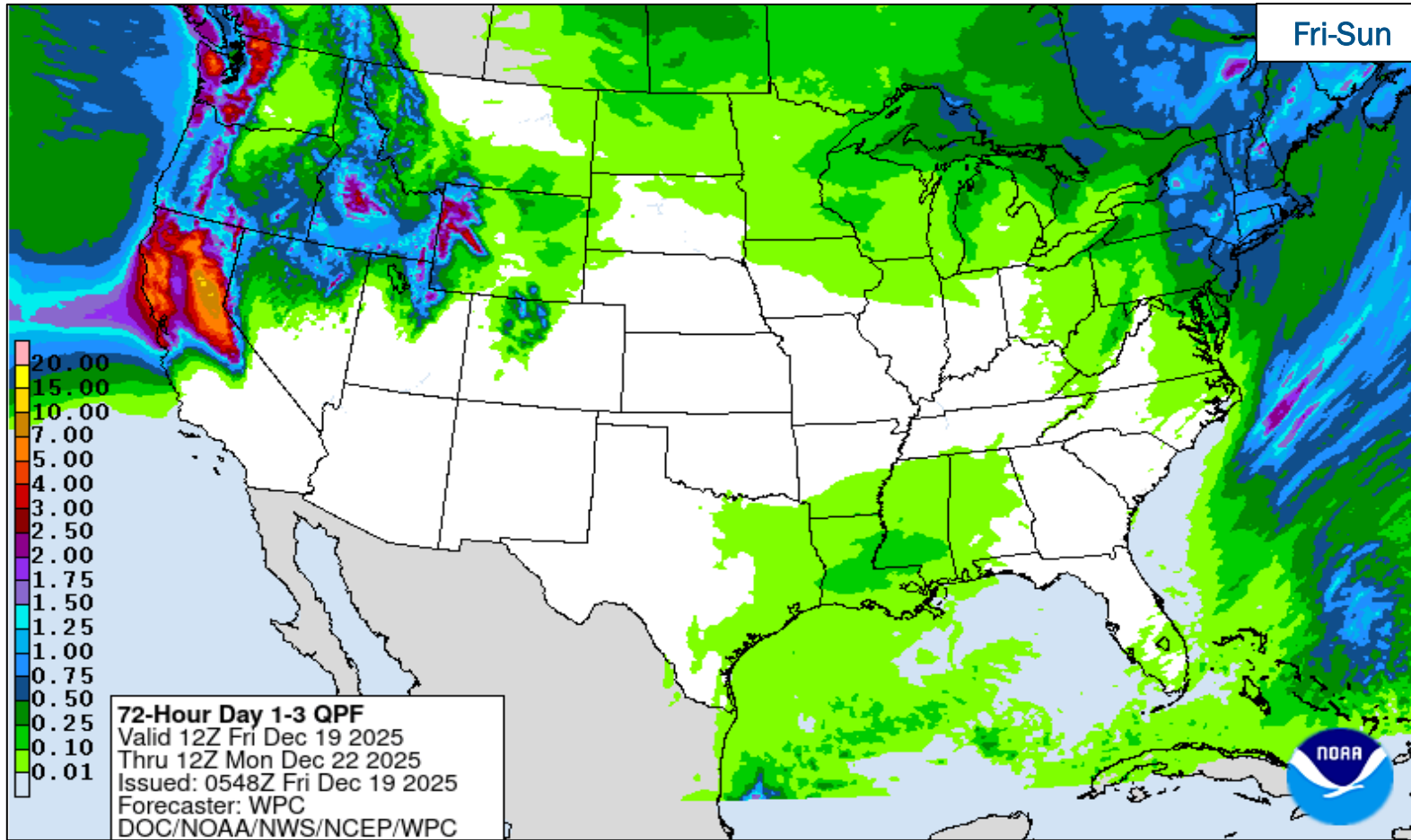
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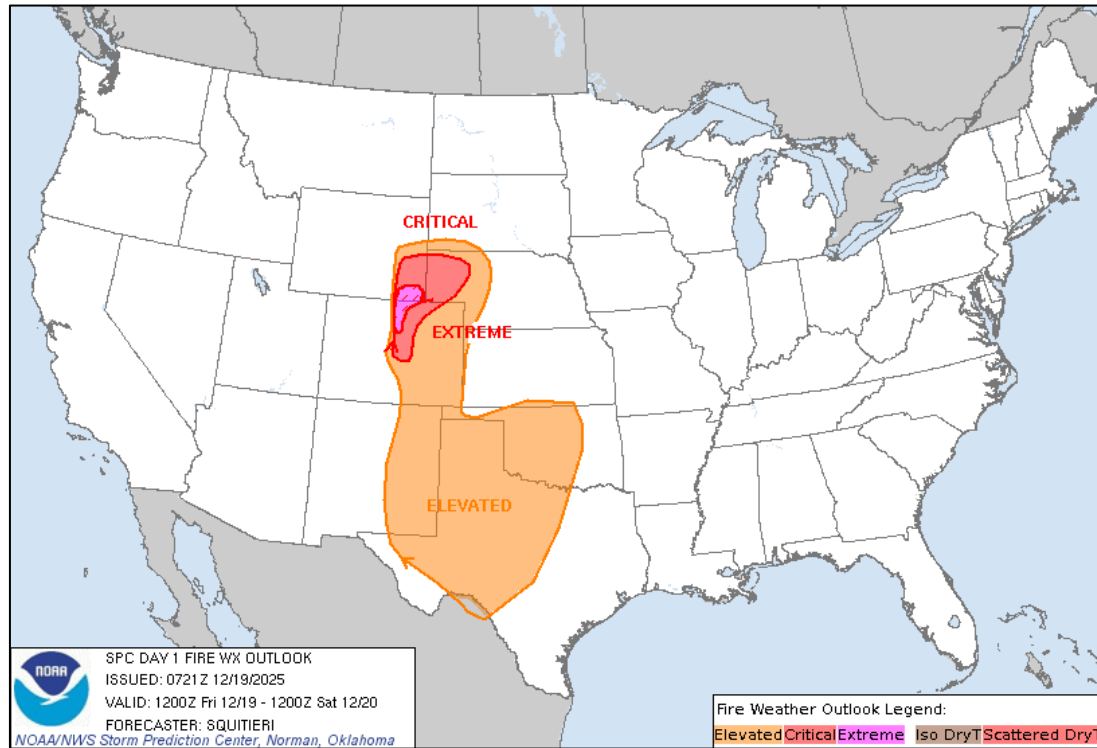
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Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall

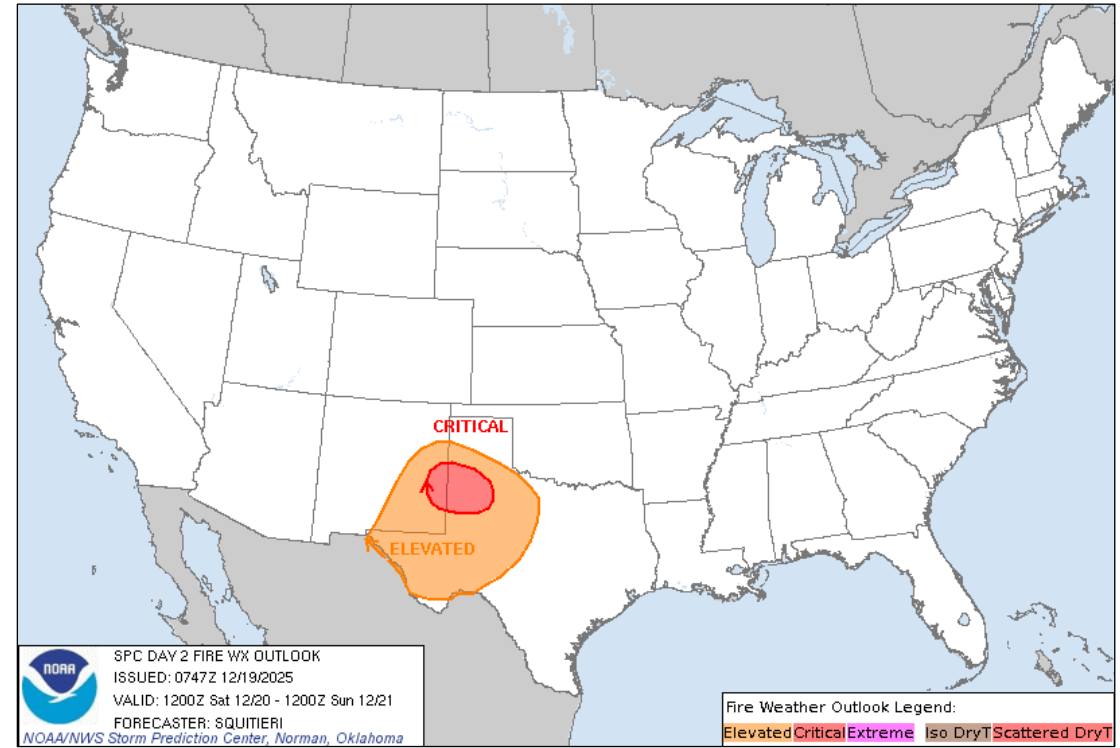


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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

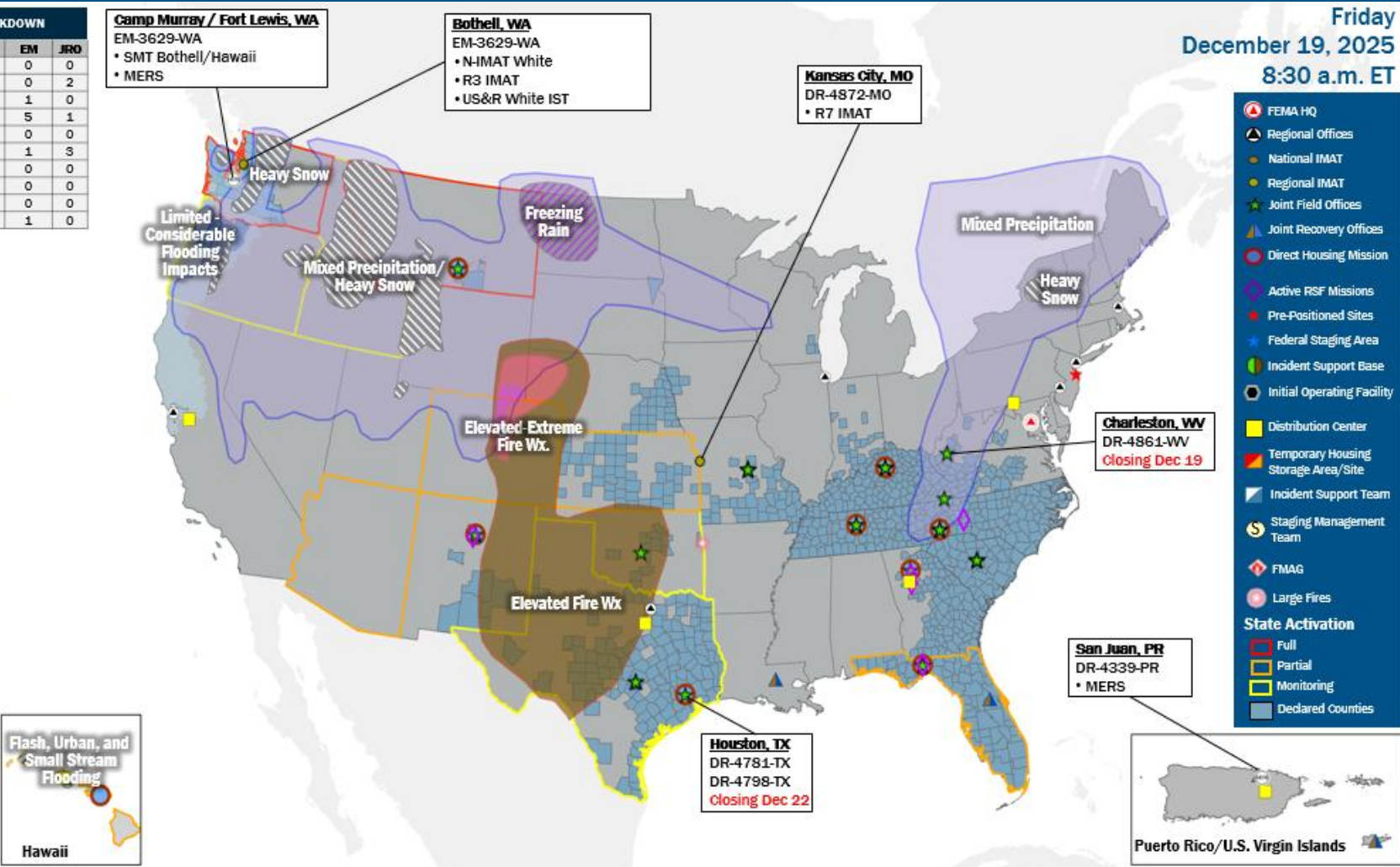
14 Joint Field Offices **Supporting** **44** Major Disasters **+** **8** Emergency Declarations **12** Direct Housing Missions **8** RSF-Supported Disasters **6** Joint Recovery Offices

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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 Rostered |
| Notes: | |
| NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs: | State EOCs: |
| • R5 RWC: Staffing (Dayshift only) | • HI: Wildfires |
| • Denver MOC/R8 RRCC: Flooding | • FL: Previous Incidents |
| | • AZ/MT/TX: Flooding |
| | • ID/OR/WA: Atmospheric River |
| | • CO: High Winds |
| | • OK/KS: Fire Weather |
| IMATs: | |
| • R10 IMAT: Reconstituting (Dec 12-26) | |
| Surge Capacity Force | |
| Rostered 7,970 | 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 |



- FEMA HQ
- Regional Offices
- National IMAT
- Regional IMAT
- 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

IM Workforce

11,597 (-28) Assigned
5,646 (-11) Unavailable
3,060 (-23) Deployed

25% / 2,891 (+6) Available

IM Cadre Availability

15 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability
Alternative Dispute Resolution: 13% (4/31); Civil Rights: 15% (15/99); Disaster Field Training Operations: 25% (17/67); Disability Integration: 12% (2/17); External Affairs: 11% (33/287); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 7% (44/664); Field Leadership: 16% (19/119); Financial Management: 22% (41/183); Hazard Mitigation: 10% (77/777); Human Resources: 18% (28/159); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 20% (39/196); Public Assistance: 16% (325/2,042); Planning: 8% (28/351); Safety: 8% (7/89); Security: 10% (11/112)

MERS
≥ 66%

36 Assigned
6 Unavailable
2 (-1) Deployed

28 (+1) Available

US&R
≥ 66%

28 Assigned
1 Unavailable
3 Deployed

24 Available

FCO
2 Type I

38 Assigned
5 Unavailable
26 (17 FCOR) Deployed

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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