

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, December 23, 2022

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Arctic Blast – Impacts / Response

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Winter Weather – Central and Eastern U.S.

Disaster Declaration Activity

- 7 amendments issued

Event Monitoring

- No significant events



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Arctic Blast – Impacts

Situation: A significant and disruptive storm system is producing a multitude of weather hazards as heavy snowfall, strong winds, and dangerously cold temperatures span across the Central and Eastern U.S.

Impact Summary :

No major/widespread property damage or power outages identified; transportation disruptions have been the most widely reported impact

- **Transportation:** All major airport hubs are open, although numerous flight cancellations have been reported. (*FAA, various media sources, 7:15 a.m. ET*)
 - Charlotte IAP reported a full ground stop this morning due to weather. (*FAA*)
 - More than 2.5k flight cancellations and 10K flight delays across the U.S. on 22 Dec (*CISA, DHS NOC*)
- **Power:** Approx. 943k customers without power nationwide, the majority of which are in TX, GA, SC, and CT (*DOE, 8amET*)
- **Shelters:**
 - Hundred of warming shelters open across the impacted areas
 - 7 ARC shelters open overnight with 559 occupants, the majority of which were in CO (*6/554*) (*ARC, 6:00 a.m. ET*)
- **Fatalities:** 2 confirmed (KS/MO) (*Region VII RWC*)

Region I:

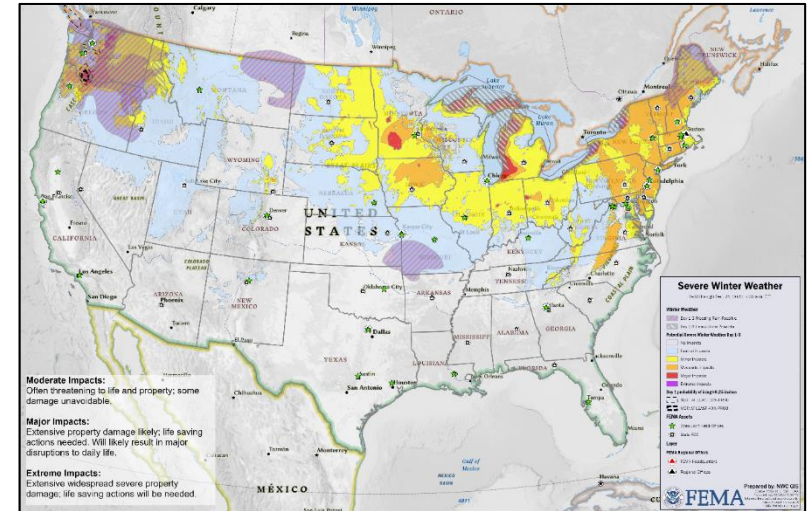
- CT: 100k (6.29%) customers without power (*EAGLE-I, 8:00 a.m. ET*)
- MA: 56k (1.74%) customers without power (*EAGLE-I, 8:00 a.m. ET*)

Region II:

- NY: Mandatory evacuations in effects for Hoover Beach neighborhood in Hamburg (Erie Co.), NY, due to potential for lakeshore flooding
- NY/NJ: New York-area airports (EWR, LGA, JFK) reporting ground delays

Region IV:

- Media reports warming shelters open in states across region
- GA: 93k (2.03%) customers without power (*EAGLE-I, 8:00 a.m. ET*)
- SC: 74k (2.69%) customers without power (*EAGLE-I, 8:00 a.m. ET*)
- NC: 73k (1.51%) customers without power (*EAGLE-I, 8:00 a.m. ET*)



Region VI:

- TX: 7 warming centers in San Antonio; 1 Red Cross shelter in El Paso
- TX: 78k (0.62%) customers without power (*EAGLE-I, 8:00 a.m. ET*)

Region VII:

- Roads and interstates closed throughout region, including I-80 in IA
- KS: One confirmed fatality
- MO: One confirmed fatality; 374 warming sites open/on standby

Region VIII:

- SD: 2 shelters open for Rosebud Sioux Tribe (pop. 6)
- CO: 6 shelters open (pop. 554); 21 warming centers established



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Arctic Blast – Response

State Impacts / Response:

- Region I:
 - RI/VT: EOCs at [Partial Activation \(COVID-19, Arctic Blast\)](#)
 - ME: EOC at Monitoring (COVID-19), [will transition to Partial Activation at 12:00 p.m. ET](#)
- Region II:
 - NJ: EOC at Partial Activation (COVID-19, TC Ida, Monkeypox, Avian Flu, and Arctic Blast)
 - [NY: EOC at Partial Activation \(Arctic Blast\)](#)
 - [Gov declared State of Emergency on Dec 23](#)
- [Region III:](#)
 - [PA: EOC at Partial Activation \(Arctic Blast\)](#)
 - [WV: EOC at Partial Activation \(Arctic Blast\)](#)
 - Gov declared State of Emergency/State of Preparedness
- Region IV:
 - KY: EOC at [Partial Activation \(Arctic Blast\)](#)
 - Gov declared State of Emergency on Dec 21
 - GA: EOC at [Partial Activation \(Arctic Blast\)](#)
 - Gov declared State of Emergency on Dec 21
 - [NC: Gov declared State of Emergency \(Arctic Blast\)](#)
 - [TN: EOC at Monitoring \(Arctic Blast\)](#)
- Region V:
 - IN: EOC at [Partial Activation \(Arctic Blast\)](#); [NG activated](#)
 - [MN: NG activated](#)
- Region VI:
 - TX: EOC at Partial Activation (Arctic Blast)
 - OK: EOC at [Monitoring \(Arctic Blast\)](#)
 - Gov declared State of Emergency
 - [LA: EOC at Monitoring \(Arctic Blast\)](#)

- Region VII:
 - KS: EOC at Partial Activation (All Hazards, COVID-19, and Arctic Blast)
 - MO: EOC at Partial Activation (Arctic Blast)
- Region VIII:
 - SD: EOC at Normal Operations
 - WY: EOC at Monitoring (Arctic Blast)
 - CO: EOC at Monitoring (COVID-19, Avian Influenza, Wildfires, and Arctic Blast);
 - Gov activated 100 CO NG

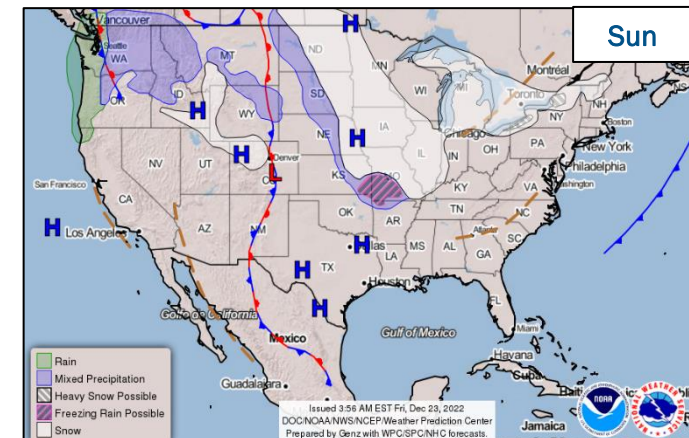
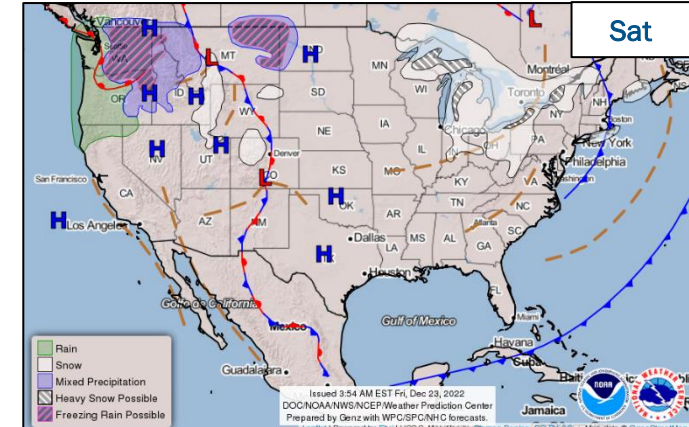
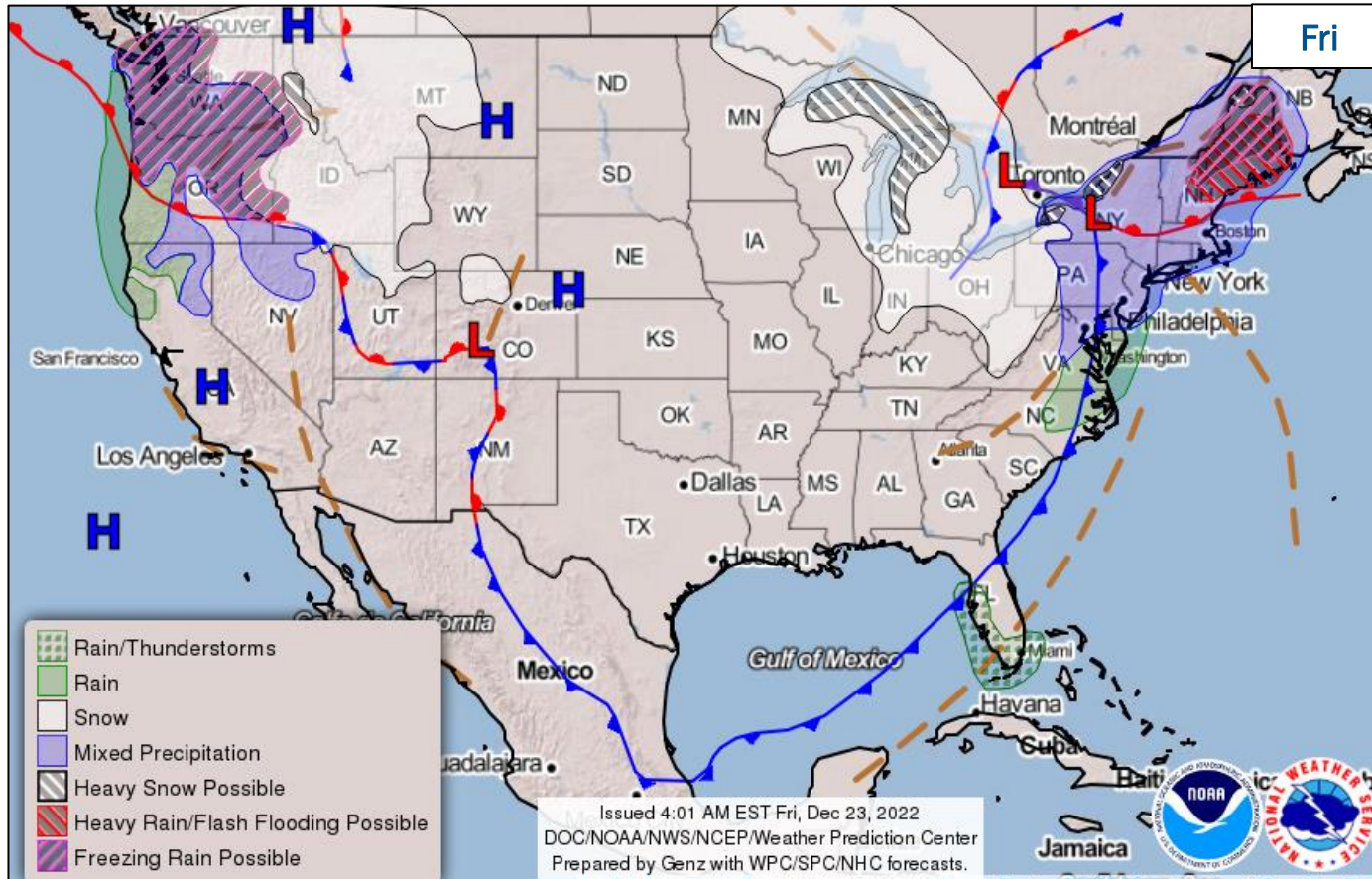
FEMA Response:

- Region I RWC [has activated its Enhanced Watch \(Arctic Blast\)](#)
- Region V RWC is Monitoring (Arctic Blast)
 - LNOs have been identified to support state EOCs
- [Region VII RWC is Enhanced Watch \(Arctic Blast\)](#)
- Region VIII RRCC at Level III (Arctic Blast)
- FEMA HQ:
 - Logistics: ISB/SMT deployed to Ellsworth AFB, SD
 - [11 trailers en route have been instructed to shelter at truck stops in NE until road conditions improve](#)
 - External Affairs: Issuing preparedness messaging
 - US&R White prepared to deploy
 - DEC/FLD/Recovery/Responder Lodging/
FOD/Planning/NRCB/OCB/OCC: Prepared to support
 - NWC is Monitoring 24/7



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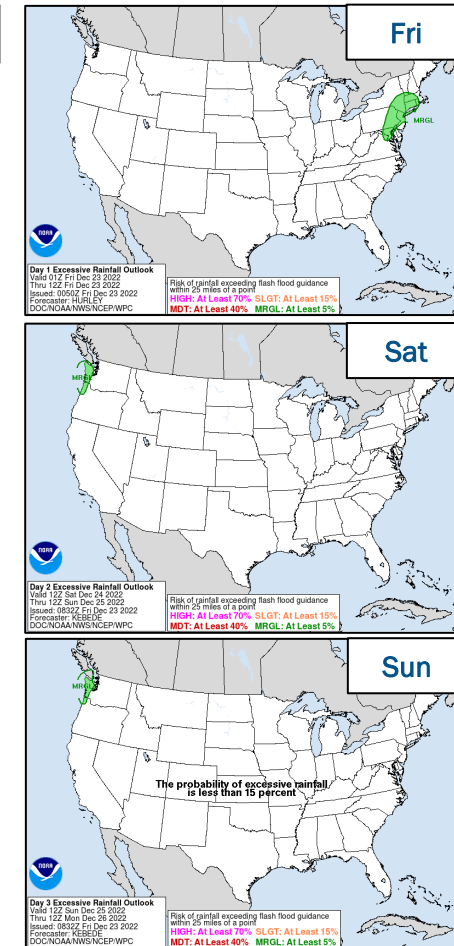
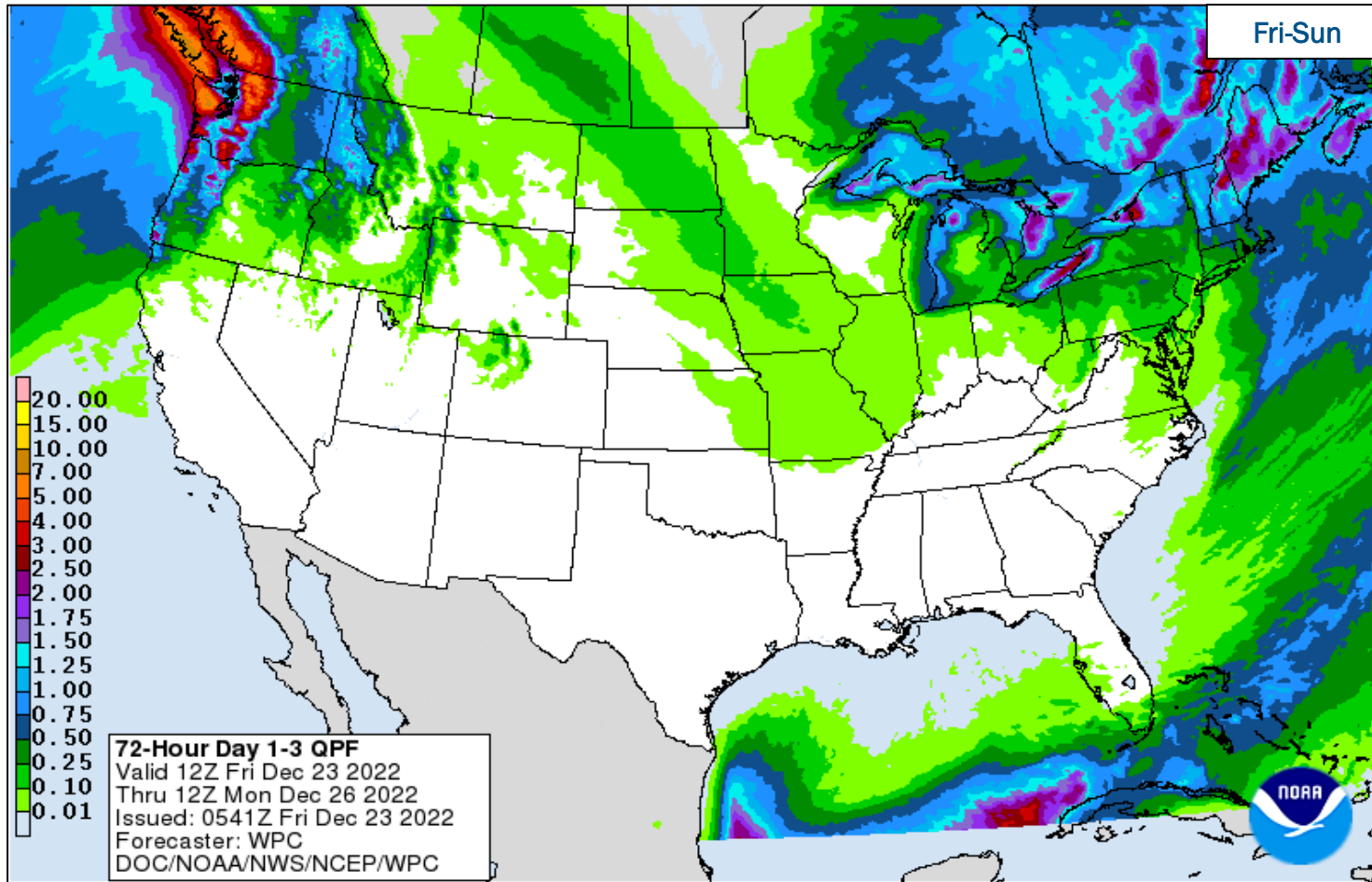
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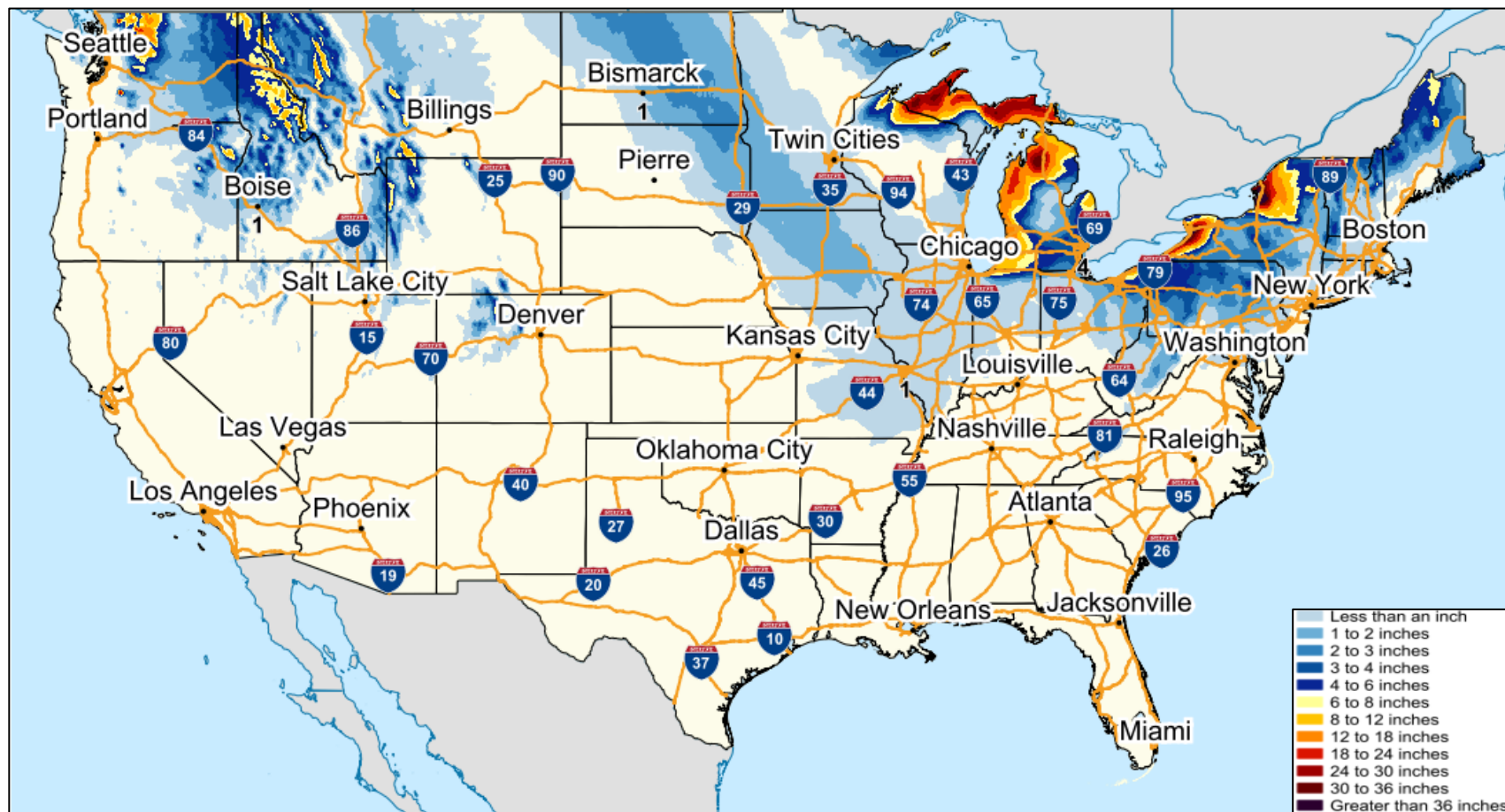
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Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



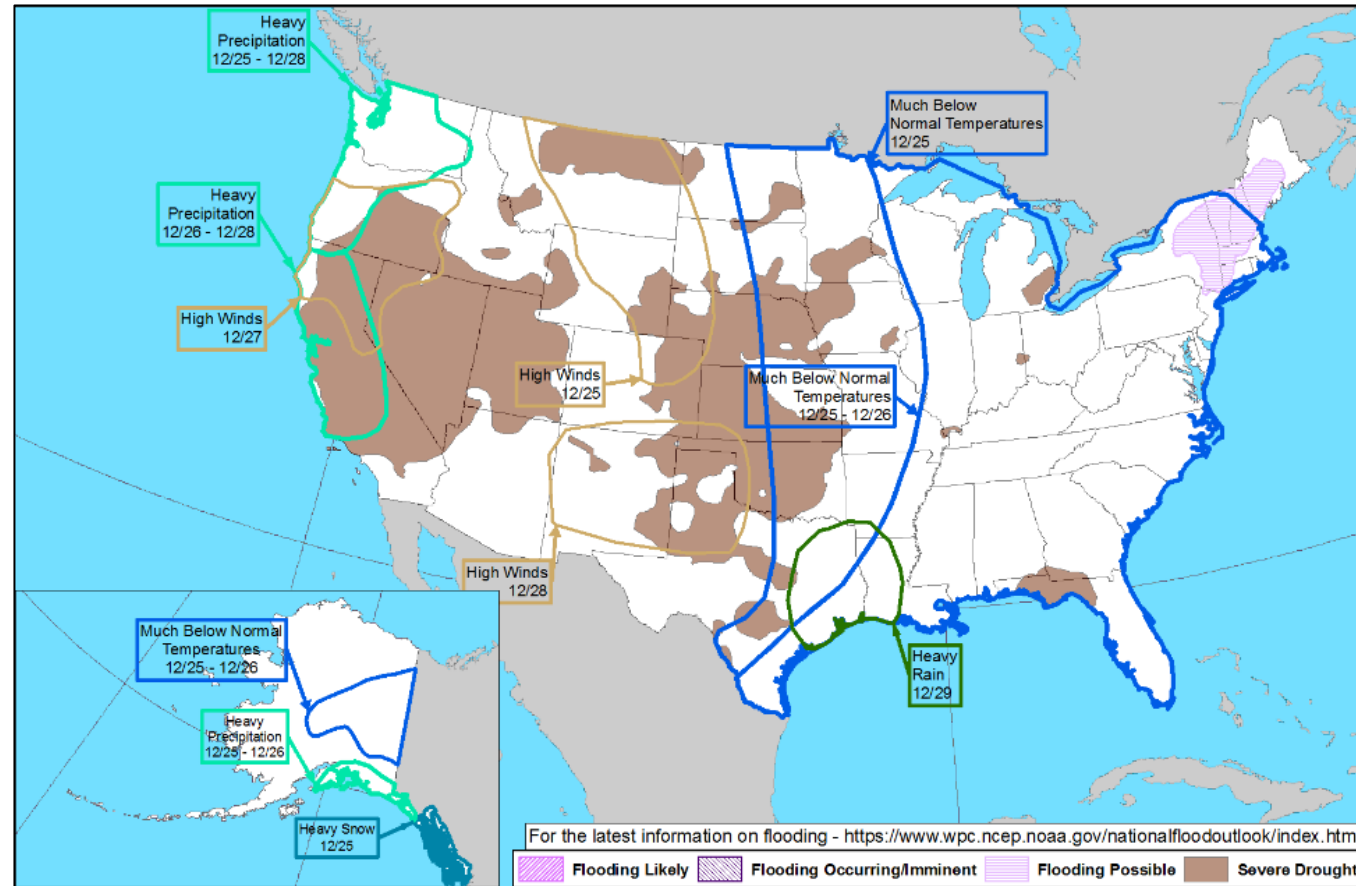
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Forecast Snowfall



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Hazards Outlook – Dec 25-29



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

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Joint Field
Offices

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Virtual Joint
Field Offices

54
Major
Disasters

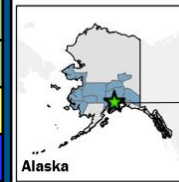
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Emergency
Declarations

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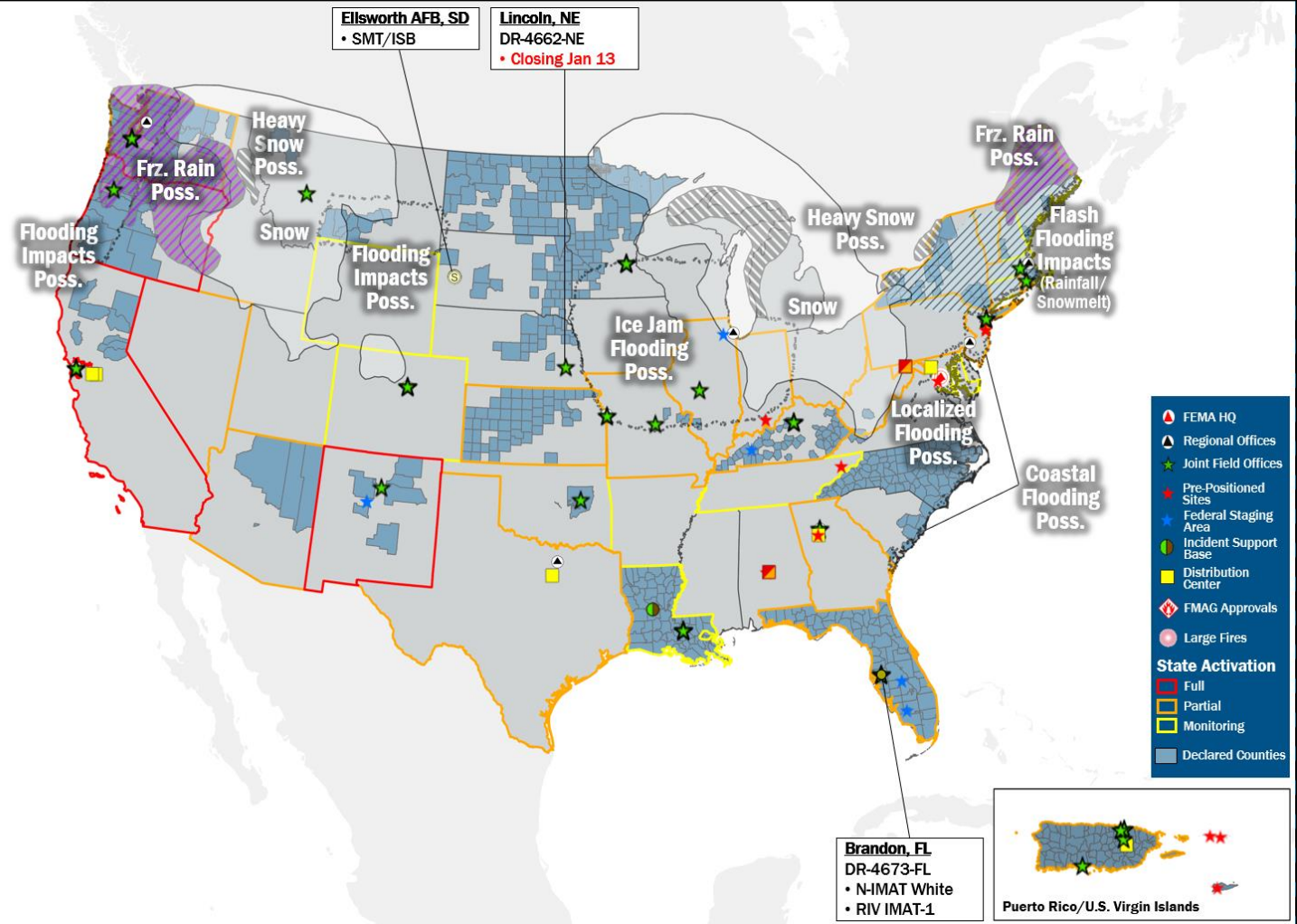
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NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Rostered
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Enhanced	I Rostered
Monitoring	II Rostered
Monitoring	III Rostered
Monitoring	IV Rostered
Monitoring	V Rostered
Monitoring	VI Rostered
Enhanced	VII Rostered
Monitoring	VIII Level III
Monitoring	IX Rostered
Monitoring	X Rostered
Notes:	
RWCs/RRCCs:	STATE EDCs:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RI RWC: Arctic Blast RVII RWC: Arctic Blast RVIII RRCC: Arctic Blast 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NI: TC Ida, Monkeypox CO/GA/IN/KS/KY/LA/MO/NU/NY/OA/PA/RI/TN/TX/VT/WV/WY: Arctic Blast CO/NJ: Avian Influenza PR: TC Fiona FL: TC Ian KY/NM: Flooding IL/SW Border Bus Reception and Coordination CO/NM: Wildfires TX: Ongoing Operations KS: All Hazards AZ: SW Border Coordination AS/GA: Seismic Activity HI: Severe Weather OR: RSV & Influenza Surge WA: European Green Crabs/Flu & RSV Season
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 7,692	Deployed 0

N-IMATs	
2-4 Teams Available	
Red	
White	FL
Blue	
Gold	
R-IMATs	
≥ 7 Teams Available	
I	
II	
III	Personnel
IV-1	FL
IV-2	
V	1
VI-1	Personnel
VI-2	2
VII	
VIII	
IX-1	Personnel
IX-2	
X	Personnel

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN			
	JFO/VJFO	DR	EM
I	2/0	5	0
II	2/3	5	4
III	0/0	3	0
IV	2/1	8	4
V	2/0	4	0
VI	2/1	3	3
VII	2/1	4	0
VIII	1/1	4	0
IX	0/1	6	0
X	2/1	12	0



Anchorage, AK
DR-4638-AK
• Closing Dec 23



FEMA HQ

Regional Offices

Joint Field Offices

Pre-Positioned Sites

Federal Staging Area

Incident Support Base

Distribution Center

FMAG Approvals

Large Fires

State Activation

- Full
- Partial
- Monitoring
- Declared Counties

IM Workforce

13,313 (+1) Assigned
4,283 Unavailable
5,094 (-22) Deployed

30% (+1) / 3,936 (+23) Available

IM Cadre Availability ≤ 25% Availability

Disability Integration: 13% (8/64); External Affairs: 25% (120/486); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 18% (149/838); Field Leadership: 18% (26/143); Hazard Mitigation: 19% (236/1,237); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 25% (76/299); Operations: 18% (65/371); Public Assistance: 17% (378/2,190); Planning: 15% (72/477); Safety: 18% (13/74)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned
0 Unavailable
0 Deployed

36 Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned
2 Unavailable
0 Deployed

26 Available

FCO

≤ 1 Type I

51 Assigned
3 Unavailable
39 (-1) (27 FCOR) Deployed

9 (+1) Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
VI	OK	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Floods Nov 4 and continuing	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	4	0	11/18 - TBD
VIII	ND	Winter Storm Nov 9-11	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	10	0	12/21 - TBD



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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-4611-DR-LA	7	Dec 16	Appoints Benjamin Abbott as the FCO
FEMA-4676-DR-IL	1	Dec 21	Appoints Benjamin Abbott as the FCO
FEMA-4630-DR-KY	10	Dec 22	Appoints Myra M. Shird as the FCO
FEMA-4643-DR-KY	3	Dec 22	Appoints Myra M. Shird as the FCO
FEMA-4663-DR-LA	12	Dec 22	Appoints Myra M. Shird as the FCO
FEMA-4677-DR-SC	1	Dec 22	Adds 38 counties for emergency protective measures (CAT B) including direct Federal Assistance under the PA program
FEMA-4680-DR-FL	1	Dec 22	Adds 51 counties, the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida for emergency protective measures (CAT B) including direct Federal Assistance under the PA program



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Declaration Requests in Process – 5

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
OR – Wildfires and Straight-line Winds	EM		X		Sep 9
GA – Flooding	DR	X			Oct 4
UT – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Oct 19
CA – Heat Dome and Wildfires	DR	X	X	X	Oct 26
Havasupai Tribe – Flooding	DR		X	X	Nov 30



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