

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, December 24, 2022

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Ops / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Arctic Blast – Impacts / Response

## Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Winter Weather – Central and Eastern U.S.
- Wintry Mix – Pacific Northwest and Northern Plains

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## Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

## Event Monitoring

- No significant events



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# Arctic Blast – Impacts

**Situation:** A ground blizzard and bands of very heavy lake effect snow will continue across the upper Midwest and Great Lakes through Sunday. Impacts to travel and power will continue, along with life-threatening conditions. Wind chills in the single digits and teens will be in place across most of Texas, the Deep South and northern/central Florida until this afternoon. Impacts to power and frozen water pipes will continue – another night of below freezing temperatures is forecast tonight. Temperatures will rise above freezing Christmas Day and be much milder into next week.

**Lifelines Impacts:** No major/widespread property damage.

**Food, Water, Sheltering:** Hundreds of warming shelters open across the impacted areas

- 17 (+10) ARC shelters open throughout the impacted areas; 928 occupants (ARC, 6:00 a.m. ET)
- ME: 1 open/2 occupants; VT: 2 open/3 occupants; MD: 1 open/0 occupants; NY: 1 open/0 occupants; OH: 1 open/26 occupants; VA 1/4 occupants; TN: 1/7 occupants; IL: 2/52 occupants; WI: 1 open/19; CO: 5 open/513 occupants; TX: 1 open/302 occupants

**Health and Medical:** Storm related fatalities: KS (1), MO (1), (RVII RWC); KY (3), TN (1) and OH (4) (RIV Update, 8:50 p.m. ET)

**Energy:** (Eagle-I, 7:00 a.m. ET)

- Approx. 1.6 million (+657k) customers without power nationwide; overall customers without power is trending up due to scheduled rolling blackouts
- \*\*Of Note\*\*** Power outage numbers include states with Rolling Blackouts in progress – See breakdown below

**Communications:** 3 communication towers collapsed in NH are physically down and 4 remain standing, propagation mapping of nearby towers indicate an overlap of coverage for the impacted area (FEMA Region 1)

**Transportation:** All major airport hubs are open; numerous flight cancellations have been reported. (FAA, media, 5:00 a.m. ET)

- More than 2.9k flight cancellations and 4.6k flight delays across the U.S. (FlightAware, 5:00 a.m. ET)

## Region I:

- CT: 38k (-62k) (2.3%); MA: 20k (-36k) (0.63%); NH: 90k (12.3%); ME: 244k (+146k) (31.1%); VT: 38k (-15k) (10%) customers without power
- ME: A fire station is down; the State has located a generator and it is enroute to that facility

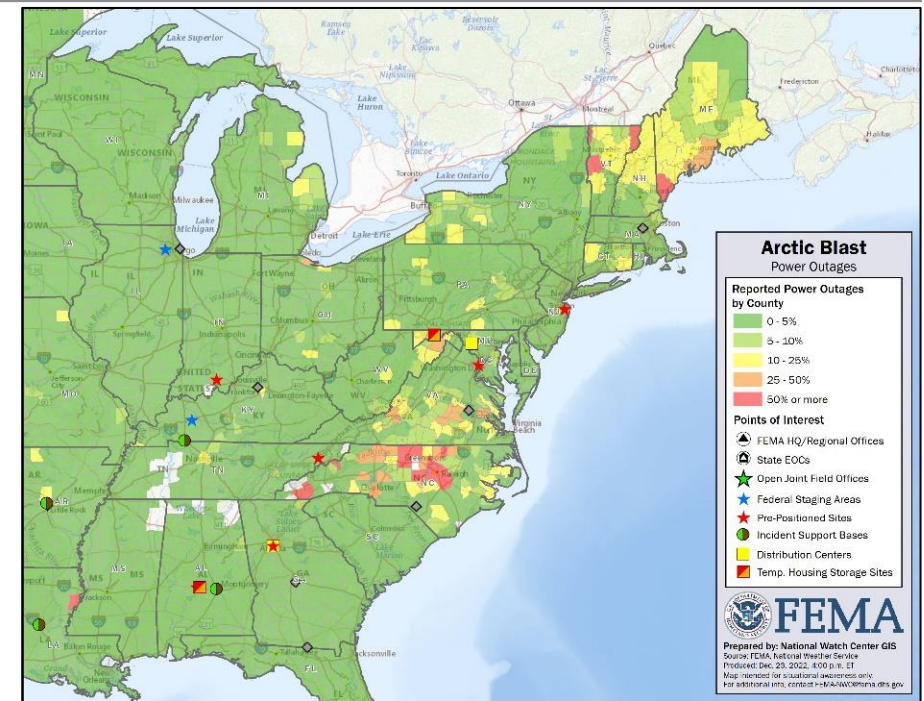
## Region II:

- NY: Mandatory evacuations: Hoover Beach neighborhood in Hamburg (Erie Co.), NY, due to potential for lakeshore flooding
- NY: 75k (0.9%) customers without power

**Region III:** VA: 56k (1.4%) customers without power

**Region IV:** AL 61k (2.90%); TN: **Rolling Blackout** – 329k (12.79%); GA: 11k (-82k) (0.26%); SC: 72k (-2k) (2.61%); NC: **Rolling**

**Blackout** – 439k (9.04%) customers without power



## Region VI:

- TX: 7 warming centers in San Antonio; 1 Red Cross shelter in El Paso
- TX: 14k (0.12%) customers without power

## Region VII:

- Numerous roads and interstates closed throughout region, including a 90-mile section of I-35 in IA
- 374 warming sites open/on standby

## Region VIII:

- SD: 2 shelters open for Rosebud Sioux Tribe (pop. 6)



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# Arctic Blast – Response

## State Impacts / Response:

- Region I:
  - NH/ME/VT: EOCs at Partial Activation (COVID-19, Arctic Blast)
  - MA/RI/CT: EOC at Monitoring (COVID-19)
  - CT: Gov declared Declaration of Emergency (Arctic Blast)
- Region II:
  - NJ: EOC at Partial Activation (COVID-19, TC Ida, Monkeypox, Avian Flu, and Arctic Blast)
  - NY: EOC at Partial Activation during day shift (Arctic Blast)
    - Gov declared State of Emergency on Dec 22; [activated 54 Guardsmen to assist those traveling for emergency medical appointments](#)
- 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:
  - FL: EOC at Partial Activation (Hurricane Ian)
  - GA: EOC at Partial Activation (Arctic Blast)
    - Gov declared State of Emergency on Dec 21
  - KY: EOC at Partial Activation (Arctic Blast)
    - Gov declared State of Emergency on Dec 21; [150 NG members activated](#)
  - NC: Gov declared State of Emergency on Dec 20 (Arctic Blast)
  - TN: EOC at Partial Activation (Arctic Blast)
- Region V:
  - IN: EOC at Partial Activation (Arctic Blast); NG activated
  - MI: EOC at Partial Activation (Arctic Blast); [LNO virtually support MI EOC - Gov declared a State of Emergency](#)
  - IL: EOC at Partial Activation (Arctic Blast/Southwest Border Bus Reception/Coordination)
  - MN: EOC at Monitoring; [Gov declared a peacetime emergency on Dec 23; NG assisting stranded motorists](#)
  - WI: EOC at Monitoring; [Gov declared State of Emergency on Dec 22 to expedite delivery of fuel products](#)
- Region VI:
  - LA and TX: EOC at Partial Activation (Arctic Blast)
  - OK: EOC at Monitoring (Arctic Blast); Gov declared State of Emergency

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

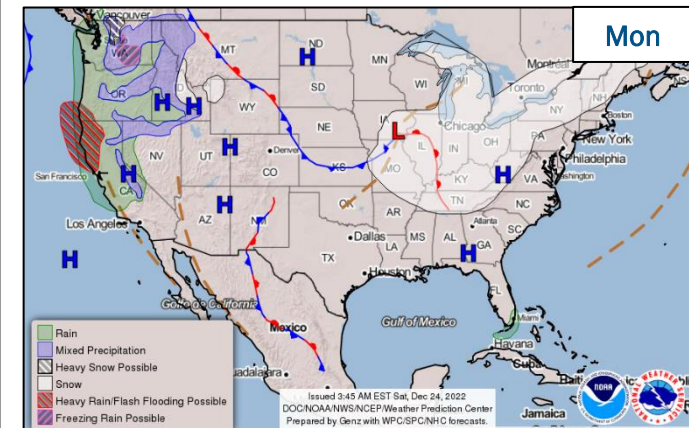
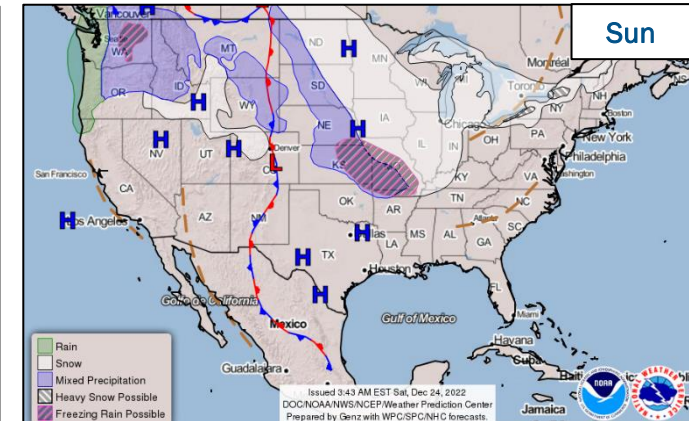
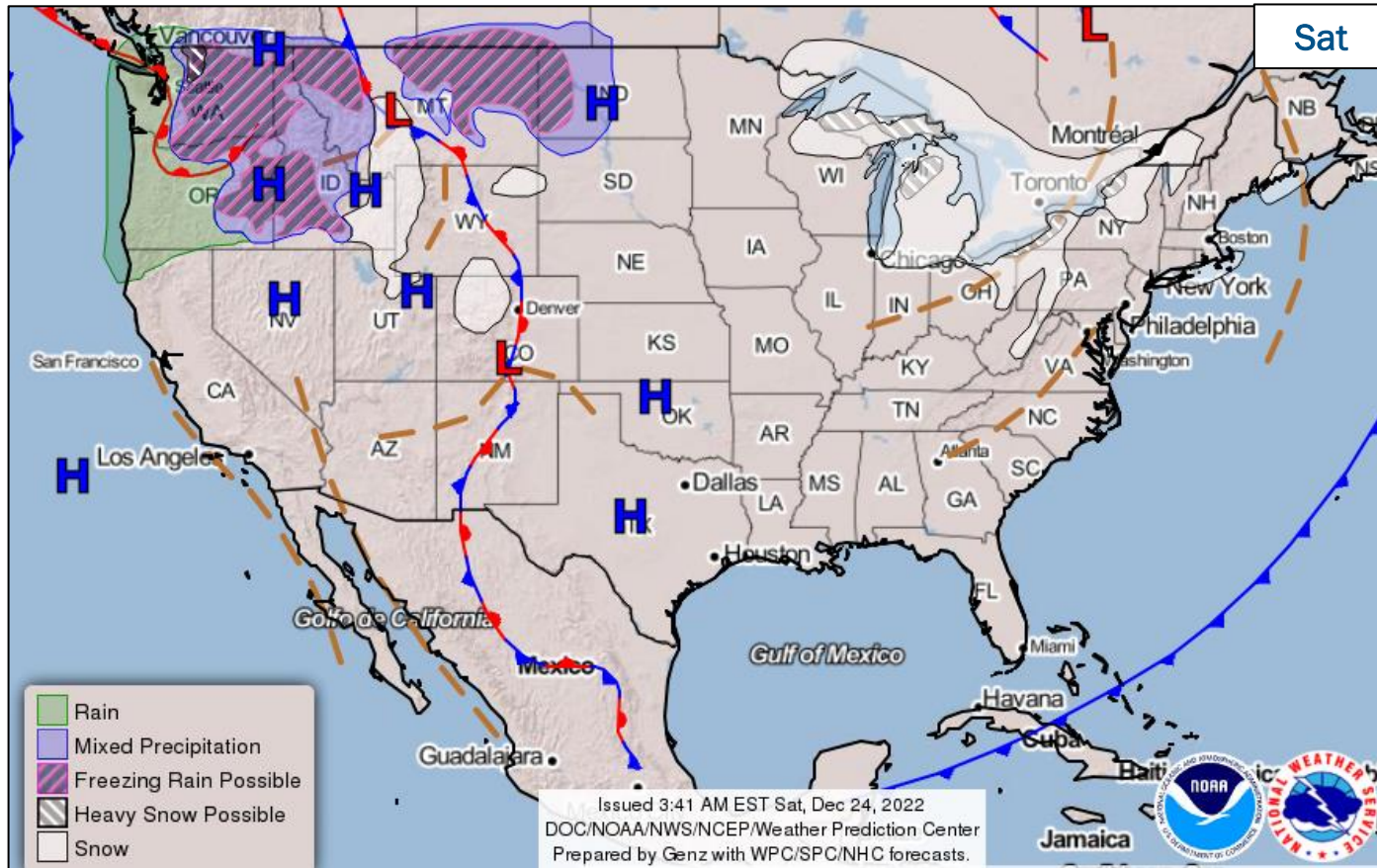
## FEMA Response:

- Region I RWC at Enhanced Watch (Arctic Blast)
- Region V RWC at Monitoring (Arctic Blast); [LNO virtual support to the MI SEOC](#)
- [Region VII RWC returned to Monitoring](#) (Arctic Blast)
- Region VIII [RRCC at Enhanced Watch \(7:30 - 5:00 p.m. ET\)](#); RWC is Monitoring
- FEMA HQ:
  - Logistics: ISB/SMT deployed to Ellsworth AFB, SD
    - 11 trailers [w/generators](#) 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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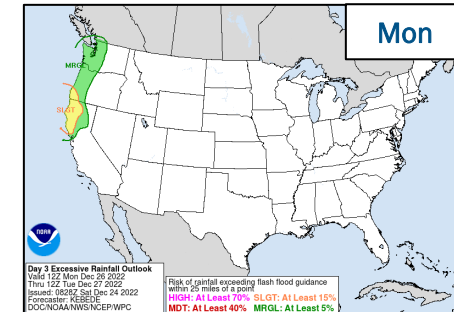
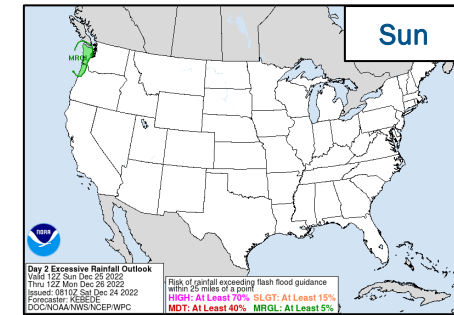
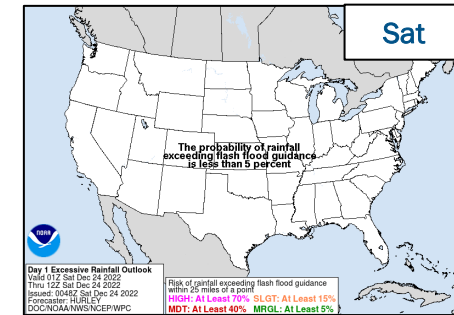
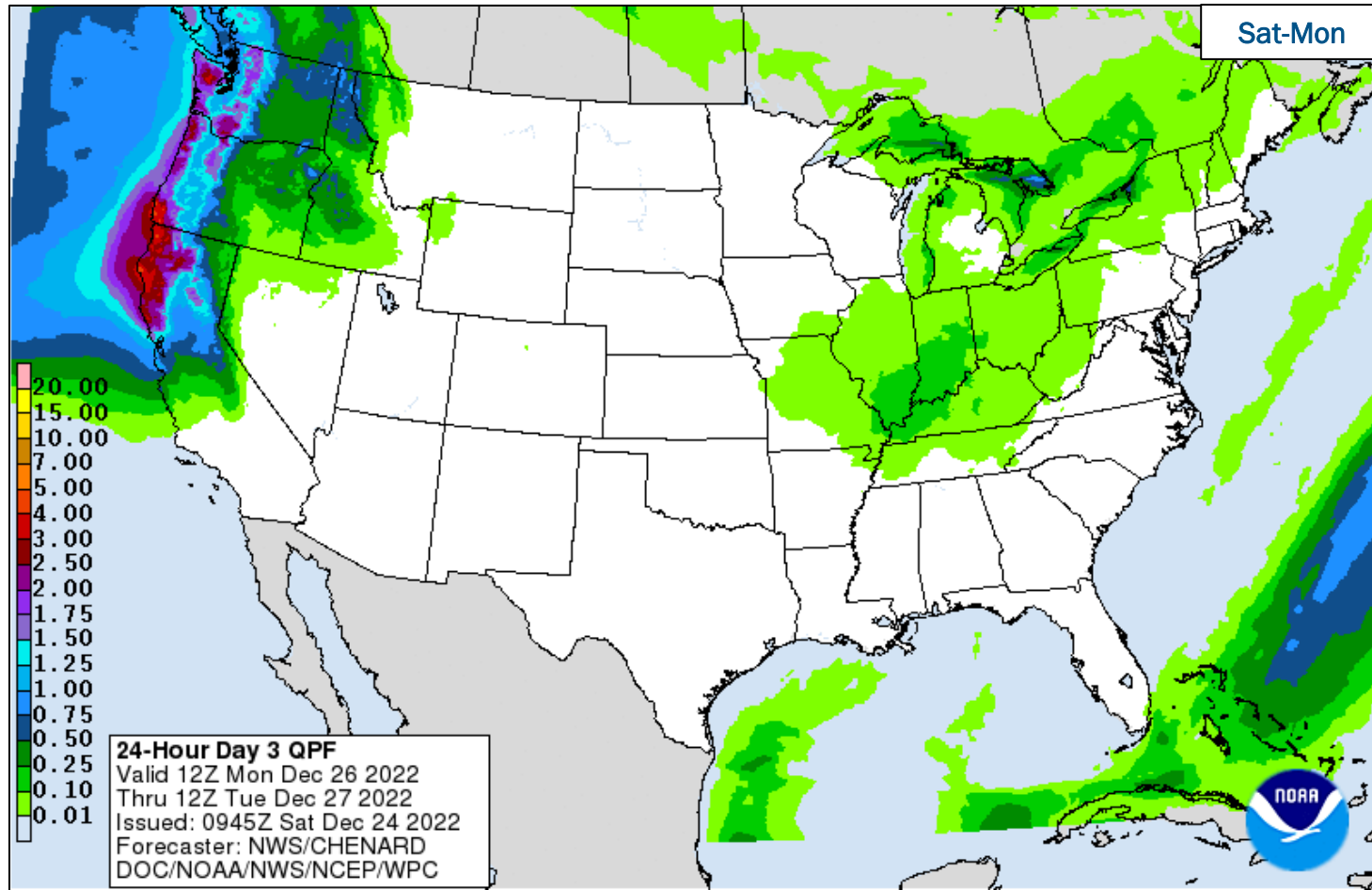
# National Weather Forecast



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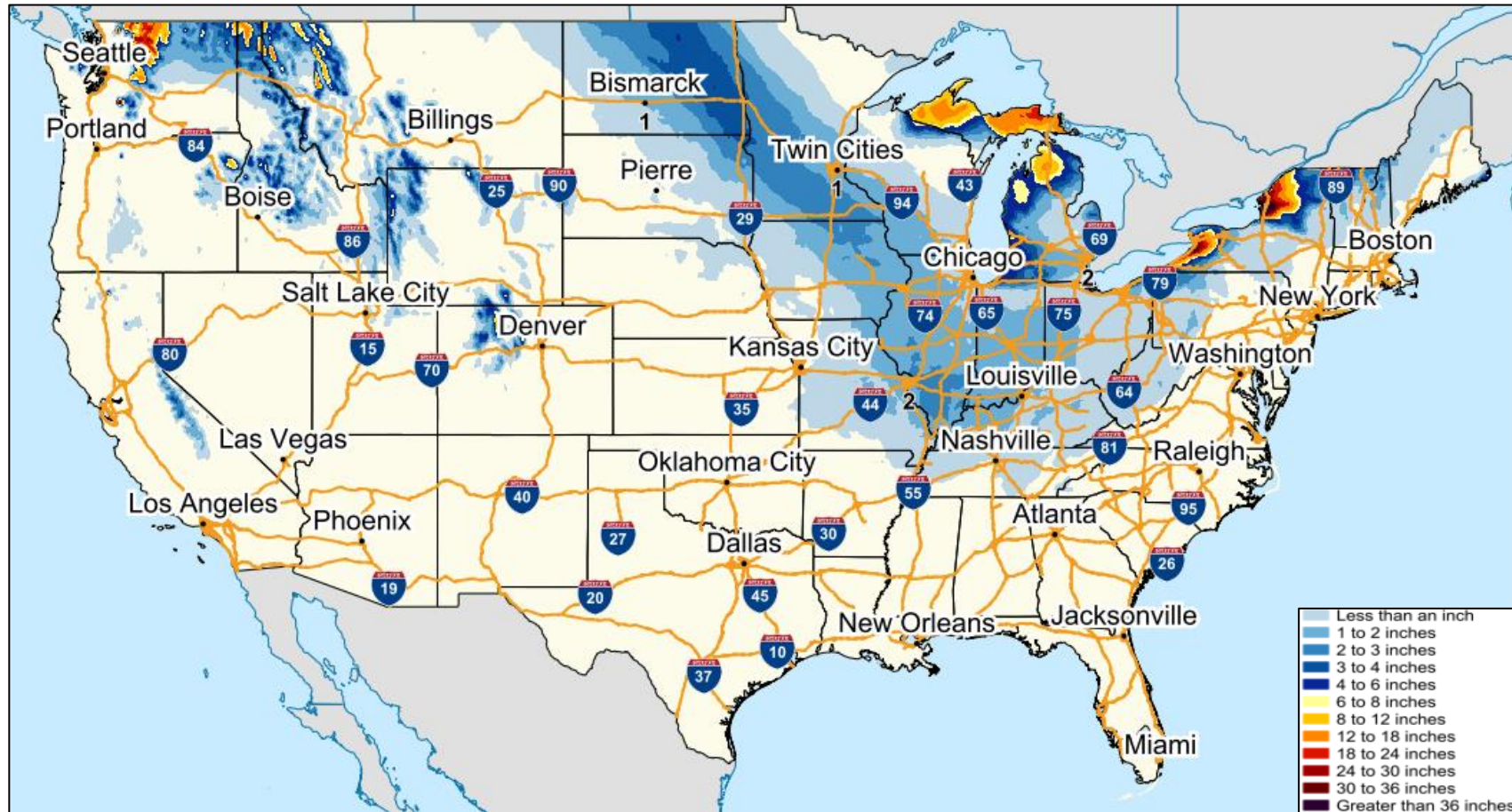
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# Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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# Forecast Snowfall



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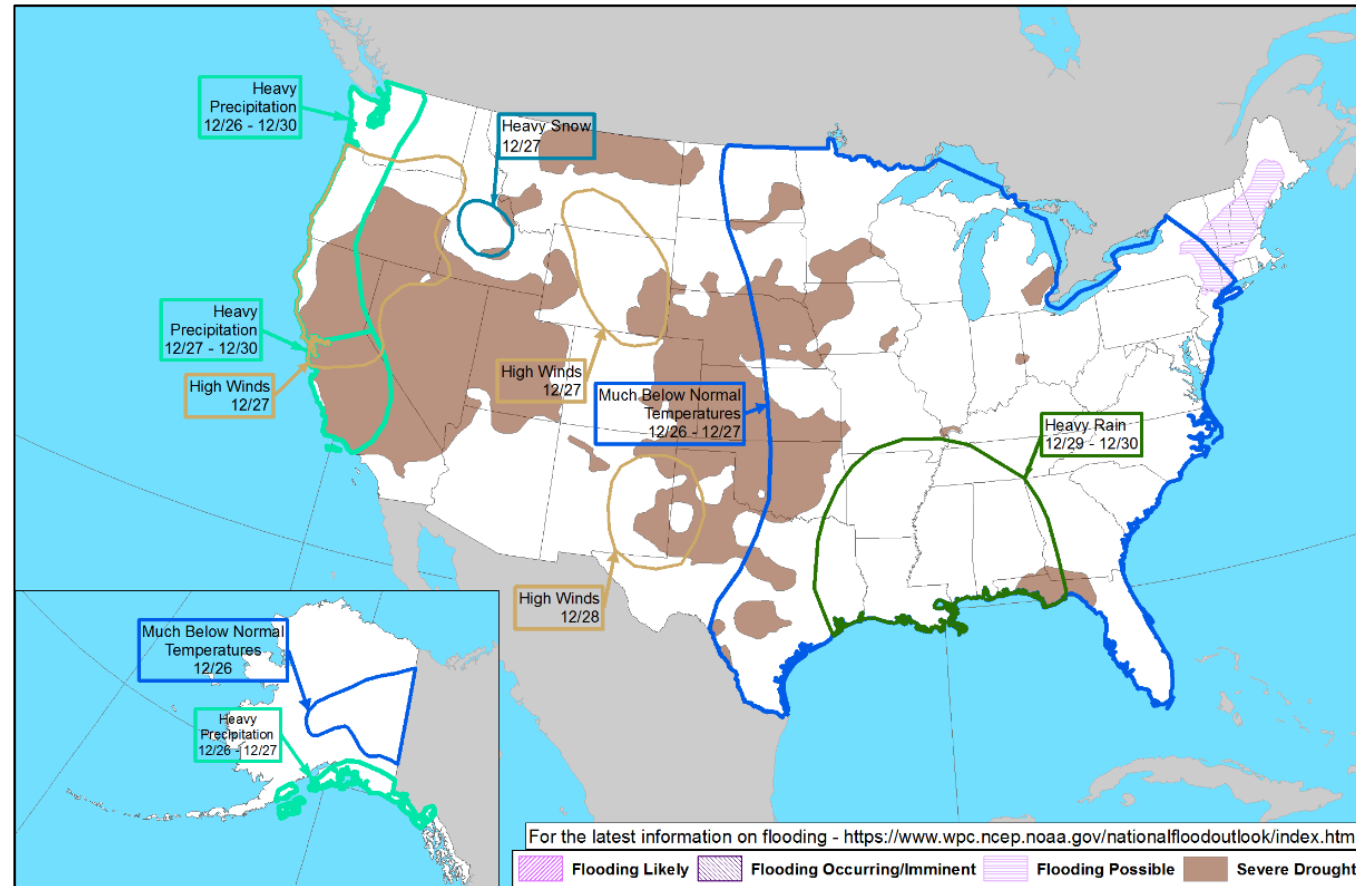
# Ice Accumulation Forecast



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# Hazards Outlook – Dec 26-30



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# FEMA Common Operating Picture

**15**  
Joint Field  
Offices

**9**  
Virtual Joint  
Field Offices

**53**  
Major  
Disasters

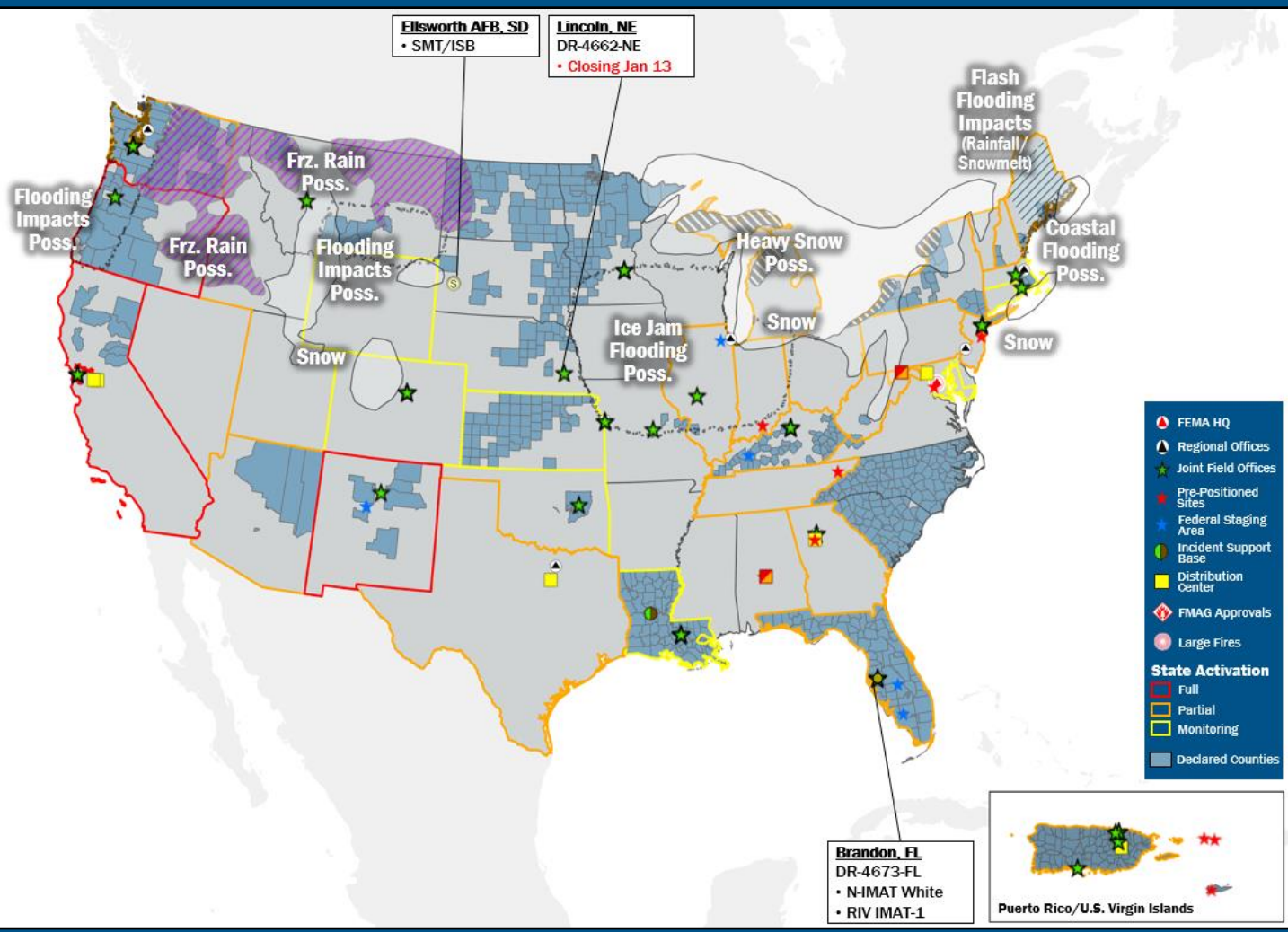
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Emergency  
Declarations

Saturday  
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FEMA HQ	
NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Rostered
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Monitoring	I Enhanced
Monitoring	II Rostered
Monitoring	III Rostered
Monitoring	IV Rostered
Monitoring	V Rostered
Monitoring	VI Rostered
Monitoring	VII Rostered
Monitoring	VIII Enhanced
Monitoring	IX Rostered
Monitoring	X Rostered
Notes:	
<b>RWCs/RRCCs:</b>	<b>STATE EDCs:</b>
• RI RWC: Arctic Blast	• NJ: TC Ida, Monkeypox
• RVII RWC: Monitor	• CO/GA/IN/KY/LA/NJ/MI/IL/NY/OA/PA/RI/TN/TX/VT/WV/WY: Arctic Blast
• RVIII RRCC: Enhanced (7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET)	• 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/CA: Seismic Activity
	• HI: Severe Weather
	• OR: RSV & Influenza Surge
	• WA: European Green Crabs/Flu & RSV Season
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered	Deployed
7,692	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
	Fully Mission Capable (FMC)
	Partially Mission Capable (PMC)
	Not Mission Capable (NMC)
	Deployed

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	11	0



## IM Workforce

13,312 (-1) Assigned  
4,293 (+10) Unavailable  
5,029 (-65) Deployed

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30% / 3,990 (+54) Available

## IM Cadre Availability ≤ 25% Availability

Disability Integration: 13% (8/64); External Affairs: 24% (118/486); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 19% (161/838); Field Leadership: 18% (26/143); Hazard Mitigation: 19% (237/1,237); Operations: 18% (67/371); Public Assistance: 17% (380/2,190); Planning: 15% (73/477); Safety: 19% (14/74)

## MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned  
0 Unavailable  
0 Deployed

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36 Available

## US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned  
2 Unavailable  
0 Deployed

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26 Available

## FCO

≤ 1 Type I

51 Assigned  
3 Unavailable  
39 (27 FCOR) Deployed

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9 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 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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