

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Sunday, December 25, 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

- Wintry Mix – Northern Intermountain and Northern Plains to the Lower Mississippi Valley
- Heavy Snow – Great Lakes

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- No significant events



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Arctic Blast – Impacts

Situation: Arctic air lingers across most of the country as heavy lake effect snow continues downwind of the Great Lakes. Conditions are expected to slowly improve as the system weakens; however, traveling in these conditions will be extremely dangerous in the most intense snow bands.

Lifelines Impacts: No major/widespread property damage.

Food, Water, Sheltering: Hundreds of warming shelters open across TX, AL, GA, SC, NC, KY, TN, VA, PA, NY, NJ, CT, VT, NH, ME, RI, MA

- 16 (-1) ARC shelters open throughout the impacted areas; 876 (-52) occupants (ARC, 8:30 a.m. ET)
- ME: 1 open/2 occupants; VT: 2 open/3 occupants; OH: 1 open/26 occupants; VA 1 open/4 occupants; TN: 1 open/7 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), KY (3), TN (1), OH (4), NY (2), and WI (1) (FEMA Region II, IV, V, VII)

Energy: (Eagle-I, 8:30 a.m. ET)

- Approx. 257k (-1.3 million) customers without power nationwide; overall customers without power is trending downward

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, 8:30 a.m. ET)

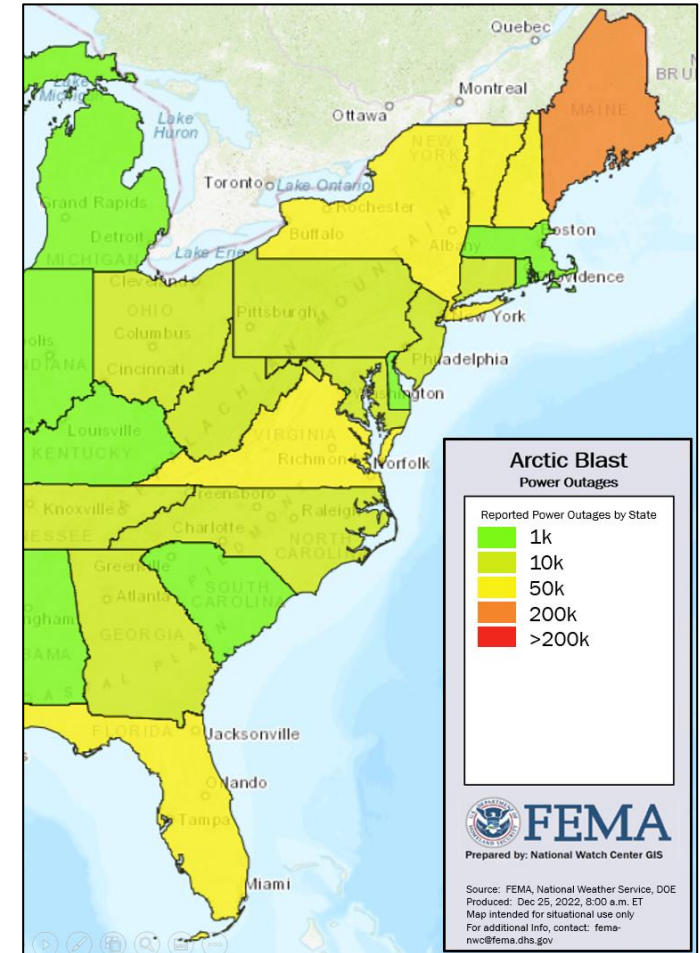
- NY: Travel ban implemented for Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Jefferson, Orleans counties
- NY: Rainbow, Peace and Lewiston-Queenston Bridges closed to all US bound traffic (FEMA Region II)
- More than 3k (+600) flight cancellations and 6k (+2.5k) flight delays across the U.S. (FlightAware, 8:30 a.m. ET)

Region I:

- CT: 4k (-34k) (0.22%); NH: 17k (-73k) (2.35%); ME: 90k (-154k) (11.55%); VT: 10k (-28k) (2.73%) customers without power

Region II:

- NY: Mandatory evacuations continue: Hoover Beach neighborhood in Hamburg (Erie Co.), NY, due to potential for lakeshore flooding
- Major flooding possible for Owasco Lake near Auburn, NY



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Arctic Blast – Response

State / Local Response:

- Region I:
 - NH/ME/VT: EOCs at Partial Activation (COVID-19, Arctic Blast)
 - CT: EOC at Partial Activation; 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
 - 54 Guardsmen activated to assist those traveling for emergency medical appointments
- Region III:
 - WV: EOC at Partial Activation (Arctic Blast); Gov declared State of Emergency/State of Preparedness
- Region IV:
 - 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: EOC at Normal Operations; Gov declared State of Emergency on Dec 21 (Arctic Blast)
 - TN: EOC at Partial Activation (Arctic Blast)
- Region V:
 - IL: EOC at Partial Activation (Arctic Blast/Southwest Border Bus Reception/Coordination)
 - 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
 - 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:
 - OK: EOC at Monitoring (Arctic Blast); Gov declared State of Emergency

- Region VII:
 - KS: EOC at Partial Activation (Arctic Blast, All Hazards)
- Region VIII:
 - SD: EOC at Normal Operations
 - Gov declared State of Emergency (Arctic Blast)
 - [Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Declared Winter Storm Emergency Dec 24](#)
 - CO: EOC at Monitoring (COVID-19, Avian Influenza, Wildfires, and Arctic Blast);
 - Gov activated 100 CO NG

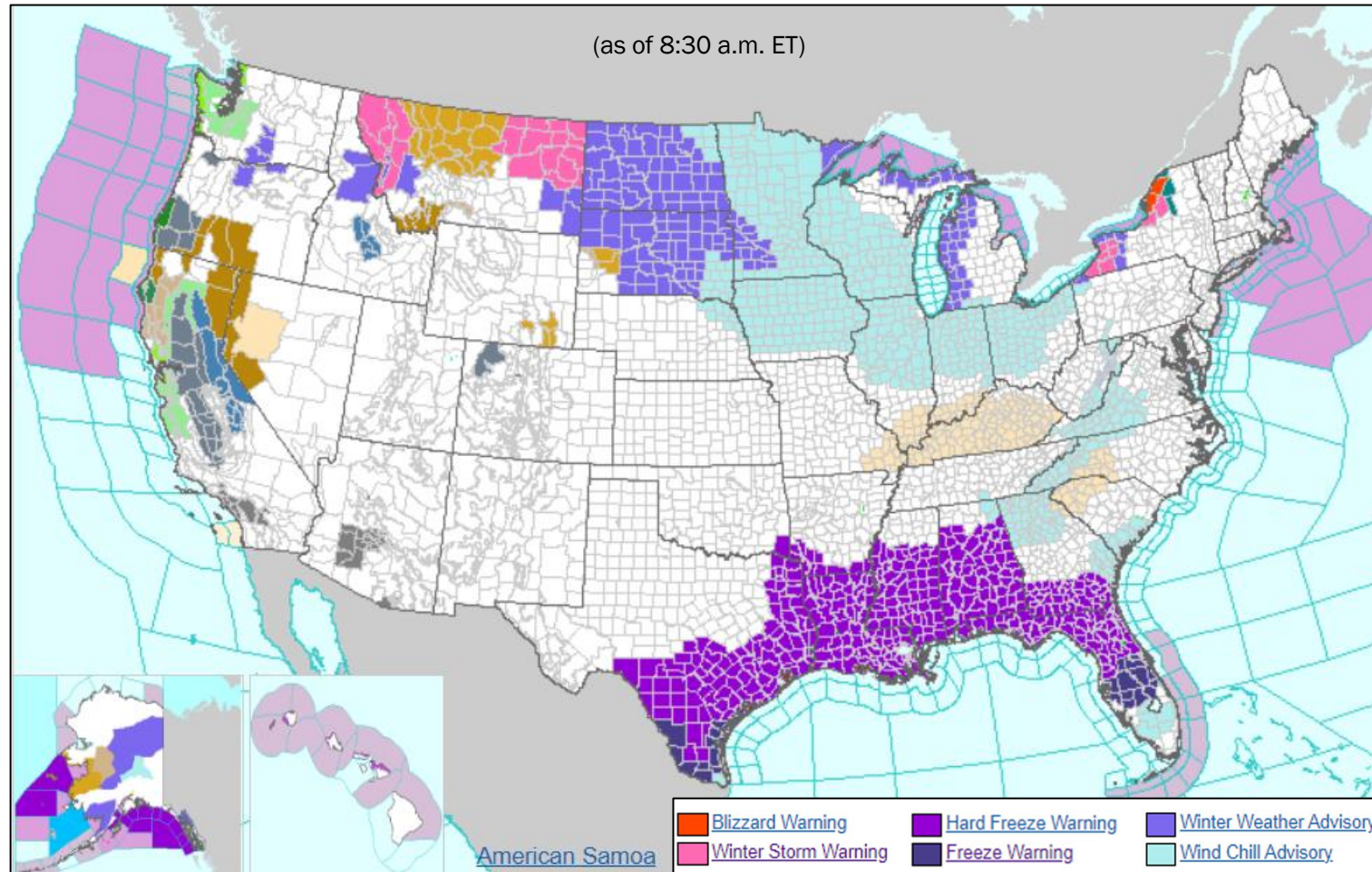
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- Region I RRCC at Level III (Arctic Blast)
- Region V RWC at Monitoring (Arctic Blast); LNO virtual support to the MI SEOC
- Region VII RWC at Monitoring (Arctic Blast)
- Region VIII RRCC is Rostered; RWC at Monitoring
- FEMA HQ:
 - Logistics: ISB/SMT 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



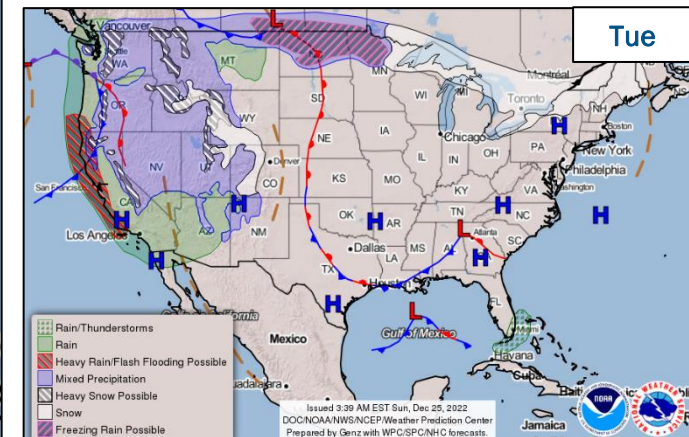
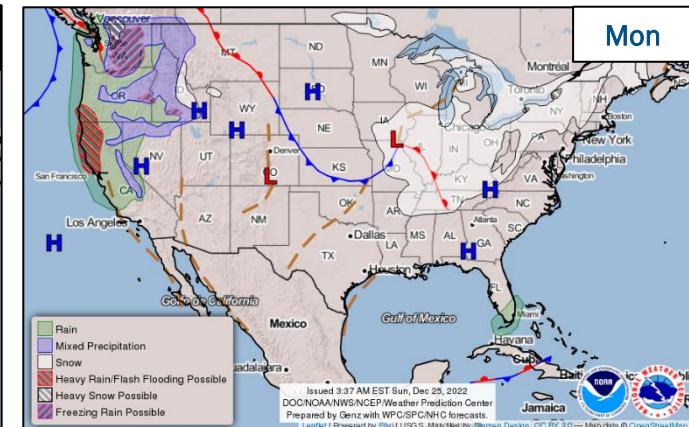
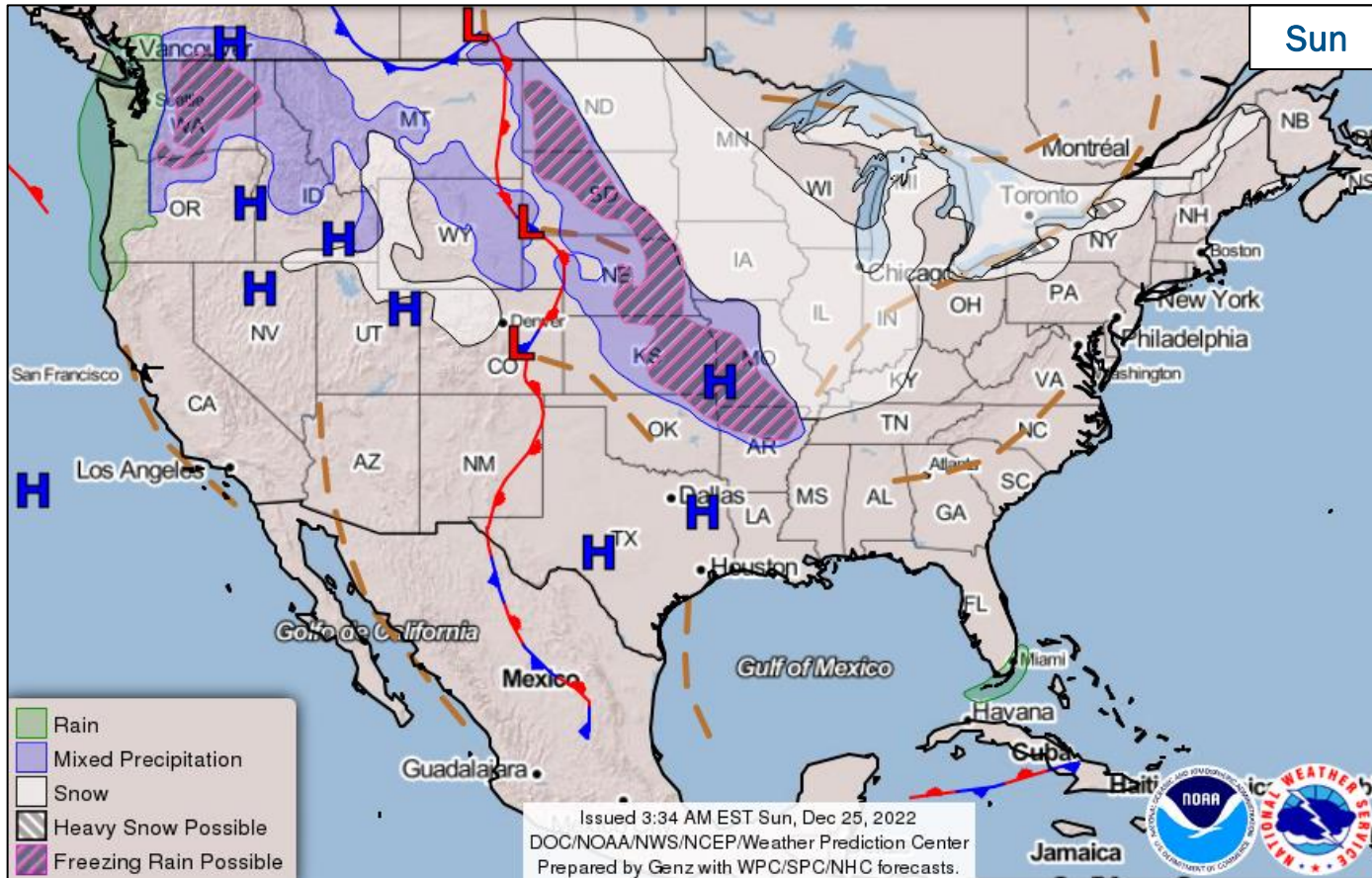
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Watches and Warnings



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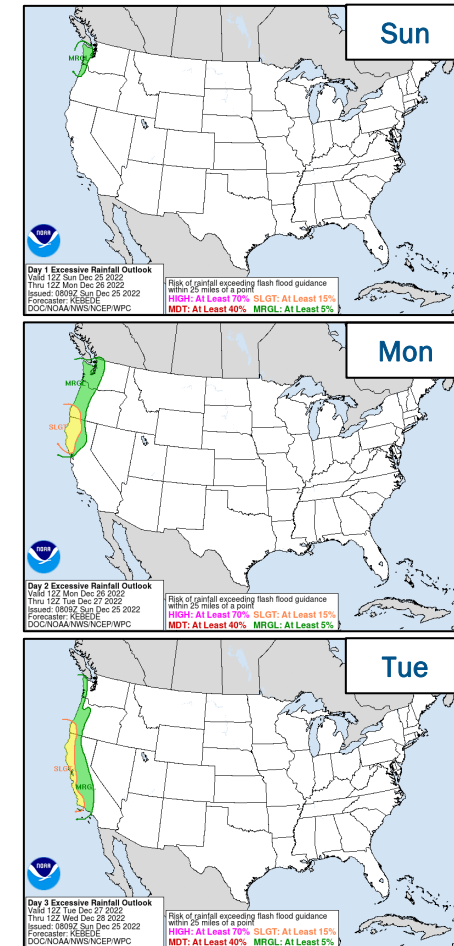
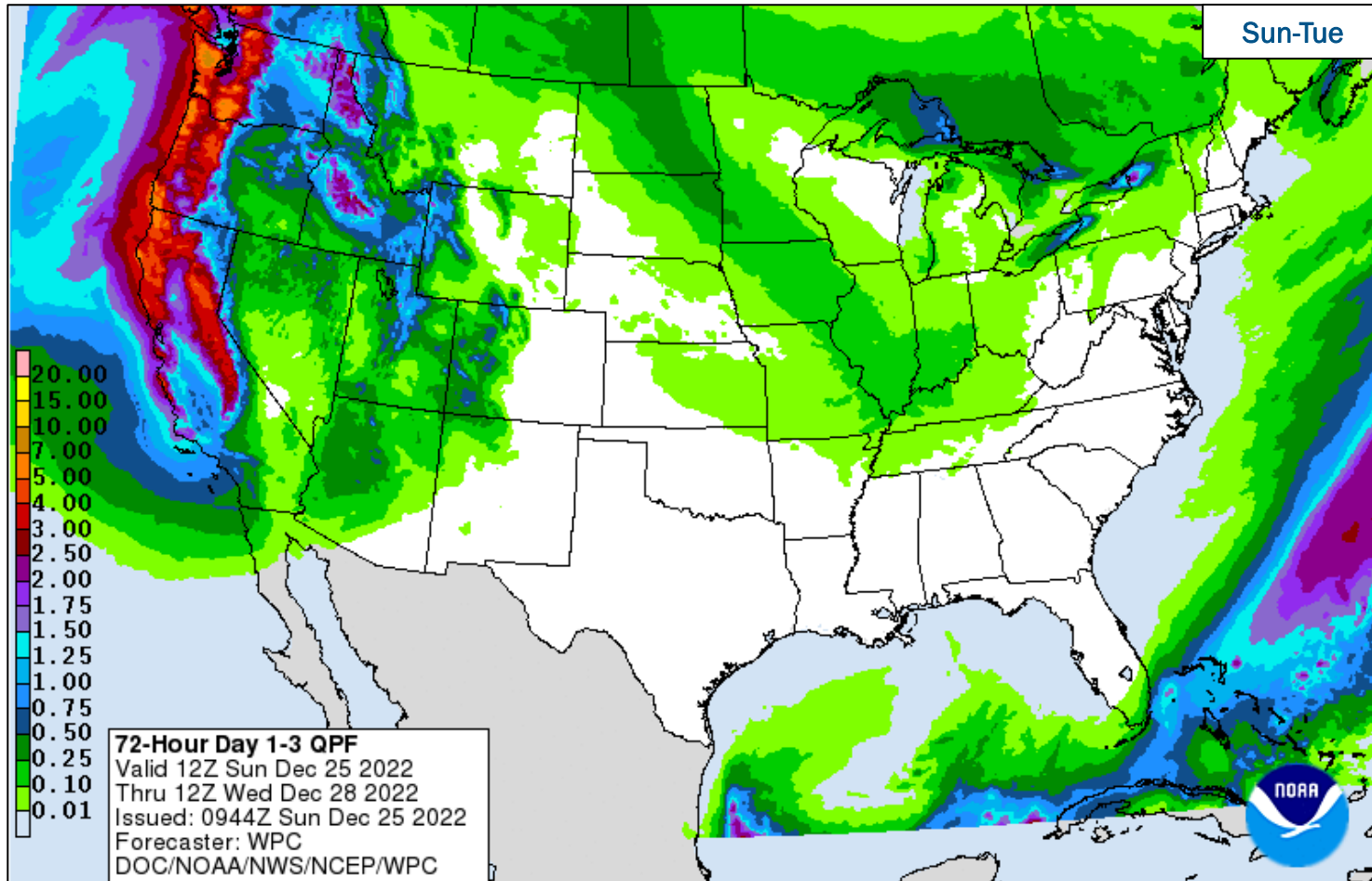
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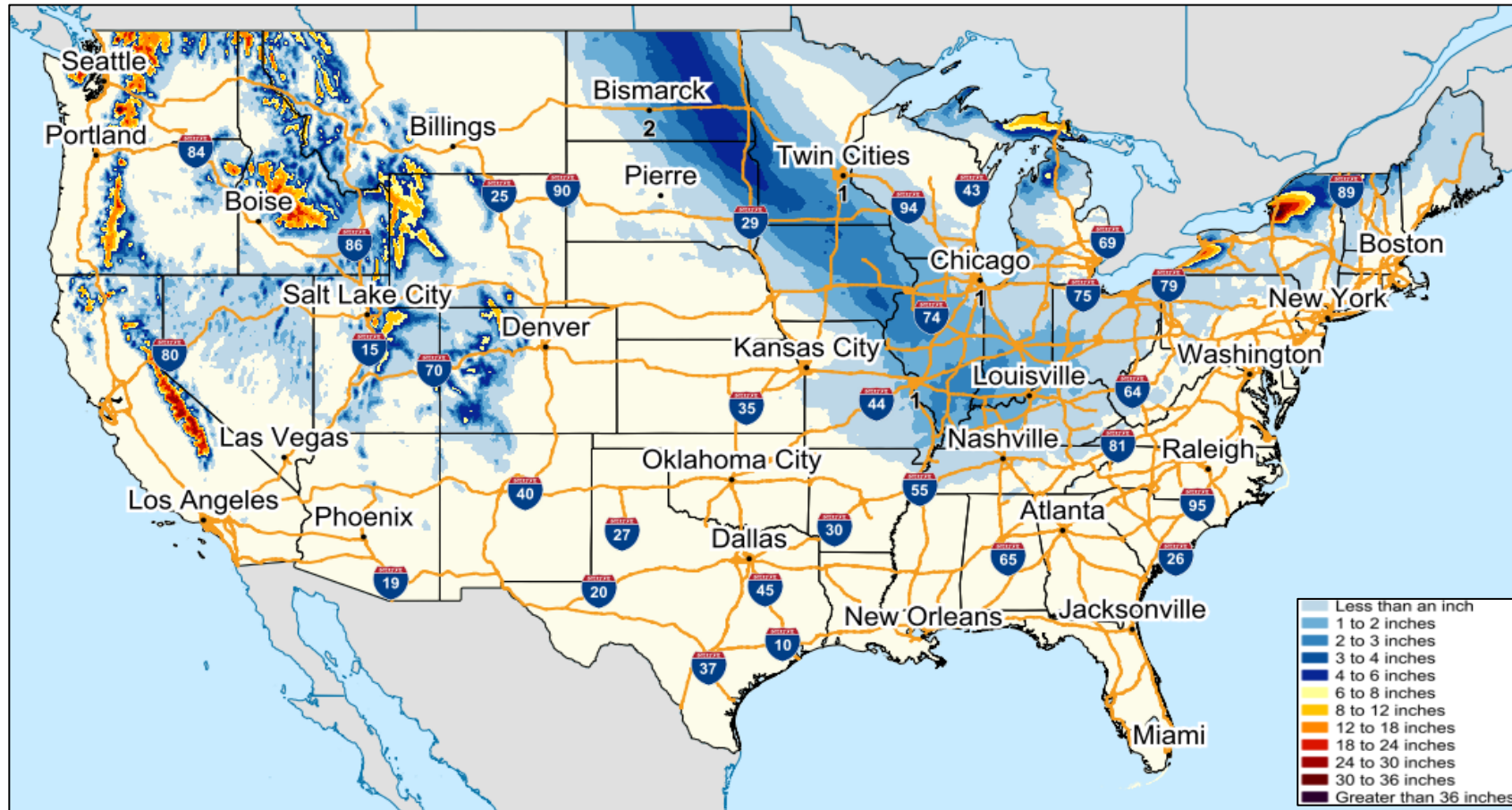
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Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



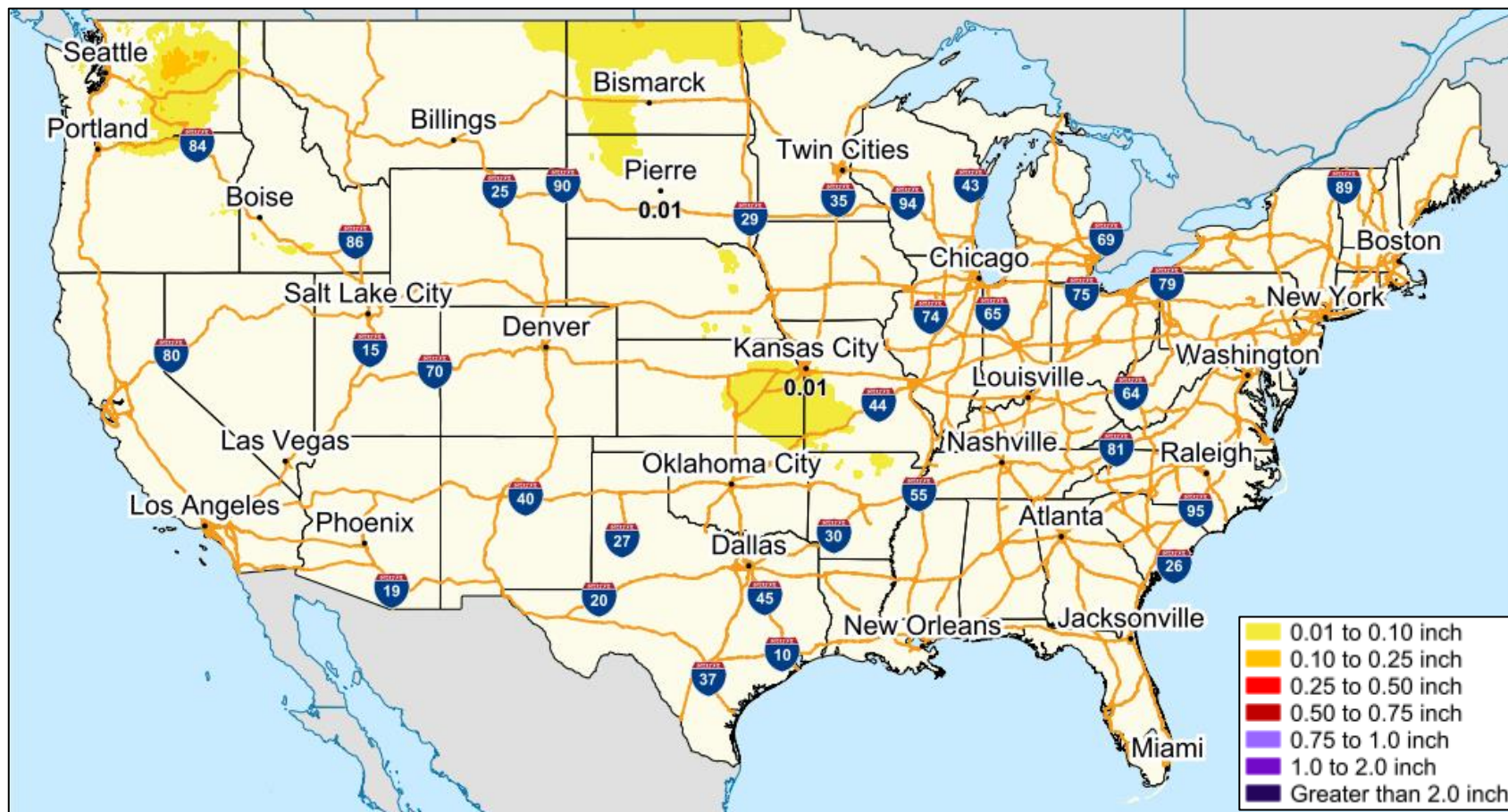
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Forecast Snowfall



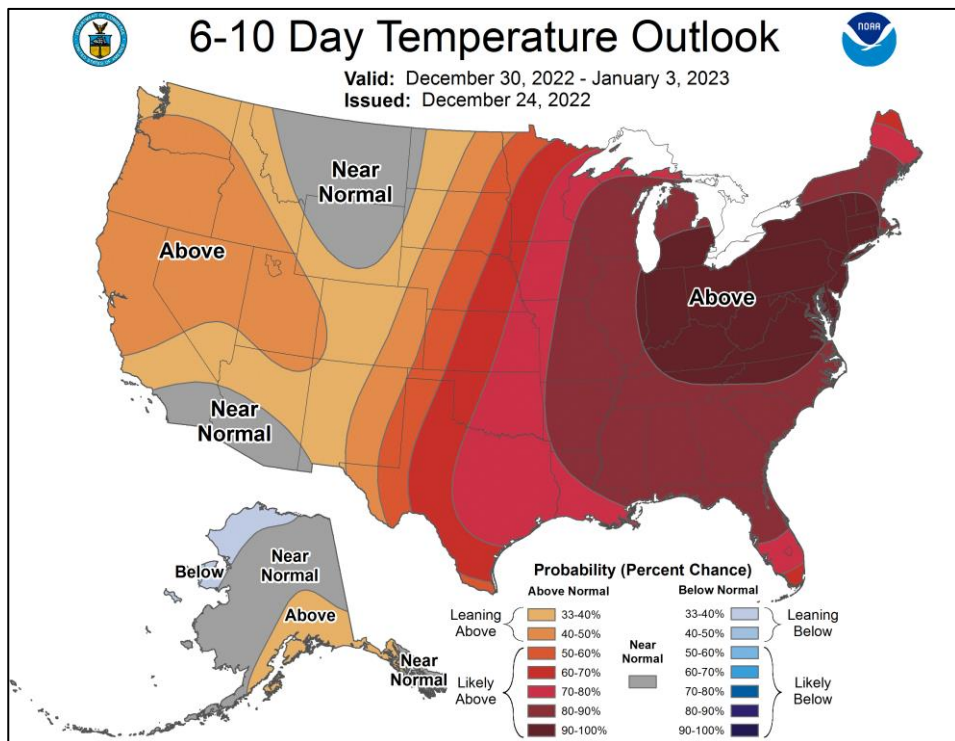
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Ice Accumulation Forecast

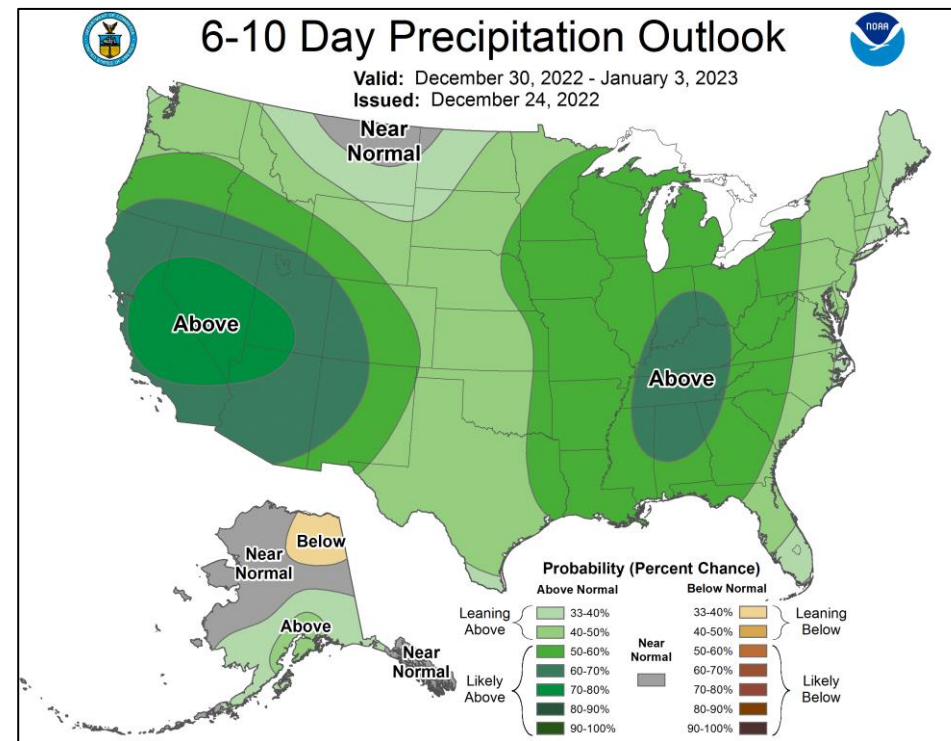


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Long Range Outlooks – Dec 30-Jan 3



6-10 Day Temperature Probability



6-10 Day Precipitation Probability



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

15
Joint Field
Offices

9
Virtual Joint
Field Offices

53
Major
Disasters

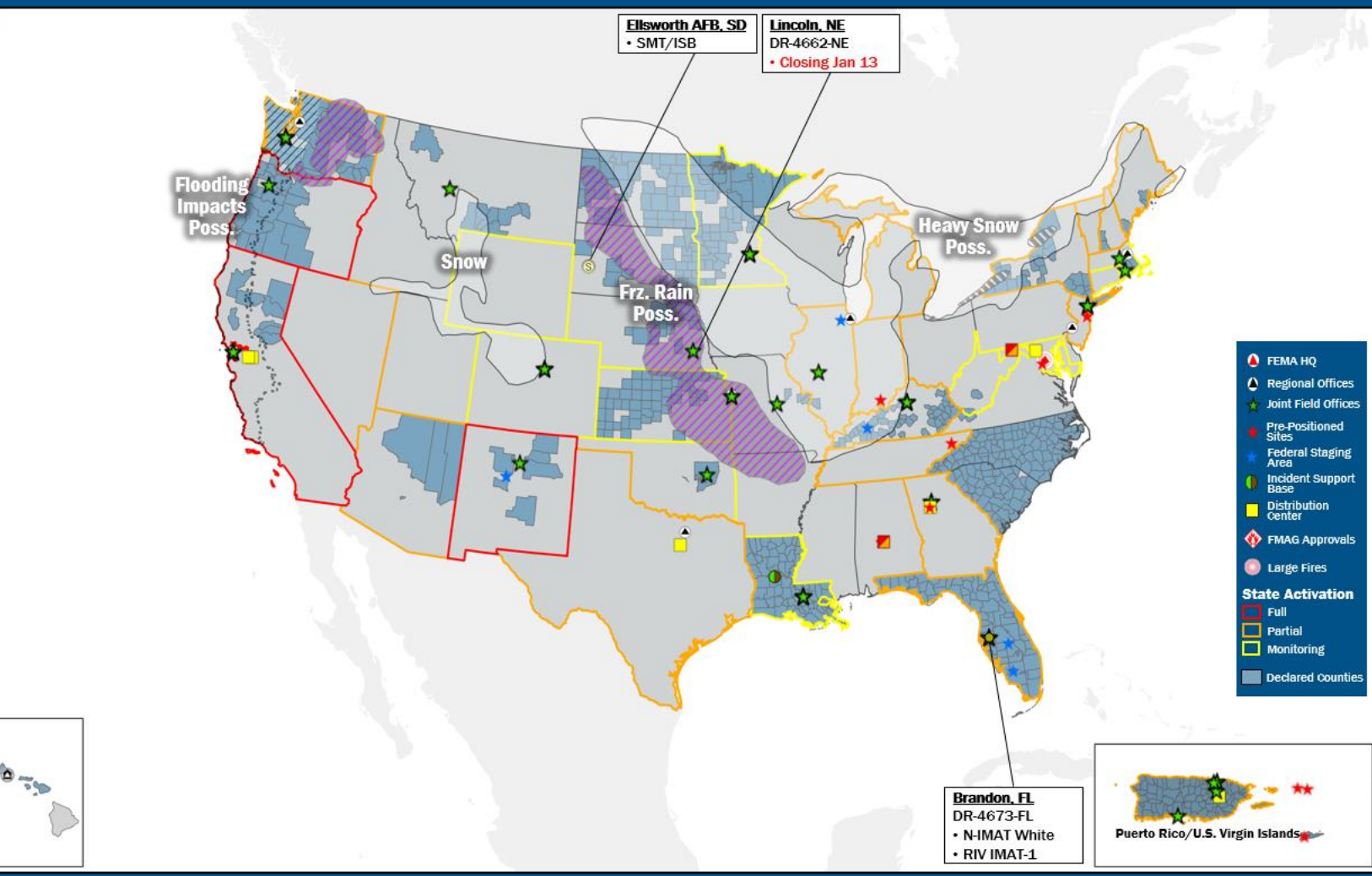
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Emergency
Declarations

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FEMA HQ	
NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Rostered
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Monitoring	I Level III
Monitoring	II Rostered
Monitoring	III Rostered
Monitoring	IV Rostered
Enhanced	V Rostered
Monitoring	VI Rostered
Monitoring	VII Rostered
Monitoring	VIII Rostered
Monitoring	IX Rostered
Monitoring	X Rostered
Notes:	
RWCs/RRCCs:	STATE EDCs:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RI RRCC: Arctic Blast RV RWC: Arctic Blast RVII RWC: Monitor RVIII RRCC: Rostered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NI: TC Irida, Monkeypox CO: GA/IN/KY/LA/NJ/MI/IL/NY/OA/RI/TN/TX/VI/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 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

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 Assigned
4,283 (-10) Unavailable
5,000 (-29) Deployed

30% / 4,029 (+39) Available

IM Cadre Availability ≤ 25% Availability

Disability Integration: 13% (8/64); External Affairs: 25% (122/486); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 19% (162/838); Field Leadership: 18% (26/143); Hazard Mitigation: 19% (238/1,237); Operations: 18% (67/371); Public Assistance: 18% (384/2,190); Planning: 16% (75/477); Safety: 19% (14/74)

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 (27 FCOR) Deployed

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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