

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, February 18, 2021

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops:

- COVID-19
- Winter storms – Pacific Northwest; Southern Plains to Northeast
- Potential weather impacts on vaccination site operations

Hazard Monitoring:

- Heavy snow possible – Southern Plains and Mid-Atlantic
- Severe thunderstorms possible – Southeast
- Freezing rain possible – Northern Intermountain; Southern Plains, Lower Mississippi Valley; Mid-Atlantic to Northeast

Disaster Declaration Activity:

- Request – Major Disaster Declaration – ID
- Request – Emergency Declaration – OK
- Approval – Major Disaster Declaration – AK
- Request – Emergency Declaration - LA

Event Monitoring:

- No significant scheduled activity



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Winter Storms – PNW & Southern Plains to Northeast

Situation: The impacts of winter weather across the much of the U.S. have increased energy demands and continue to pose complications for states to generate power proportionate to demand. Texas, especially, has experienced most power outages in the country with approximately .7 million customers without. Power outages and transportation impacts have affected COVID-19 vaccination delivery across several states with sites temporarily closed and rescheduling appointments.

Northwest – Major Winter Storm

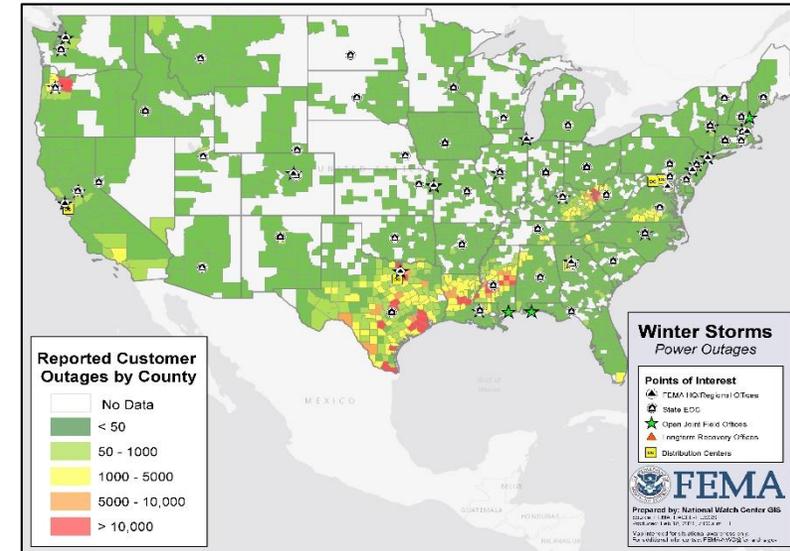
Lifeline Impacts:

- Energy: OR: 109k (-44k) (6% of customers) without power (Eagle-I, as of Feb 18, 6:45 a.m. ET)

Southern Plains to Northeast – Major Winter Storm

Lifeline Impacts:

- Safety and Security: AL & IL; 23 schools closed, delayed, or operating virtually
- Food, Water, and Shelter:
 - Shelters: TX: 143 (+67) shelters with 2567 (+886) occupants; TN: 6 (-5) with 30 (-200) occupants; WV: 2 with 115 occupants; VA: 4 with 13 occupants (ARC Midnight Shelter Report 7:01 a.m. ET, Feb 18) AL: 5 with 150 occupants (Region IV update 7:57 a.m.)
 - Water: TX: City of Abilene (pop 124k) issued boil water notice; 3 water treatment plants closed due to power outages; city of Fort Worth boil water notice for 100k customers expected to continue through Feb 17
 - Health and Medical:
 - Fatalities: 9 confirmed (KY 3, NC 3, TN 3) 2 unconfirmed (KY 1, MS 1) (Region IV Update 10:04 p.m. ET)
 - Transportation:
 - TX: George Bush Intercontinental/Houston Airport (IAH) re-opened
 - AL: 18 (-1) counties with state routes impacted; 28 state routes, 3 interstates, and 7 U.S. highways impacted (Region IV update 10:13 p.m. ET, Feb 17)
 - LA: I-10 remains closed in both directions from I-49 (Lafayette) to LA 415 (Lobdell) until further notice; detours are in effect (Region VI Awareness Report, 6:06 a.m. ET, Feb 17)
- Energy: (source: Eagle-I, as of Feb 18, 6:45 a.m. ET)
 - TX: 522k (-111k) (4.3%) customers without power (peak 3.4M),
 - 60 generators and associated equip. staged at Texas Consolidated Staging Area/Ft. Worth DC
 - Priority for generator use is hospitals and nursing homes;
 - TX natural gas production curtailed; cold temperatures have caused natural gas wellhead “freeze-offs”
 - VA: 30k (+3k); WV: 60k (-11k); KY: 67k (-31); LA: 116k(+1k); MS: 209k (+15k) customers without power



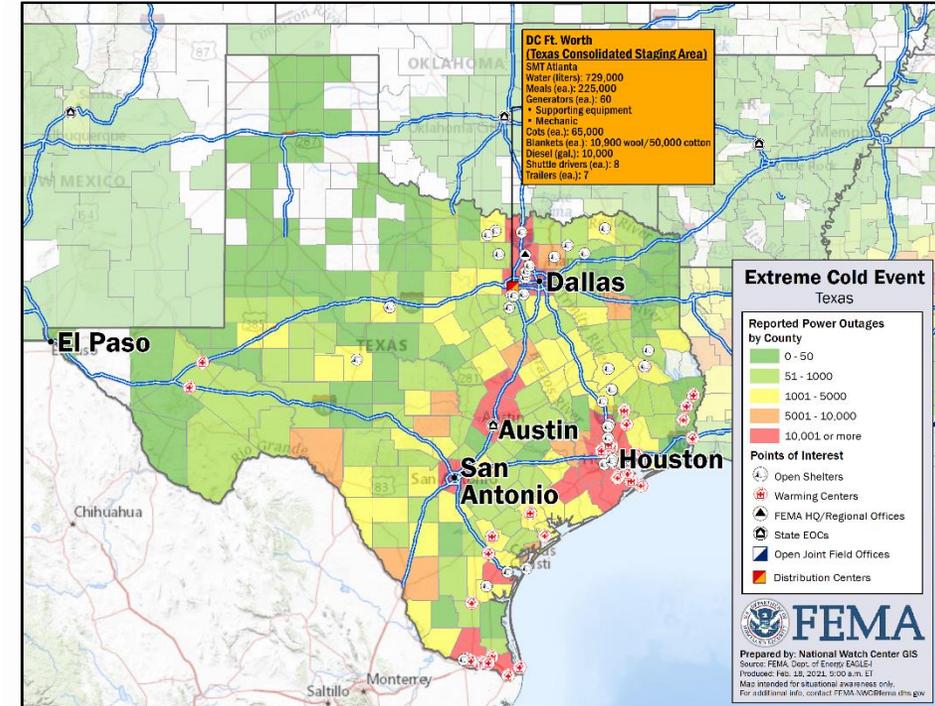
Winter Storms – PNW & Southern Plains to Northeast

State / Local Response:

- OR EOC at Full Activation (COVID)
- NJ, AL, NC, MS, KY, TN, AR, TX, & OK at Partial Activation (Winter Storm & COVID)
- LA, VA, & MD EOCs at Partial Activation (COVID)
- WV, KY, OR, MS, TX, LA, OK, VA, AL, IL, TN, & KS Governors declared States of Emergency

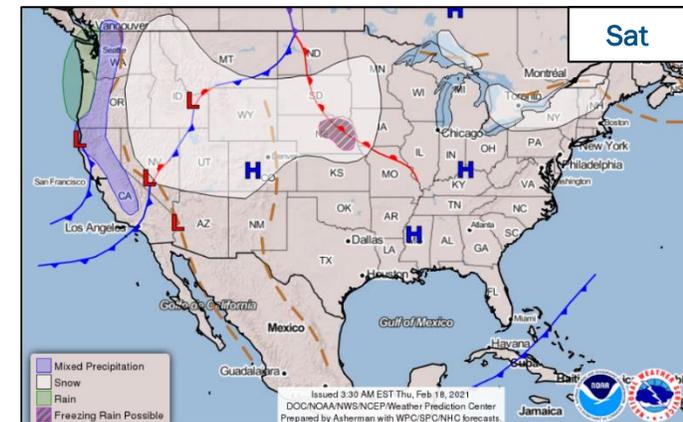
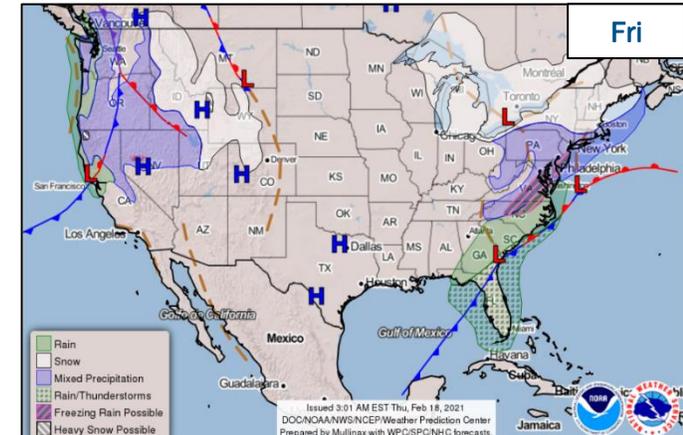
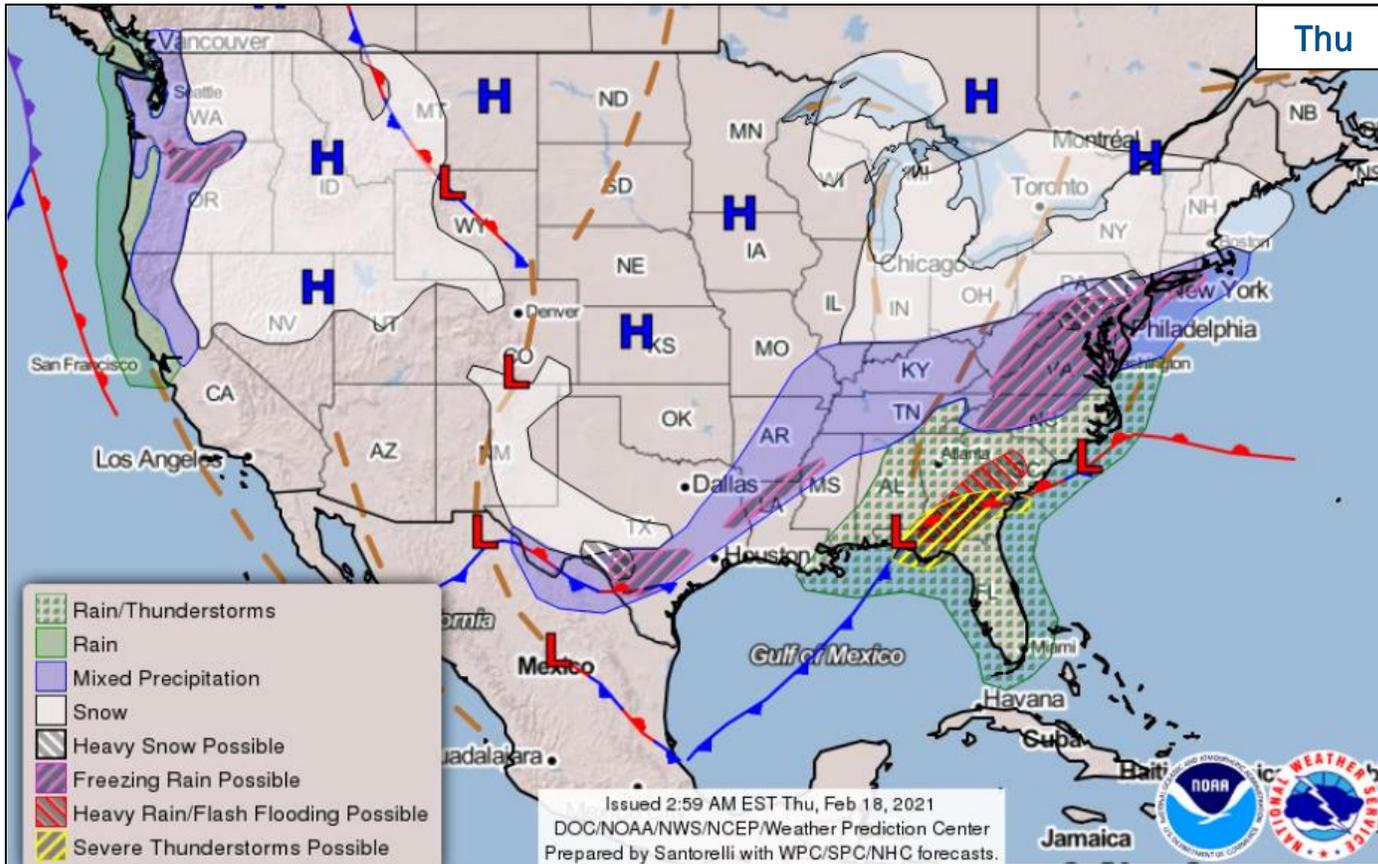
FEMA / Federal Response:

- Region II RWC is monitoring; will work virtually starting at 12:00 p.m.; RRCC at Level III (COVID); IMAT deployed to USVI (COVID); RRCC and Regional HQ office closed due to winter weather
- Region III RWC monitoring, working from alternate location; RRCC at Level I (COVID); IMAT deployed to RRCC (COVID)
- Region IV RWC working is monitoring; RRCC at Level III virtually; IMATs are FMC
- Region VI/Denton MOC monitoring; RRCC at Level III; IMAT-1 deployed to NM and OK; IMAT-2 deployed to TX (COVID)
- Region V RWC working from alt. location (night shift)
- Region X/Bothell MOC monitoring; RRCC at Level III (COVID); IMAT deployed to RRCC (COVID)
- Emergency Declaration FEMA-3554-EM-TX - Approved
- NWC is monitoring; NRCC at Level I (COVID)
- FEMA Logistics deployed SMT to Personnel Mobilization Center in TX to support staging commodity mission; water pre-positioned at DC Fort Worth has been issued to TX; 8 shuttle drivers and 7 trailers are standing by to move water and meals where needed
- Alert notice issued to DLA for 10k gallons of diesel fuel; standing by for a direct shipment to a location where fuel is needed; waiting for State to specify location



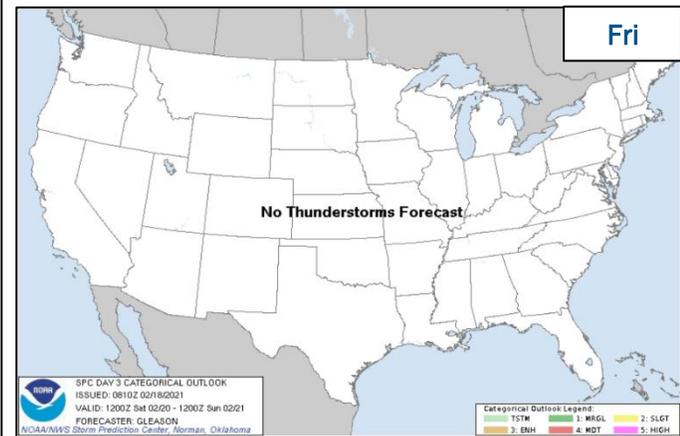
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National Weather Forecast



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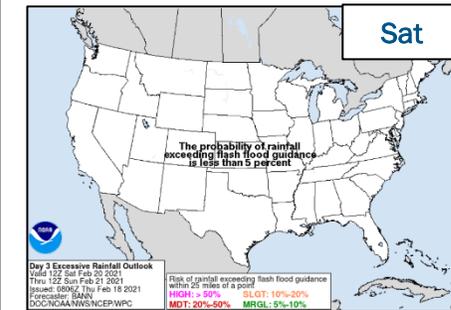
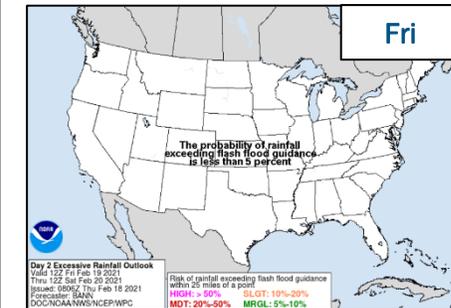
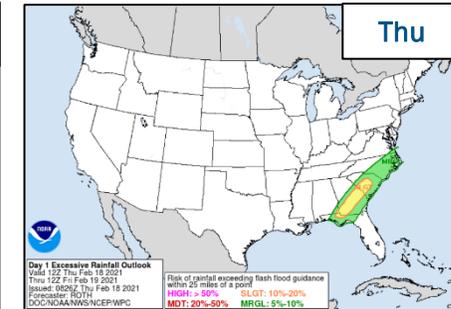
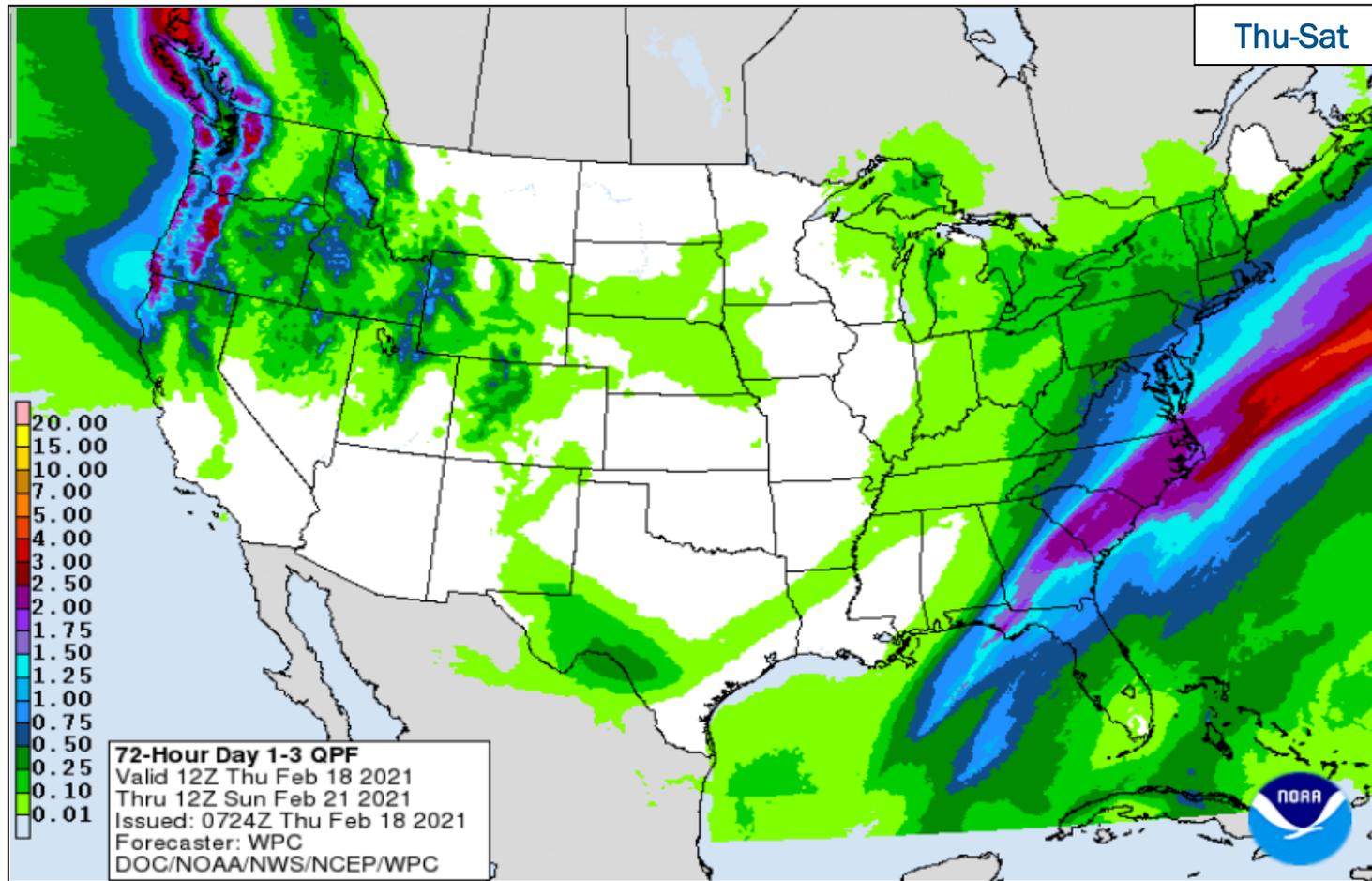
Severe Weather Outlook



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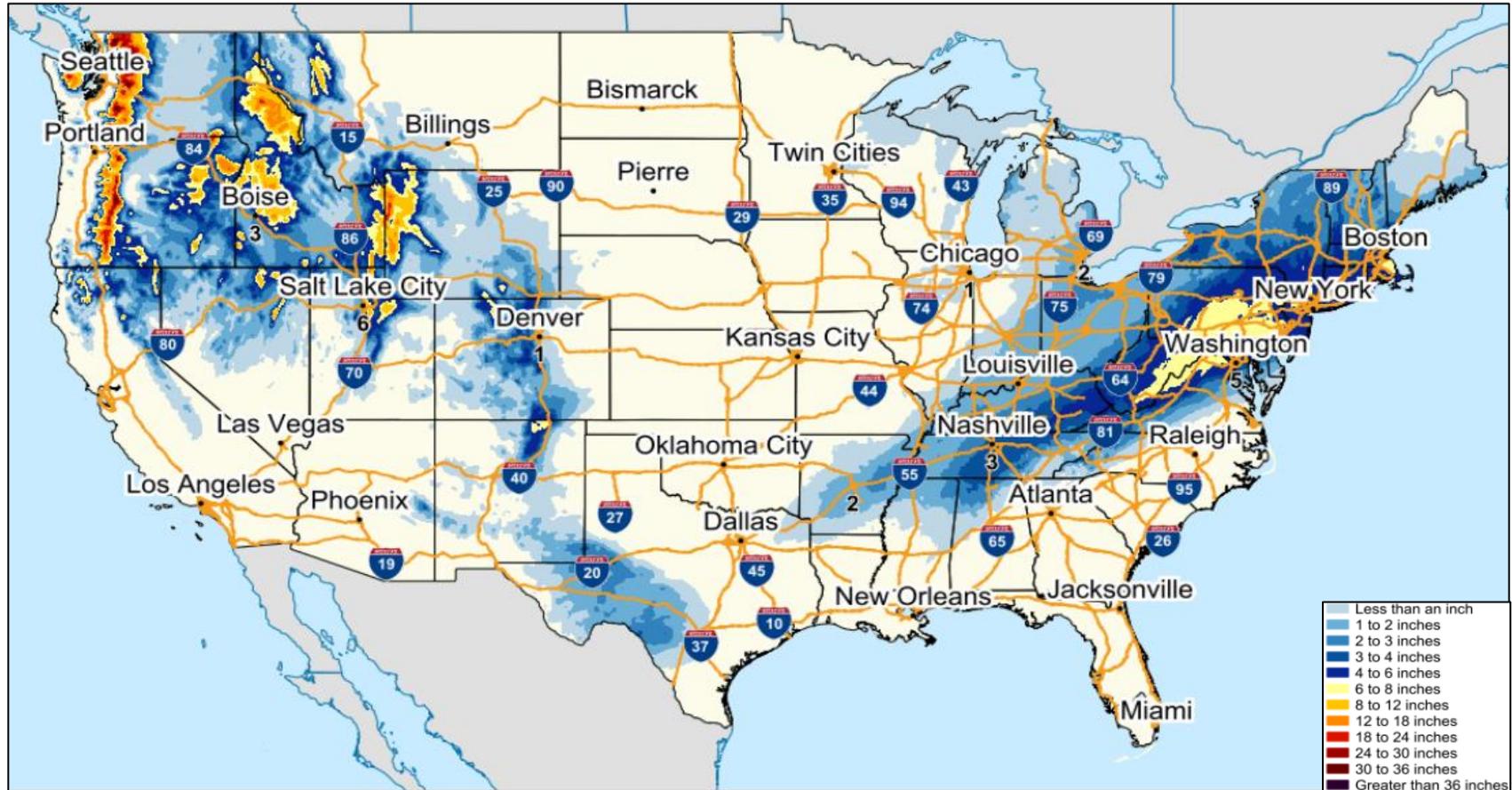
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Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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Forecast Snowfall



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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
X	WA	Severe Winter Storms Dec 28, 2020 to Jan 16, 2021	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	16	0	2/11 - TBD



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Declaration Request – Idaho

Declaration Type: Major Disaster – Idaho
Requested: February 11, 2021

Incident: Straight-line winds
Incident Period: January 13 , 2021
Requesting:

- **PA:** 4 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



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Declaration Approval – Alaska

Declaration: Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4585-EM-AK

Date Requested: January 29, 2021

Date Approved: February 17, 2021

Incident: Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides

Incident Period: November 30 to December 2, 2020

Provides:

- **PA Only:** Chatham Regional Educational Attendance Area (REAA), Haines Borough, City and Borough of Juneau, Petersburg Borough, and the Municipality of Skagway Borough.
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide

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Declaration Request – Oklahoma

Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration – Oklahoma

Requested: February 17, 2021

Incident: severe winter storm

Incident Period: Feb 08 - Continuing

Requesting:

- **PA:** Emergency Protective measures (Category D), limited to mass care and sheltering, and direct Federal Assistance Statewide



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Declaration Request – Louisiana

Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration - Louisiana
Requested: February 17, 2021

Incident: Severe Winter Storm

Incident Period: February 11, 2021 and continuing

Requesting:

- **PA:** 64 parishes



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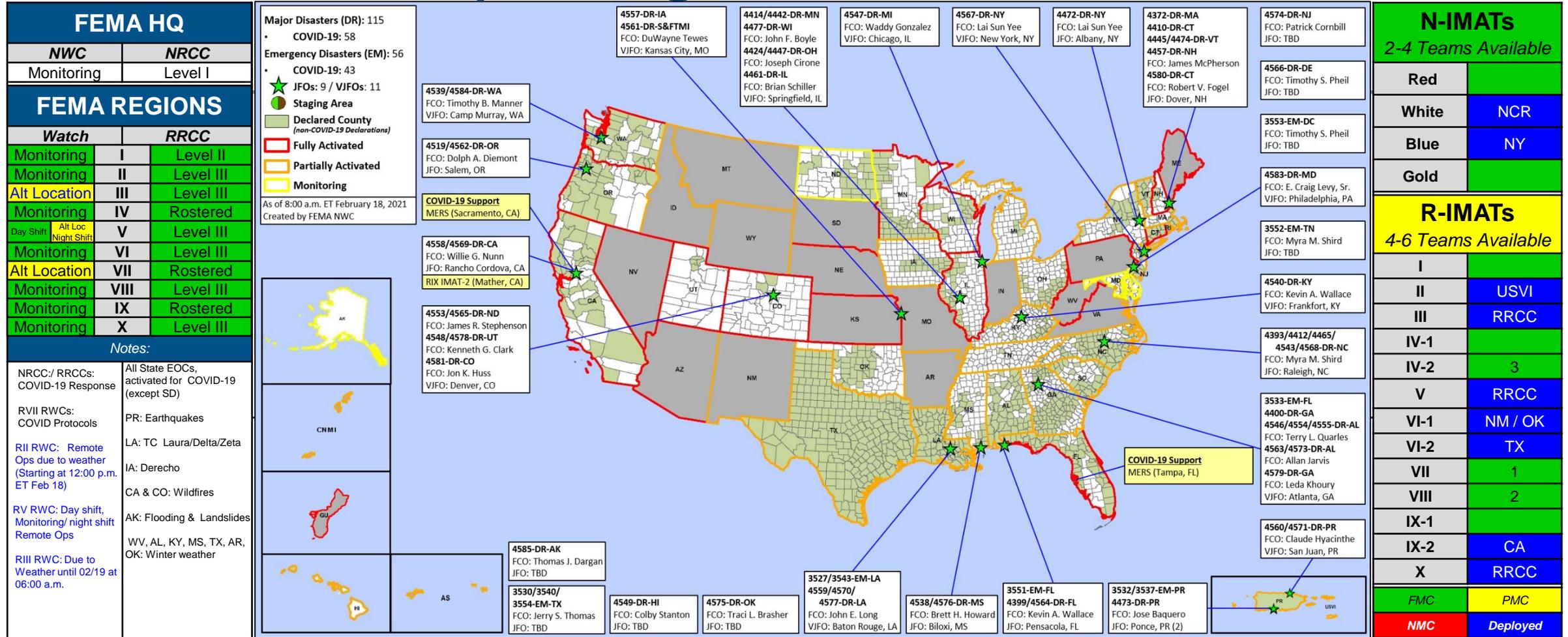
Declaration Requests in Process – 7

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
AK – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides – Approved 2/17	DR		X	X	1/29
NC – Tropical Storm Eta	DR		X	X	2/9
VA – 59 th Presidential Inauguration (Appeal)	EM		X		2/9
AL – Tornado	DR	X		X	2/11
MD – 59 th Presidential Inauguration (Appeal)	EM		X		2/12
ID – Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	2/11
OK - Severe Winter Storm	EM		X		2/17
LA – Severe Winter Storm	EM		X		2/17



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FEMA Common Operating Picture



Team Status	US&R 33-65%	MERS > 66%	FCOs ≤1 Type I	IM WORKFORCE	
Assigned:	28	36	52	13,872 (+2)	
Unavailable	1	0	0	2,845 (+6)	
Deployed:	0	0	50 (-1)	7,103 (+55)	
Available:	27	36	2 (+1)	28% / 3,924 (-59)	



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