

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, February 19, 2021

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops:

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

Hazard Monitoring:

- Winter storms – Pacific Northwest to the Plains and Mid-Atlantic to Northeast

Disaster Declaration Activity:

- Approved: Emergency Declaration – OK
- Approved: Emergency Declaration – LA
- Requested: Major Disaster Declaration – TX

Event Monitoring:

- No significant scheduled activity



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Winter Storms – Southern Plains to Northeast

Situation: The winter weather from the Southern Plains to the Northeast continues to impact energy demands and continue to pose complications. However, energy restoration is improving. Power outages and transportation impacts have affected COVID-19 vaccination delivery across several states with sites temporarily closed.

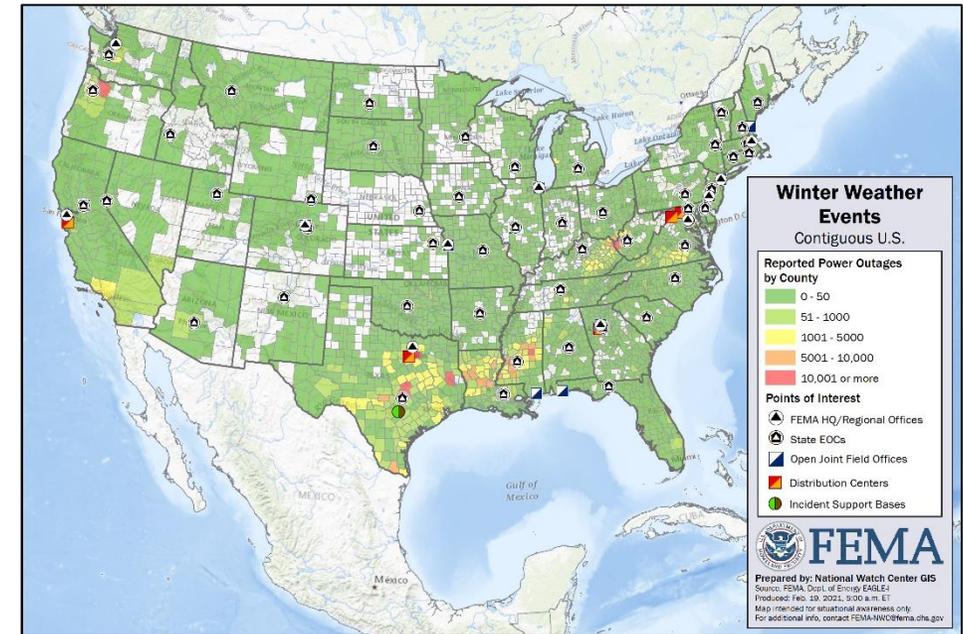
Lifeline Impacts:

Food, Water, and Shelter:

- Shelters:
 - AL: 5, 150 occupants; 8 warming shelters (RIV 7:57 a.m. ET, 2/18)
 - TX: 143, 2567 occupants
 - TN: 17 (+12), 30 (-200) occupants (RIV 10:00 p.m. ET, 2/18)
 - OK: 16, 8 warming stations; over 360 occupants (RVI Watch Awareness Report, 6:04 a.m. ET, 2/18)
 - WV: 2, 115 occupants
 - VA: 4, 13 occupants (ARC Midnight Shelter Report 7:01 a.m. ET, 2/18)
- Water:
 - AL: Hackleburg Water Authority lost water supply to 850 customers; boil water notice issued; (RIV Status Update, 10:00 p.m. ET, 2/18)
 - TN: Memphis Light, Gas and Water issued a system-wide boil water notice (RIV Status Update, 10:00 p.m. ET, 2/18);
 - TX: 566 total boil water notices across 40 counties affecting 27.7 million statewide 3 water treatment plants closed due to power outages; city of Fort Worth boil water notice continues

Health and Medical:

- TN: 6 confirmed winter weather-related fatalities (RIV Status Update, 10:00 p.m. ET, 2/18); Tornado (Feb 15) 11 confirmed fatalities: KY (3), NC (3); unconfirmed fatalities: KY (1), MS (1) (RIV Update 10:04 p.m. ET, 2/16)
- TX: 20 weather-traffic related fatalities (unconfirmed) (Region VI Watch Awareness Report, 6:04 a.m. ET, 2/18)



Energy: (source: Eagle-I, as of 2/19, 5:00 a.m. ET)

- TX: 194k (-187k) (2%) 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: 28k (-8k); WV: 54k (-7k); KY: 56k (-13k); LA: 74k (-30k); MS: 115k (-50k) customers without power



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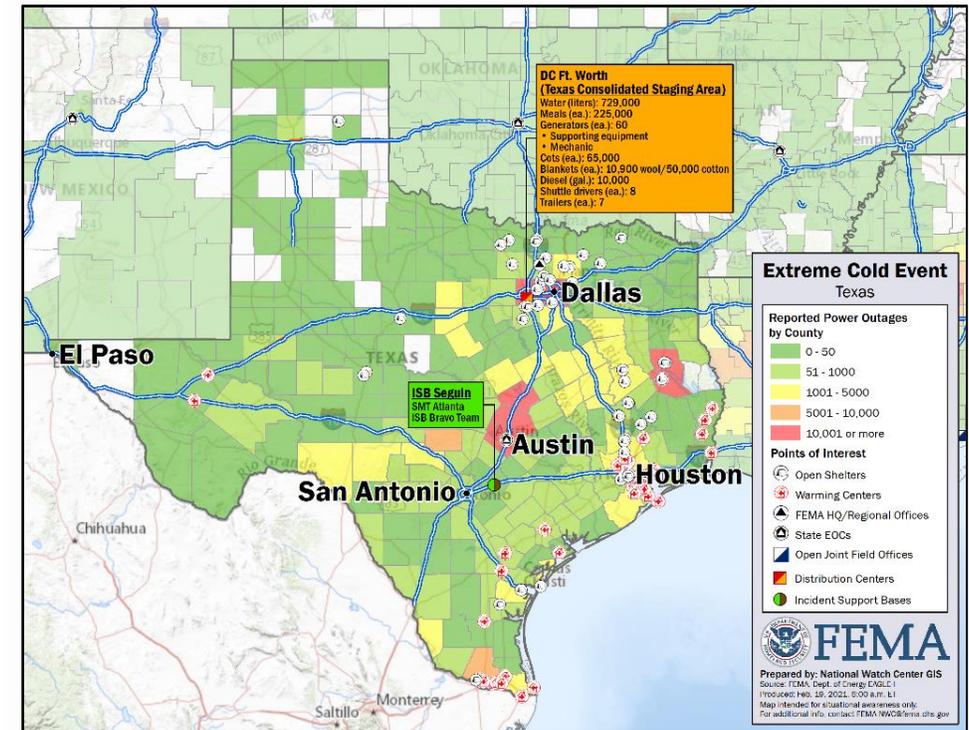
Winter Storms – Southern Plains to Northeast

State / Local Response:

- Governor of Texas requested a Major Disaster Declaration
- NJ, AL, NC, MS, KY, TN, AR, TX, & OK at Partial Activation (Winter Storm & COVID)
- LA, VA, & MD EOCs at Partial Activation (COVID)
- OH, WV, KY, OR, MS, NC, TX, LA, OK, VA, AL, IL, TN, & KS Governors declared States of Emergency

FEMA / Federal Response:

- Region II RWC monitoring; virtually; RRCC at Level III (COVID); IMAT deployed to USVI (COVID); RRCC and Regional HQ office closed due to winter weather
- Region III RWC monitoring; RRCC at Level I (COVID); IMAT deployed to RRCC (COVID)
- Region IV RWC 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)
- HHS declared a Public Health Emergency for the State of Texas
- Region V RWC working from alt. location (night shift)
- Emergency Declaration FEMA-3554-EM-TX – Approved
- Emergency Declaration FEMA-3556-EM-LA approved Feb 18
- Emergency Declaration FEMA-3555-EM-OK approved Feb 18



- FEMA Logistics deployed SMT to Personnel Mobilization Center in TX to support staging commodity mission; water pre-positioned at DC Fort Worth; 8 shuttle drivers and 7 trailers on standby
- Alert notice issued to DLA for 10k gallons of diesel fuel; awaiting direct shipment; waiting for state to specify location
- NWC is monitoring; NRCC at Level I (COVID)



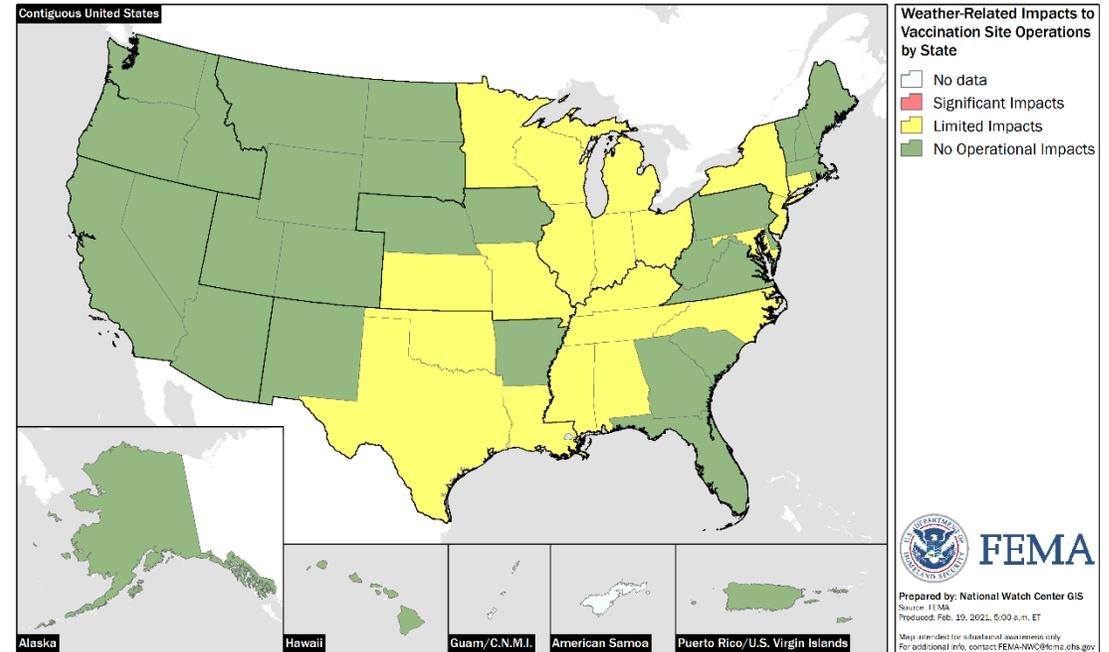
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COVID-19 Weather-Related Impacts to Vaccination Sites

Situation:

The National Watch Center, in coordination with all ten Regional Watches, is monitoring for potential weather impacts to COVID-19 vaccination sites

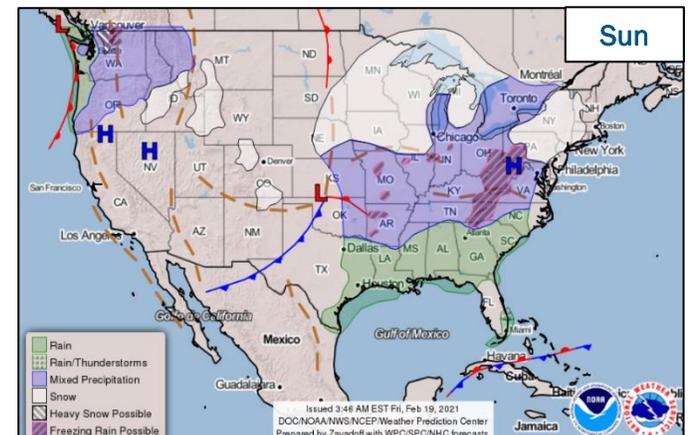
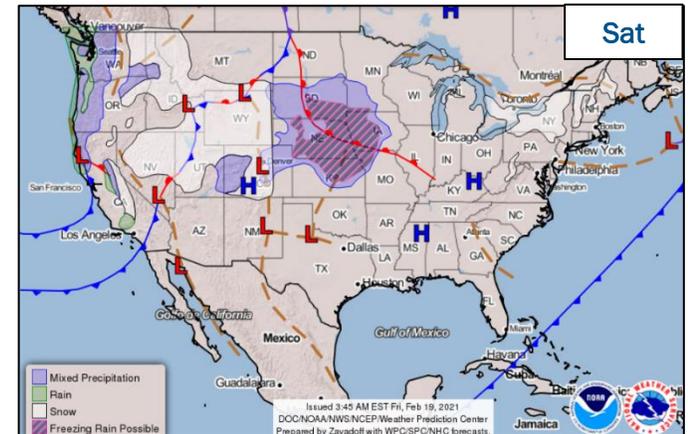
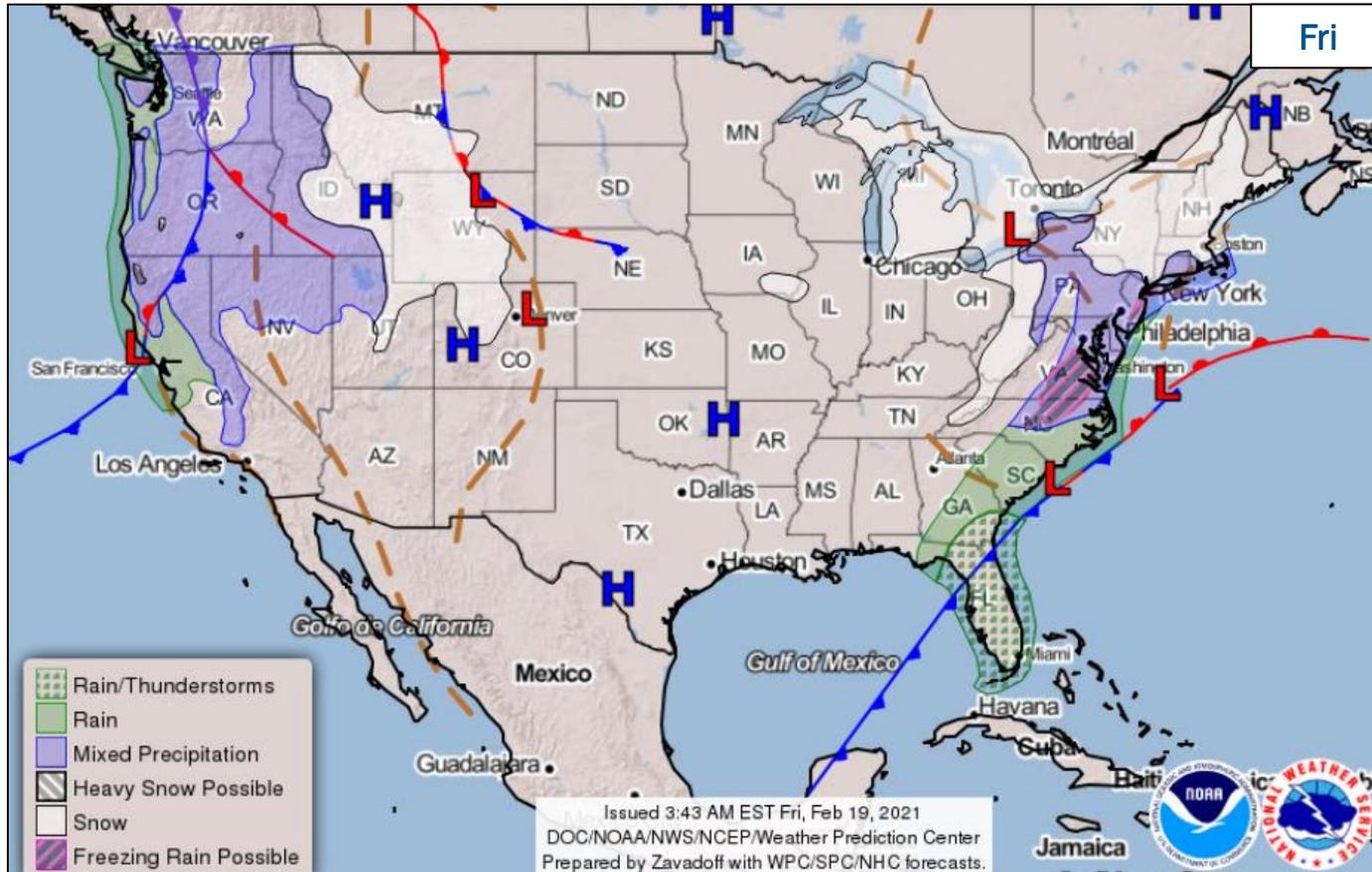
- The highlighted states have reported COVID-19 vaccination site closures due to the ongoing storms and will reschedule appointments once the storms have passed



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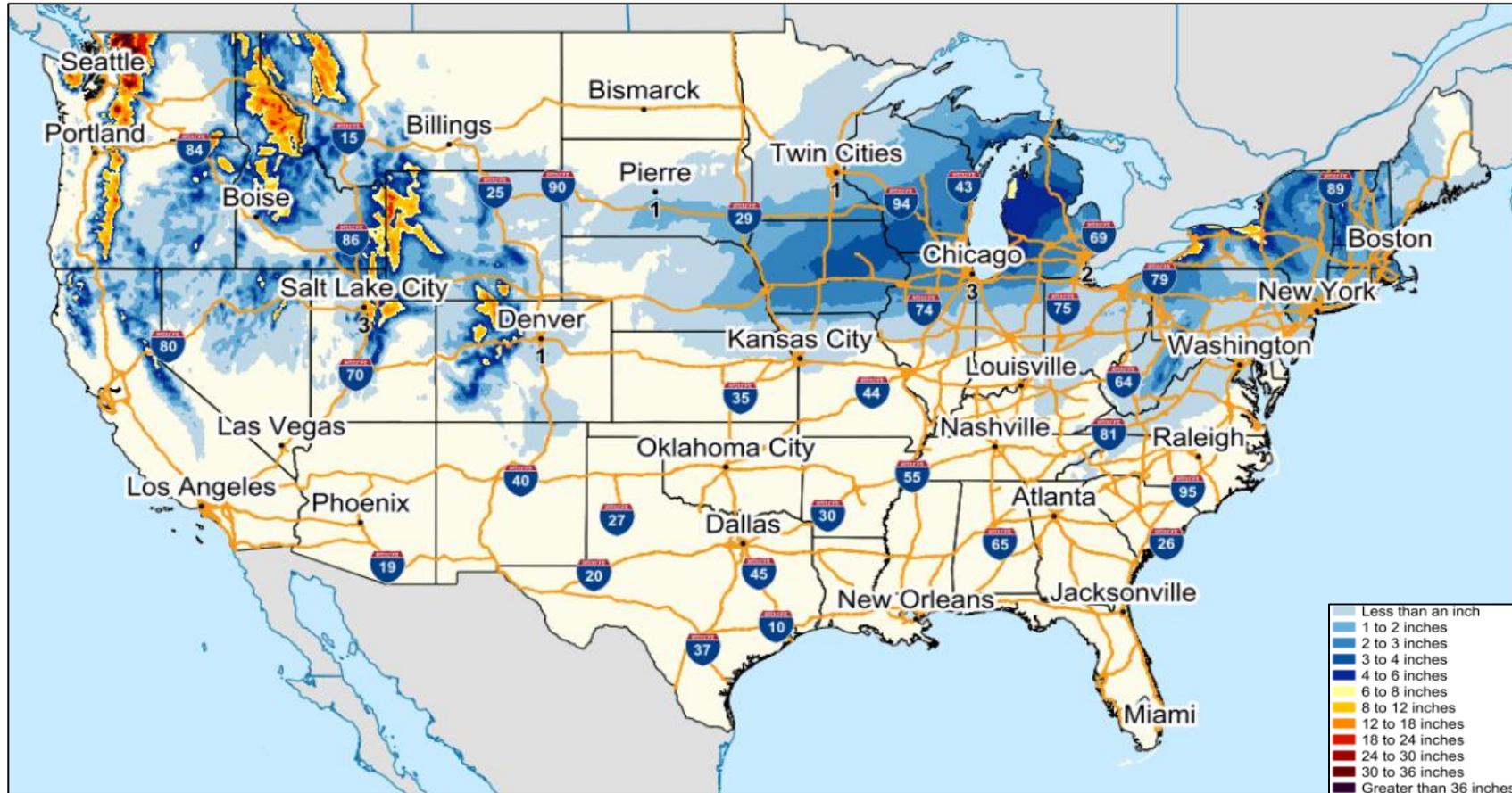
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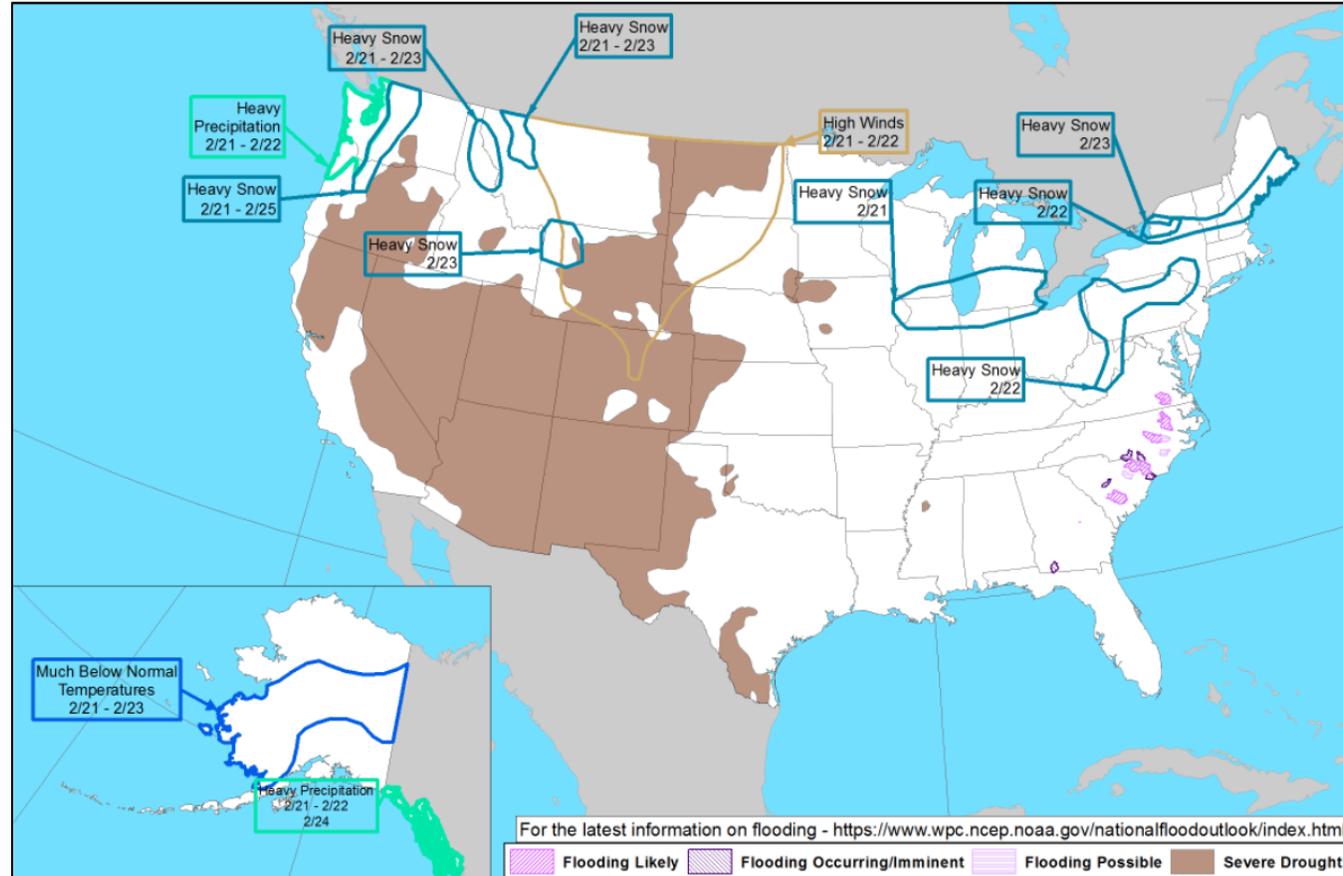
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Forecast Snowfall



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Hazards Outlook – Feb 21-25



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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 Approved – Oklahoma

Declaration: Emergency Declaration – FEMA-3555-EM for Oklahoma
Requested: February 17

Date Approved: February 17

Incident: Severe Winter Storm

Incident Period: February 8, 2021 and continuing

Provides:

- **PA:** Emergency Protective measures (Category B), for mass care and sheltering, and direct federal assistance at 75% federal funding for all 77 counties

FCO: Adam D. Burpee



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Declaration Approved – Louisiana

Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration – FEMA-3556-EM for Louisiana
Requested: February 17

Date Approved: February 18

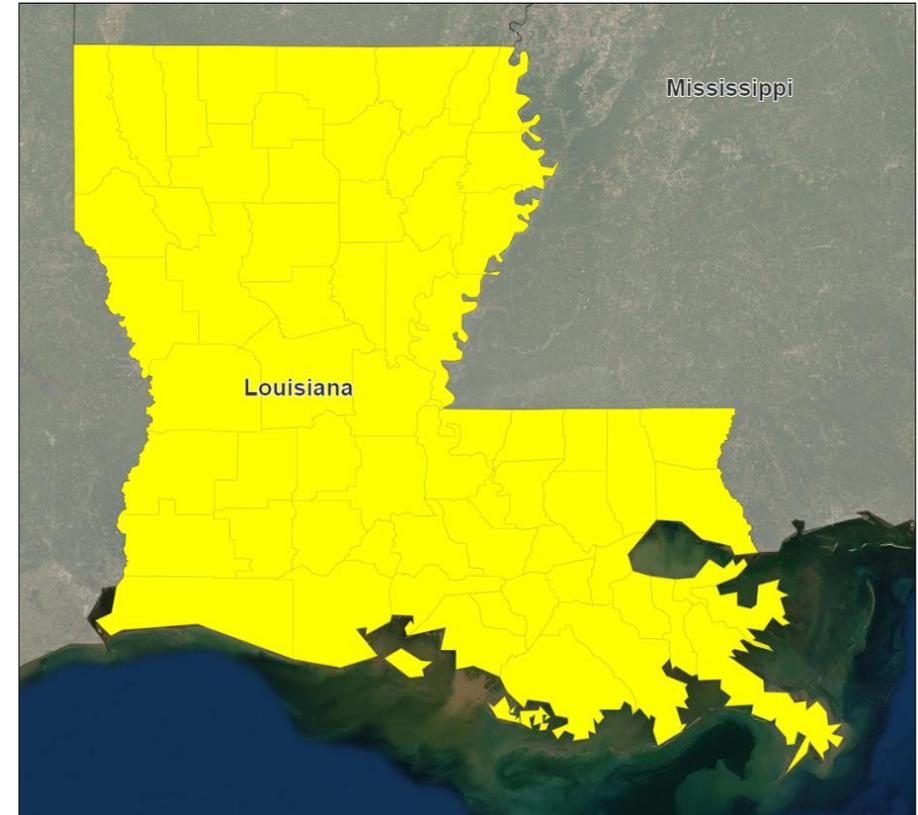
Incident: Severe Winter Storm

Incident Period: February 11, 2021 and continuing

Provides:

- **PA:** Emergency protective measures (Category B) for mass care and sheltering and direct federal assistance at 75 percent federal funding for all 64 parishes

FCO: John E. Long



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Declaration Requested – Texas

Declaration Type: Major Disaster – Texas

Requested: February 18

Incident: Severe Winter Storms

Incident Period: February 11 and continuing

Requested:

- **IA/PA:** 254 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



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Declaration Requests in Process – 6

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
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 – Approved	EM		X		2/17
LA – Severe Winter Storm – Approved	EM		X		2/17
TX – Severe Winter Storms	DR	X	X	X	2/18



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