

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, December 26, 2020

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents/Ongoing Ops:

- COVID-19
- Explosion – Nashville, TN

Hazard Monitoring:

- Lake Effect Snow – Northeast
- Freezing Rain – Dakota's, Idaho, and Montana

Disaster Declaration Activity:

- None

Event Monitoring:

- Nothing significant to report



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Explosion – Nashville, TN

Current Situation: Metropolitan Nashville PD reported a large explosion that occurred at 7:30 a.m. ET, Dec 25th in Nashville, TN (pop. 693k). The explosion is believed to have been intentionally detonated and originated from a RV parked directly adjacent to the AT&T Regional Communications Switching Facility.

Lifeline Impacts:

Safety and Security:

- Over 40 buildings damaged; multiple water main breaks
- Mandatory Evacuations in effect for the area

Health and Medical:

- Three injuries; confirmed human remains found at explosion site
- TN experiencing outages with their patient tracking system
- No anticipated impacts on COVID/Healthcare/OWS response
- Air traffic at Vanderbilt University Medical Center on hold due to communication outage
 - Only Level I trauma center serving both adults and children in the region

Communications:

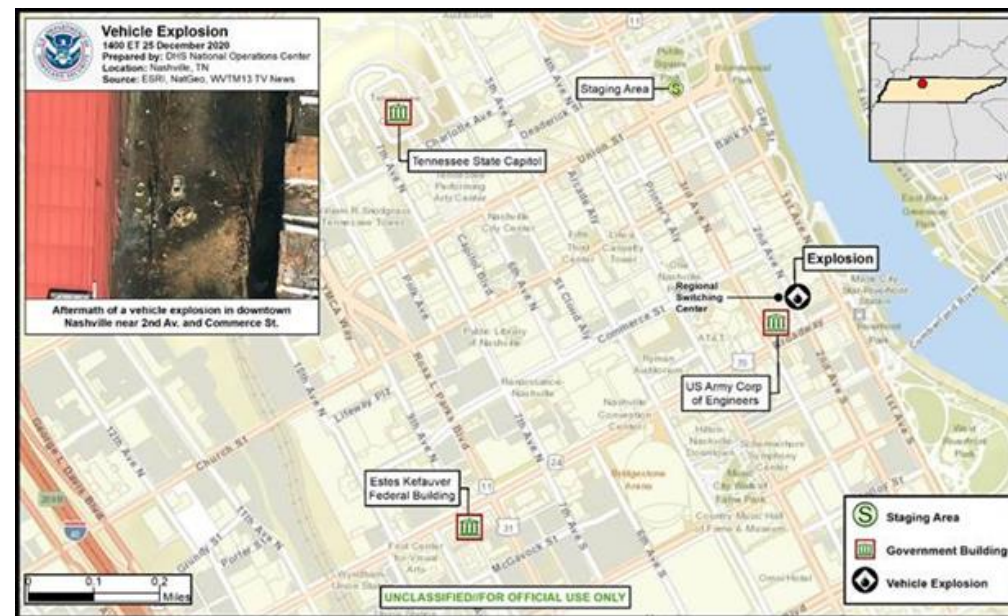
- AT&T is experiencing service outages for across middle TN and KY
 - Outages include local 911 systems, TV, phone, & internet customers

Transportation:

- Downtown traffic has been restricted; bus services suspended

State/Local Preparations:

- TN EOC at Partial Activation (COVID-19); experiencing phone/internet outages
- Nashville Mayor declared a State of Civil Emergency; Curfew imposed through Dec 27th
- Bomb/HAZMAT crews on scene; canine teams conducting sweeps



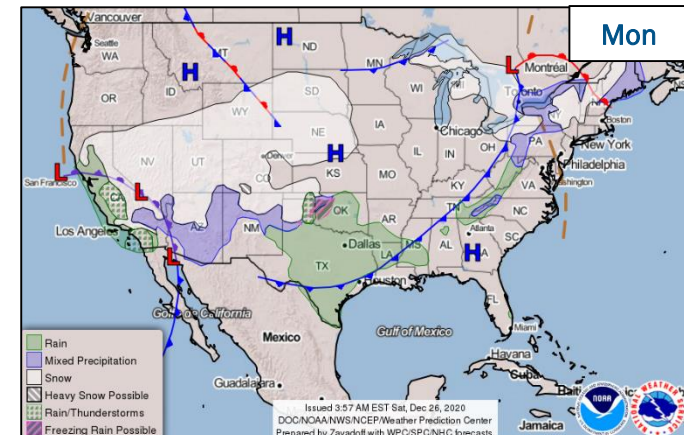
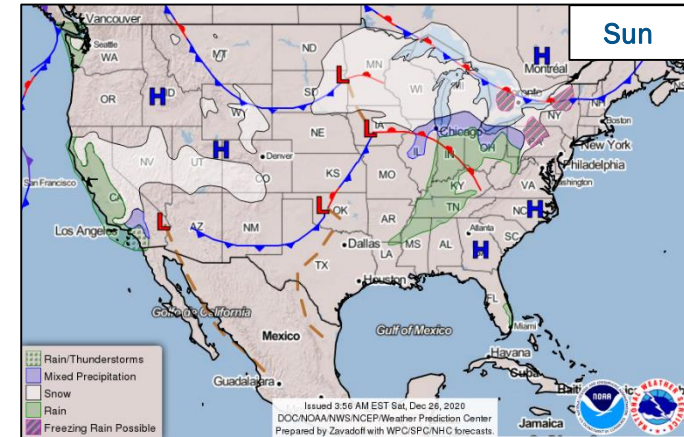
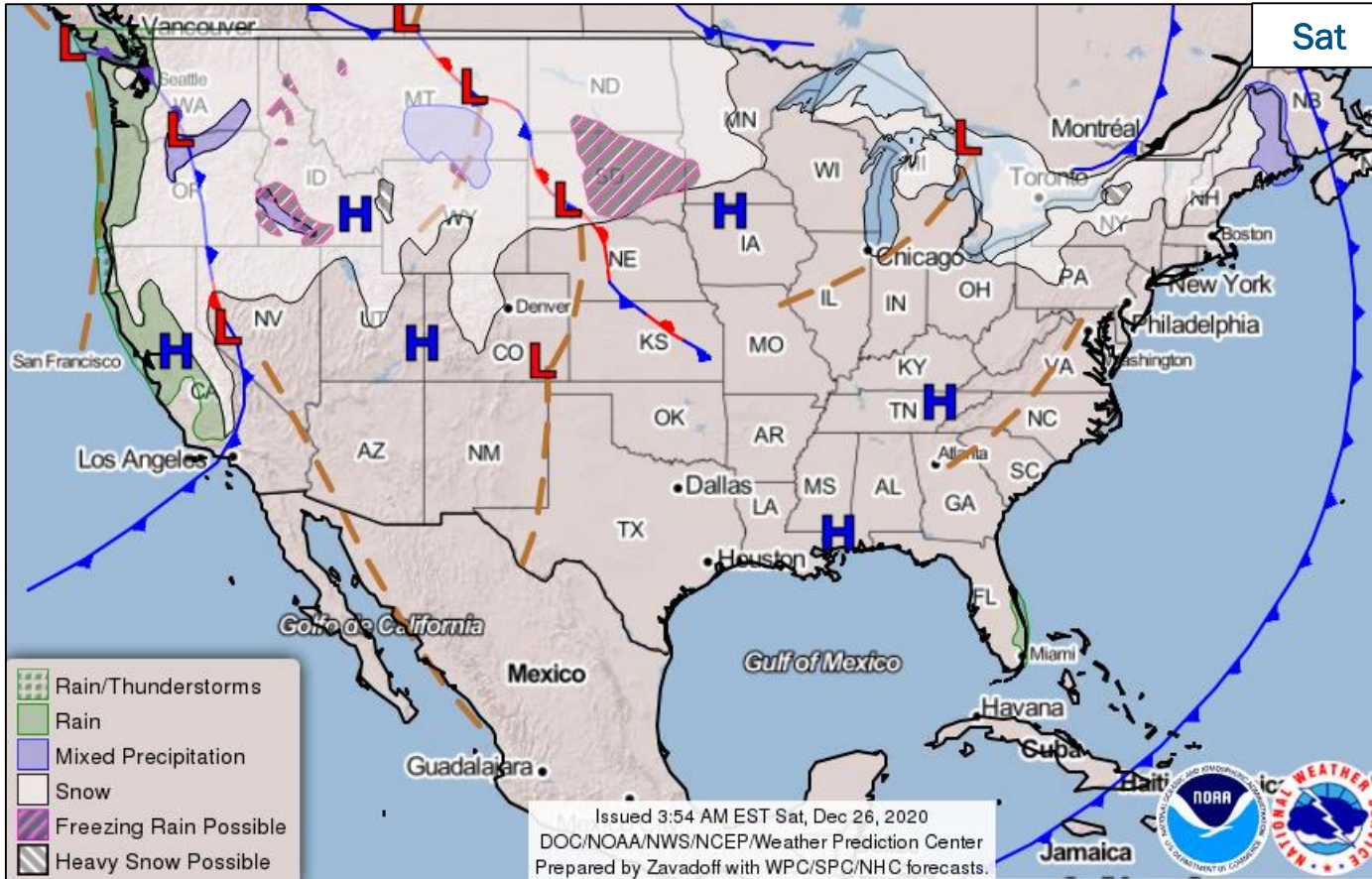
FEMA / Federal Response:

- The FBI leads ATF and state partner investigation
- DHS NOC directed personnel accountability for Nashville; all accounted for
 - All FEMA FIT members in the TN EOC accounted for
- FEMA RIV RRCC is rostered; RWC is monitoring
- NRCC at Level III (COVID-19); NWC continues to monitor
- No requests for FEMA assistance



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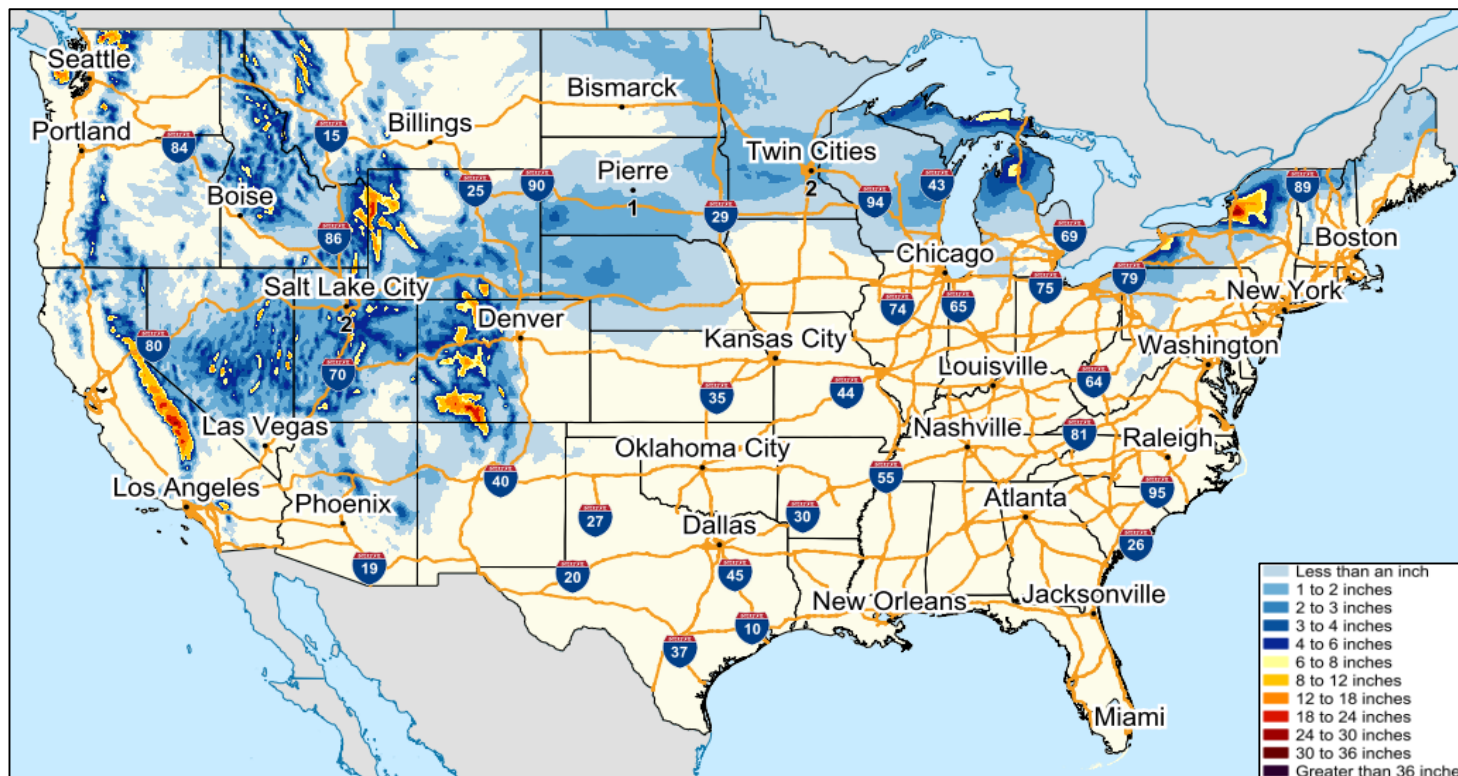
National Weather Forecast



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Forecast Snowfall



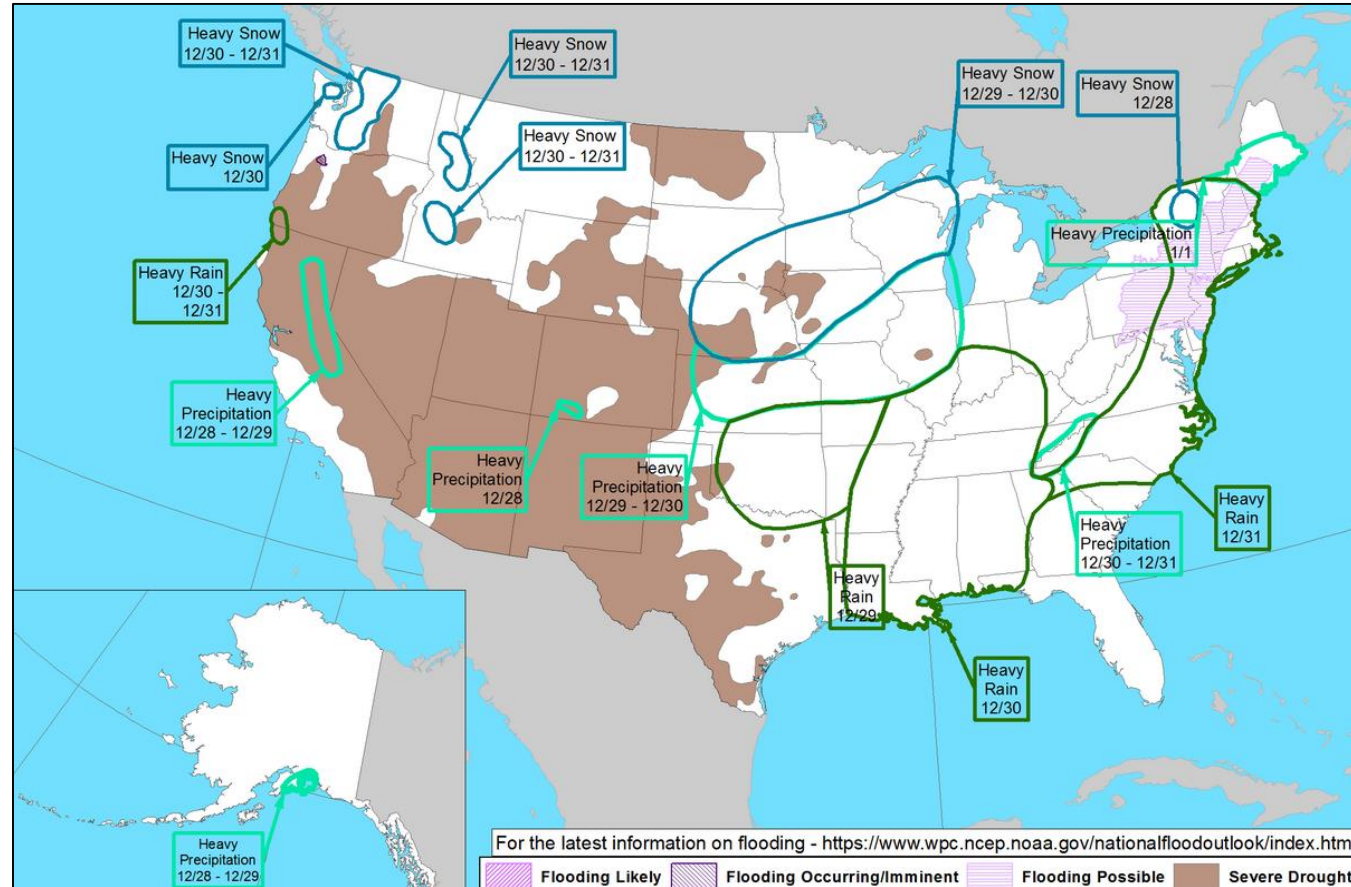
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Ice Accumulation Forecast



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Hazards Outlook – Dec 28–Jan 1



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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

| Region | State / Location | Event | IA | Number of Counties | | Start - End |
|--------|------------------|--|----|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| | | | PA | Requested | Complete | |
| IV | NC | Tropical Cyclone Eta Nov 12-19 | IA | 0 | 0 | N/A |
| | | | PA | 15 | 0 | 12/9 - TBD |
| X | AK | West Coast Storm & Flooding Nov 5-7 | IA | 0 | 0 | N/A |
| | | | PA | 1 | 0 | 12/23 - TBD |



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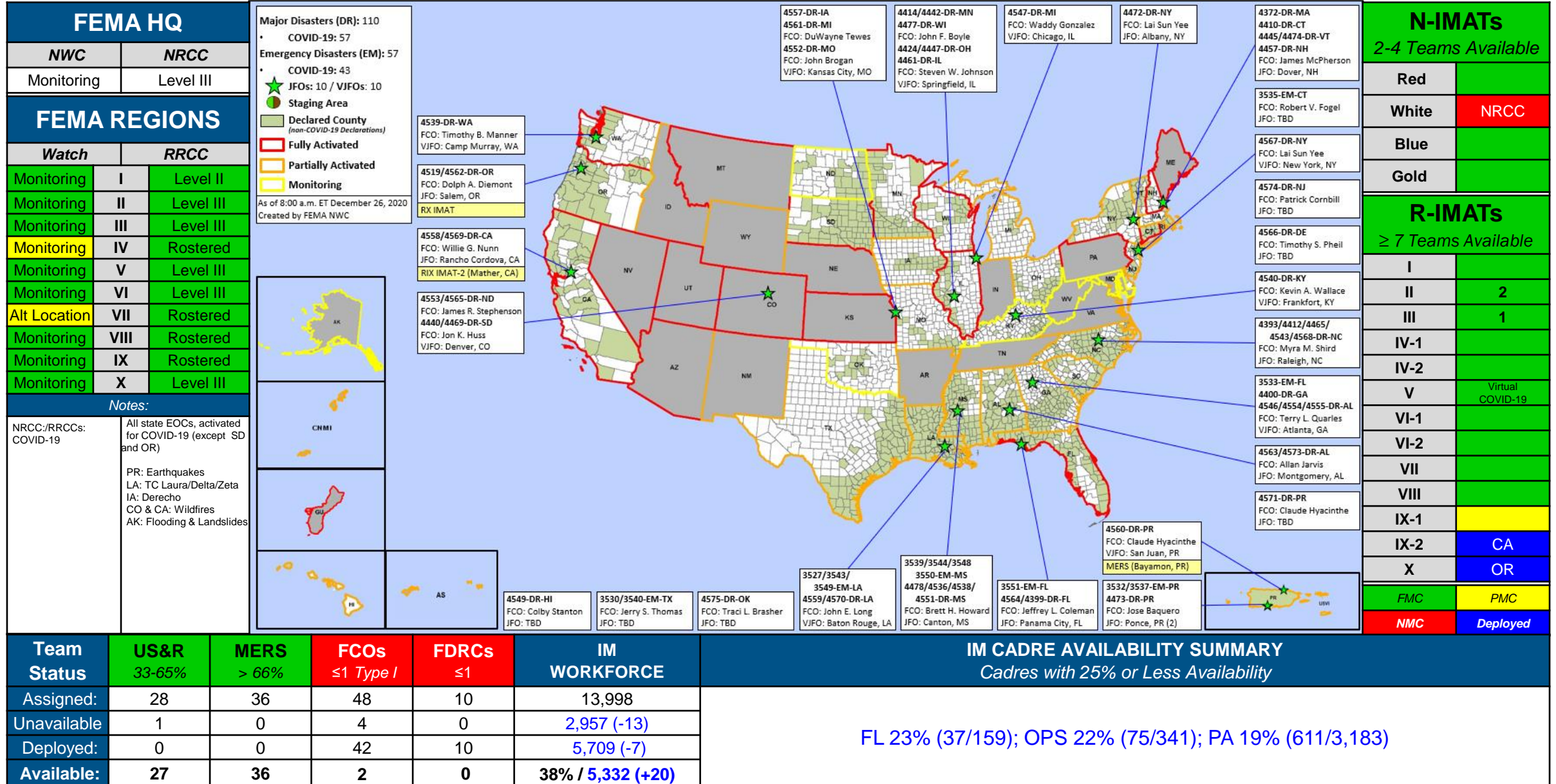
Declaration Requests in Process – 11

| State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description | Type | IA | PA | HM | Requested |
|--|------|----|----|----|-----------|
| Poarch Band of Creek Indians – COVID-19 Pandemic | DR | X | X | | 5/15 |
| WA – Wildfires and Straight-Line Winds | DR | X | X | X | 9/16 |
| CT – Tropical Storm Isaias | DR | | X | X | 9/30 |
| TX – Hurricane Hanna | DR | | X | X | 9/30 |
| UT – Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds | DR | | X | X | 10/7 |
| MD – Tropical Storm Isaias (Appeal) | DR | | X | X | 11/12 |
| LA – Hurricane Zeta | DR | X | X | X | 11/24 |
| MS – Hurricane Zeta | DR | X | X | X | 11/24 |
| GA – Hurricane Zeta | DR | | X | X | 11/18 |
| Navajo Nation – COVID-19 Pandemic | DR | X | X | X | 12/3 |
| CO – Wildfires | DR | X | X | X | 12/21 |



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FEMA Common Operating Picture





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