

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Sunday, December 27, 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:

- Freezing Rain possible – California, Plains, Upper Mississippi Valley, Great Lakes, and Central Appalachians

Disaster Declaration Activity:

- Emergency Declaration Request – TN

Event Monitoring:

- Nothing significant to report



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Explosion – Nashville, TN

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

Lifeline Impacts:

Safety and Security:

- 41 (+1) buildings damaged and several water main breaks
- Mandatory Evacuations in effect; 10-block radius closed around the site

Health and Medical:

- Three injuries; confirmed human remains (1) found on scene
- TN experiencing outages with their patient tracking system
 - COVID/Healthcare hotline down; website remains operational
- Life Flight air traffic at Vanderbilt University Medical Center is fully operational

Communications:

- AT&T experiencing service outages across TN, KY, OH, AL, GA, and LA; affecting 911 systems, TV, phone, and internet customers
 - Portable cell sites established; FirstNet/Band 14 sites prioritized for 1st Responders
- AT&T repairing infrastructure damage within crime-scene, rerouting traffic
- Degraded comms at Vanderbilt University Medical Center

State/Local Preparations:

- TN Governor requested an Emergency Declaration
- TN EOC at Partial Activation (COVID-19); EOC has phone/internet issues
- Mayor declared a State of Civil Emergency; curfew imposed through 5:30 p.m. ET today
- Bomb/HAZMAT crews on scene; canine teams conducting sweeps



FEMA / Federal Response:

- The FBI leads ATF and state partner investigation
- FAA issued temporary flight restriction of 1 mile around explosion site; designated as National Defense Airspace
- DHS NOC directed personnel accountability; all accounted for
- FEMA RIV RRCC is rostered; RWC is monitoring
- NRCC at Level III (COVID-19); NWC continues to monitor
 - Disaster Emergency Communications team in coordination with state counterparts



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Declaration Request – Tennessee

Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration– TN

Requested: Dec 26

Incident: Explosion

Incident Period: Dec 25 and continuing

Requested:

- **PA:** 1 county

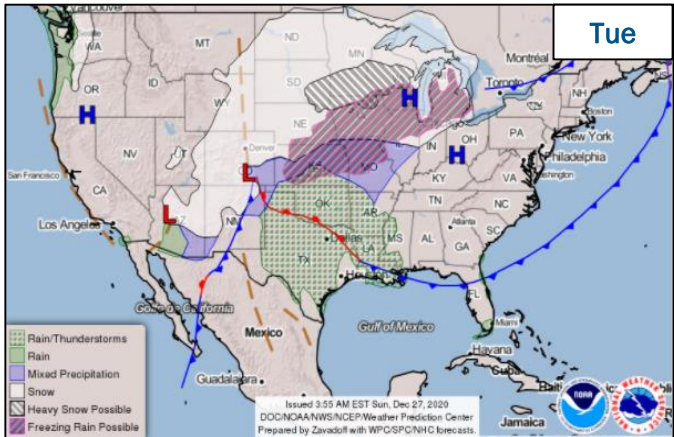
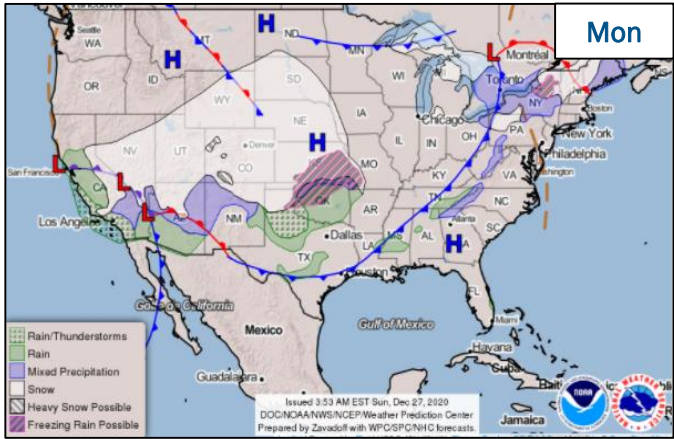
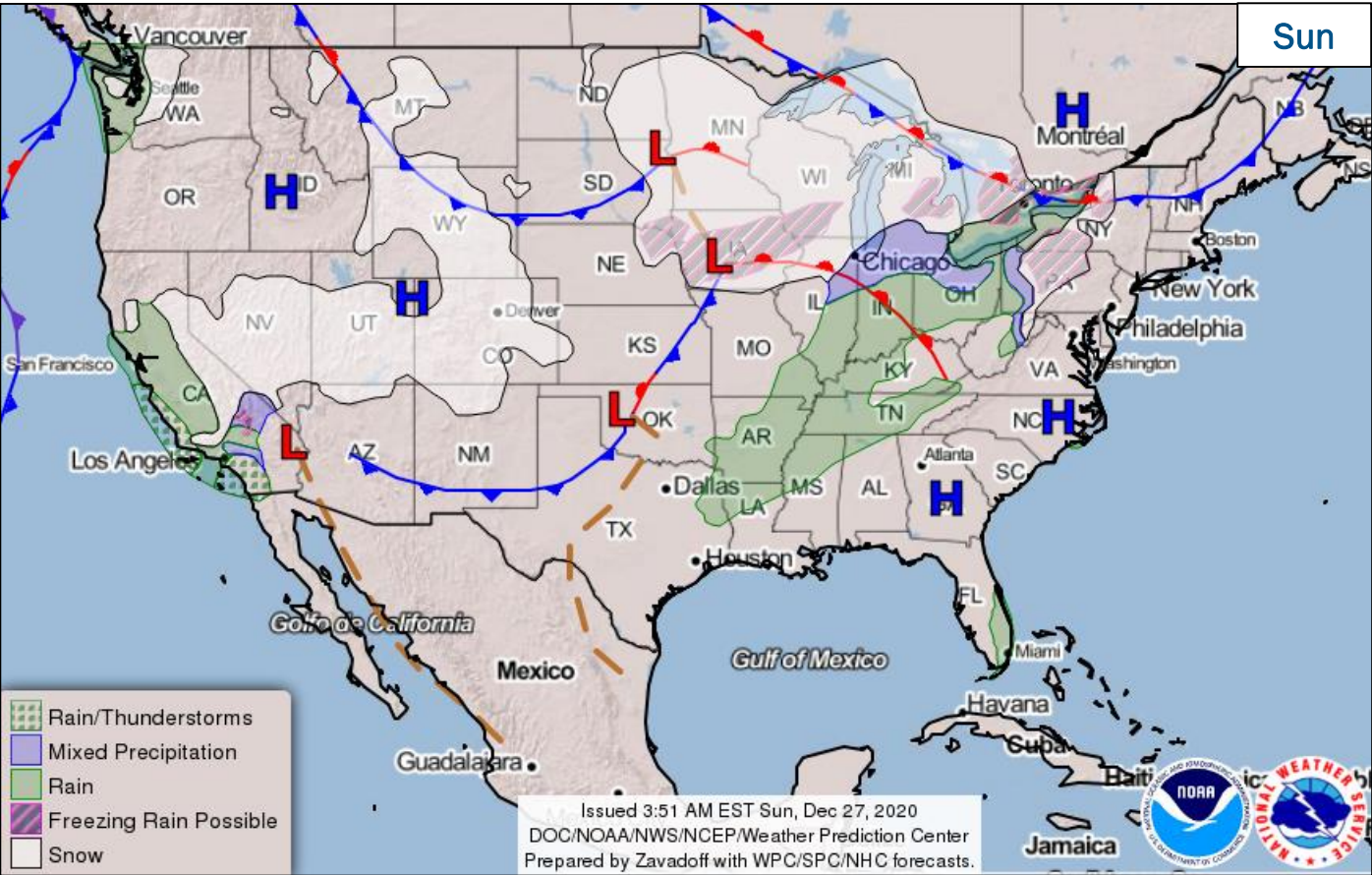


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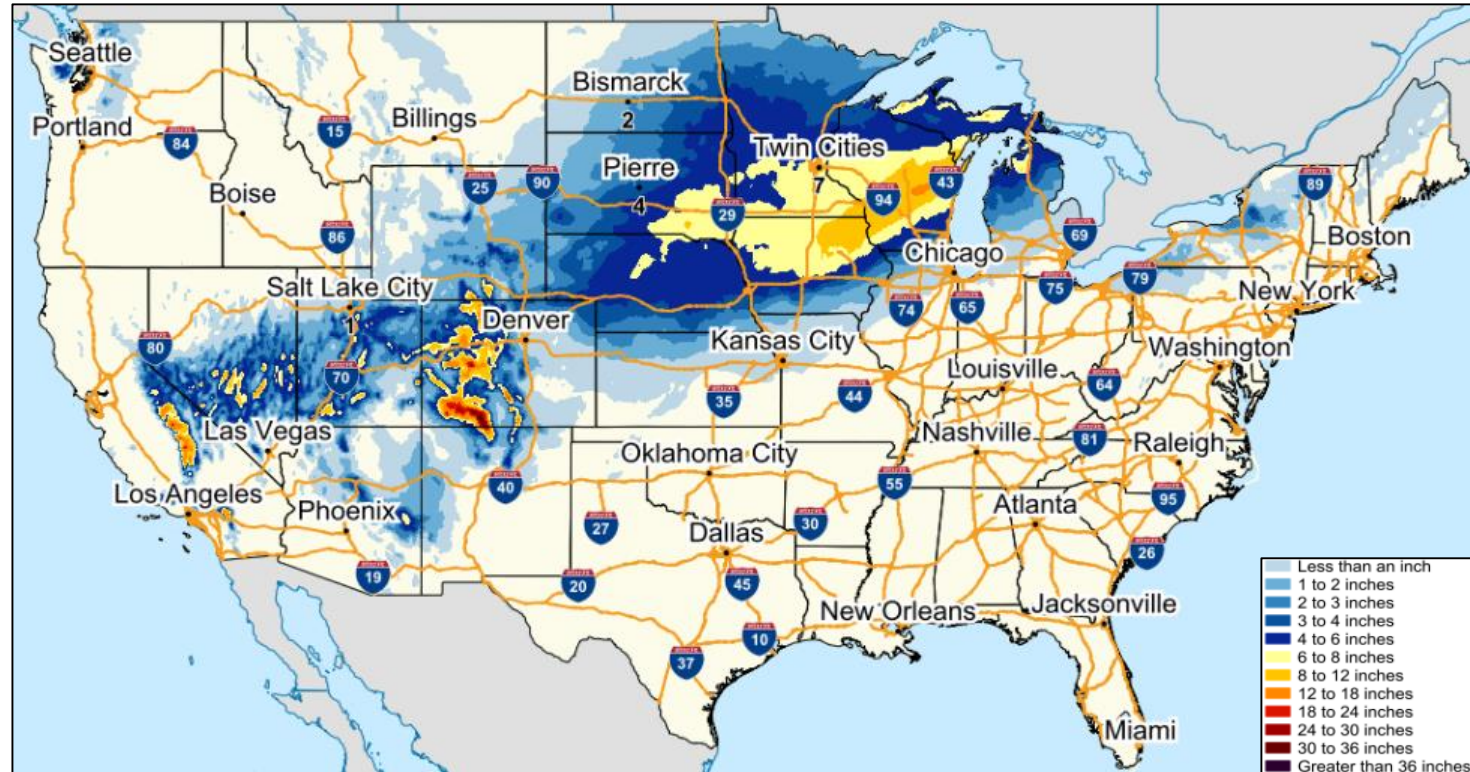
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National Weather Forecast



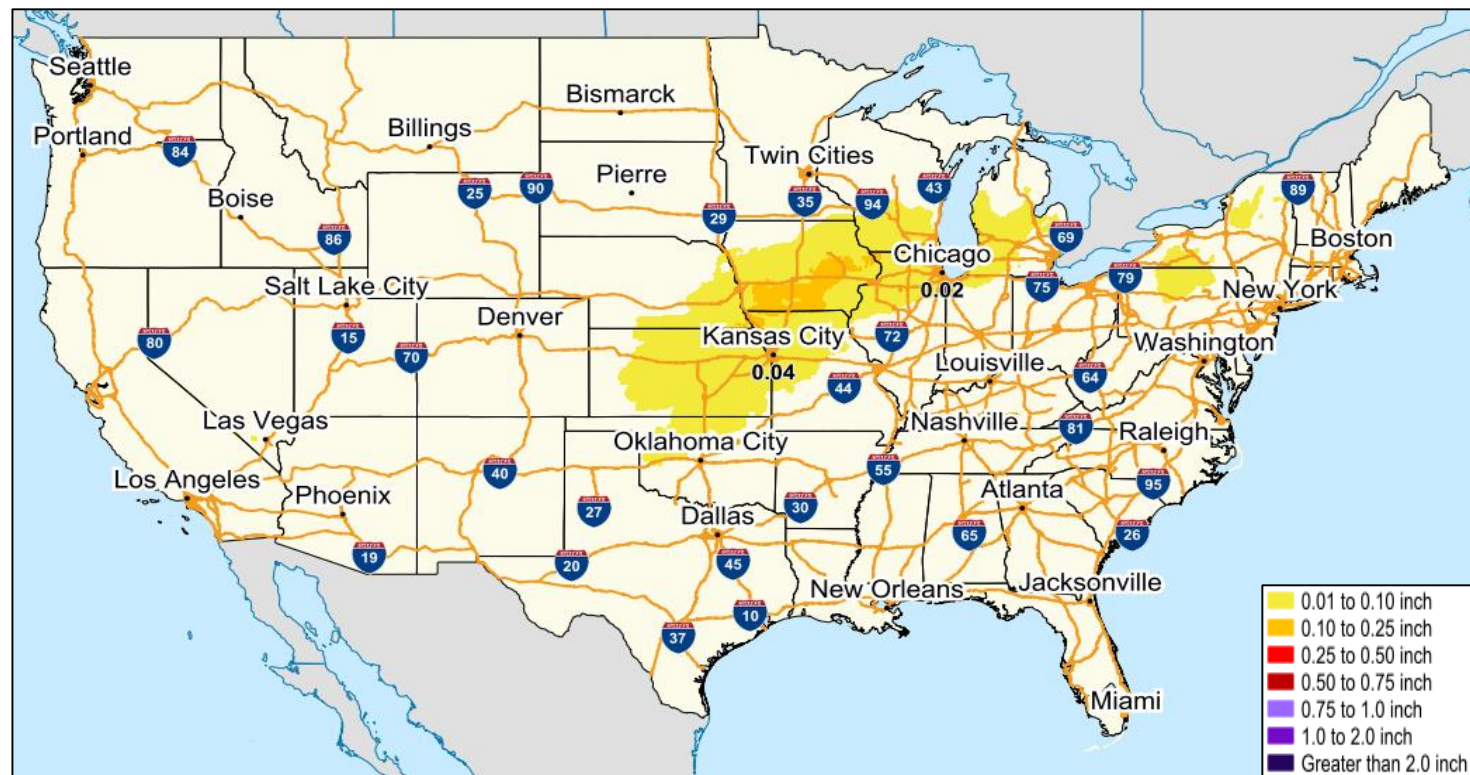
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Forecast Snowfall



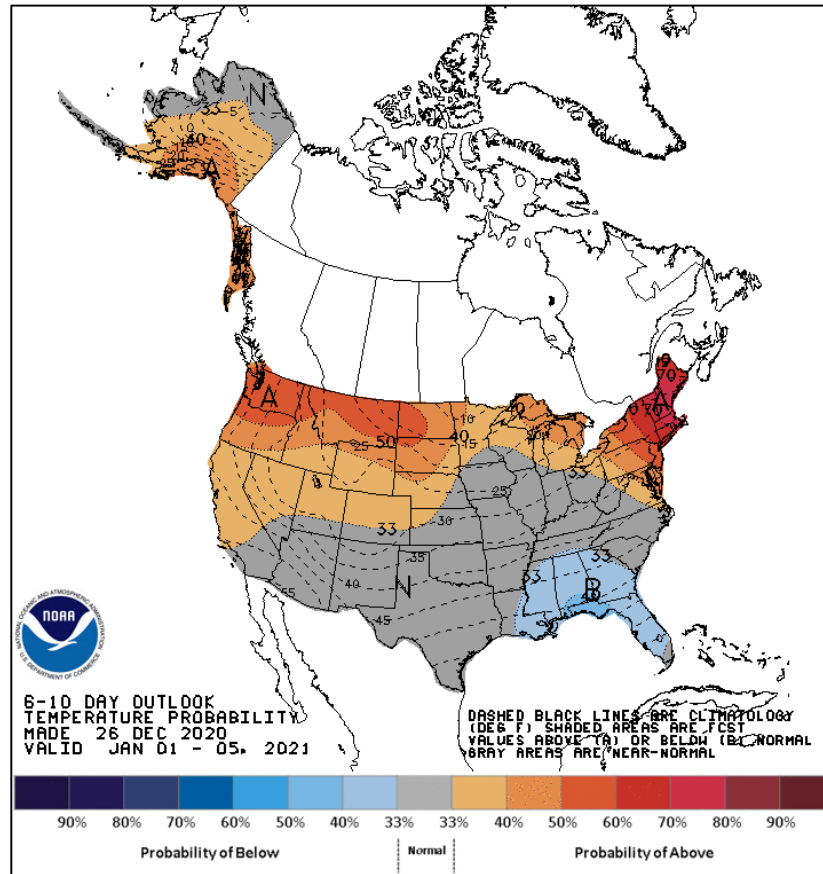
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Ice Accumulation Forecast

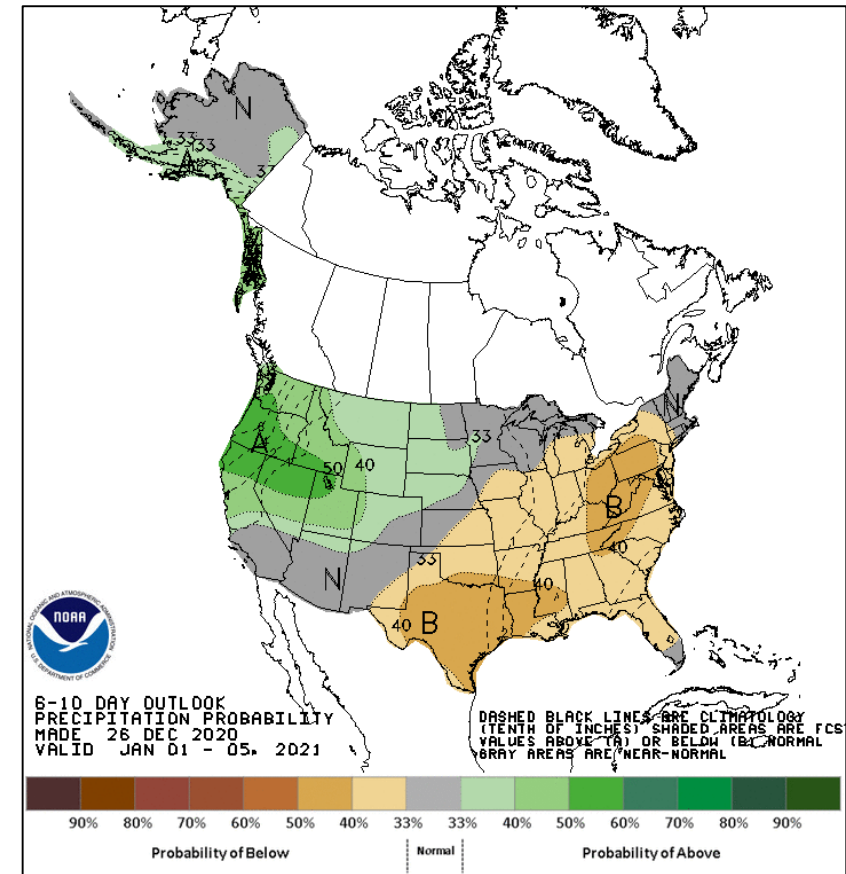


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Long Range Outlooks – Jan 1–5



6-10 Day Temperature Probability



6-10 Day Precipitation Probability



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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	1 (+1)	12/22 – 12/24



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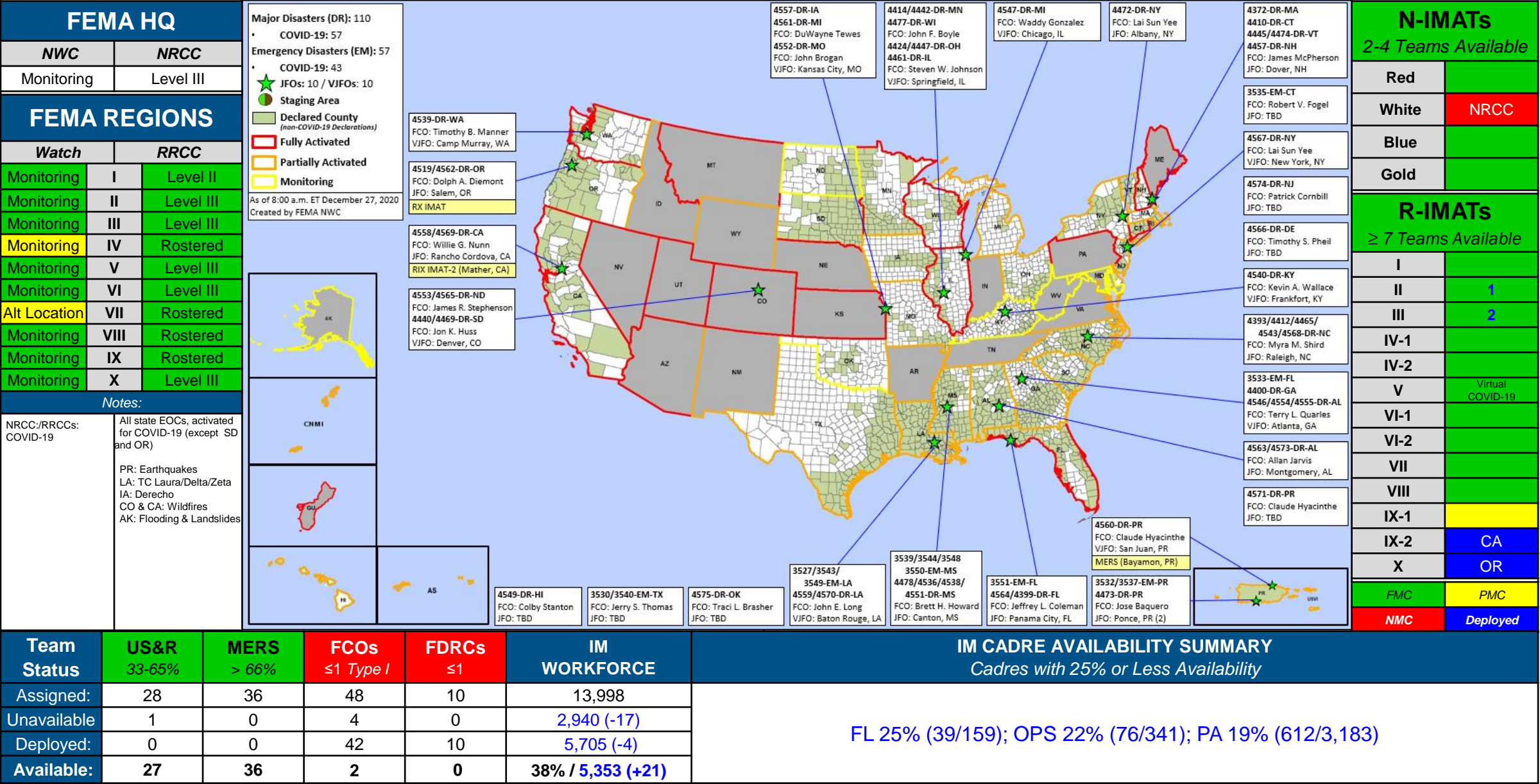
Declaration Requests in Process – 12

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
TN – Explosion	EM		X		12/26



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