

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Sunday, January 31, 2021

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Ops / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents/Ongoing Ops:

- COVID-19
- Winter Storm – Midwest to Eastern U.S.

## Hazard Monitoring:

- Heavy rain and flash flooding possible – Pacific Northwest to northern CA
- Freezing rain possible - Appalachians to Mid-Atlantic
- Heavy snow possible – Central Appalachians
- Winter Storm Warnings – Middle/Upper Mississippi Valleys to Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

## Disaster Declaration Activity:

- None

## Event Monitoring:

- None



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# Winter Storm – Midwest to Eastern U.S.

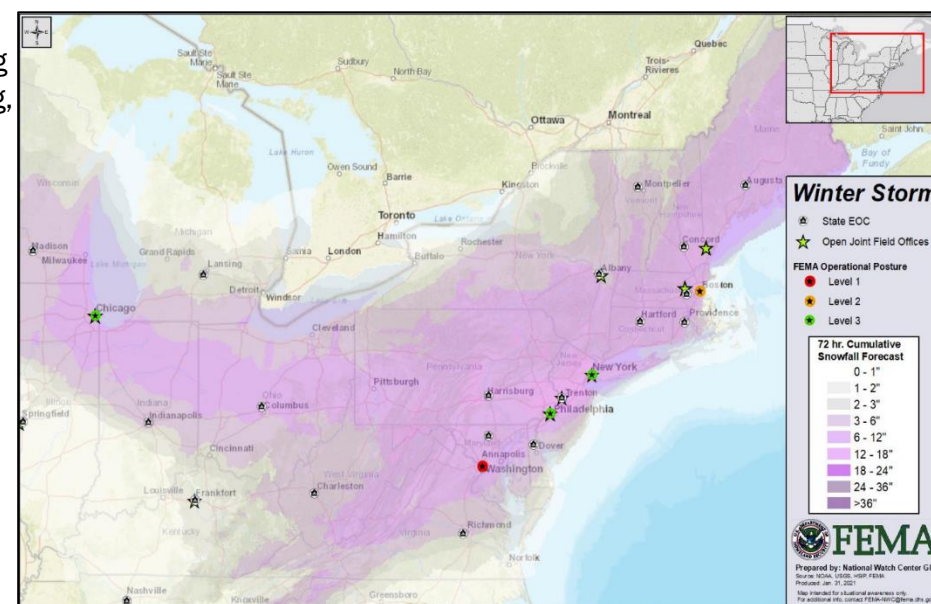
**Situation:** A complex storm system will impact the Mid Atlantic, Northeast, and New England today through Tuesday. Primary threats include heavy snowfall, ice accretion (up to .25 inches), and gusting winds. As of 7:00 p.m. ET yesterday, over 100 million Americans are under a Winter Weather Warning, Watch, or Advisory

## Potential Impacts:

- Snow:
  - 4-8 inches in major cities within the I-95 corridor from DC to NYC
  - 6-12 inches expected for areas west of I-95
  - 12 inches or more expected near northern MD, eastern PA, and into northern NJ
  - 8 inches or more forecast from the Chicago and Milwaukee metro areas to northern IN and OH
- Travel will be dangerous to impossible due to low visibility and drifting snow
- Freezing rain and sleet could lead to scattered power outages

## State/Local Preparations:

- Region I:
  - CT, ME, and NH EOCs at Full Activation (COVID-19)
  - MA, RI, and VT EOCs at Partial Activation (COVID-19)
- Region II:
  - NY & NJ EOCs at Partial Activation (COVID-19)
- Region III:
  - PA EOC at Full Activation (COVID-19)
  - DC, DE and VA EOCs at Partial Activation (COVID-19); MD EOC at Partial Activation (winter storm and COVID-19)
  - WV EOC at Monitoring (COVID-19)
- Region V:
  - IL, MN, & WI: Full Activation (COVID-19)
  - IN, MI, & OH: Partial Activation (COVID-19)



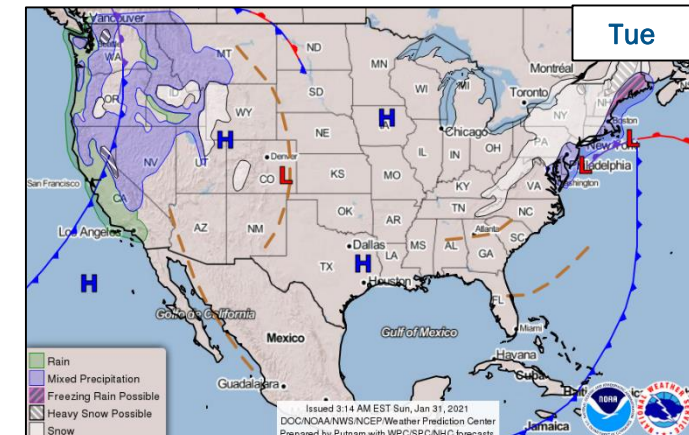
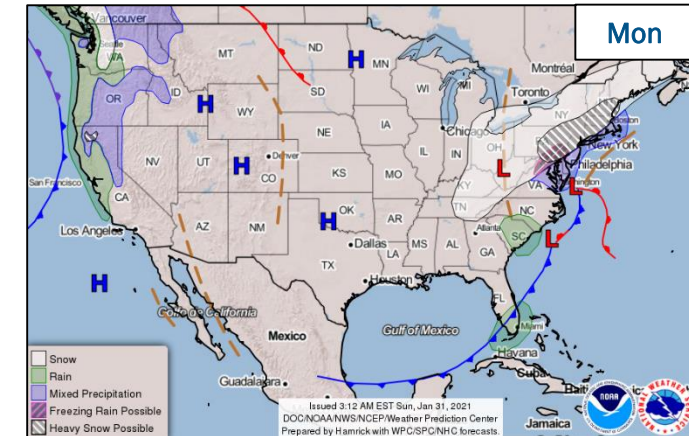
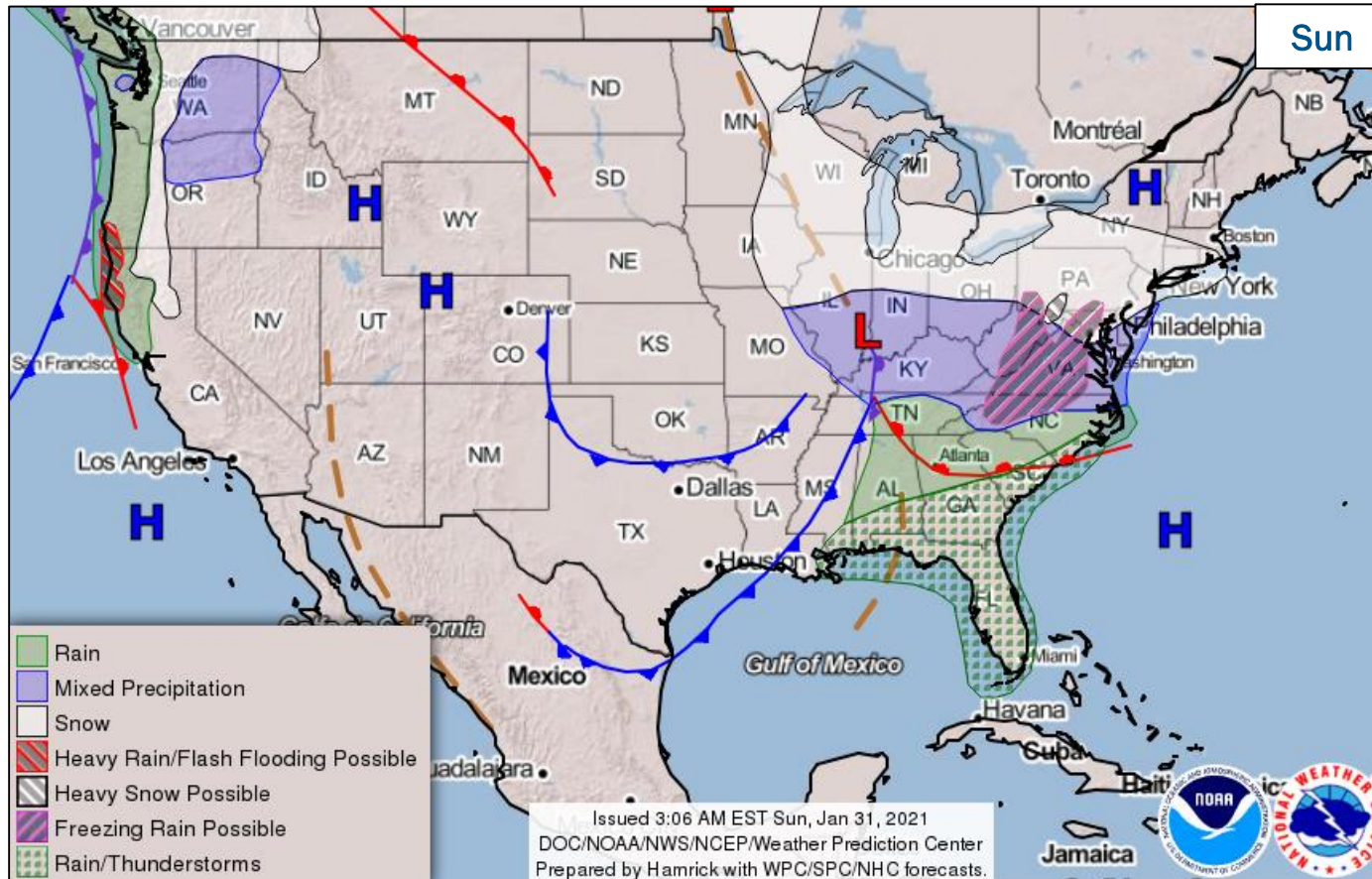
## FEMA Response:

- NRCC at Level I (COVID-19)
- NWC is monitoring
- Region I RRCC at Level II (COVID-19); Maynard MOC is monitoring
- Region II, III, and V RRCCs at Level III (COVID-19); Region V RWC working from alternate location (winter storm); RWCs are monitoring
  - RWCs in contact with State EOCs; no unmet needs at this time
- No requests for FEMA assistance



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# National Weather Forecast

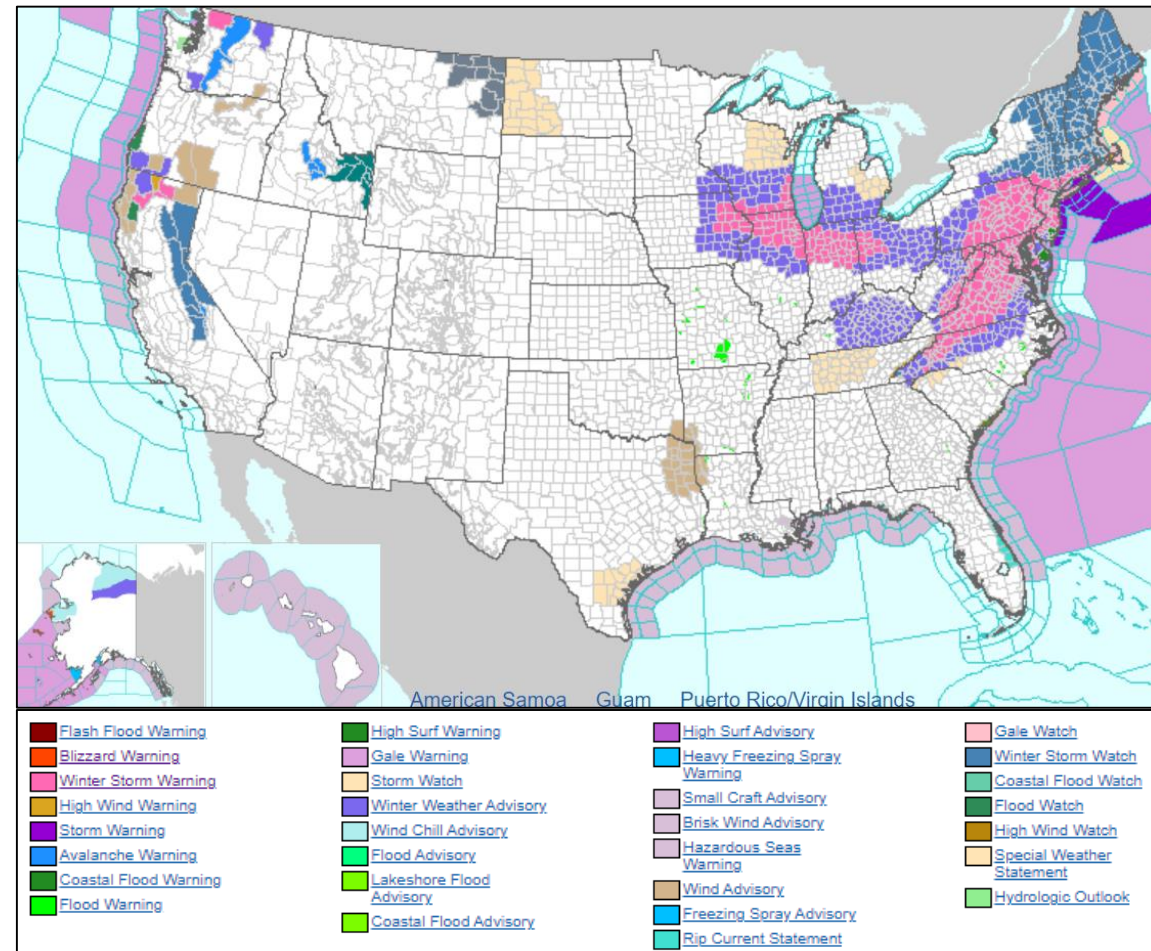


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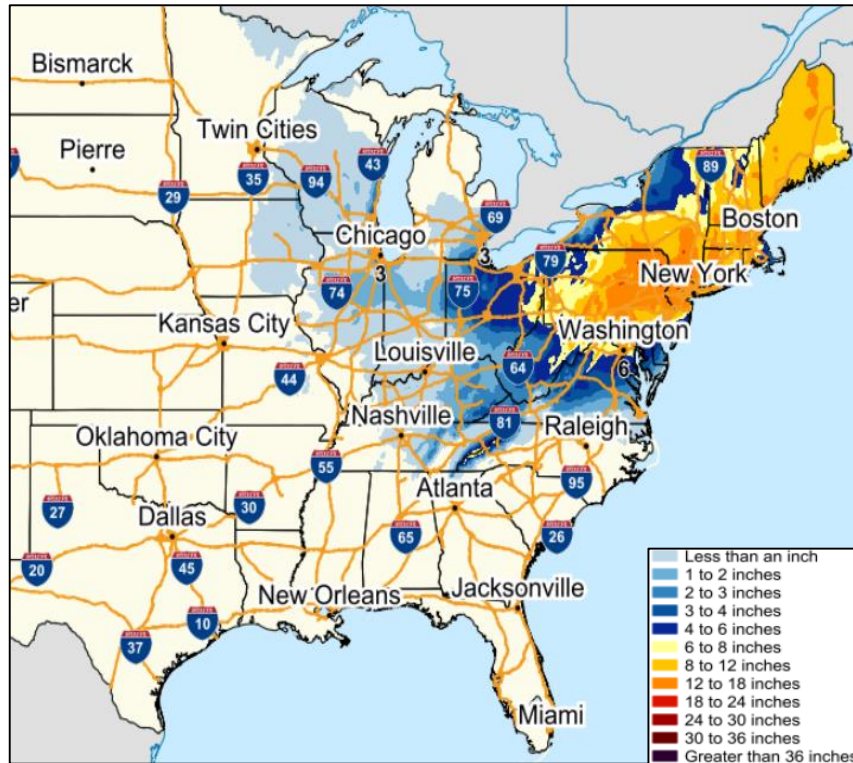


# Watches and Warnings

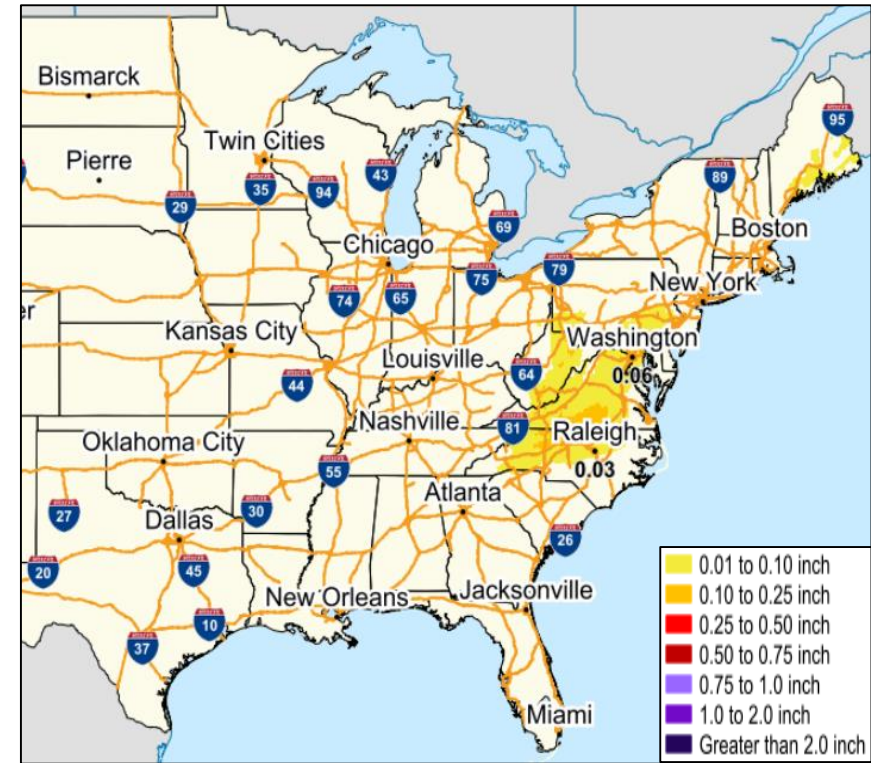


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# Snow and Ice Accumulation Outlooks



Forecast Snowfall

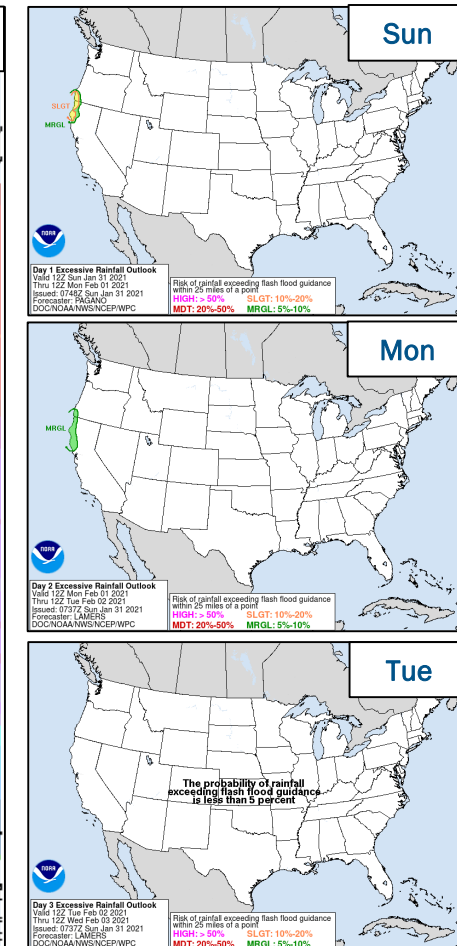
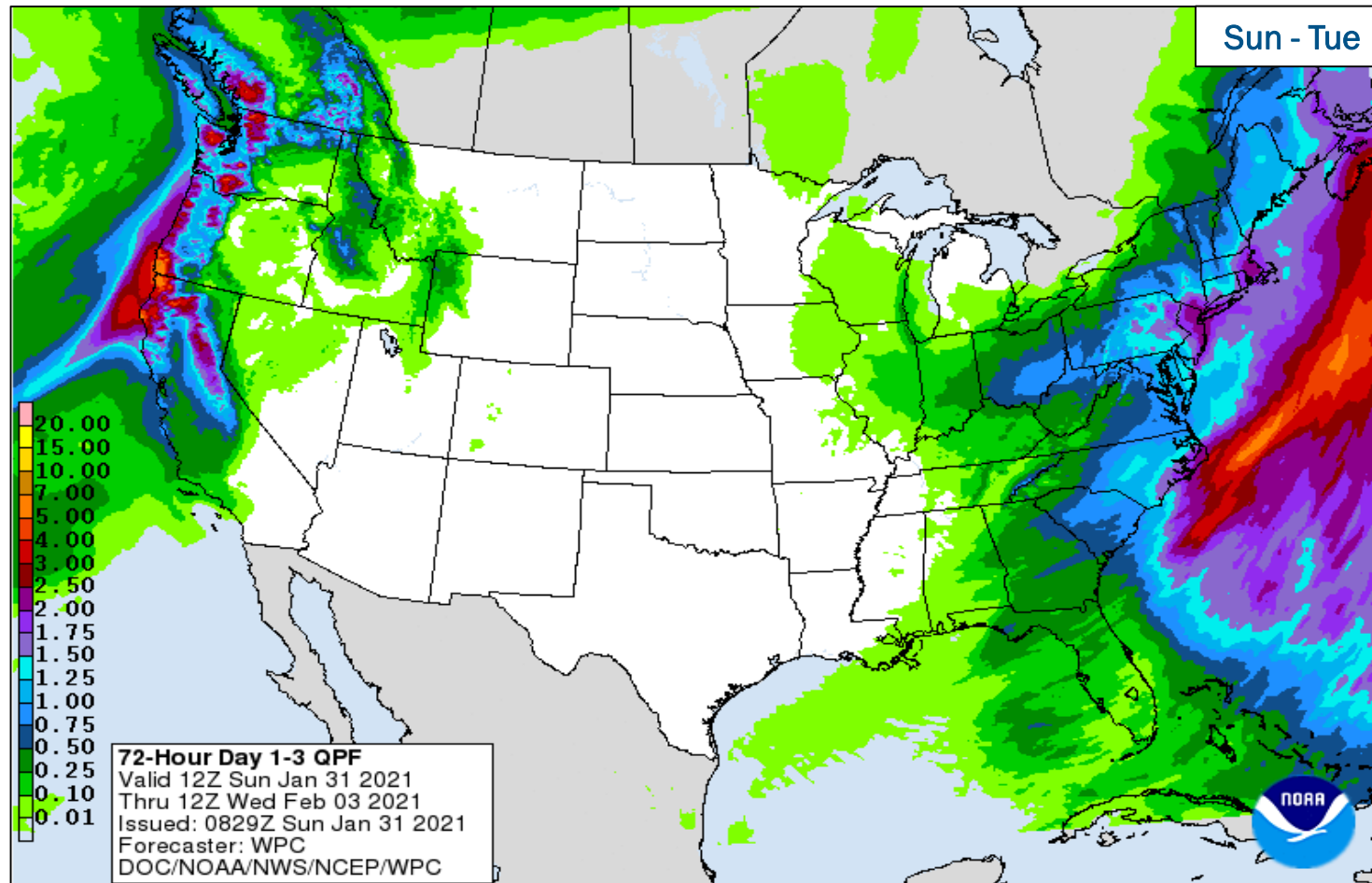


Ice Accumulation Forecast



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# Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall

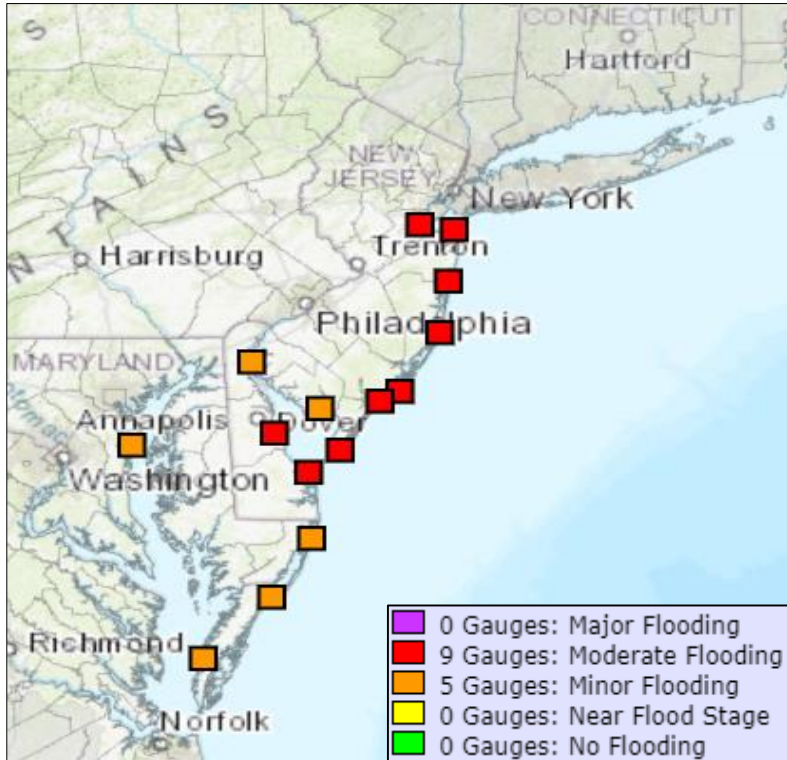


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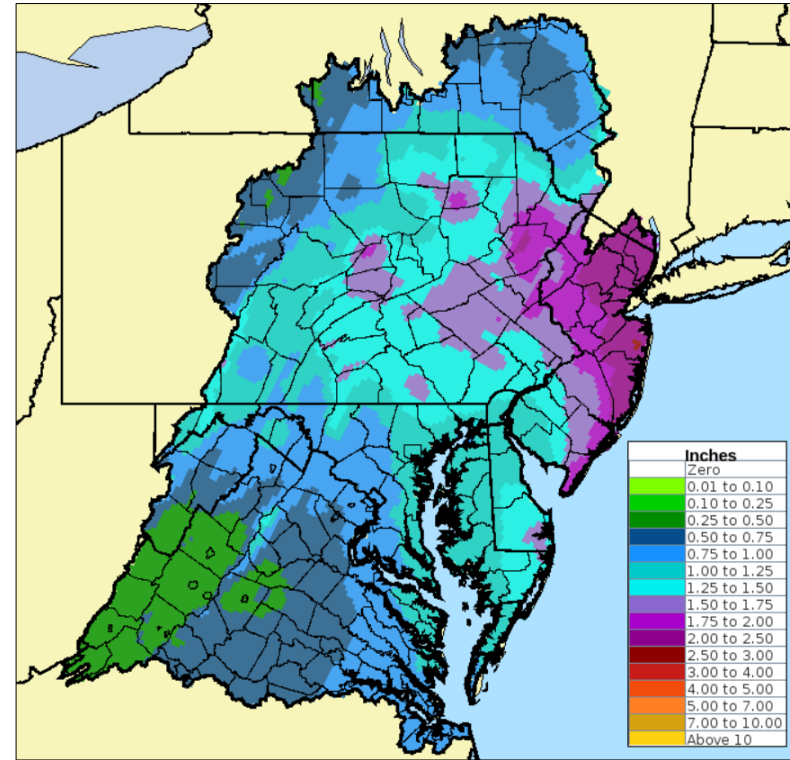


# Atlantic River Flood and Precipitation Forecast



Flood Gauge Outlook

[Middle Atlantic RFC \(weather.gov\)](#)



72-hour Precipitation Forecast

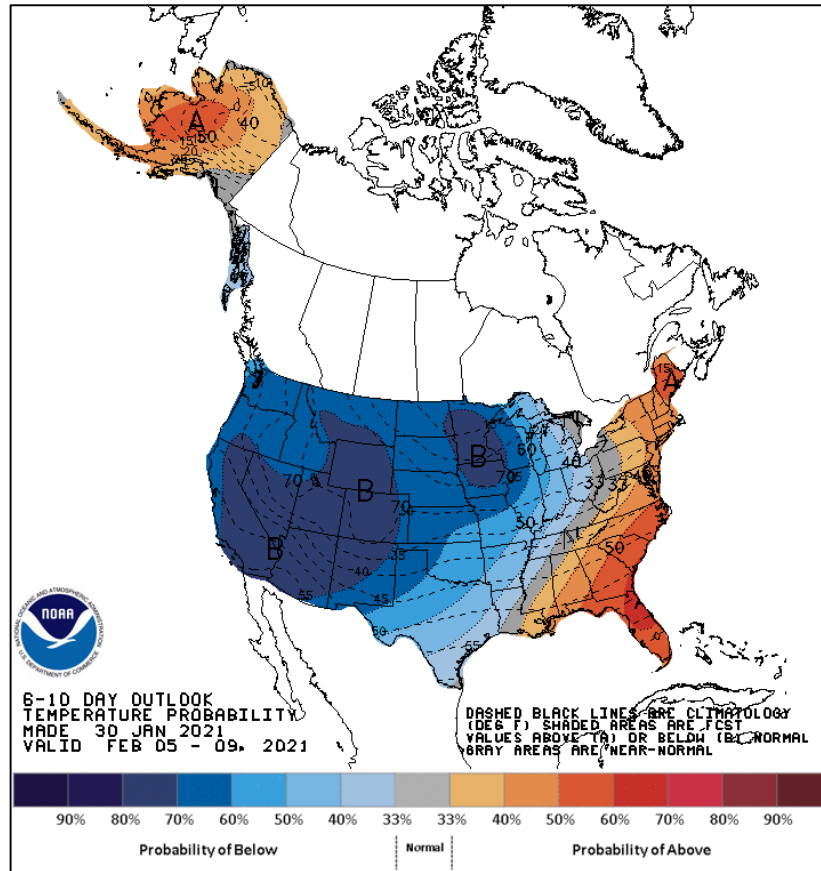
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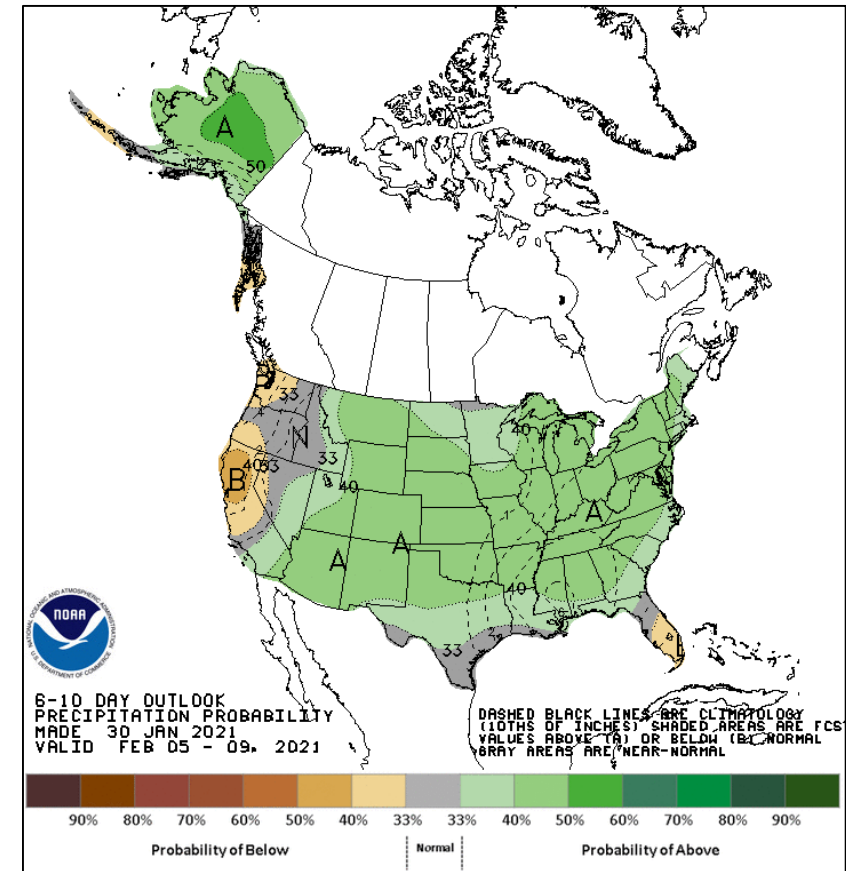
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# Long Range Outlooks – Feb 5 - 9



6-10 Day Temperature Probability



6-10 Day Precipitation Probability

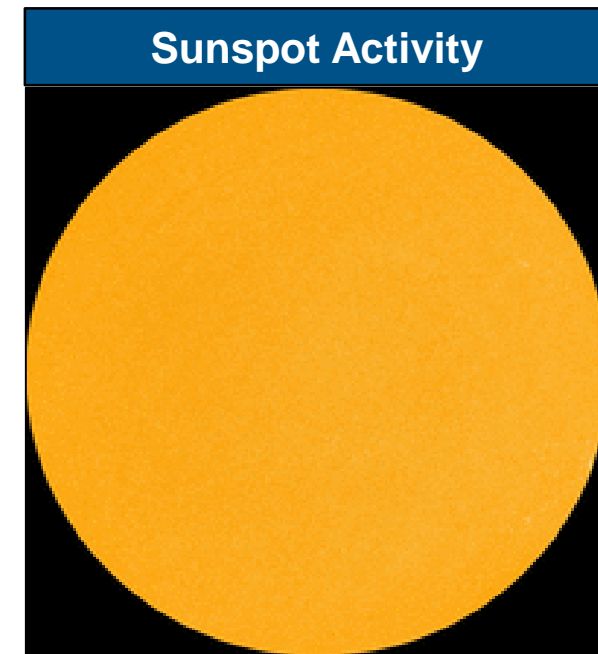
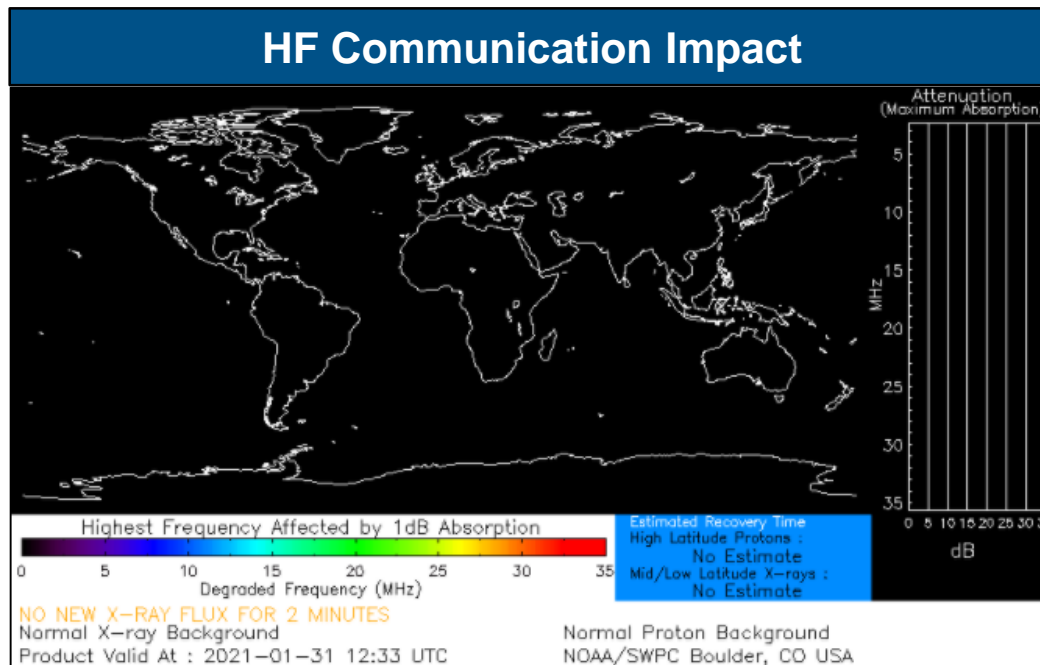


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# Space Weather Outlook

	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	None	None	None	None
Next 24 Hours	None	None	None	None
For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to: <a href="http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation">http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation</a> For further information on Sunspot Activity refer to: <a href="https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/phenomena/sunspotssolar-cycle">https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/phenomena/sunspotssolar-cycle</a>				



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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	19	17	12/9 – TBD



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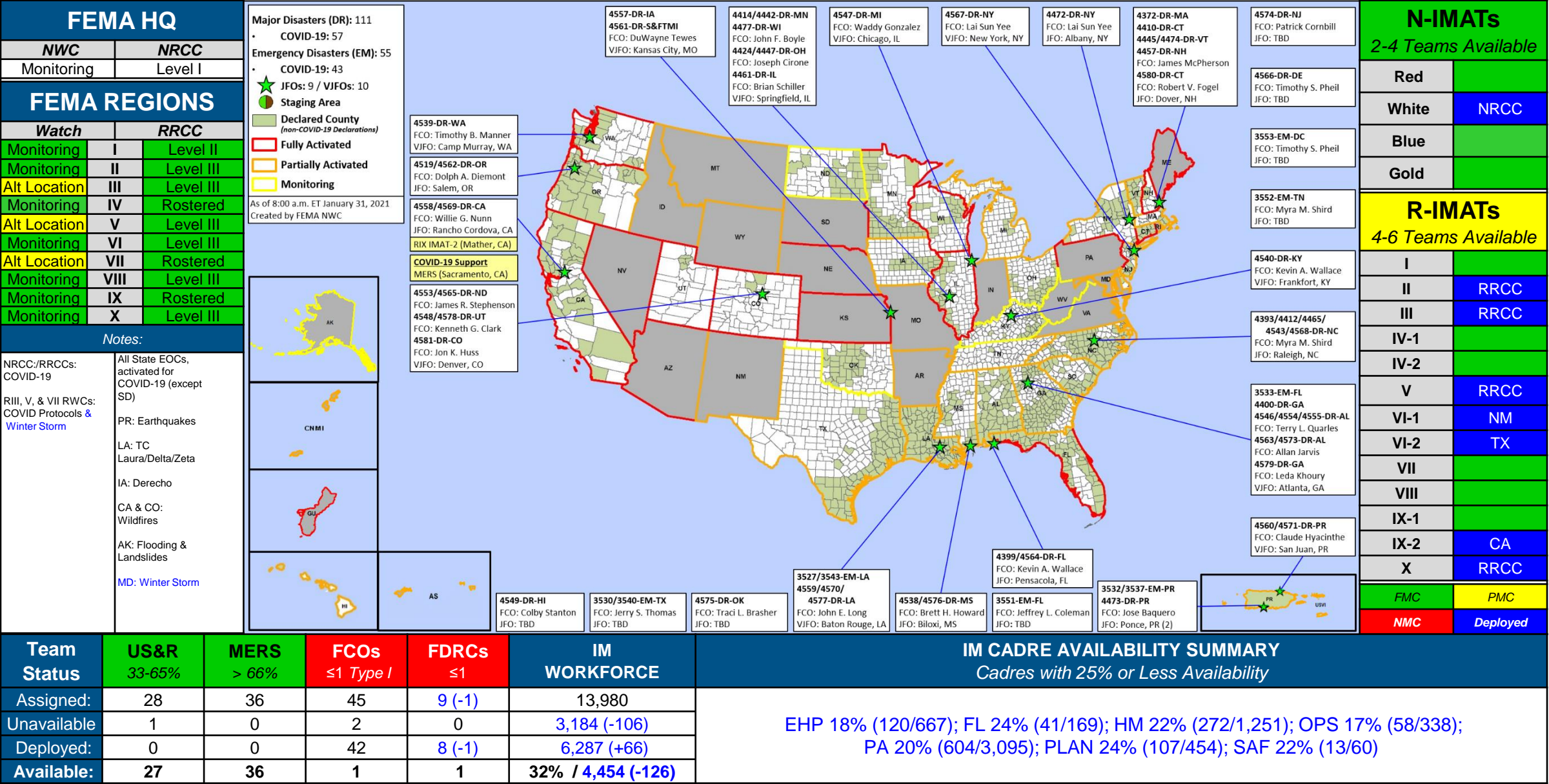
# Declaration Requests in Process – 4

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
WA – Wildfires and Straight-Line Winds	DR	X	X	X	9/16
MD – Tropical Storm Isaias (Appeal)	DR		X	X	11/12
Navajo Nation – COVID-19 Pandemic	DR	X	X	X	12/3
AK – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	1/29



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# FEMA Common Operating Picture





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