

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops:

- COVID-19
- Potential impacts of weather on vaccination site operations

Hazard Monitoring:

- Heavy Snow possible – Pacific Northwest, Rockies, Southern Plains to the Northeast
- Freezing Rain possible – Southern Plains to the Northeast
- Severe Thunderstorms possible – Florida and Georgia

Disaster Declaration Activity:

- Approval: Emergency Declaration – TX

Event Monitoring:

- No significant scheduled activity



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Winter Storms – PNW & Southern Plains to Northeast

Situation: Over 150 million Americans nationwide are experiencing a major winter storm that is forecast to continue through Tuesday. Large areas of snow, sleet, and freezing rain continue to significantly impact travel and causing widespread power outages.

Northwest – Major Winter Storm

Lifeline Impacts

- Energy: OR: 307K (+5K) customers without power; majority in Salem

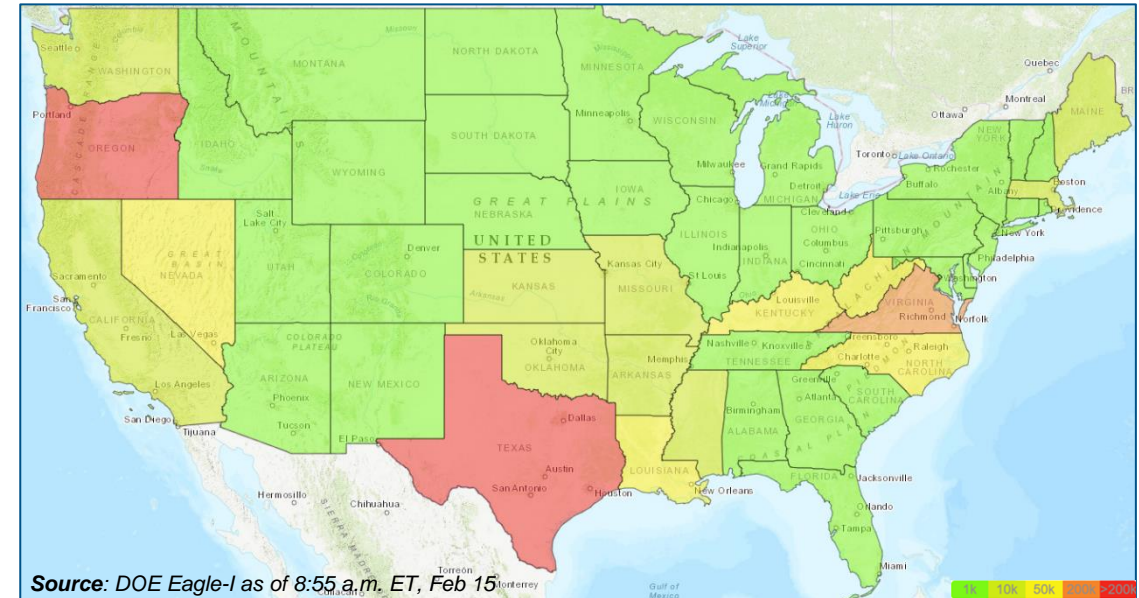
Southern Plains to Northeast – Major Winter Storm

Lifeline Impacts

- Energy: TX: 2M (+2M), controlled rolling outages; LA: 34k; VA: 146k (-2K); WV: 10k; KY: 12K; NC: 32k customers without power
- Transportation:
 - More than 1k flights cancelled across TX
 - Amtrak suspended train service across the impacted region
 - Media reports Interstate 10 closed in both directions from Baton Rouge to Lafayette, (50 miles) this morning due to icy conditions and multiple accidents

State / Local Response:

- OR EOC,s at Full Activation (COVID), TX, OK, VA, & MD EOCs at Partial Activation (COVID)
- OR, MS, AL, TN, LA, KS, TX, OK, & VA Governors declared a States of Emergency



FEMA / Federal Response:

- Region III RWC monitoring; RRCC: Level I (COVID); IMAT deployed to RRCC (COVID)
- Region IV RWC monitoring; RRCC will go to Level III on Feb 16 (COVID); IMAT 1 & 2 are FMC
- Region VI/Denton MOC monitoring; RRCC at Level III (COVID); IMAT deployed to NM, OK & TX (COVID)
- Region X/Bothell MOC monitoring; RRCC at Level III (COVID); IMAT deployed to RRCC (COVID)
- Emergency Declaration approved: FEMA-3554-EM-TX
- NWC is monitoring; NRCC at Level I (COVID)



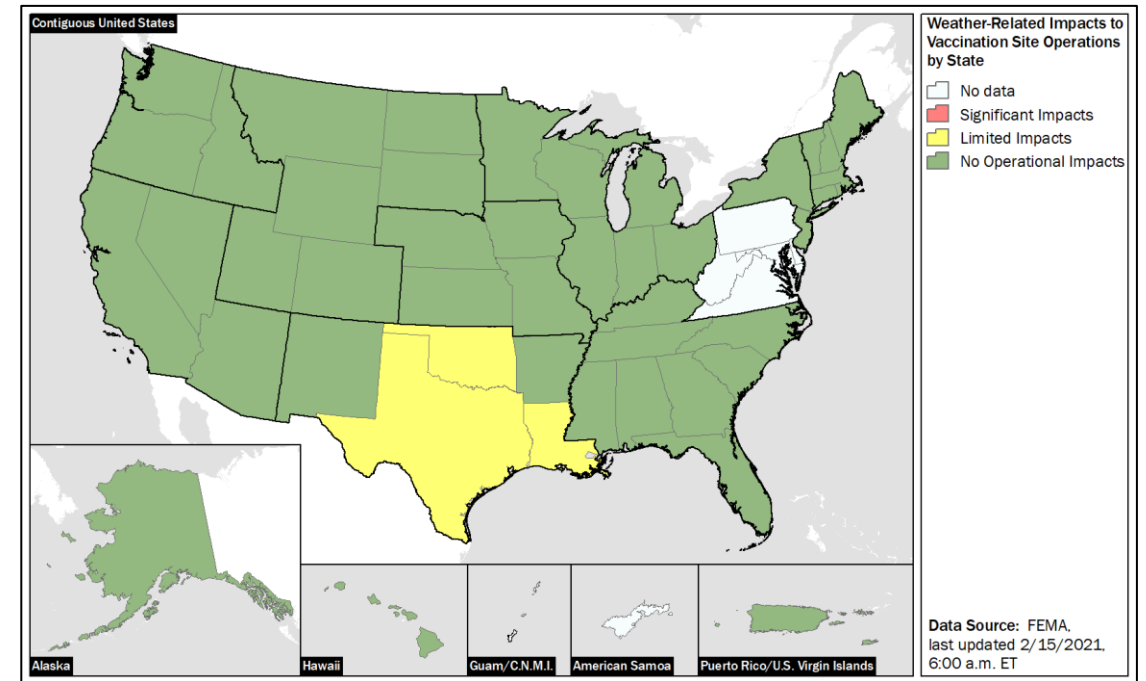
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COVID-19 Weather-related impacts to Vaccination Sites

Situation:

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

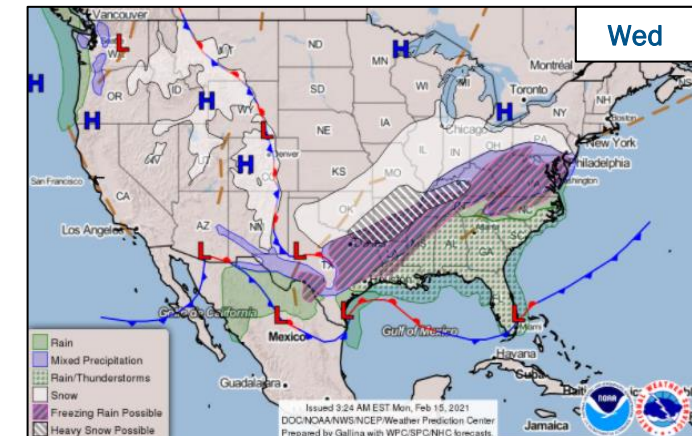
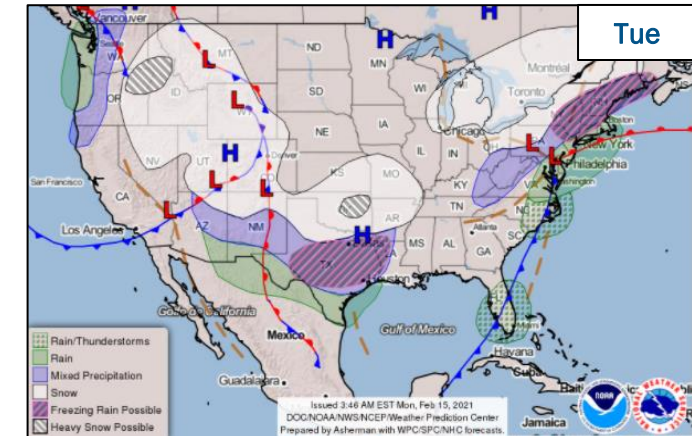
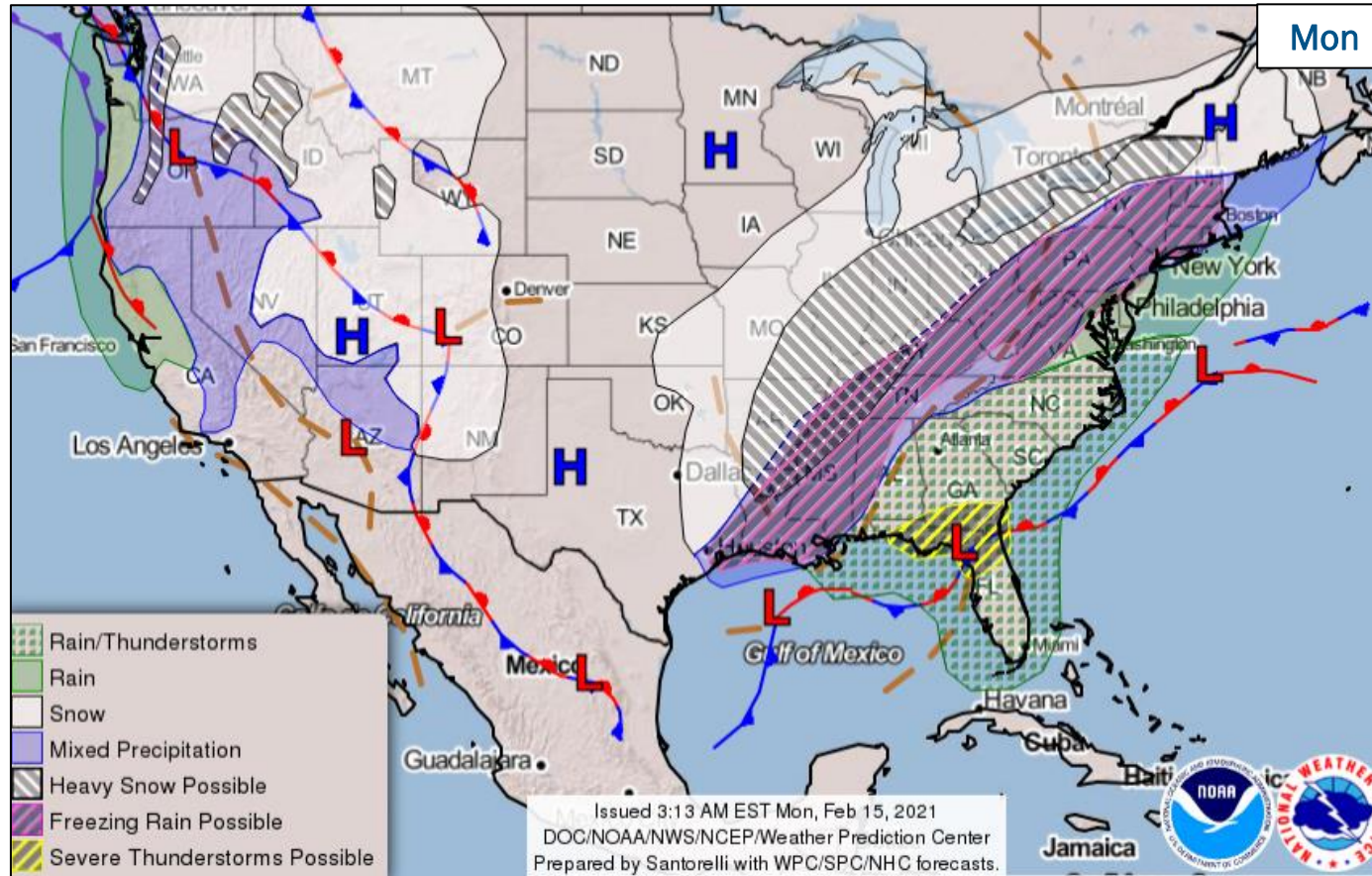
- The highlighted states have reported COVID-19 vaccination site closures due to the ongoing storms and will reschedule appointments once the storms have passed



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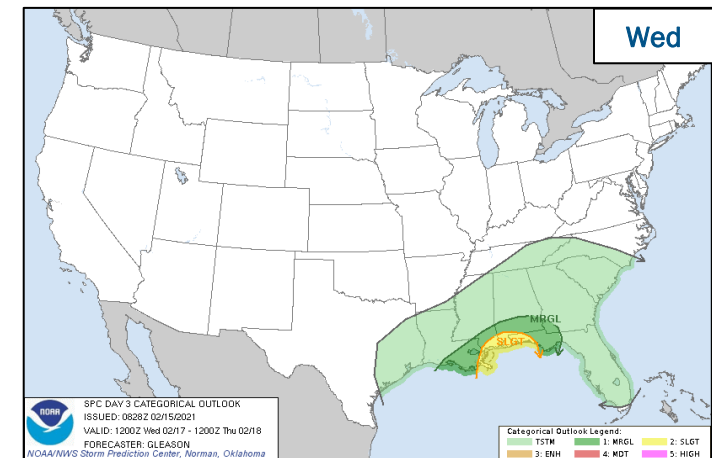
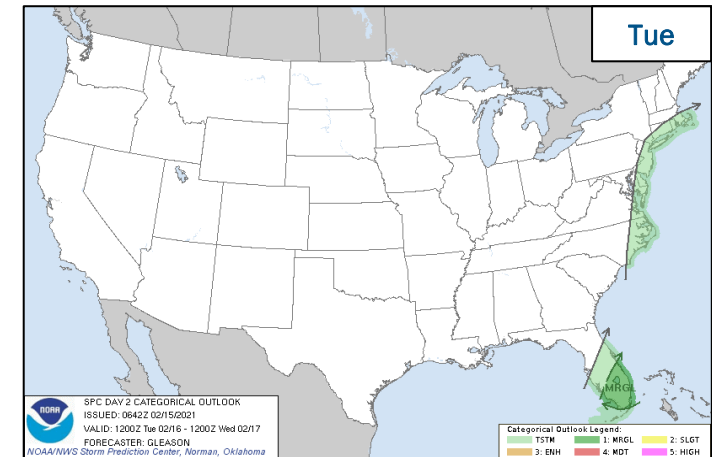
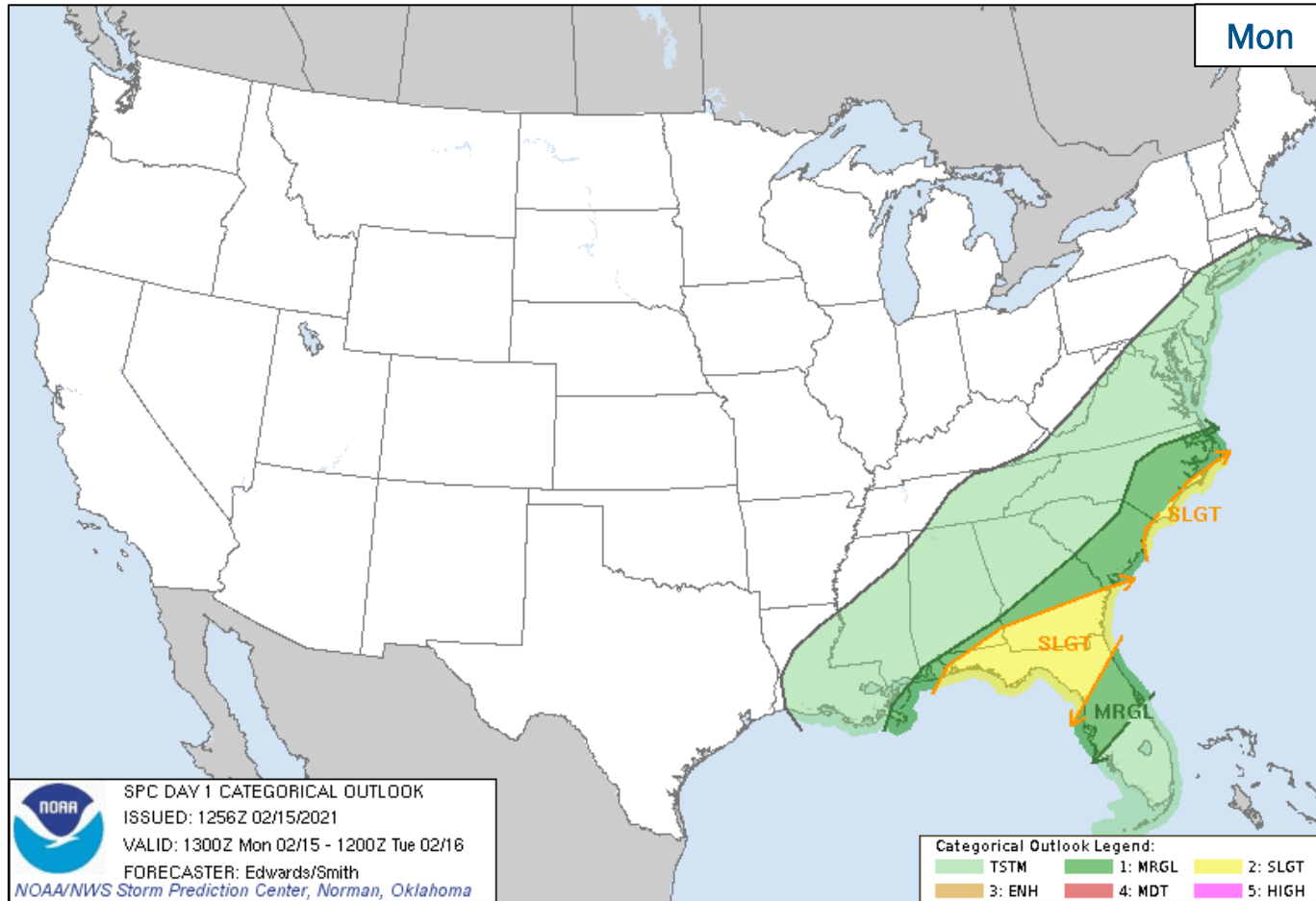
National Weather Forecast



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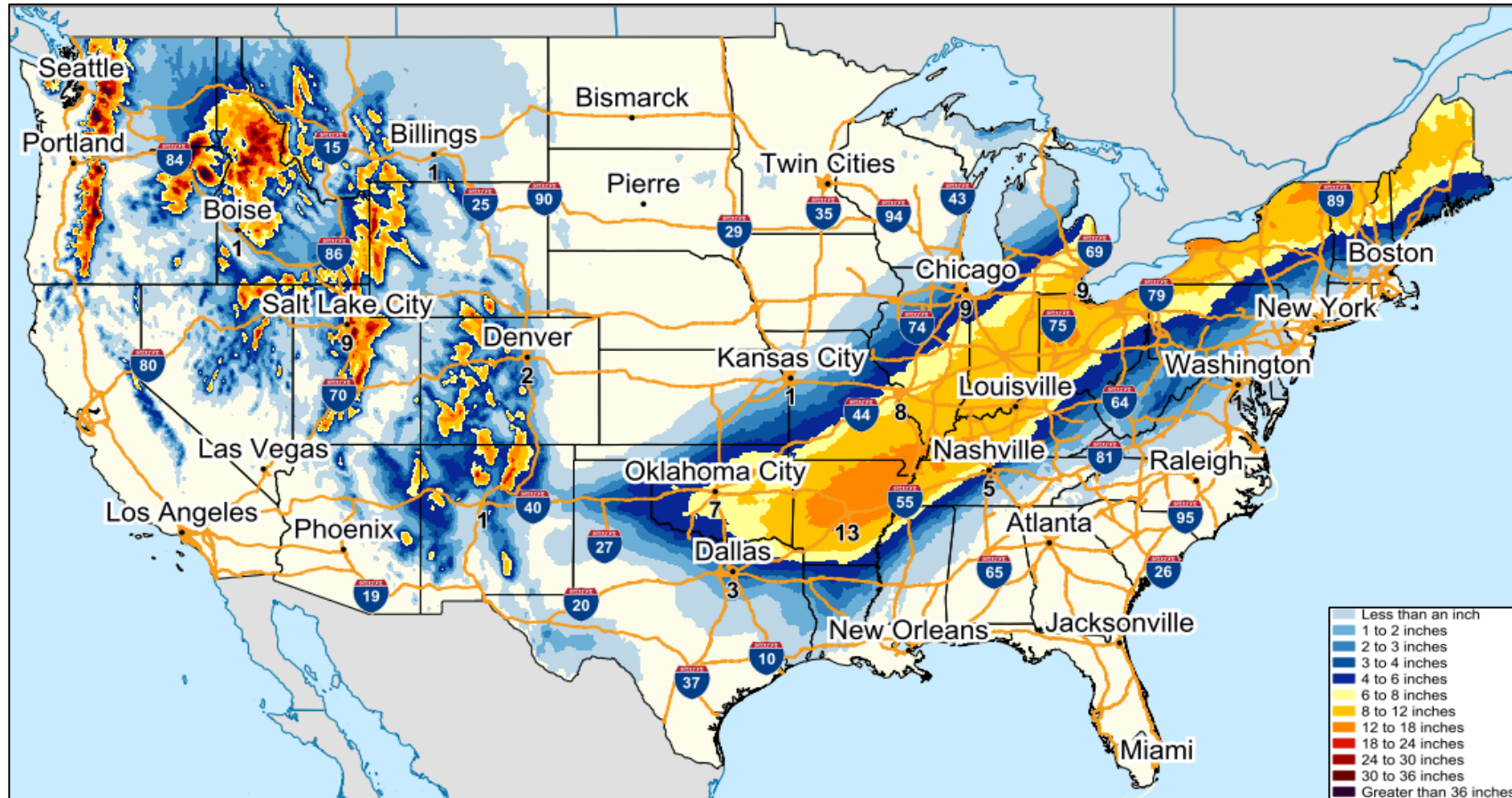
Severe Weather Outlook



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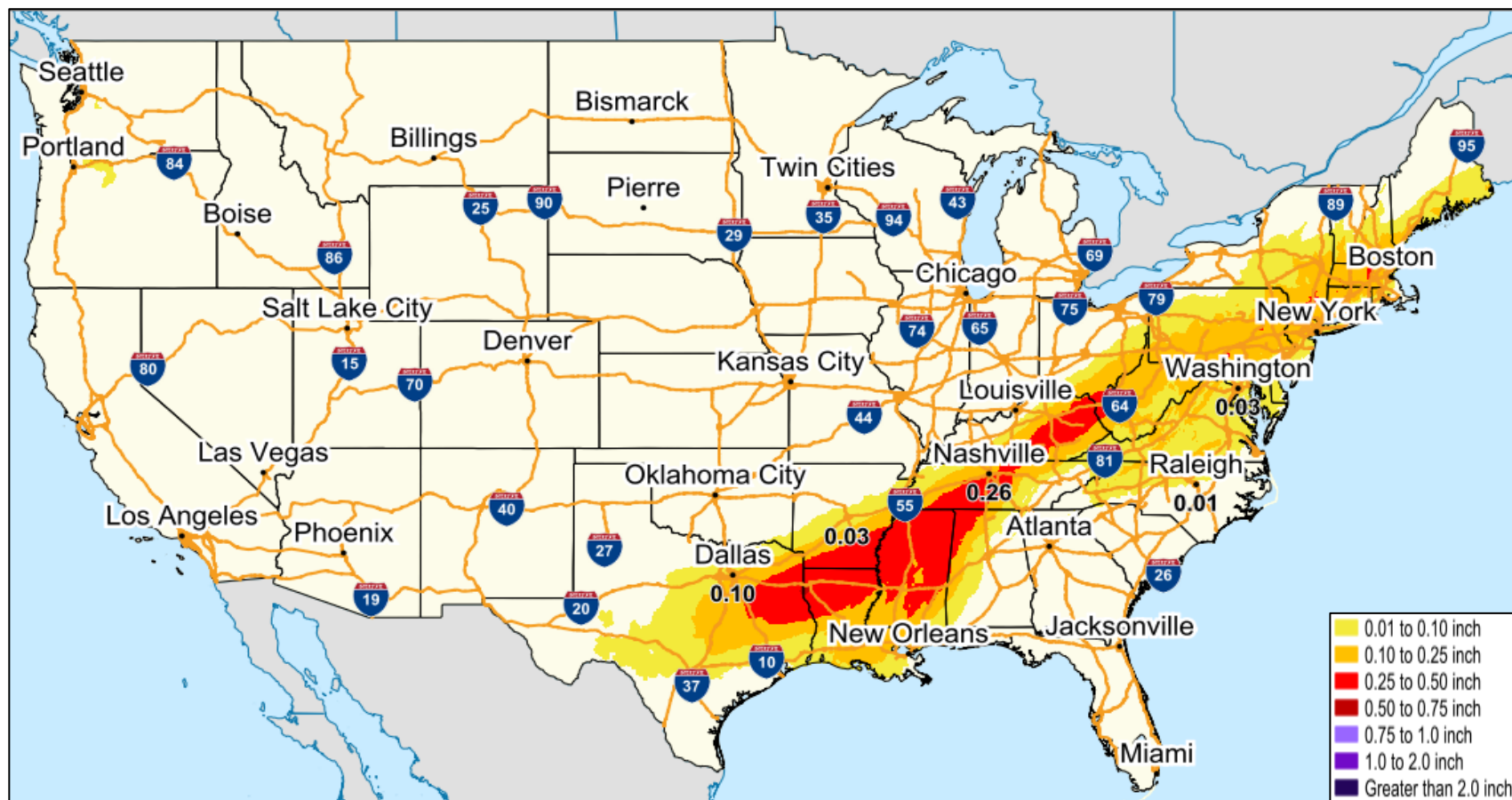
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Forecast Snowfall



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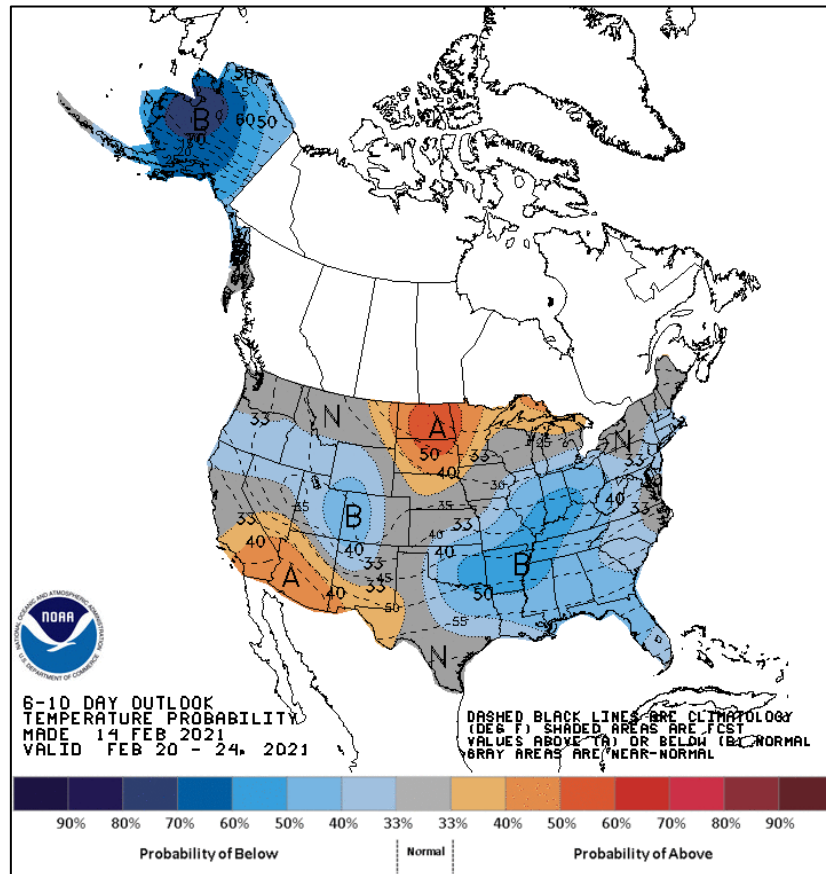
Ice Accumulation Forecast



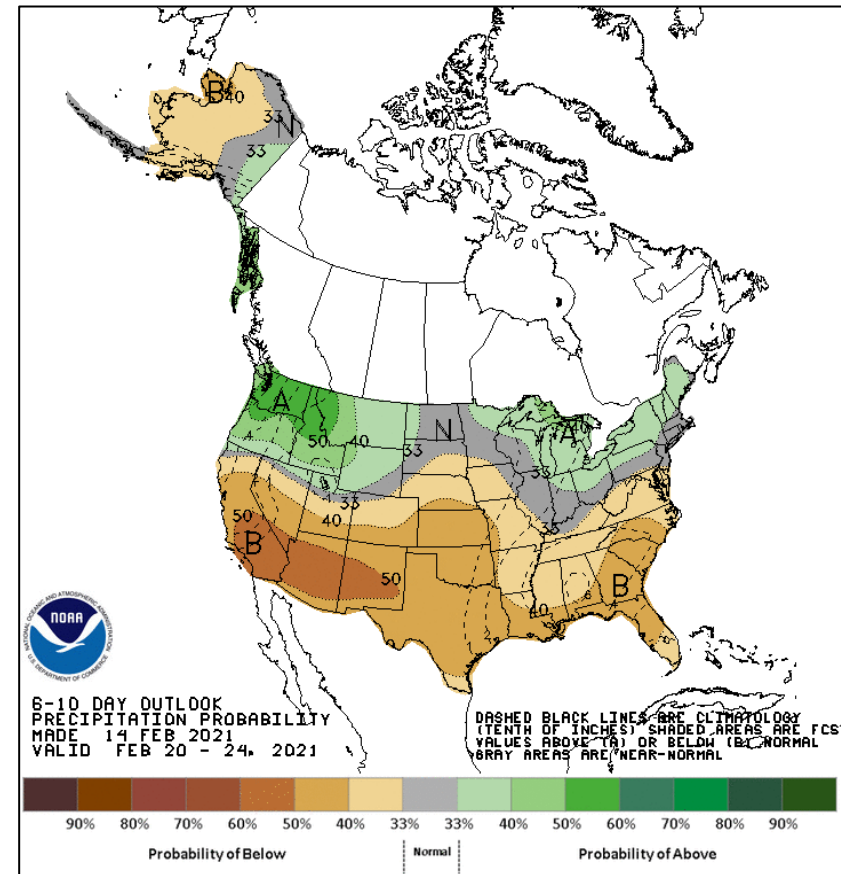
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Long Range Outlooks – Feb 20-24



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	
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 Approval – Texas

Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration – FEMA-3554-EM-TX

Requested: Feb 13

Date Approved: Feb 14

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 statewide

FCO: Jerry S. Thomas



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Declaration Requests in Process – 5

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
AK – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	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
TX – Severe Winter Storm – Approved	EM		X		2/13



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

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NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Level I

FEMA REGIONS

Watch	RRCC
Monitoring	I
Monitoring	II
Monitoring	III
Monitoring	IV
Monitoring	V
Monitoring	VI
Monitoring	VII
Monitoring	VIII
Monitoring	IX
Monitoring	X

Notes:

NRCCs/ RRCCs: COVID-19 Response

RV & RVII RWCs: COVID Protocols

All State EOCs, activated for COVID-19 (except SD)

PR: Earthquakes

LA: TC Laura/Delta/Zeta

IA: Derecho

CA & CO: Wildfires

AK: Flooding & Landslides

OR: Winter Storms

N-IMATs

2-4 Teams Available

Red	
White	NCR
Blue	NY
Gold	

R-IMATs

4-6 Teams Available

I	
II	USVI
III	RRCC
IV-1	
IV-2	3
V	RRCC
VI-1	NM / OK
VI-2	TX
VII	1
VIII	2
IX-1	
IX-2	CA
X	RRCC
FMC	PMC
NMC	Deployed

Team Status	US&R 33-65%	MERS > 66%	FCOs ≤1 Type I	IM WORKFORCE	IM CADRE AVAILABILITY SUMMARY <i>Cadres with 25% or Less Availability</i>
Assigned:	28	36	52	13,870	CVR 15% (13/86); EA 23% (107/459); EHP 19% (131/681); FL 17% (27/165); HM 19% (233/1,247); LOG 25% (347/1,410); NDRS 19% (49/262) OPS 11% (38/340); PA 19% (571/2,982); PLAN 17% (79/459); SAF 5% (3/60); SEC 22% (26/118)
Unavailable	1	0	0	2,898 (-56)	
Deployed:	0	0	51	7,004 (-6)	
Available:	27	36	1	29% / 4,024 (+62)	



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