

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, February 26, 2021

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops:

- COVID-19
- Winter Storm Response – Southern Plains

Hazard Monitoring:

- Heavy Snow possible – Pacific Northwest to Northern Rockies
- Freezing Rain possible – Great Lakes, Southern/Central Appalachians
- Heavy Rain and Thunderstorms possible – Southeast

Disaster Declaration Activity:

- 2 Amendments Issued - LA
- 1 Amendment Issued - TX

Event Monitoring:

- No significant scheduled activity



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Winter Storms – Southern Plains

Situation: Over 1M (-6.5 M) people across Texas are currently under boil water notices. Water systems are coming back online but many homes have burst pipes that need to be repaired or replaced. FEMA is delivering meals and water to the state. (Region VI Winter Weather SLB, 6:00 p.m. ET, Feb 25)

Lifeline Impacts:

Food, Water, and Shelter:

Shelters:

- TX: ARC shelters open: 2 with 37 (-43) occupants (ARC Midnight Shelter Count, 7:00 a.m. ET, Feb 26)
- OK: Shelters have closed (ARC Midnight Shelter Count, 7:00 a.m. ET, Feb 25)

Water:

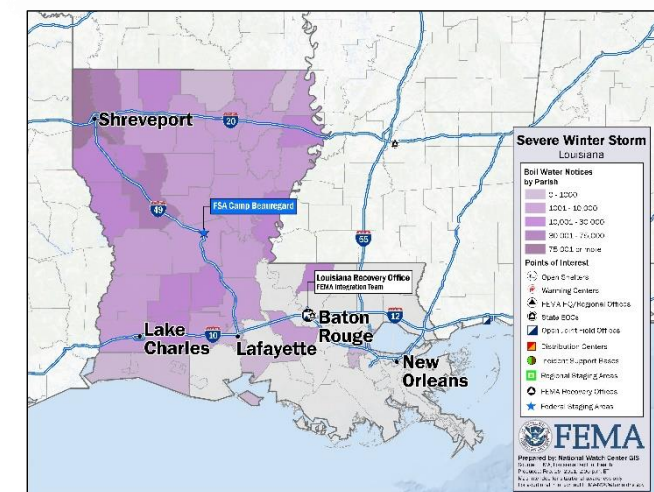
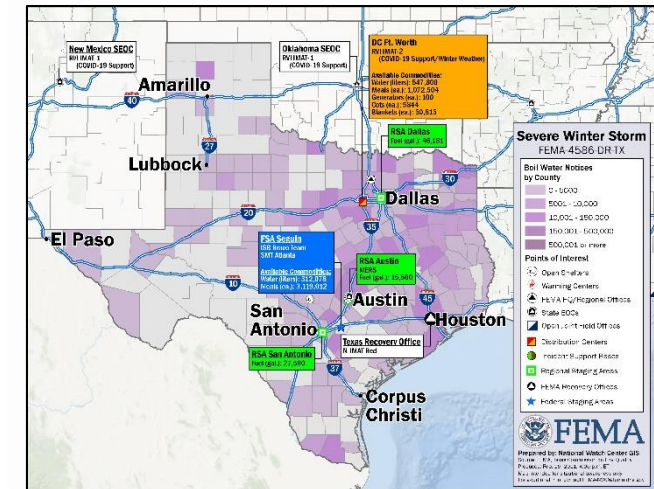
- TX: 785 (-549) Boil Water Advisories affecting 1M (-6.5 M); 40 systems are non-operational affecting 20,560; 8 (+1) wastewater systems are non-operational (Region VI Winter Weather 2021 SLB, 6:00 p.m. ET, Feb 25)

Health and Medical:

- There are no reported disruptions to vaccination sites due to weather.
- Injuries/Fatalities:
 - TX: 107 injuries and 23 confirmed fatalities (Region VI Winter Weather 2021 SLB, 6:00 p.m. ET, Feb 25)
 - LA: 3 fatalities (confirmed)

State / Local Response:

- LA EOC at Partial Activation (COVID, TC Laura, Zeta, Delta, & winter weather), National Guard activated
- TX EOC at Partial Activation (COVID & winter weather), 24/7; Governor declared a State of Emergency, National Guard activated



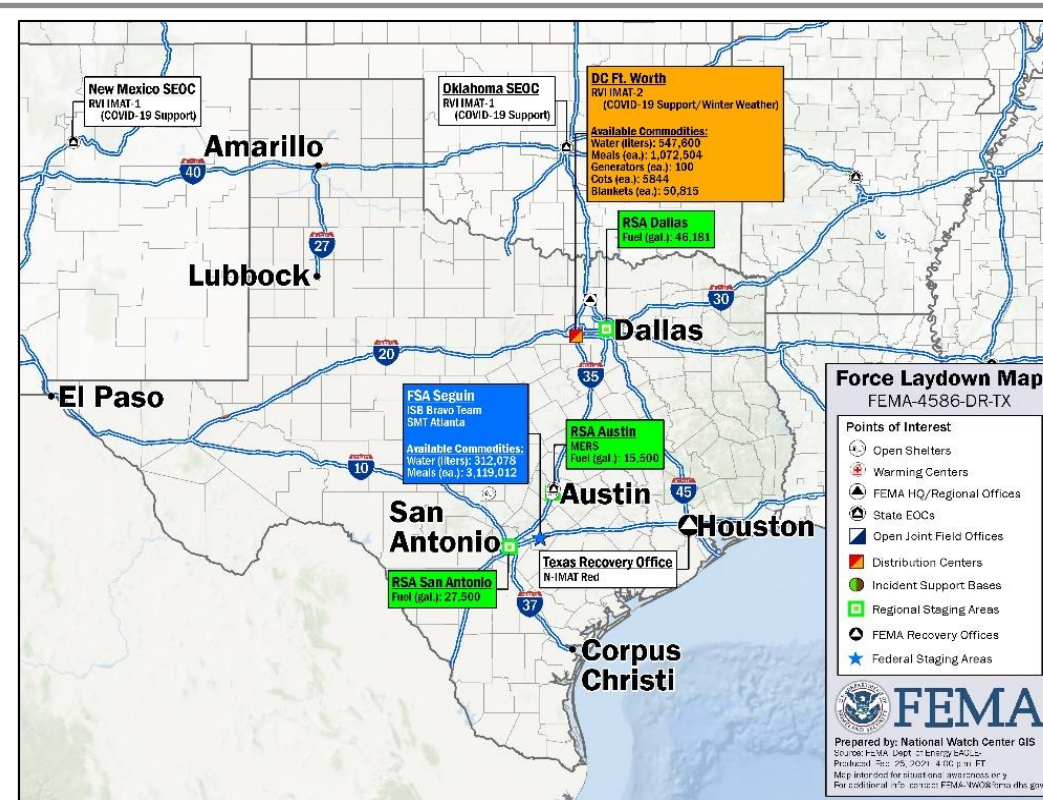
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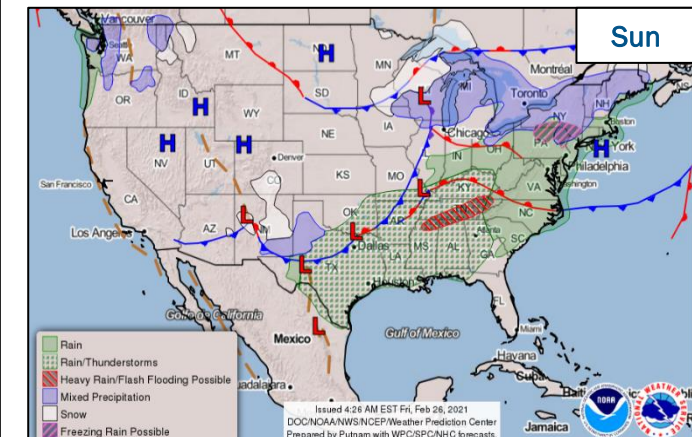
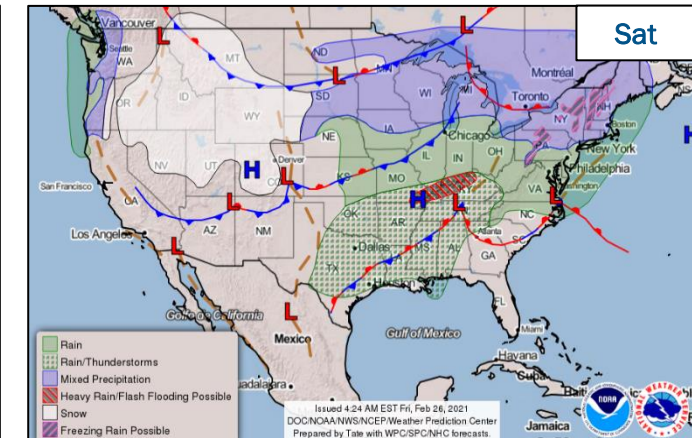
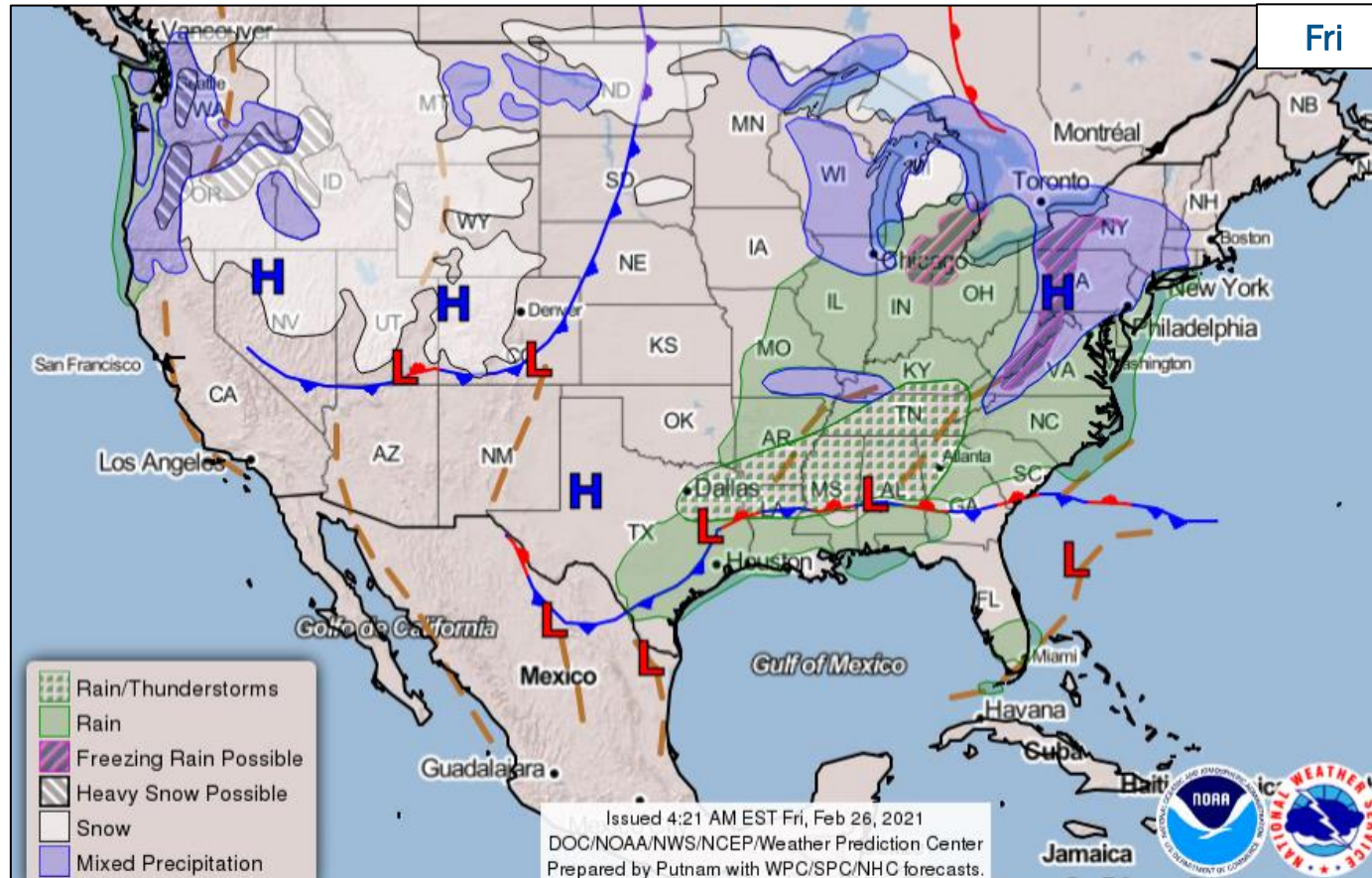
FEMA / Federal Response:

- FEMA-4587-DR-OK; FEMA-4586-DR-TX, FEMA-3556-EM-LA, FEMA-3555-EM-OK, FEMA-3554-EM-TX - Approved
- Region VI RRCC at [Level III \(COVID\)](#);
 - IMAT-1 deployed to NM & OK (COVID)
 - IMAT-2 deployed to TX (COVID)
- National IMAT-RED deployed to TX
- [USACE Type 3 Power Restoration Team will begin demobilizing](#) (Region VI Winter Weather 2021 SLB 6:00 p.m. ET, Feb 25)
- MERS deployed to [Dallas](#), TX
- FEMA Logistics
 - Logistics Staging Management Team (SMT) and Logistics Incident Support Base (ISB) Bravo Team Federal Staging Area (FSA) Seguin, TX; ISB Dallas is operational
- HHS declared a Public Health Emergency for TX due to winter weather
- NRCC at Level I (COVID); NWC is monitoring
- The National Watch Center, in coordination with all ten Regional Watches, is monitoring for potential weather impacts to COVID-19 vaccination sites.



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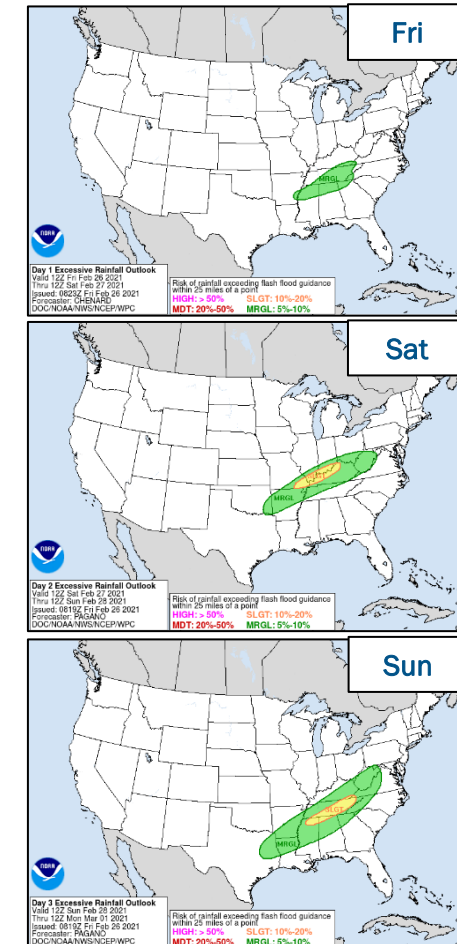
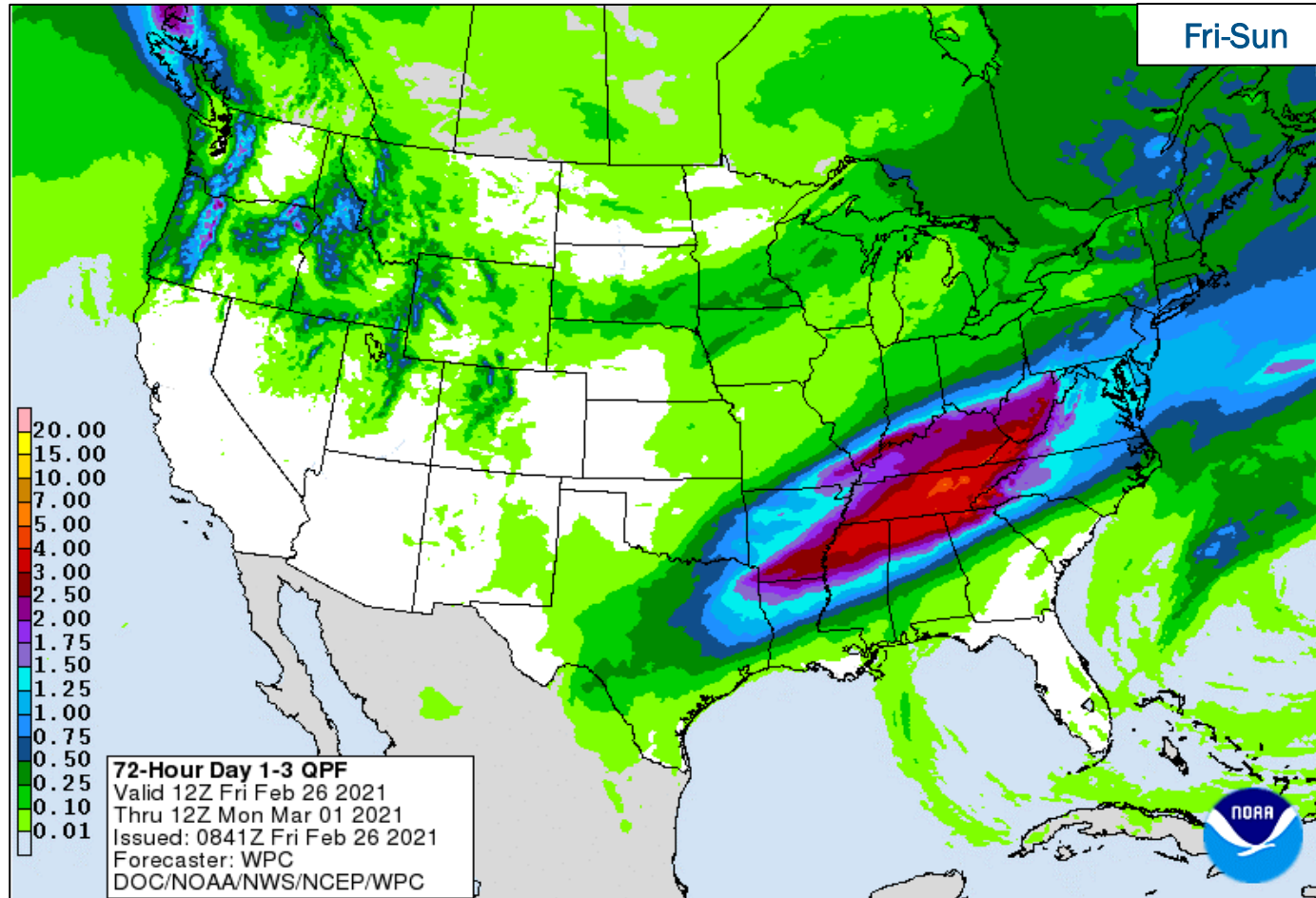
National Weather Forecast



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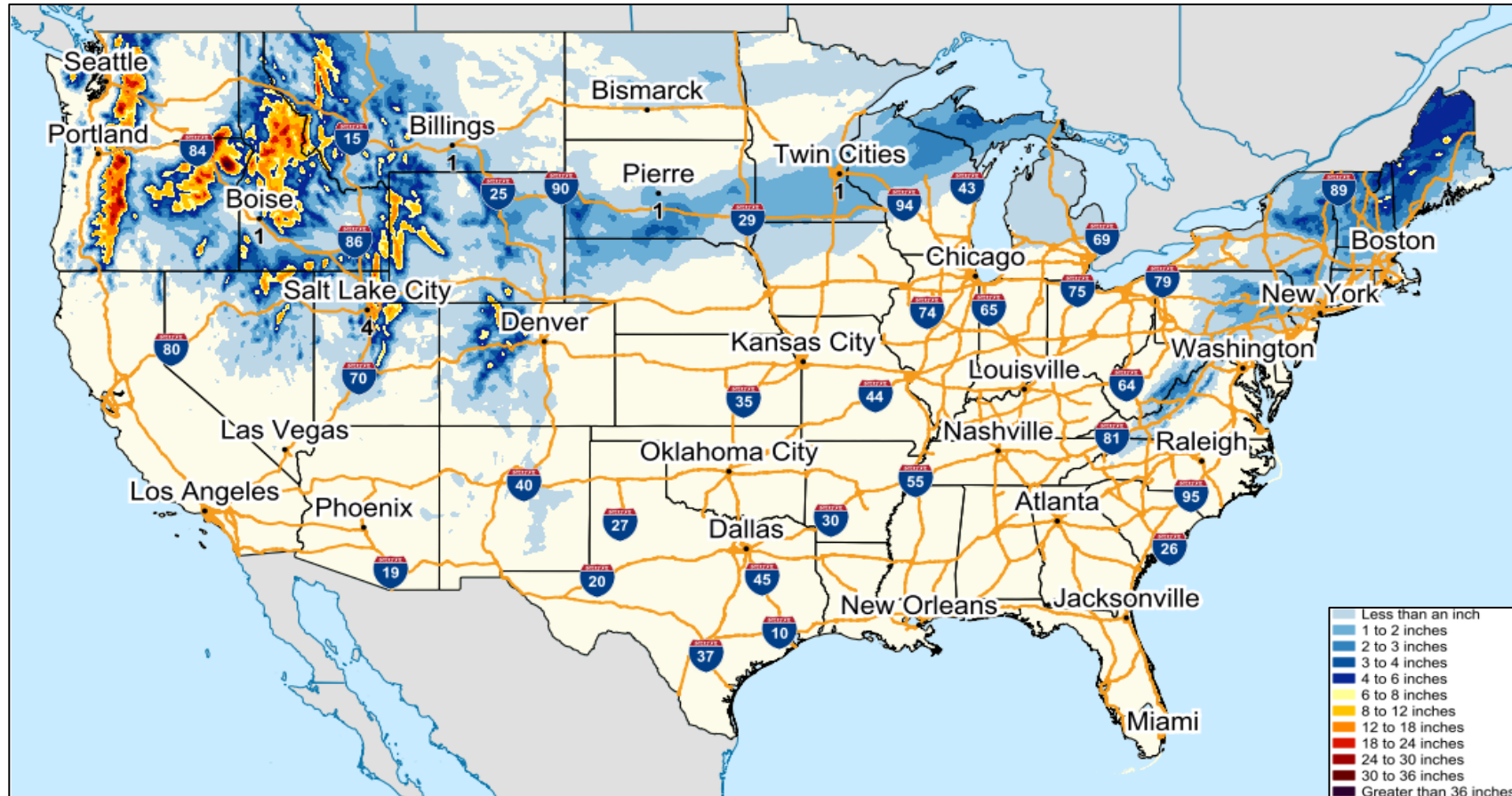
Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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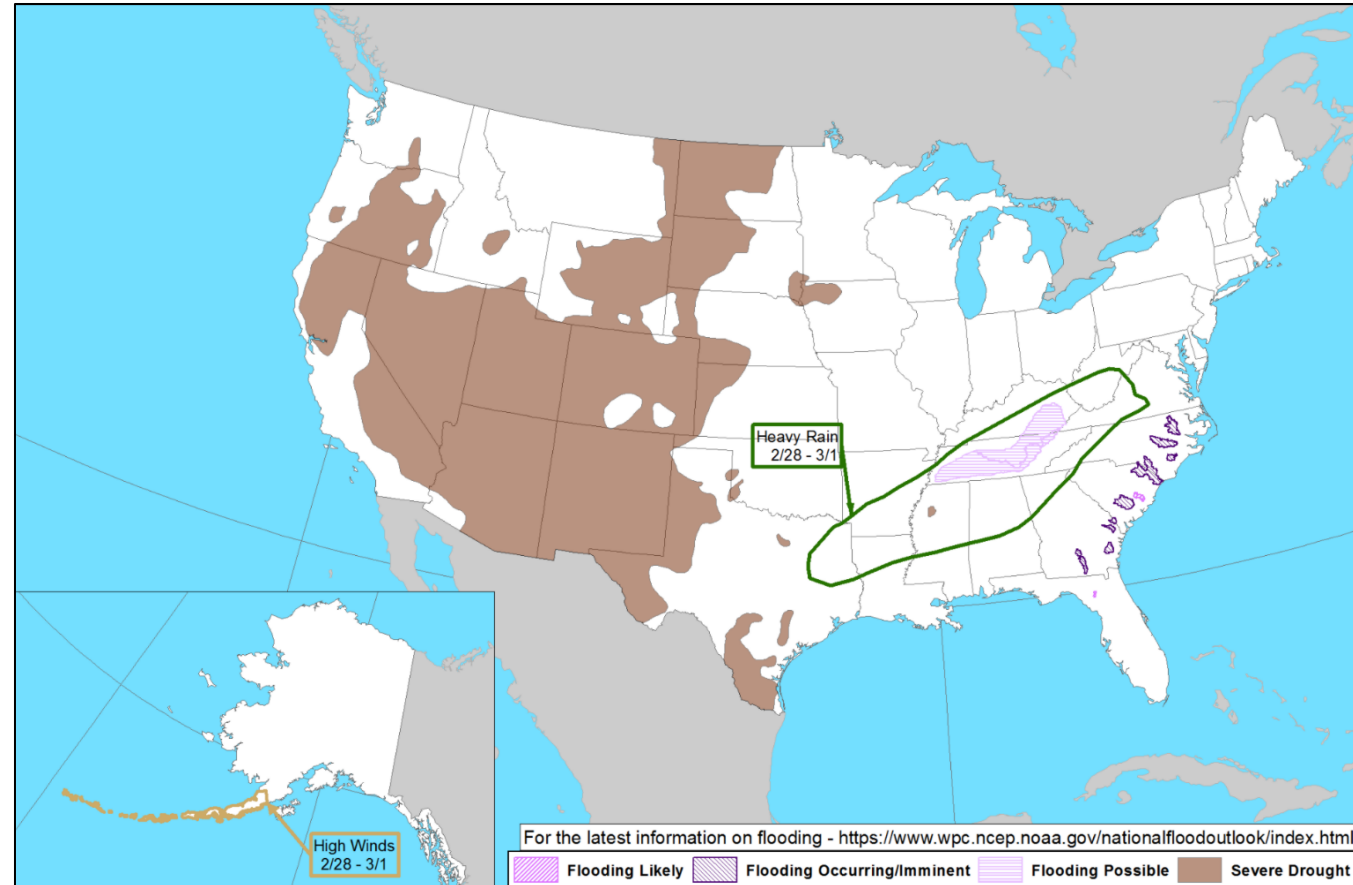
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Forecast Snowfall



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Hazards Outlook – Feb 28–Mar 4



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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-4559-DR-LA	16	Feb 22	Amends the cost-sharing arrangement
FEMA-4577-DR-LA	1	Feb 25	Adds 6 parishes for permanent work [Categories C-G] and adds 2 parishes for debris removal [Category A] and permanent work [Categories C-G] under the Public Assistance program
FEMA-4586-DR-TX	2	Feb 25	Adds 18 counties for Individual Assistance (already designated for emergency protective measures [Category B], including direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program).



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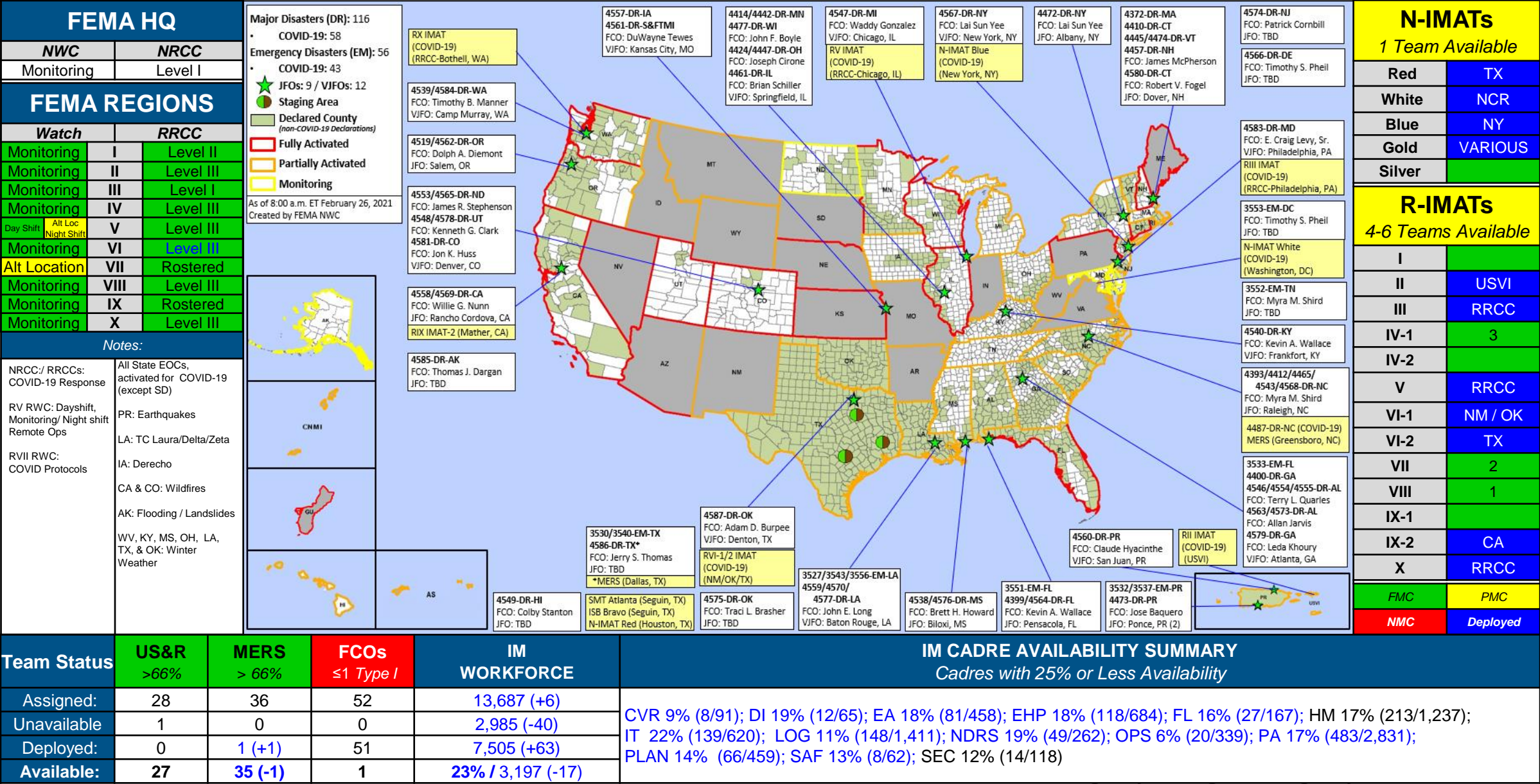
Declaration Requests in Process – 5

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
ID – Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	2/11
MD – 59 th Presidential Inauguration (Appeal)	EM		X		2/12



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FEMA Common Operating Picture





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