

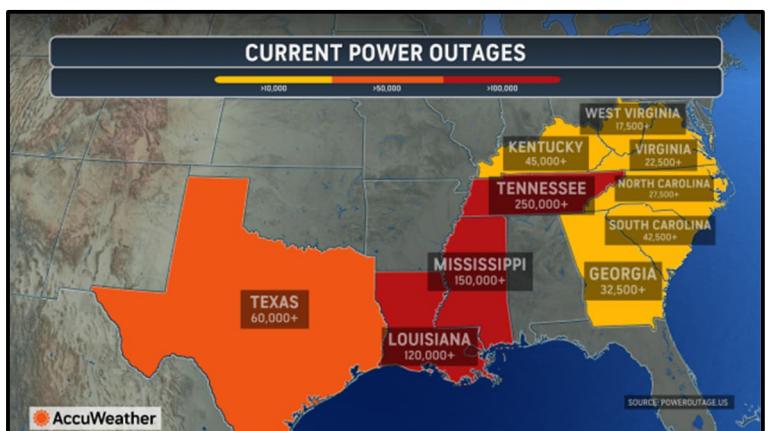
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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

January 26, 2026

## Winter Storm Fern

- Winter Storm Fern carved a destructive 2,300-mile path across the nation, leaving behind life-threatening power outages across the South and the heaviest snow totals that many Northeast states have seen in half a decade.
- As of Monday morning, 56% of the contiguous United States was covered in snow. Florida was the only state without snow on the ground. That is the snowiest coverage of the season so far, topping the previous peak of 45% on Dec. 5. It was also the second-highest coverage of snow in the U.S. in 20 years, according to NOAA, with the highest being 59.7% in 2023.
- Over 700 reports of ice accumulation from freezing rain and/or ice storm damage have been received by the National Weather Service from New Mexico to southern New England.
- AccuWeather forecasters now say they expect the storm to cost the US between \$105 billion to \$115 billion - making it the costliest severe weather event since the Los Angeles wildfires last year.
- As of early Monday morning, more than 800,000 people were without electricity, according to PowerOutage.us.
- Meanwhile, more than 11,500 flights were canceled across the US on Sunday, with over 3,500 cancelations already recorded for Monday morning, according to FlightAware.
- Shelters:
  - Virginia: 10 shelters open with 66 occupants
  - West Virginia: 8 shelters open with 25 occupants
  - North Carolina: 31 shelters open with 109 occupants
  - Mississippi: 3 shelters open with 9 occupants
  - South Carolina: 23 shelters open with 295 occupants
  - Louisiana: 26 shelters open with 465 occupants
  - Oklahoma: 13 shelters open with 189 occupants
  - Texas: 27 shelters open with 332 occupants
- Calling the storm "historic," President Donald Trump on Saturday approved federal emergency disaster declarations for a dozen states, mostly in the mid-South.



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- According to the FOX Forecast Center, nearly 50 record low temperatures are possible Monday morning across Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas, with temperatures dropping into the teens and single digits in some locations.
- Extreme Cold Warnings are in effect for major southern cities, including Dallas, Oklahoma City, Little Rock, Arkansas, and New Orleans.
- While millions of Americans dig out from this monster winter storm, forecasters are warning of a new threat that could deliver even more snow to the East Coast.
- The FOX Forecast Center says the pattern is favorable for another potential big winter storm to develop next weekend - a nor'easter that could bury parts of the Northeast and New England in heavy snow.
- Meteorologists say it is still way too early to determine exact impacts, timing, and snow forecasts, but computer forecast models have consistently shown the storm's development in the past 24 hours.
- All eyes will be on this potential storm as cities along the East Coast work to clear snow and ice from this past weekend's storm.



## Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
IL*	Severe Storms and Flooding July 25 - 28, 2025 (Appeal)	11/21/2025	Pending	3 Counties
IL*	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flash Flooding Aug 16-19, 2025 (Appeal)	11/21/2025	Pending	5 Counties
WA	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides/Mudslides. Dec 5-22, 2025	1/21/2026	Pending	10 Counties

\*Award of task order to contractor pending

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## WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4892 WI	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding and Mudslides	3 Counties	114	11/12/2025

## WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

