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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

January 23, 2026

Winter Storm Fern

- One of the worst winter storms to hit the United States in years is developing right now.
- More than a foot of snow is forecast to bury some states, while freezing rain and sleet are expected to grind travel to a halt and knock out power to thousands of people.
- This colossal winter storm starts its 2,000+ mile journey in the Plains today and will reach America's East Coast by Sunday. Cities such as New York, Washington, Atlanta, and Dallas are gearing up for what is expected to be an extreme winter storm that will deliver a one-two punch of snow/ice and life-threatening cold air.
- There are growing concerns this morning that freezing rain will lead to a catastrophic ice storm across parts of the South.
- The newest ice forecast from the FOX Forecast Center shows portions of Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi could see more than .75" of ice. That much ice would make travel impossible and lead to widespread, long-lasting power outages.
- There's also considerable concern for major icing from North Georgia to Virginia.
- U.S. airlines have already canceled 2,000+ flights through Sunday. Additional cancellations are expected, wreaking havoc on weekend travel for thousands of Americans.
- The following states have declared a state of emergency tied to the winter storm: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Maryland and West Virginia are under a state of preparedness, and Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has issued a disaster declaration.
- Texas Gov. Greg Abbott issued a disaster declaration on Thursday for 134 counties in the Lone Star State to ensure additional resources are immediately available to help Texans ahead of the most extreme cold.



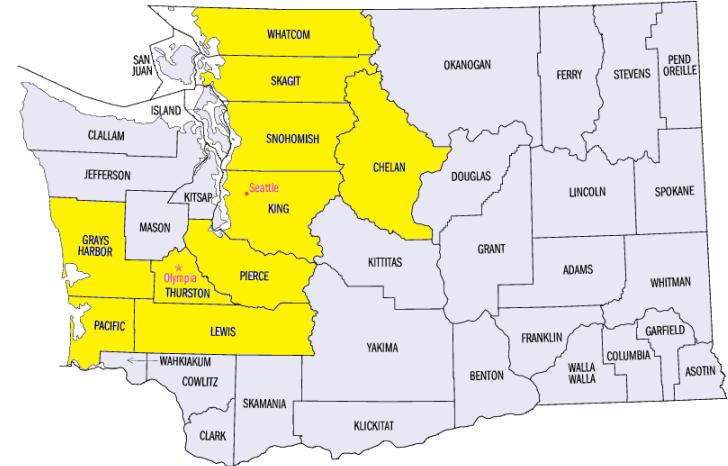
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Declaration Request Washington

- On January 21, Governor Bob Ferguson sent a letter to President Donald Trump formally requesting a federal major disaster declaration following December's historic storms.
- Governor Ferguson is requesting individual assistance for the counties of Chelan, Grays Harbor, King, Lewis, Pacific, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom, as well as 15 federally recognized Tribal nations.
- Between December 5 and 22, a series of catastrophic atmospheric rivers and winter storms caused widespread flooding, landslides, high winds, power outages, and severe damage to homes and critical infrastructure across the state.
- More than 100,000 people were under evacuation orders, 383 emergency rescues were conducted, one person lost their life, and nearly 4,000 homes were damaged.
- Three of the state's largest rivers (Skagit, Snohomish, and Cedar) reached their highest levels in recorded history.
- A total of 33 rivers exceeded flood stage, with 18 of those exceeding major flood stage.
- Approximately 3,891 homes were damaged statewide, with 440 homes being destroyed or sustaining major damage.



Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Coun- ties/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, and 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	111	11/12/2025

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