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Tornado Activity

<u>Alabama</u>

- Clean up and recovery efforts are still underway in Fultondale after Monday night's tornado.
- Gov. Kay Ivey, state and Jefferson County leaders visited Fultondale a day after an EF-3 tornado destroyed homes, buildings, a school and killed a young boy.
- Governor Ivey said she flew over the damage in a helicopter Wednesday morning, and she said she saw a lot of damage and she knows it's going to take a lot to recover.



Drone footage from Fultondale reveals the damage from an overnight tornado on January 25. Image: Anthony Dodd

- She assured everyone in the community that state agencies are here to make sure people get the help they need and the recovery comes sooner rather than later.
- "President Biden called me to check in on Alabama following Monday's severe weather. I shared with him what we saw today, both from the air and on the ground," Ivey said in a statement.
- The state EMA director said crews are doing damage assessments across the area and right now they don't know the full extent of the damage or the totality.

<u>Florida</u>

- A tornado struck Florida late Wednesday morning near its capital city, forcing a brief closure of the Tallahassee International Airport and minor damage in other areas.
- The National Weather Service has classified the tornado as an EF-0, meaning it had wind speeds between 65-85 mph.
- The NWS said there was damage to the airport but its radar was not harmed. However, there were communication issues, the agency said.
- Damage was reported in the city's Southwood community, home to several state offices, as well as in scattered neighborhoods, WPLG-TV reported.

Flooding & Landslide Activity

<u>Alaska</u>

- A long-term recovery group is coordinating the various entities offering relief to Haines residents affected by December's severe storm.
- While many resources have been made available, it has been difficult to enact a plan without knowing what kind of state and federal assistance will be available in the future.
- Earlier this month, the state began accepting applications for assistance from residents who were impacted by December's storm.

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- They received over 100 applications from residents across Southeast Alaska. About 50 applications came from Haines.
- According to Jeremy Zidek, a spokesperson for the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, 20 displaced residents in Southeast Alaska have started receiving temporary housing assistance from the state.
- State officials and FEMA staff recently completed a preliminary damage assessment for the 2020 Southeast Alaska Storm Disaster. Based on the data from that report, the governor will make a request to FEMA. Zidek says that will likely happen within a week or so.

Mudslide Activity

<u>California</u>

- California was pummeled by heavy winds, rain and snow bringing the potential for deadly mudslides and flooding yesterday.
- About two dozen homes were damaged and one person injured in mudslides Wednesday in Monterey County, California.
- Fire officials in San Mateo County said they responded to several calls of downed trees overnight.



- Thousands of residents in some communities there and in neighboring Santa Cruz County were under evacuation orders due to the threat of debris flows, a dangerous type of mudslide that is more likely to happen in areas burned by wildfires.
- Some fire-scarred parts of Monterey County were also under evacuation orders.
- About 260 of the 2,800 households told to evacuate in Santa Cruz County on Tuesday refused to leave as sheriff's deputies went door to door warning them of the threat, sheriff's office spokeswoman Ashley Keehn told the Santa Cruz Sentinel.
- The storm is far from over, and in much of Southern California, the worst of the storm is yet to come.
- Rain, snow and wind from the storm are forecast to continue across the state into Friday.

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments							
State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End			
Sidle		Requested	Completed	Start-End			
AK	Storm, Flooding & Landslides Nov 30 - Dec 2, 2020	10	10	1/19-1/25			

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	Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request 1/28/2021						
State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied /Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes			
WA	Wildfires & Straight-Line Winds Sept 6 & continuing	9/16/2020	Pending	1 County			

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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		
4559 LA	Hurricane	21 Parishes	149	11/27/2020		

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