

# DAILY DART

WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

January 15, 2021

## Winter Storm Activity

- Fierce winds throughout the Rockies and Plains reached such extreme speeds that they equaled those of a major hurricane on Wednesday into Thursday.
- From Colorado to Montana and up into the Canadian Prairies as well, the gusts downed trees, caused widespread travel hazards and even sent one ice fishing trailer skidding away from its home.
- Residents throughout the region will likely spend their Friday cleaning debris and picking up the scattered pieces left behind by the midweek storm, brought on by the train of storms that have pounded the Northwest unrelentingly.
- The most extreme wind gusts were recorded in the area of Mount Sentinel, Montana, located near Missoula, which reported a 125-mph gust. That wind speed is the equivalent of a Category 3 storm, which is considered a major hurricane.
- Locations in Utah and Wyoming also recorded triple-digit gusts, breaking multiple records and prompting wind warnings through Friday.
- That train of storms has left hundreds of thousands of residents without power at different points in this week.
- "At one-point late Tuesday night, nearly 700,000 customers were without power across Washington and Oregon, according to PowerOutage.US," AccuWeather Meteorologist Mary Gilbert said.



## Earthquake Activity

### Hawaii

- The United States Geological Service (USGS) has reported a 4.0-magnitude earthquake that occurred approximately 5.1 miles ENE of Pāhala on the Big Island in the Southwest Rift Zone of Kīlauea Volcano.
- Shaking was initially reported as far away as Kailua-Kona, nearly 78 miles across the island, as well as in several other areas across East and West Hawai'i.
- The national weather service has indicated that no tsunami is expected as a result of the earthquake, but that several areas may have experienced shaking.
- "This earthquake is part of the ongoing seismic swarm under the Pāhala area, which started in August 2019. Unlike most events associated with this swarm, this earthquake was widely felt across the Island of Hawai'i, and as far away as O'ahu," said HVO acting Scientist-in-Charge, David Phillips.

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## Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request 1/15/2021

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
CO	Wildfires September 6-November 5	12/21/2020	Pending	3 Counties

## 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	136	11/27/2020
4562 OR	Wildfires	8 Counties	120	11/30/2020

## WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

