

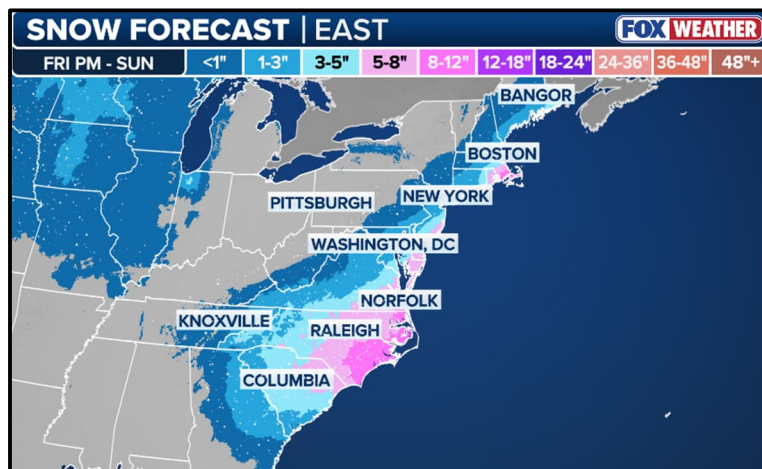
# DAILY DART

WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

January 29, 2026

## Winter Storm Gianna Outlook

- It is nearly certain that a powerful winter storm will now impact the Carolinas and Virginia. But from there, uncertainty remains regarding where the storm tracks.
- Winter Storm Watches have already been issued for North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee and Georgia.
- The system will first develop a bit farther west across the Tennessee Valley and the Appalachians. Impacts on Friday should remain minimal overall, but light snow is possible in places such as Nashville, Gatlinburg and eventually parts of Virginia.
- Saturday morning, a coastal low will be in the early stages of development, and snow will rapidly stretch across the higher terrain of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and northern Georgia.
- As the day goes on, the coastal low will strengthen and pull colder air southward while wrapping in increasing amounts of moisture. Snow intensity is expected to ramp up, especially in interior cities like Richmond, Raleigh, Charlotte and Columbia, South Carolina.
- There is growing concern that the combination of 60–70 mph onshore wind gusts, high surf and significant beach erosion could lead to scenes reminiscent of impacts seen during the recent hurricane season. This includes the potential for the loss of additional homes.
- This system is expected to track very close to the coastline, which allows for near hurricane-force gusts in some coastal locations.



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## Winter Storm Fern

- Meteorologists are describing this storm as "potentially historic" in its impact, with the storm at one point encompassing nearly 2,000 miles of length stretching from the Mexico–United States border far into eastern regions of Canada.
- Twenty-four U.S. state governors issued emergency declarations in response.
- Winter weather alerts were also issued across a similar length of terrain, affecting up to 230 million people.
- The impending storm caused over 10,000 flights nationwide in the United States to be cancelled or postponed.
- As of January 28, 106 fatalities had been confirmed due to the storm.

### Mississippi

- Six additional deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 10 statewide. 14 injuries have also been confirmed.
- Counties continue to conduct damage assessments. MEMA has received reports of 208 homes, 5 businesses, and 7 farms damaged or destroyed statewide. Additionally, 20 public roads have sustained major damage and 12 have been destroyed. Those numbers are expected to rise as damage assessments continue.
- Ice is still reported on roads and bridges in 23 counties.
- Power restoration efforts continue with approximately 101,499 outages reported statewide.
- According to the National Weather Service, dangerously cold temperatures will return to the state. Another wave is expected to move in Friday night, Jan. 30, and push temperatures down into the teens and below in much of the state.
- Additionally, the agency warns of strong winds with gusts up to 40 mph.

### Tennessee

- The Tennessee Department of Health has increased the statewide death toll to 13 in the wake of Winter Storm Fern as recovery operations continue and more than 102K people remain without power in the Nashville area Thursday, Jan. 29.
- 13 shelters remain open with 802 occupants across the region as more frigid temperatures are expected.

## 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

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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

## WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
	N/A			

## WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

