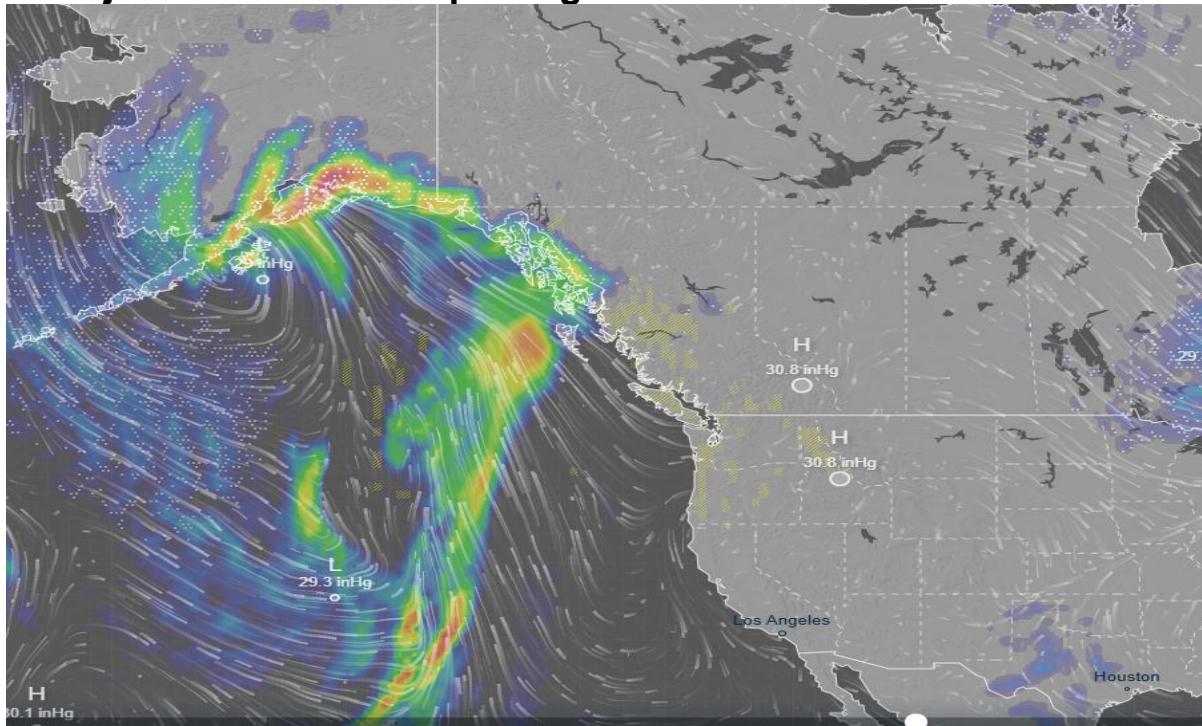




Major Winter Storm Impacting Coastal Northern North America



Valid: 5–20 January 2026

Affected Areas

Southeast Alaska, south-central coastal Alaska, coastal and mountainous British Columbia.

Hazard Types

Heavy snowfall, strong winds and gusts, elevated avalanche risk in mountainous terrain, travel and transportation disruptions.

Summary

A persistent Pacific storm track is impacting coastal northern North America, with the most significant effects focused on Southeast Alaska and the coastal mountains of British Columbia. Peak impacts are expected between 10–14 January, when successive storm waves will produce locally heavy snowfall of approximately 20–30 cm, particularly in orographically enhanced coastal and high-elevation areas. Strong onshore flow will generate periods of blowing snow and reduced visibility, increasing hazards along coastal routes and mountain passes.