

Winter keeps deadly hold on U.S.

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MANCHESTER, N.H. -- Winter storms are blamed for at least two dozen deaths and have left up to 1 million Americans without power and the bad weather isn't over yet. The National Weather Service predicts the Northeast will be slammed, with parts of New Jersey expected to get up to 10 inches of snow, and neighboring states getting at least six. Sleet and freezing rain also are possible. Forecasters say it could turn into a more significant coastal storm, possibly a nor'easter, during the weekend, the Union Leader in Manchester, N.H., said. Another storm could deliver another blow to the Southwest, with Oklahoma, Missouri and Texas expected to be hit with more ice and sleet, newsroomamerica.com reported. Up to 1 million people -- 615,000 in Oklahoma alone -- were without power in the wake of an earlier ice storm that swept through the Midwest overnight Tuesday, the news Web site reported. At least 24 deaths have been blamed on the storm since it developed last weekend, most coming from traffic accidents, newsroomamerica reported.

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