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Daily Operations Briefing

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

8:30 a.m. EST

Significant Activity: January 27 – 28



Significant Events:

- South – Winter Weather
- Avalanche Blocking Richardson HWY & Lowe River – Alaska
- Natural Gas Pipeline Explosion – Canada (FINAL)
- State of the Union Address (SOTUA)

Significant Weather:

- Heavy snow possible – Southeast / Mid-Atlantic
- Snow – Central Rockies / Plains, Southern Plains, Great Lakes, Southeast to Mid-Atlantic
- Freezing Rain – Southern Plains to Southeast
- Critical Fire Weather Area: None; Elevated Fire Weather Areas TX & NM: None; Red Flag Warnings: AL
- Space Weather: Minor / R1 observed past 24 hours; Minor / R1 predicted next 24 hours
- Earthquake: None

FEMA Readiness:

- Region III remains at Level III
- Region IV is at Enhanced Watch today due to the winter storm forecast across the Region

Winter Weather: January 28 – 29



Current Situation

- Today, very cold temperatures expected across the eastern two-thirds of the country through mid-week; Wind Chill temperatures of -30F below are forecast across the Northern Plains and Northeast
- Gusty winds will make temperatures across the Deep South feel near or below 0F into Wednesday; Winter Storm Watches and Warnings are in effect from South Texas to southern Virginia

Potential Impacts

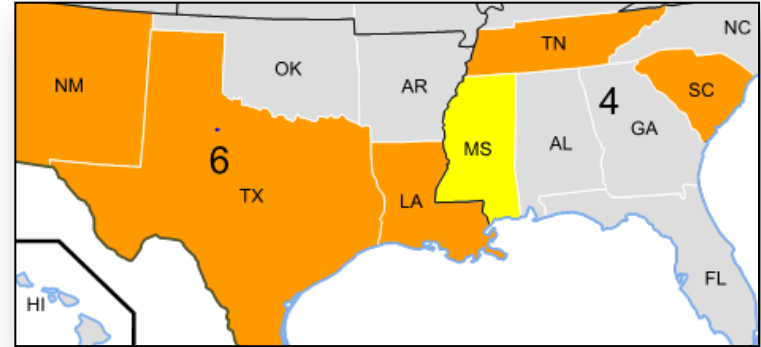
- Primary threats are wintry mix of snow, sleet and freezing rain; snow accumulations of 3 to 5 inches across the region; sleet accumulations of up to 1/10 of an inch
 - 1 to 3 inches are possible from southern Alabama into the Carolinas
 - Ice accumulations of 1/10 of an inch are possible from southern Louisiana into southern Alabama and Georgia, with locally higher accumulations to near ¼ inch
- Travel delays via road, rail and air are expected; media reports 2,700 flights are cancelled for Jan 28
- Damage to trees and downed power lines will increase the possibility of power outages

State Response

- All Region IV and VI states are monitoring and several are Partially Activated
- No shortfalls or unmet needs reported

FEMA Response

- Region IV RRCC is not activated; RWC is at Enhanced Watch
- Region VI RRCC is not activated; RWC is at Watch/Steady State
- NRCC is not activated; NWC remains at Watch/Steady State
- No requests for FEMA assistance



National Summary	
Normal Operations	44
Level III - Monitoring	5
Level II - Partial Activation	5
Level IV - Normal Operations	1
Monitoring	2

Avalanche near Valdez, Alaska

Current Situation

- On January 24, a series of avalanches on Richardson Highway closed the roadway to and from Valdez and blocked the Lowe River; remains closed from mile post 12 – 64
- Richardson Highway expected remain closed for at least 1 week
- A snow dam has blocked a portion of the Lowe River, but water is flowing under the snow pack; catastrophic failure of the snowpack is unlikely
- Valdez airport is open, state ferry system is operational, and sufficient supplies are available in the community

State Response

- Alaska SEOC is Partially Activated
- Alaska DOT Maintenance Engineer arrived in Valdez on Jan 26 to assess the situation (waiting on results)
- AK SEOC remains in contact with Valdez, DOT/PF, NWS and other State agencies to coordinate any request for equipment or supplies, if needed

FEMA Response

- NRCC is not activated; NWC remains at Watch/Steady State
- Region X remains at Watch/Steady State; Bothell MOC is monitoring
- No requests for FEMA assistance



Photo: Alaska Department of Transportation



2014 State of The Union Address (SOTUA)



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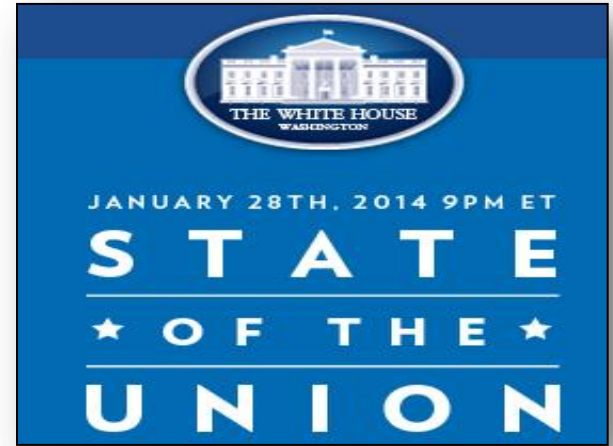
- 2014 SOTUA is designated a National Special Security Event (NSSE)
- The Address will be delivered from the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C. at 9:00 p.m. EST

FEMA Headquarters Posture

- FEMA will provide consequence management readiness, coordination, response, & recovery capabilities
 - NWC will be at Enhanced Watch with NCRC Watch personnel
 - NWC-TMT will be deploy to the FBI SIOC
 - NRCC Gold Team and ESFs are on Alert
 - National IMAT East is on Alert
 - US&R system will be on Advisory

Regional Posture

- FEMA Region III RRCC will remain at Level III (Partial Activation); previously activated for WV chemical spill
- Region III IMAT and DCE will deploy to DC



Natural Gas Pipeline Rupture – Canada (Final)



Current Situation

- On Saturday, January 25, a natural gas pipeline rupture occurred in Manitoba, Canada south of Winnipeg
- Preliminary assessments indicate the possible cause of the explosion was a split in the pipe due to cold weather
- One of three pipelines returned to service; conservation request lifted for ND & MN
- Situation remains stable and all customers have service; Municipal emergency management officials working closely with Provincial agencies and departments in mitigating the impacts of the natural gas service disruption
- Gas service to communities remains the number one priority in this response
- No injuries or fatalities reported

State Response

- ND SEOC activated to a Level III (Monitoring); other States at Normal OPS
- ND Depart of Health activated / working with local public health

FEMA Response

- Region V & VIII remain at Watch/Steady State
- NRCC is not activated; NWC remains at Watch/Steady State
- No request for FEMA assistance

Disaster Requests & Declarations



Declaration Requests in Process		Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
4	Date Requested	0	0
VT – DR Severe Winter Storms and Ice Storm	January 17, 2014		
OK – DR Severe Winter Storm	January 17, 2014		
TX – DR Severe Winter Storm	January 17, 2014		
TX – Severe Storms and Flooding (Appeal)	January 25, 2014		

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

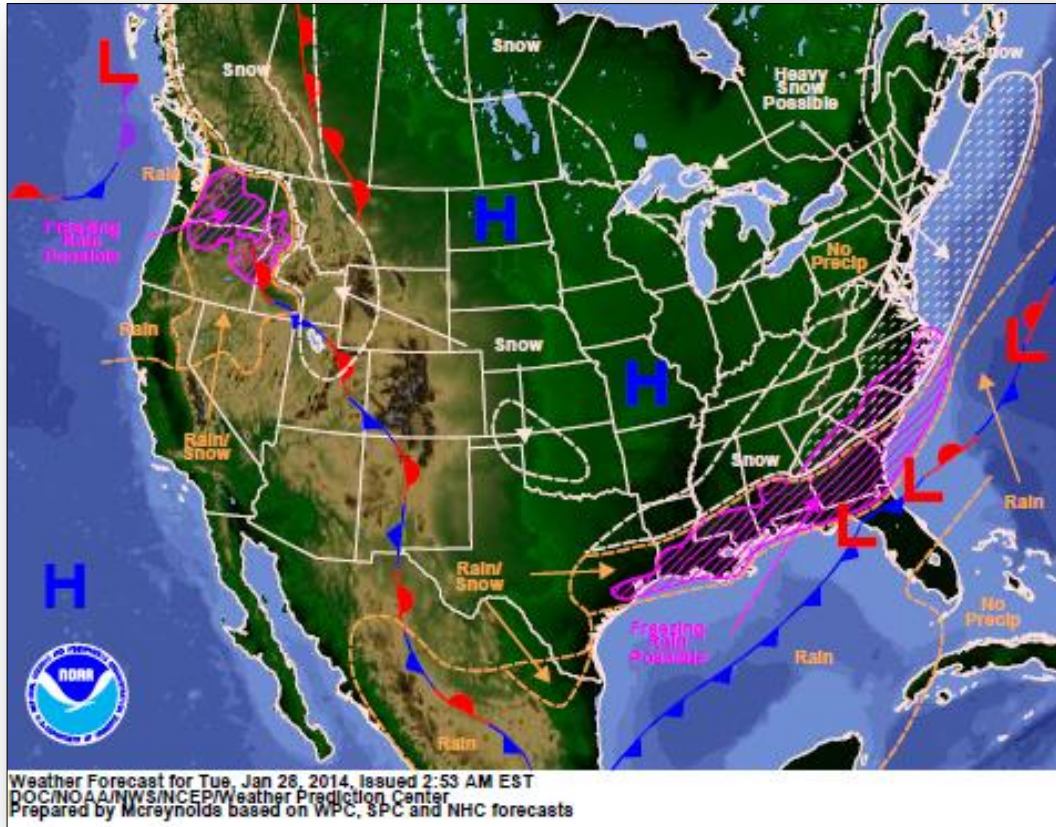


Region	State / Location	Event	IA/PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Complete	
I	ME	Severe Winter Storm Dec 21 – Jan 1	IA	4	4	1/22 – 1/26
			PA	13	13(+6)	1/16 – 1/26
III	WV	Winter Weather Event Dec 5	PA	5	0	1/27 – 1/29

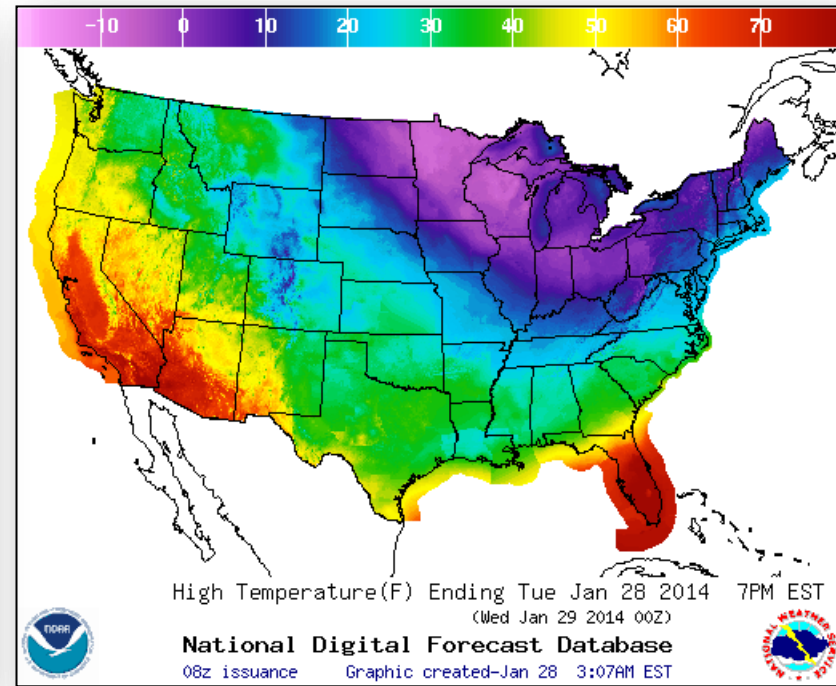
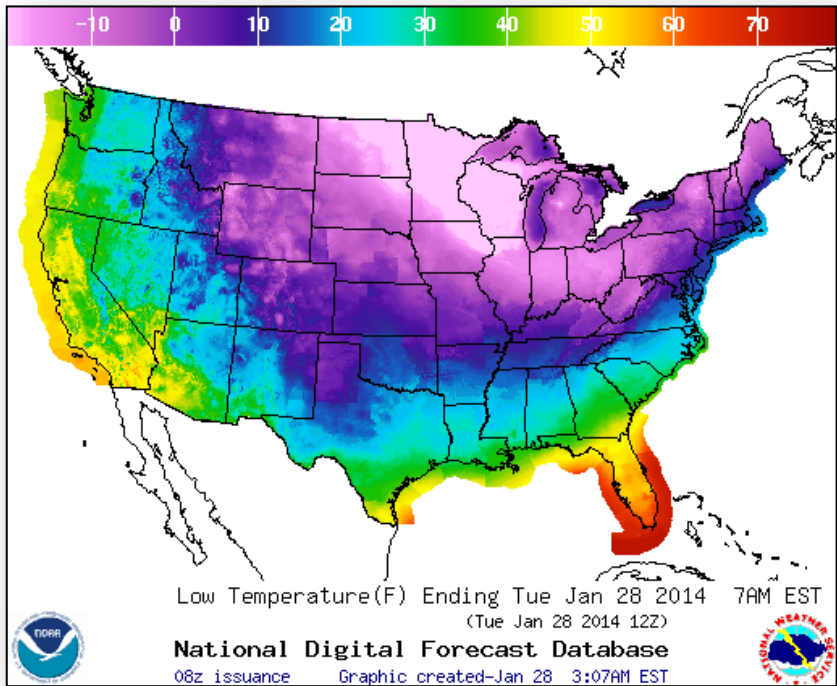
National Weather Forecast



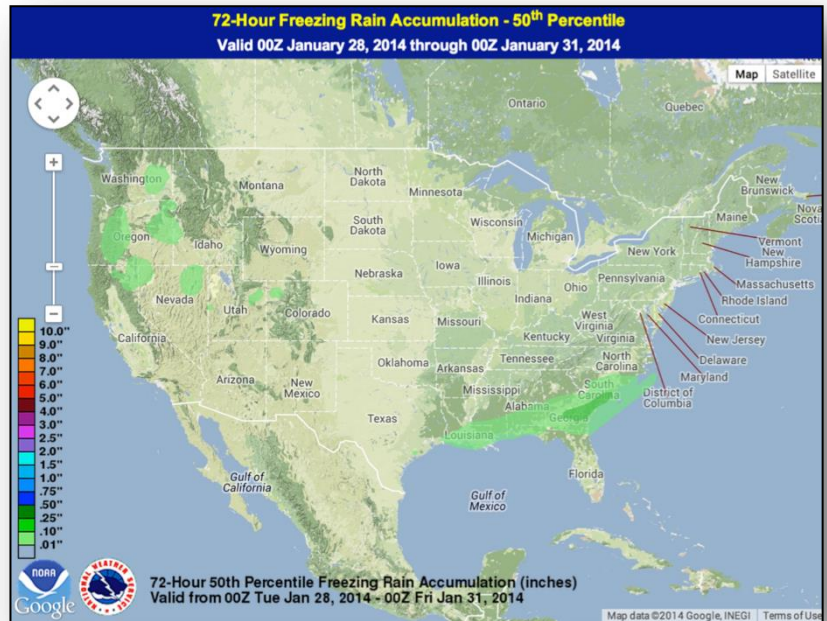
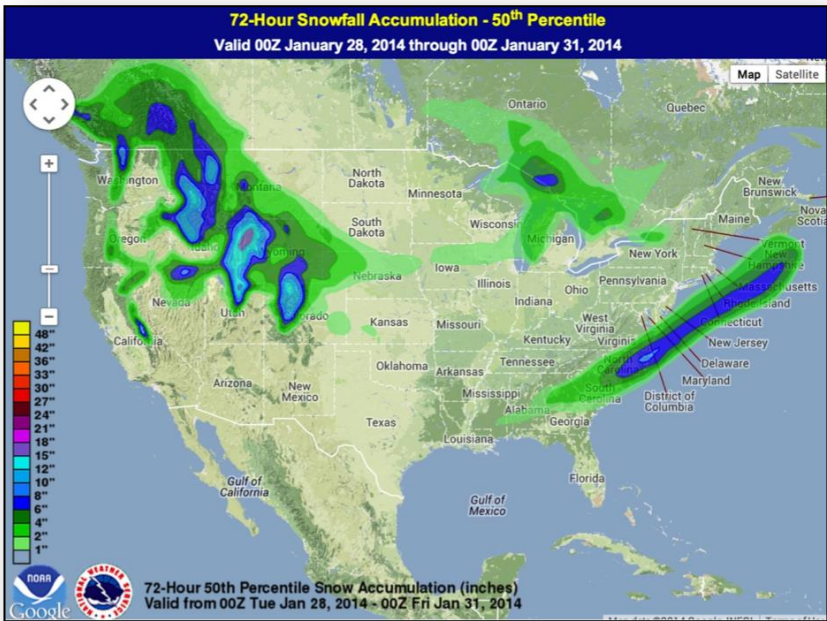
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Min / Max Temperature



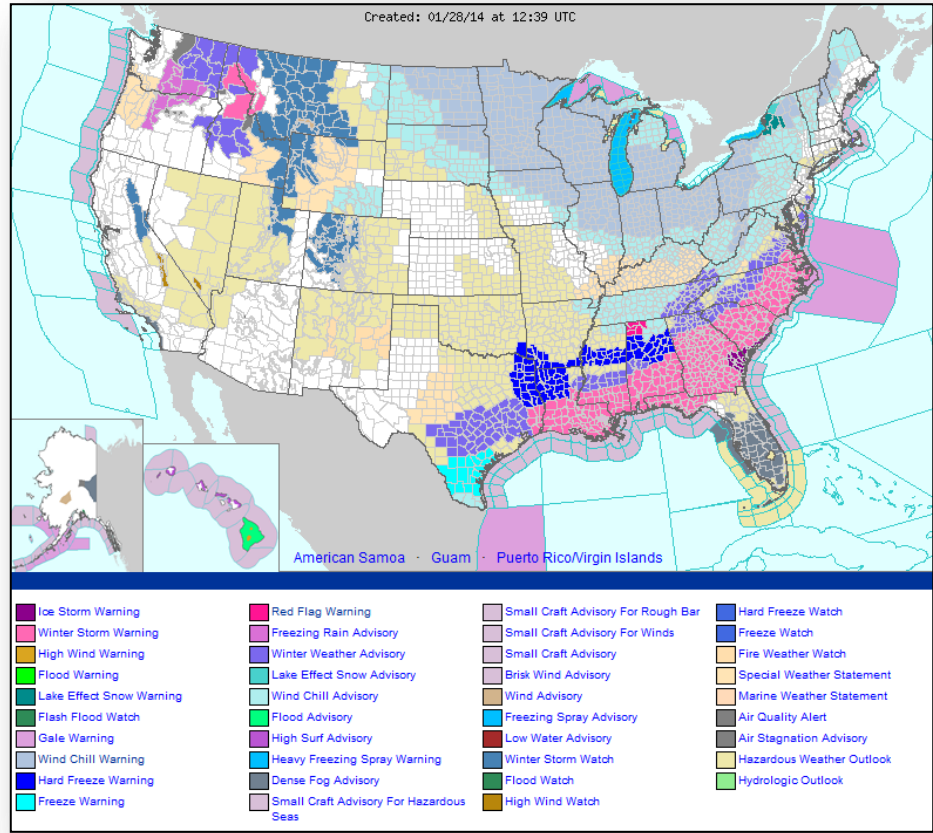
Snow and Ice Forecast



Active Watches/Warnings

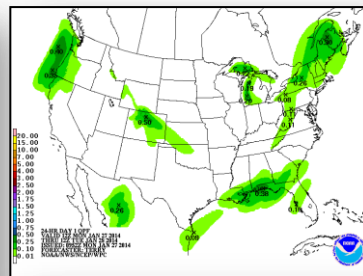
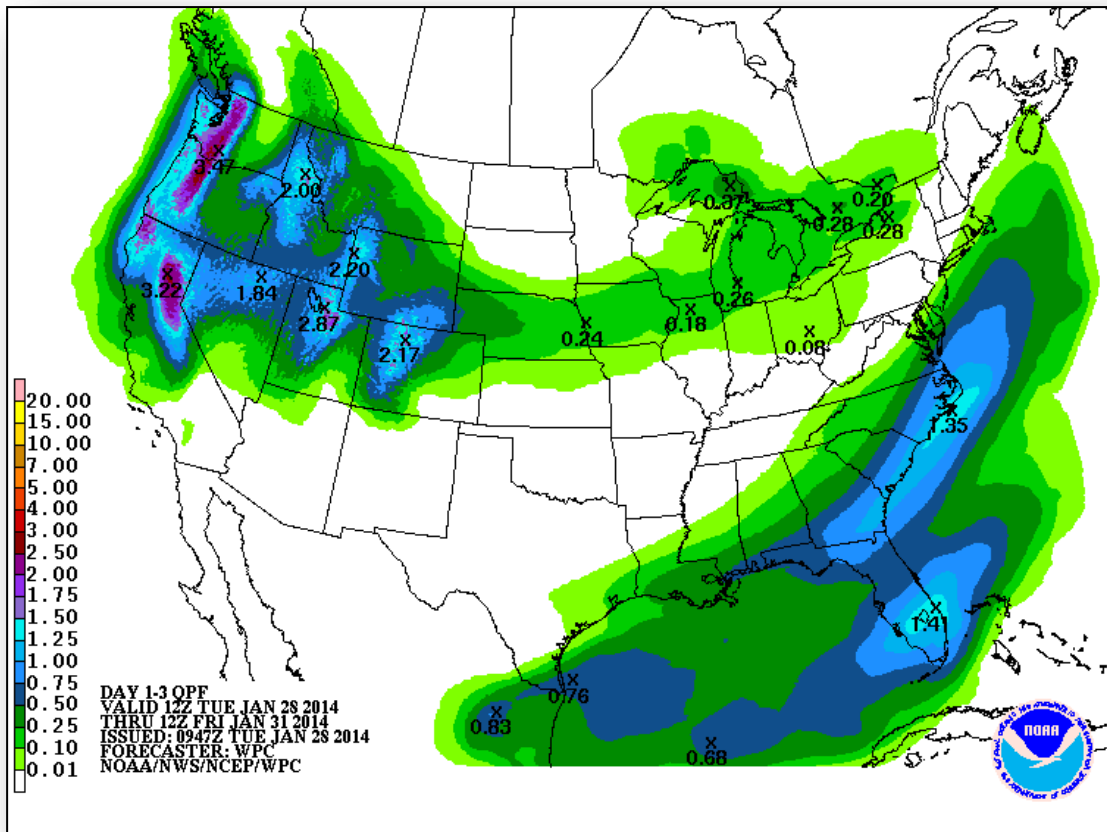


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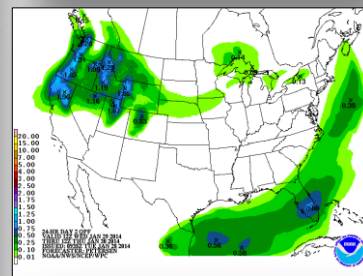




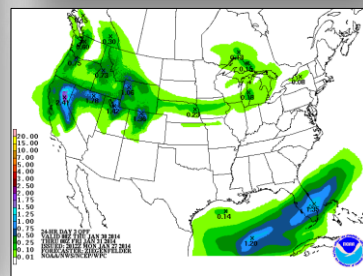
Precipitation Forecast – 3 Day



Day 1



Day 2



Day 3

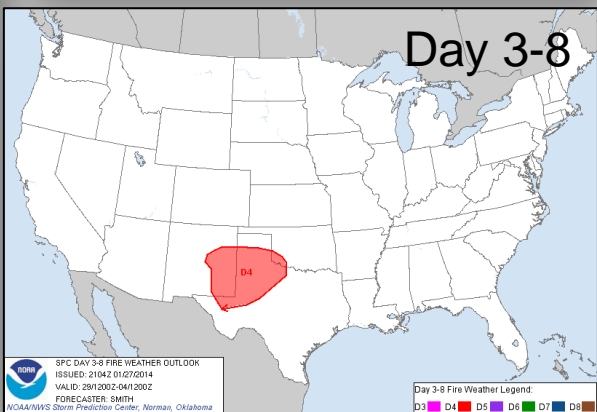
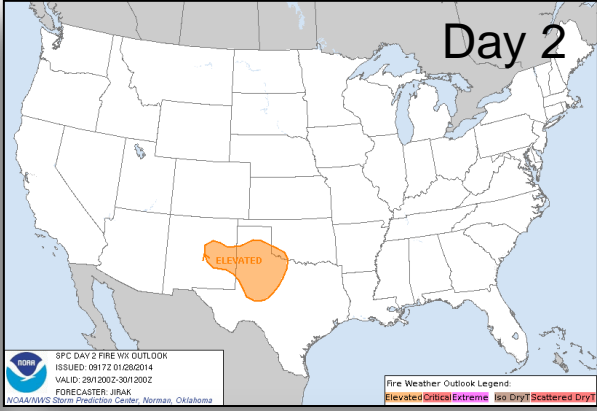
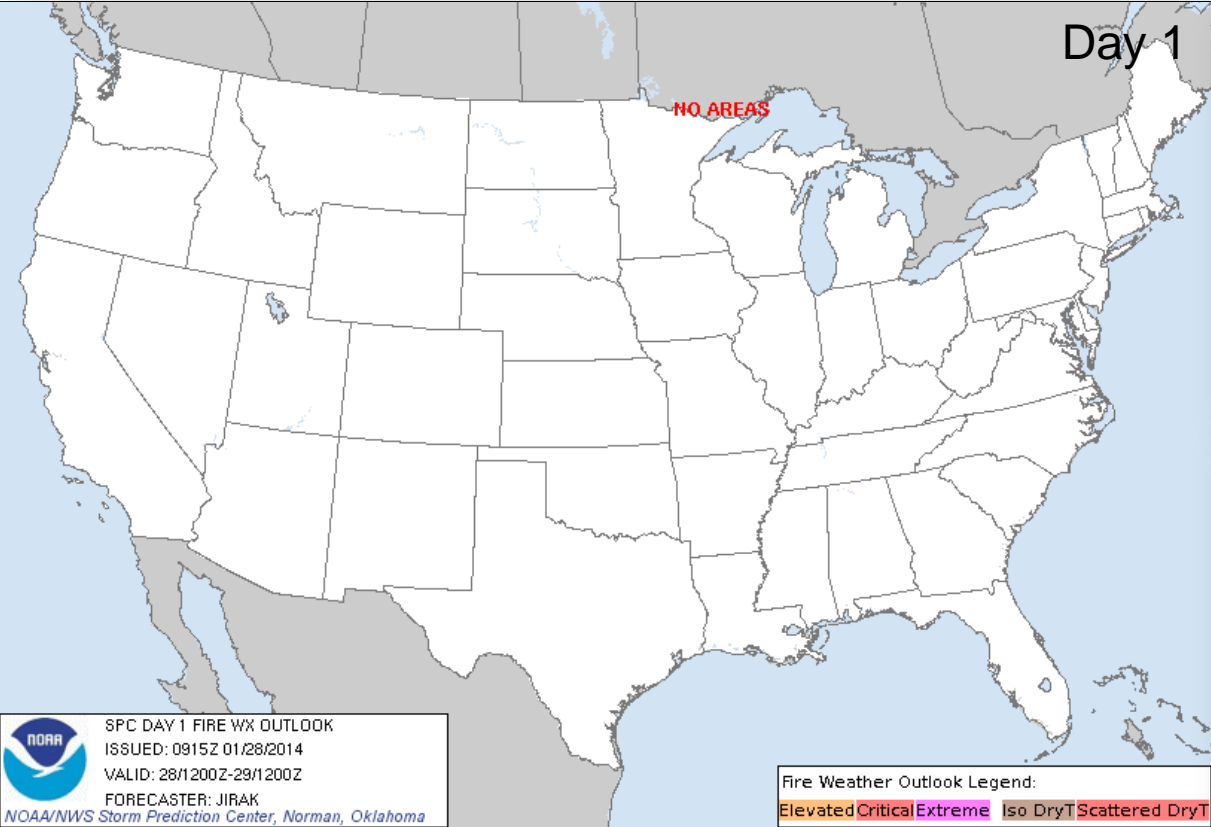
River Forecast – 7 Day



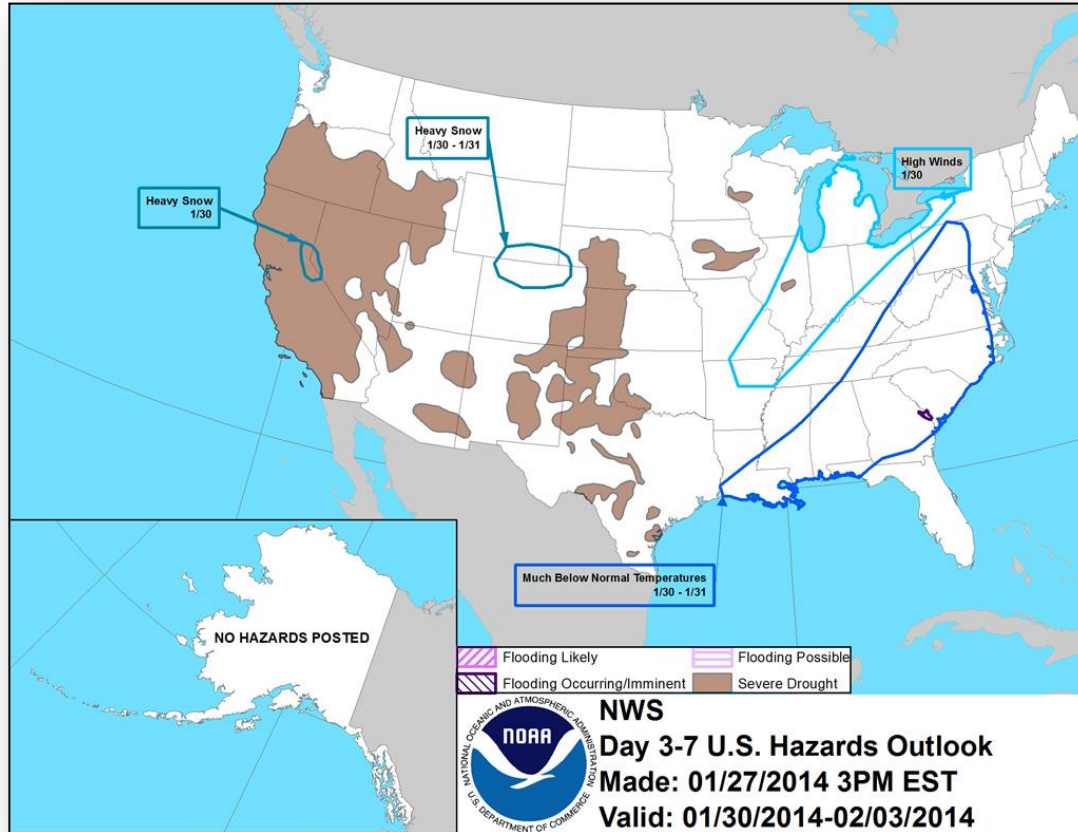
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Critical Fire Weather Areas Days 1 – 8



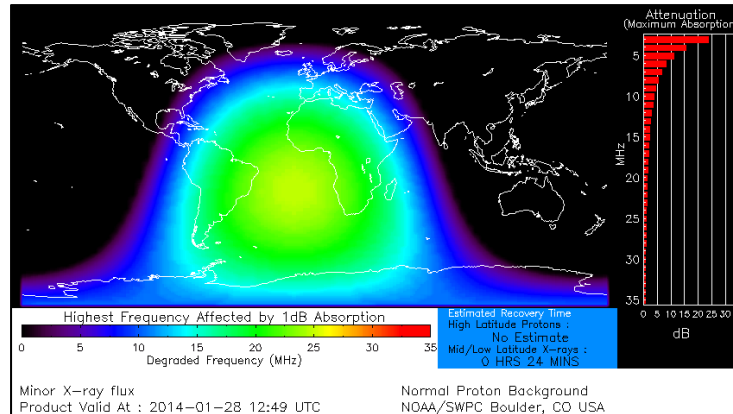
Hazard Outlook: January 27 – 31



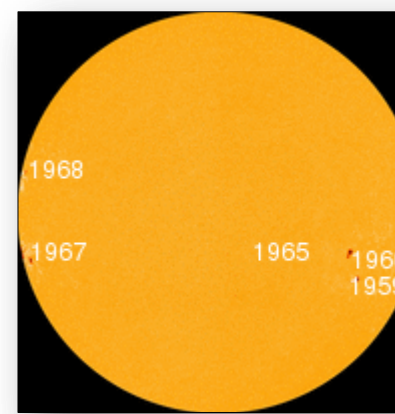
Space Weather

NOAA Scales Activity (Range: 1/minor to 5/extreme)	Past 24 Hours	Current	Next 24 Hours
Space Weather Activity:	Minor	Minor	Minor
• Geomagnetic Storms	None	None	None
• Solar Radiation Storms	None	None	None
• Radio Blackouts	R1	R1	R1

HF Communication Impact



Sunspot Activity



FEMA Readiness – Deployable Teams/Assets



Deployable Teams/Assets									
Resource	Status	Total	Available		Partially Available	Not Available	Deployed/ Activated	Comments	Rating Criterion
FCO		41	15	36%	N/A	4	19		OFDC Readiness: FCO Green Yellow Red Type 1 3+ 2 1 Type 2 4+ 3 2 Type 3 4 3 2 FDRC 3 2 1
FDRC		9	4	44%	0	0	5		
US&R		28	26	92%	2	0	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NV-TF1 (Yellow/Conditional) NM-TF1 (Yellow/Conditional) System on Advisory for SOTU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green = Available/FMC Yellow = Available/PMC Red = Out-of-Service Blue = Assigned/Deployed
National IMAT		3	3	100%	0	0	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IMAT-East on Alert for SOTU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green: 3 avail Yellow: 1 avail Red: 0 avail Individual N-IMAT red if 50% of Section Chiefs and/or Team Leader is unavailable for deployment.
Regional IMAT		13	7	54%	1	1	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams deployed to: TX, AR, CO & CA Type III team deployed to WV IMAT will deploy to DC for SOTU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green: > 6 avail Yellow: 4 -6 teams available Red: > 8 teams deployed/unavailable R-IMAT also red if TL Ops/Log Chief is unavailable and has no qualified replacement.
MCOV		55	37	67%	0	16	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 in CO; 1 in WV 16 Not Available – Transitioning/upgrade to new satellite system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green = Available/FMC Yellow = Available/PMC Red = Out-of-Service Blue = Assigned/Deployed

FEMA Readiness – National/Regional Teams



National/Regional Teams

Resource	Status	Total	Available		Partially Available	Not Available	Deployed/ Activated	Comments	Rating Criterion
NWC	Green	5	5	100%	0	0	Steady State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced Watch for SOTU TMT at SIOC for SOTU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green = FMC Yellow = PMC Red = NMC
NRCC	Green	6	369	94%	0	0	Not Activated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gold Team/ESFs on alert for SOTU 	
HLT	Green	1	1	100%	0	0	Not Activated		
DEST	Green						Not Activated		
RRCCs	Green	10	10	100%	0	0	RIII Activated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Region III RRCC - Level 3; will remain at 3 for SOTU 	
RWCs/MOCs	Green	10	10	100%	0	0	24/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Region IV RWC – Enhanced Watch 	



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FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.