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Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

8:30 a.m. EST

Significant Activity: January 28 – 29



Significant Events: Winter Storm – Gulf Coast/Southeast

Significant Weather:

- Heavy snow possible – Cascades, Sierras & Northern/Central Rockies
- Snow – Northwest & Northern Rockies/Plains Central Rockies, Coastal South to Coastal Northeast
- Freezing rain – Northwest, Northern Plains & Southeast
- Below average (15 to 30 degrees) temperatures – Southeast, Eastern Gulf Coast & the TN/OH valleys
- Elevated Fire Weather Area: Southern Plains
- Red Flag Warnings: AL
- Space Weather: Minor/R1 past 24 hours; Minor/R1 predicted next 24 hours

FEMA Readiness:

- Region III remains at Level III (WV Chemical Spill)
- Region IV remains at Enhanced Watch (Winter Storm)

Winter Storm – Gulf Coast/Southeast



Current Situation

- Rare winter storm brought wintry mix of snow & freezing rain to parts of Gulf Coast & Southeast
- Winter Storm Warnings continue across much of the region, system will make its way offshore today

Impacts

- Primary impacts have been to ground transportation routes; numerous accidents across the affected areas
- Numerous flight delays reported nationwide; media reports up to 1,300 cancellations
- No widespread power outages or significant property damage reported or identified

FEMA Region IV

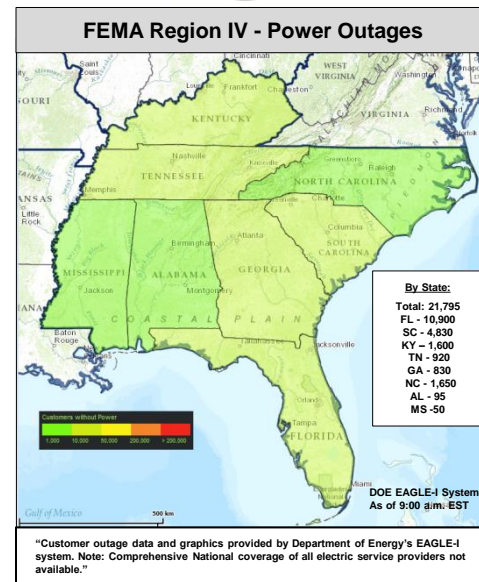
- RWC remains at Enhanced Watch; other employees directed to telework/ take unscheduled leave today
- MS SEOC is fully activated; SEOCs in GA, AL, SC & NC are partially activated; others monitoring/Normal Ops
- State of Emergency Declared for winter weather: AL, MS, GA, NC, and SC
- 34 shelters are open across the region with a combined population of 395 (6:00 a.m., ARC NSS)
 - Most in AL (11, with 141 occupants); GA (6, with 116 occupants); NC (6, with 114 occupants)

FEMA Region VI

- FEMA Region VI remains at Watch/Steady State
- SEOCs in TX and LA are partially activated; Governor of LA declared a State of Emergency on Jan 24
- 7 shelters are open across the region with a combined population of 71 (6:00 a.m., ARC NSS)
 - TX (1, with 2 occupants), LA (6, with 69 occupants)

FEMA Headquarters

- NRCC is not activated; NWC remains at Watch/Steady State
- No unmet needs or requests for FEMA assistance



Disaster Requests & Declarations

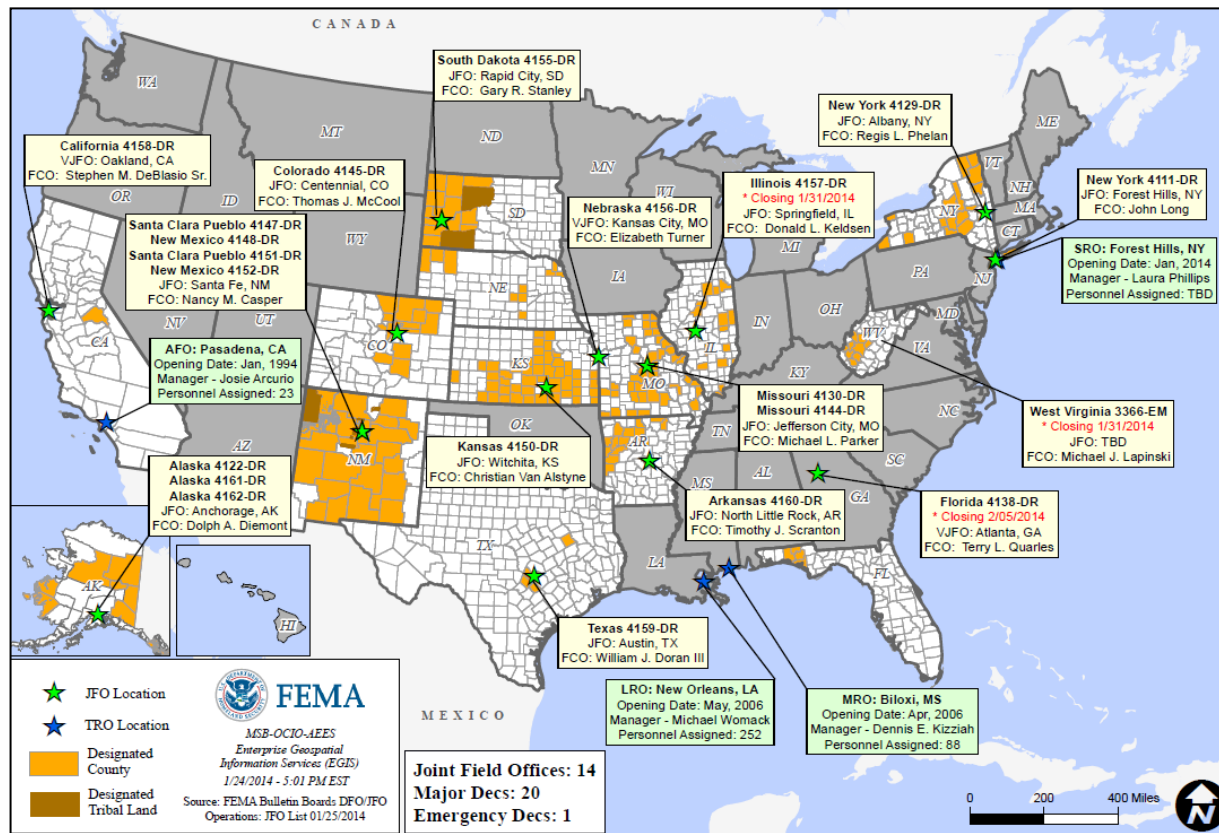


Declaration Requests in Process		Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
4	Date Requested	0	0
VT – DR Severe Winter Storms and Ice Storm	January 17, 2014		
OK – DR Severe Winter Storm	January 17, 2014		
TX – DR Severe Winter Storm	January 17, 2014		
TX – Severe Storms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

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA/PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Complete	
III	WV	Winter Weather Event Dec 5	PA	5	0	1/27 – 1/29

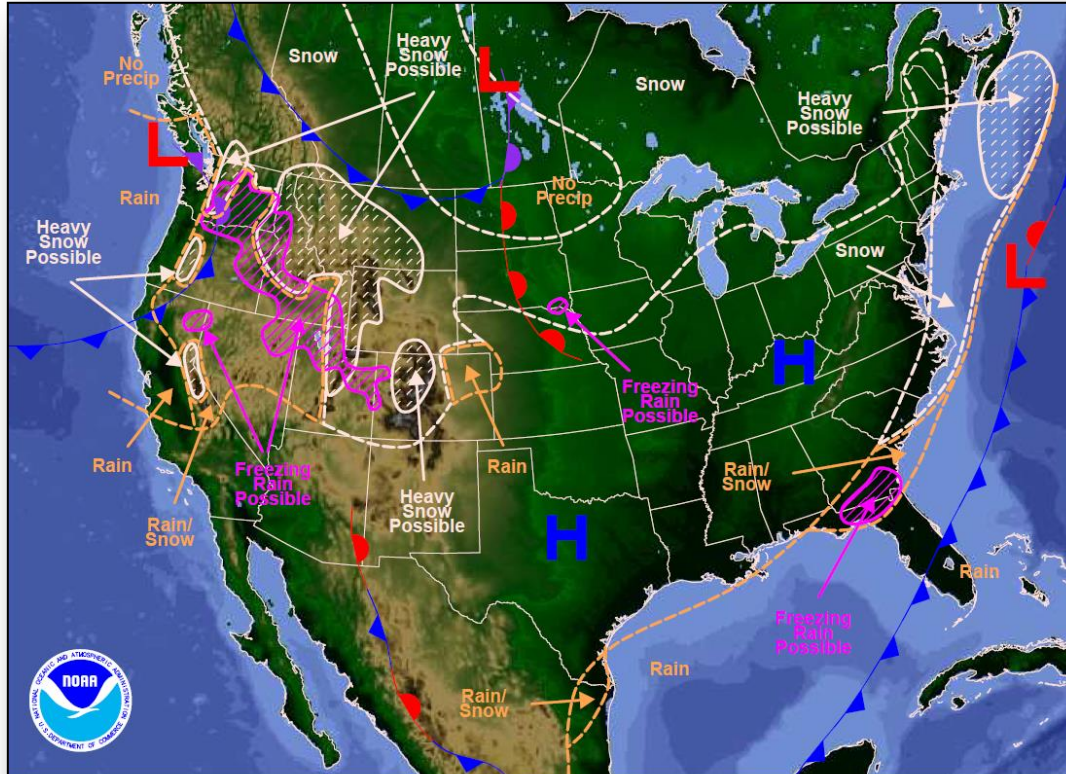
Open Field Offices as of January 29, 2014



National Weather Forecast



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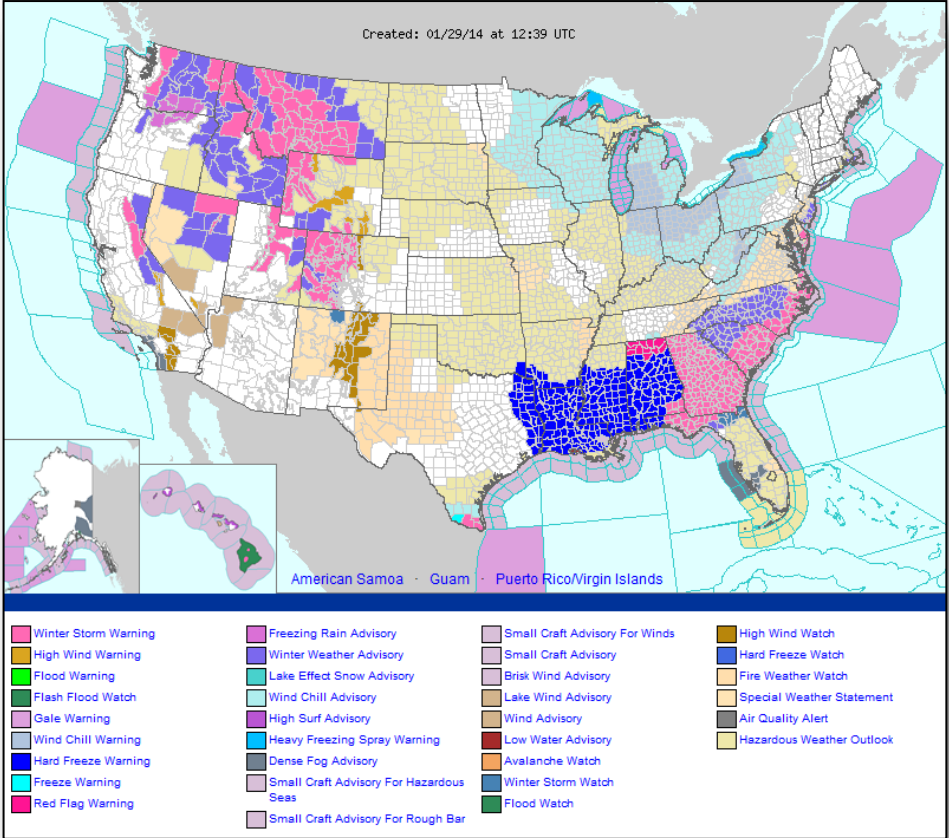


Weather Forecast for Wed, Jan 29, 2014, issued 2:44 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Active Watches/Warnings



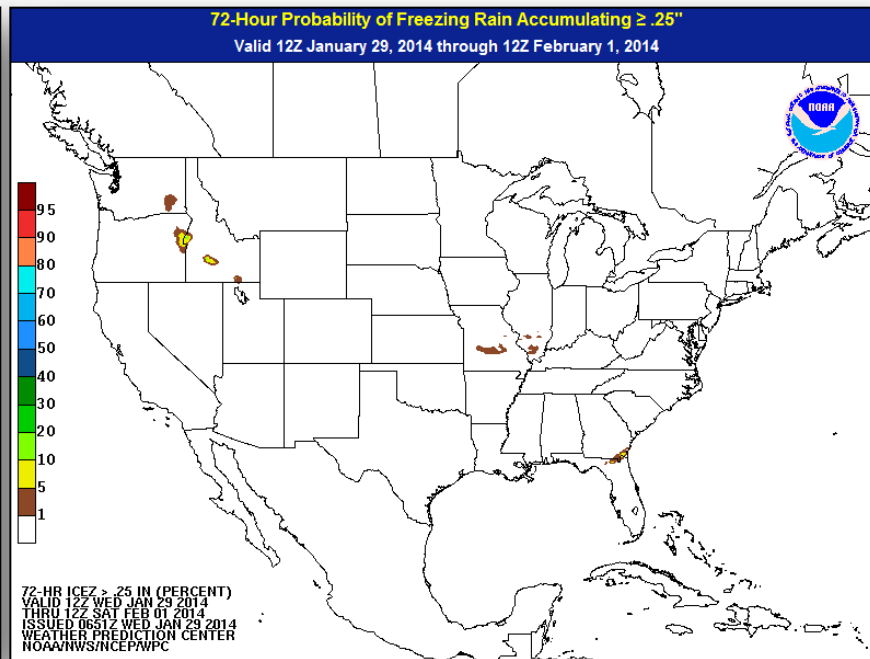
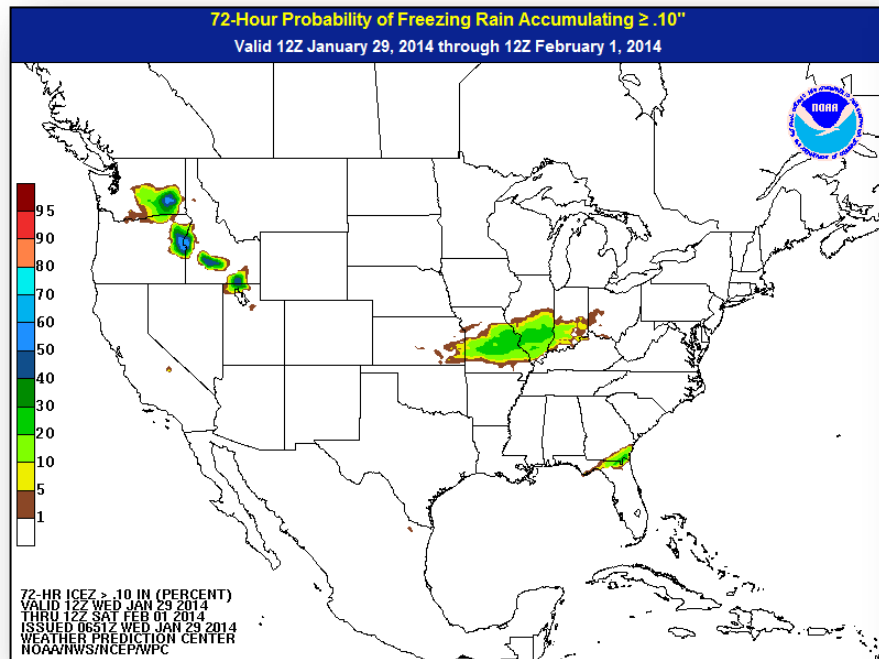
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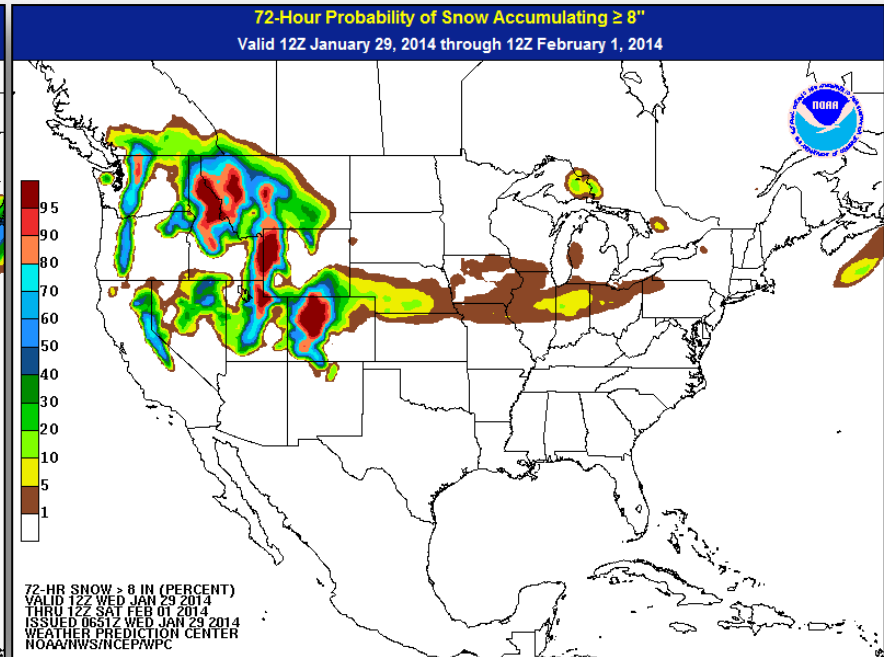
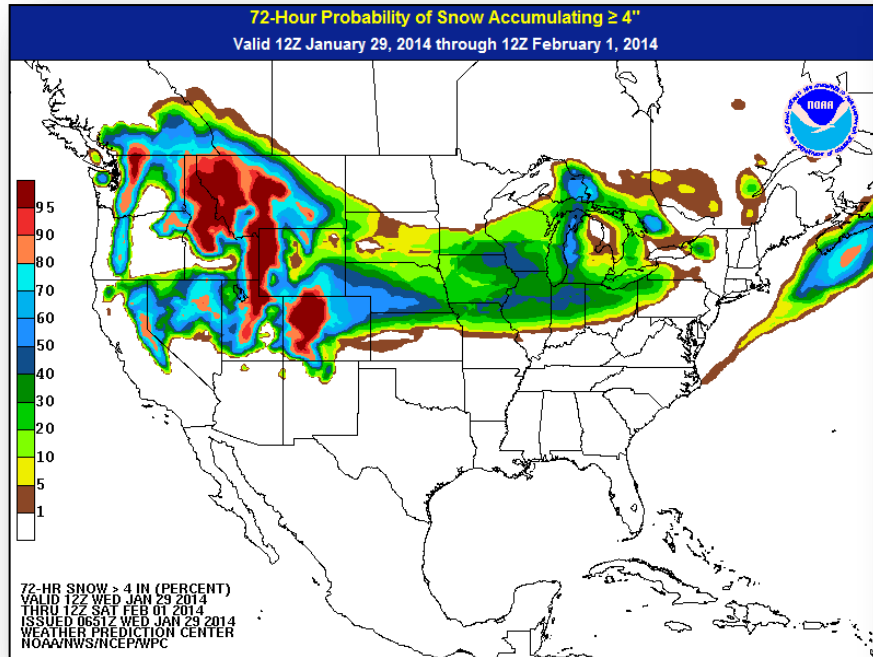
72 Hour Freezing Rain Accumulation



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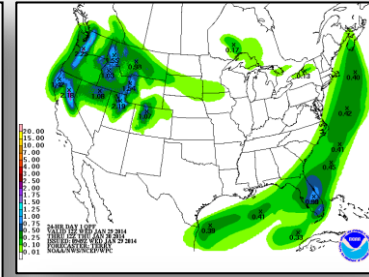
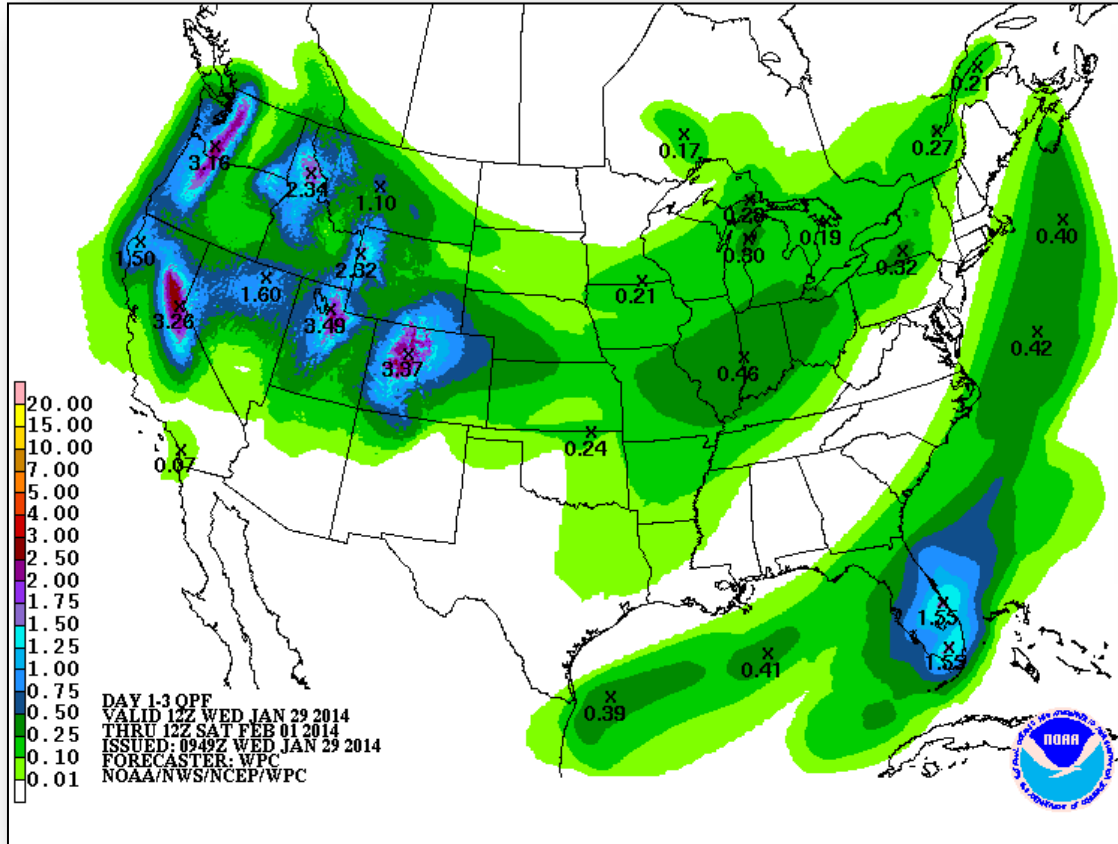
Total Snow Forecast



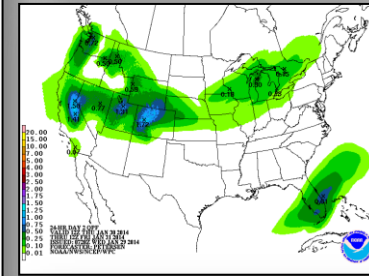
Precipitation Forecast – 3 Day



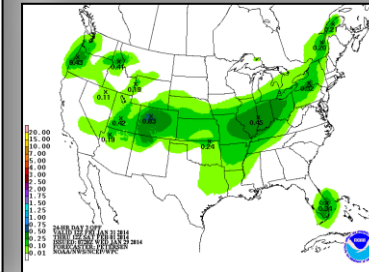
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Day 1



Day 2



Day 3

River Forecast – 7 Day



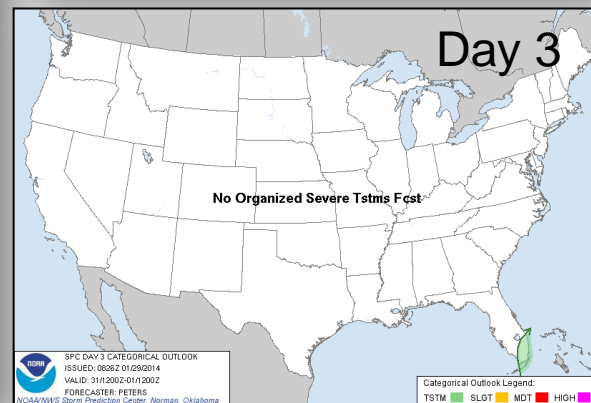
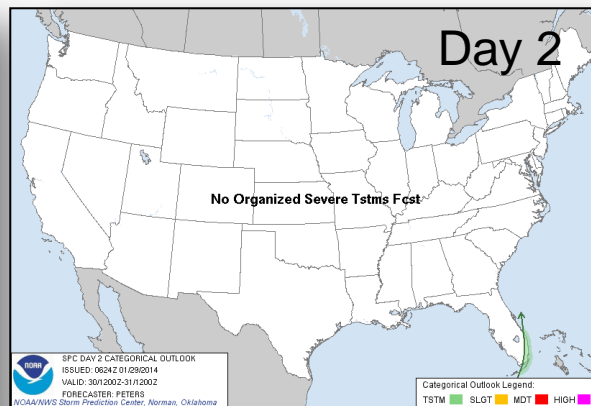
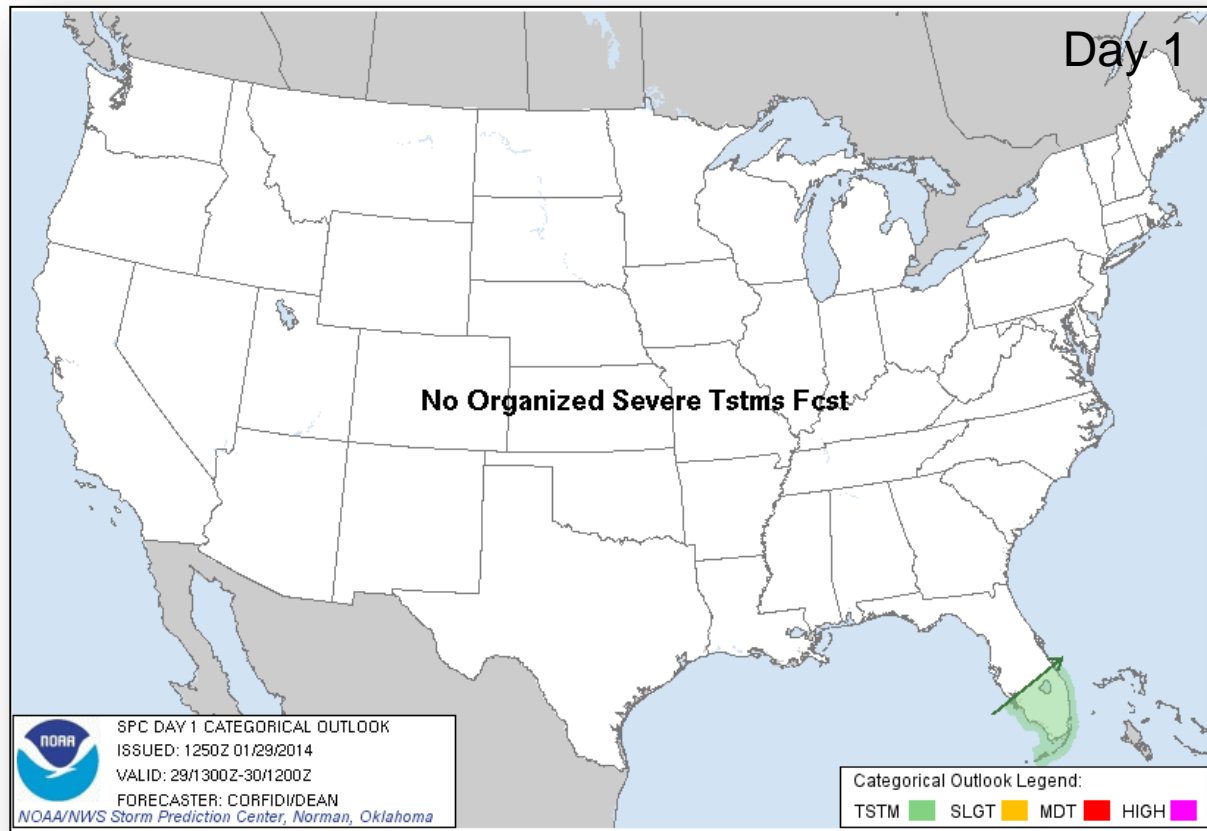
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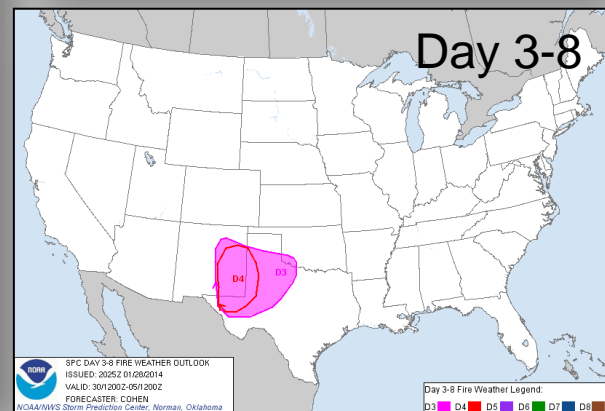
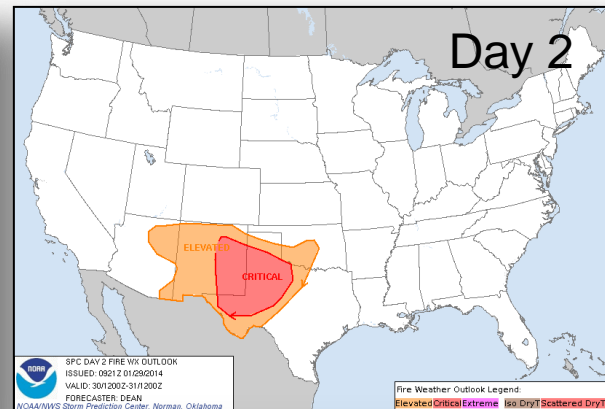
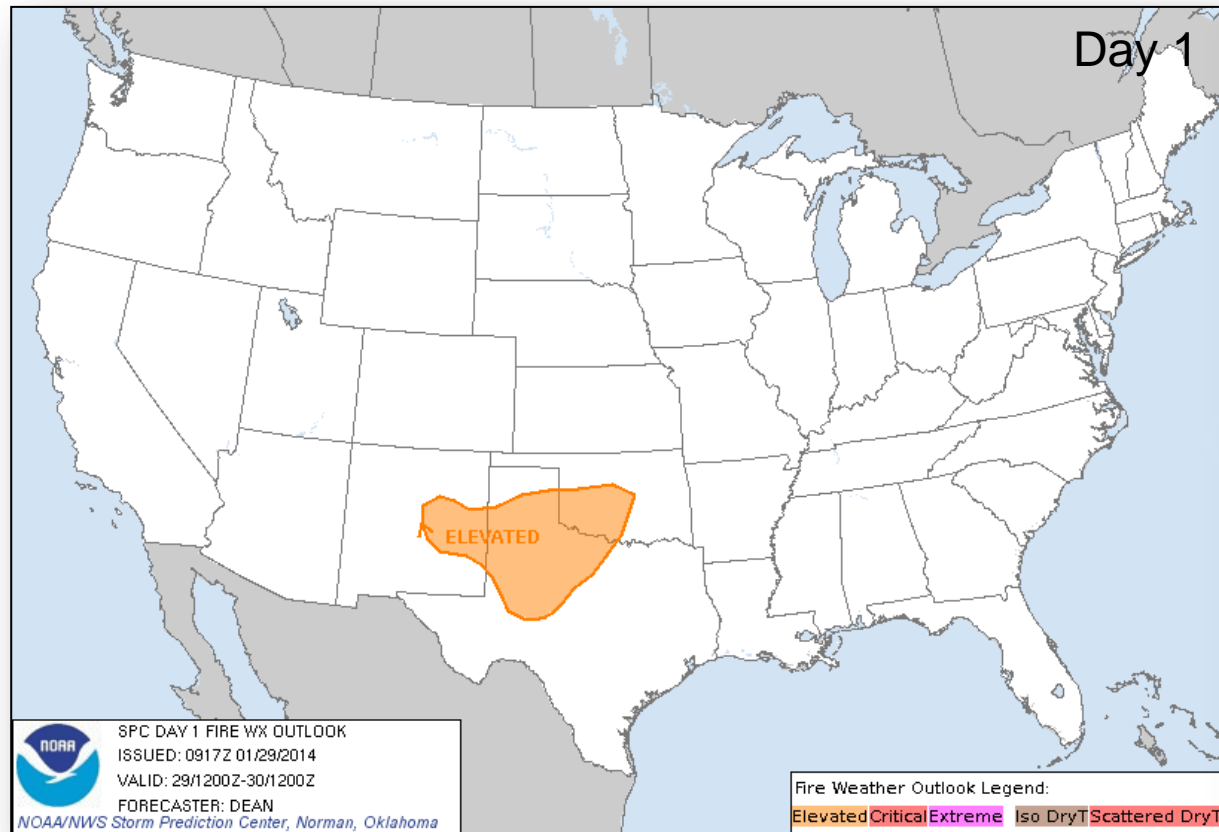
Convective Outlooks Days 1 – 3



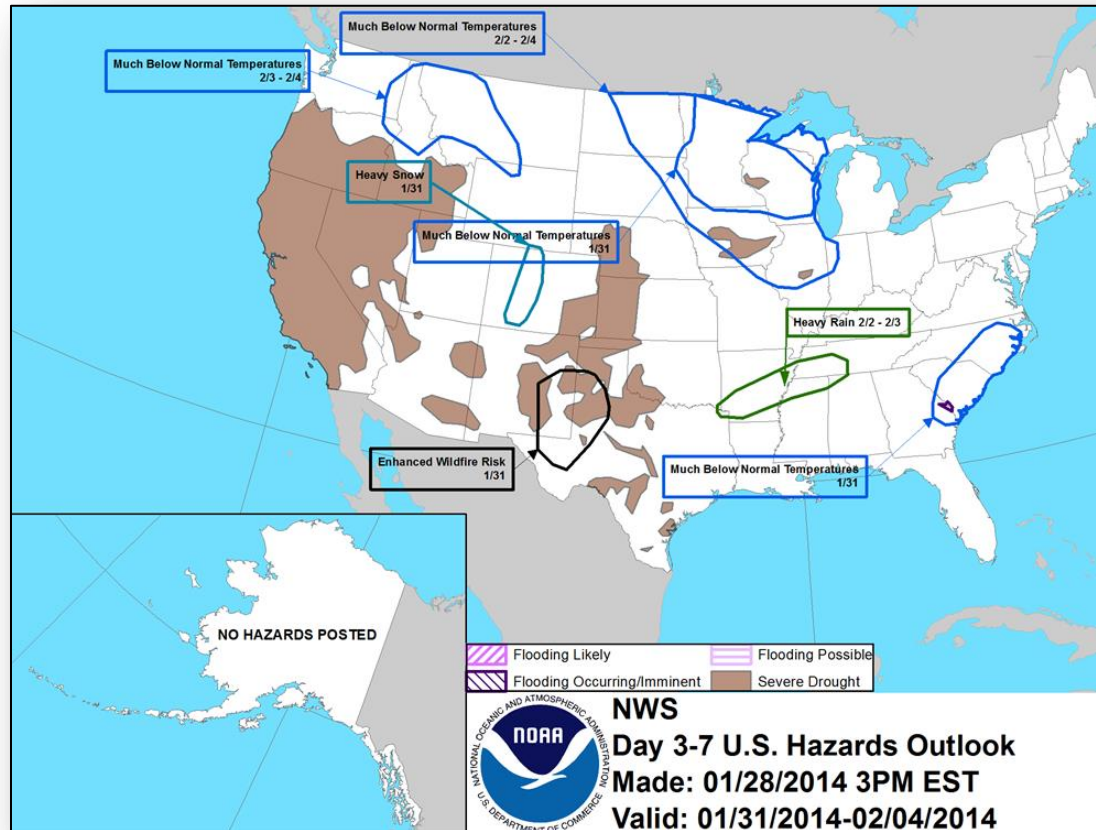
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Critical Fire Weather Areas Days 1 – 8



Hazard Outlook: January 28 – 31



Western Pacific – Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert

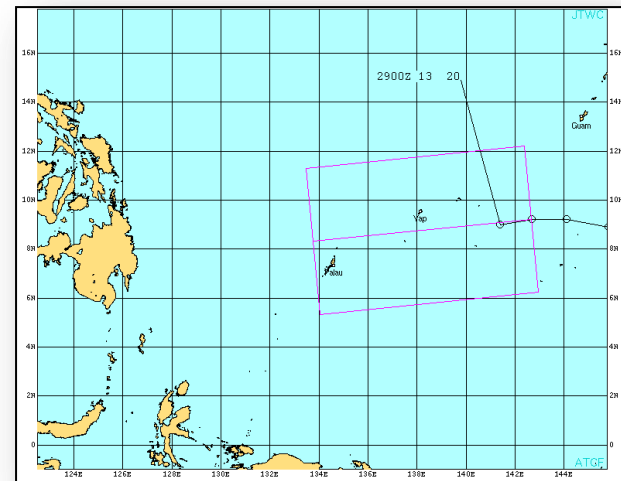


As of 12:30 a.m. EST

- Located 224 miles E of Island of Yap, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)
- Moving W at 14 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 23 mph with gusts up to 28 mph
- Models indicate the system will continue to strengthen as it tracks westward toward Yap and Koror
- High potential for development of a significant tropical cyclone within next 24 hours

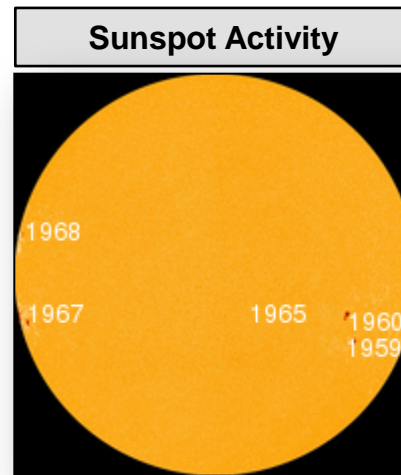
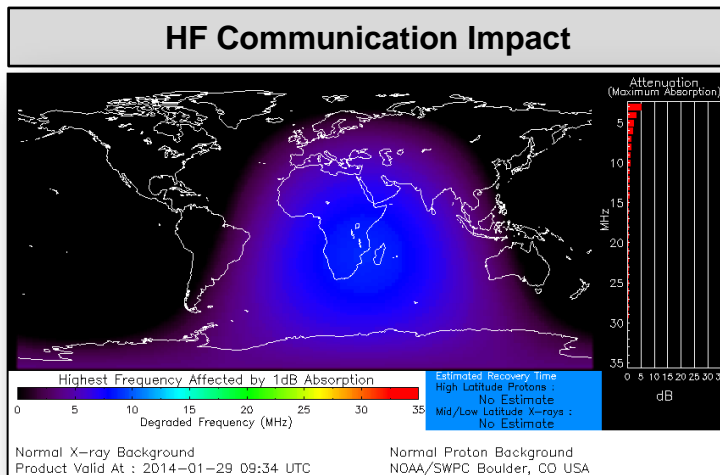
State / FEMA Response

- FMS EOC is at normal operations
- FEMA Region IX remains at Watch / Steady State
- No unmet needs or requests for FEMA assistance



Space Weather

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



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		9	4	44%	0	0	5		FDRC 3 2 1
US&R		28	26	92%	2	0	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NV-TF1 (Yellow/Conditional)NM-TF1 (Yellow/Conditional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Green = Available/FMCYellow = Available/PMCRed = Out-of-ServiceBlue = Assigned/Deployed
National IMAT		3	3	100%	0	0	0		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Green: 3 availYellow: 1 availRed: 0 avail <i>Individual N-IMAT red if 50% of Section Chiefs and/or Team Leader is unavailable for deployment.</i>
Regional IMAT		13	7	54%	1	1	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teams deployed to: TX, AR, CO & CAType III team deployed to WV	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Green: > 6 availYellow: 4 -6 teams availableRed: > 8 teams deployed/unavailable <i>R-IMAT also red if TL Ops/Log Chief is unavailable and has no qualified replacement.</i>
MCOV		55	37	67%	0	16	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 in CO; 1 in WV16 Not Available – Transitioning/upgrade to new satellite system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Green = Available/FMCYellow = Available/PMCRed = Out-of-ServiceBlue = Assigned/Deployed

FEMA Readiness – National/Regional Teams



National/Regional Teams

Resource	Status	Total	Available		Partially Available	Not Available	Deployed/ Activated	Comments	Rating Criterion
NWC		5	5	100%	0	0	Steady State		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green = FMC • Yellow = PMC • Red = NMC
NRCC		6	369	94%	0	0	Not Activated		
HLT		1	1	100%	0	0	Not Activated		
DEST							Not Activated		
RRCCs		10	10	100%	0	0	RIII Activated	• Region III at Level III	
RWCs/MOCs		10	10	100%	0	0	24/7	• 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.