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Daily Operations Briefing

Sunday, March 17, 2019

8:30 a.m. EDT

Significant Activity – Mar 16-17



Significant Events: Flooding – Central U.S.

Tropical Activity: No activity affecting U.S. interests

Significant Weather: None

Declaration Activity: None

Flooding – Central U.S.

FEMA

Current Situation

Major to historic river flooding continues across parts of the Missouri and Mississippi River basins where heavy rainfall last week caused rapid snow melt. Many locations are expected to crest and begin to recede today. Ice jams and levee overtopping remain a concern. Over the next several days a calm dry weather pattern will allow river conditions to improve but warmer temperatures will accelerate snow melt.

Lifeline Impacts

Safety and Security

- NE: Seepage and levee boils reported statewide
- MO: Aerial surveys of levee breaches and road and structure damage will take place today; sandbagging operations have begun in 2 counties

Food, Water, and Sheltering

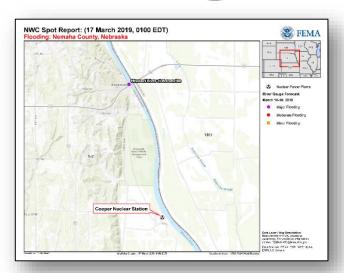
- Mandatory and voluntary evacuations are ongoing for impacted areas
- Shelters: NE 18 (+5) with 879 occupants; IA 5 with 14 (+1) occupants (Region VII SLB)
- Peru, NE (pop. 865) water plant lost power due to breach; water tower is ¾ full, being assessed today

Health and Medical

NE: One confirmed fatality

Energy

- NE: Cooper Nuclear Power Station remains at 100% power; shutdown suspended due to receding waters
- Minimal power outages throughout impacted area
- IA: Natural gas line damaged near Lehigh (Webster County); repairs will begin when water recedes



Flooding – Central U.S.

Communications:

Power restored to cell towers in the city of Vertigre (pop 575) in NE

Transportation

- NE: Portion of Hwy 275 closed; 14 bridges closed; all state highways west of Kearney open
- IA: I-29 along the MO river closed in multiple locations; traffic being re-routed; all other major roadways open
- MO: I-29 closed at Rockport (Atchison County)

Hazardous Waste

 Wastewater treatment plants in NE and KS are discharging raw sewage into the Missouri River

State / Local Response

- NE, IA, & MO EOCs at Full Activation; NE & IA Governors declared a state of emergency
- Tribal Leaders declared states of emergency for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, the Sac and Fox of Mississippi in Iowa, and the Santee Sioux of Nebraska
- US&R NE-TF1 has ceased operations for the day and returned to Lincoln awaiting orders
- NE National Guard supporting water rescues, evacuations, and infrastructure support

FEMA Response

- FEMA Region VII RWC at Enhanced Watch (24/7); LNO deployed to NE EOC
- FEMA NWC at Steady State; continues to monitor



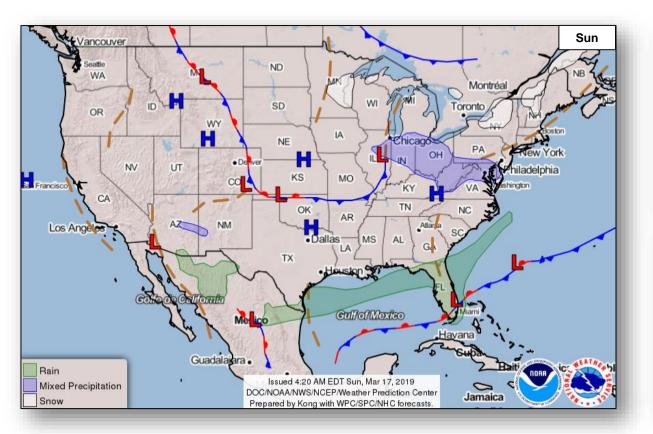


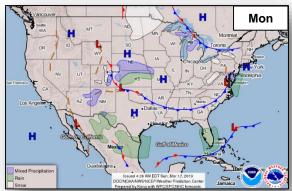
At 44 ft.: Water near the top of the federal levees on both sides of the river.

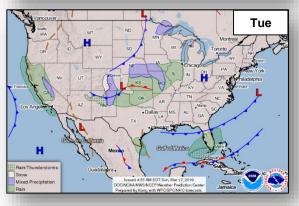
At 43 ft.: A portion of the federal levee along the Missouri side will be near overtopping. If overtopped this flooding will impact a significant portion of Interstate 29 and Highway 136.

National Weather Forecast



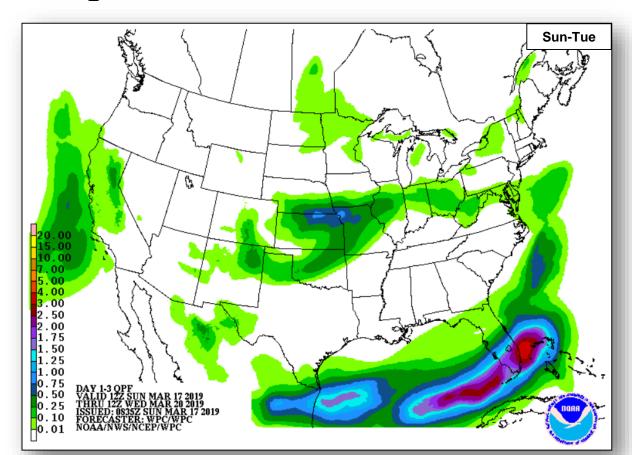


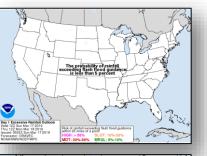




Precipitation Forecast











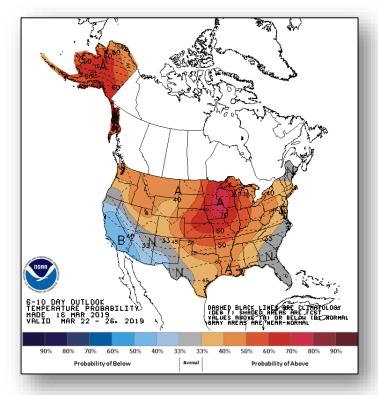




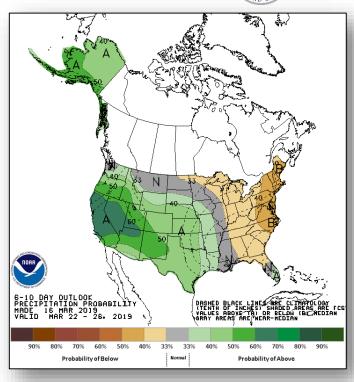
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Long Range Outlooks – Mar 22-26





6 - 10 Day Temperature Probability



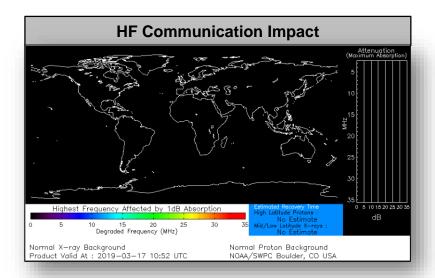
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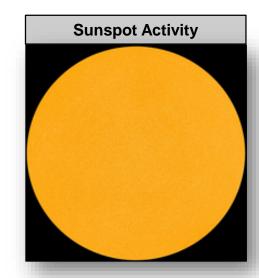
Space Weather



	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts	
Past 24 Hours	Minor	G1	None	None	
Next 24 Hours	None	None	None	None	

For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to: http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation





Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



	State /	Event		Number of Counties		
Region				Requested	Completed	Start - End
	AL	Severe Weather and Flooding February 6-22, 2019	IA	3	2	3/11 – TBD
IV			PA	0	0	N/A
	KY	Severe Weather and Flooding		0	0	N/A
		February 6, 2019	PA	43	20	3/11 – TBD
	TN	Severe Weather and Flooding February 6, 2019	IA	9	4	3/12 – TBD
			PA	60	20	3/12 – TBD
V	ОН	Flooding and Severe Storms February 5-13, 2019	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	20	17	3/11 – TBD
	CA	Winter Storms January 31, 2019 and continuing	IA	2	1	3/5 – TBD
			PA	22	20	3/5 – TBD
IX -	lipay Nation of Santa Ysabel	lation of Santa Winter Storms	IA	0	0	N/A
		February 13-15, 2019	PA	1	0	3/14 – TBD
	Navajo Nation	Winter Storms	IA	0	0	N/A
		February 20-23, 2019	PA	1	0	3/18 – TBD
	FSM (Chuuk and Yap)	Typhoon Wutip	IA	0	0	N/A
		February 19-22, 2019	PA	2	0	3/22 – TBD

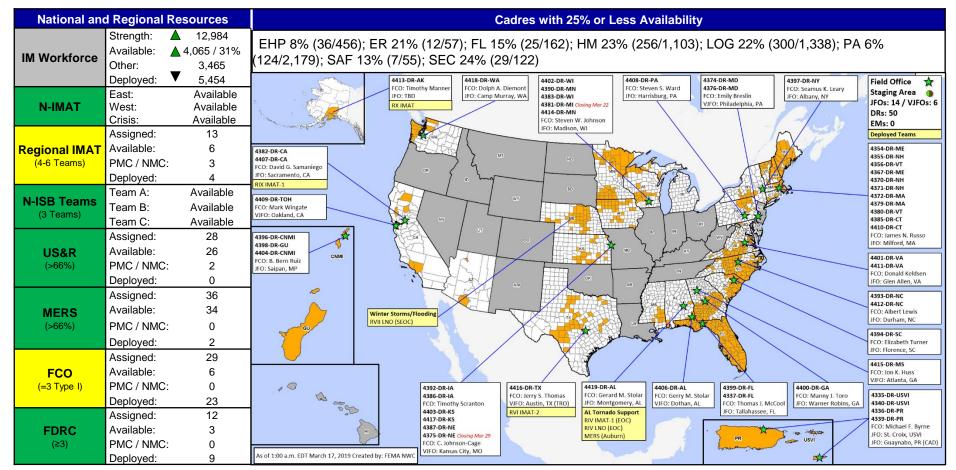
Disaster Requests & Declarations



Declaration Requests in Pro	Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)				
2	IA	PA	НМ	Date Requested	0	0
La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians – DR Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides		Х	Х	March 8, 2019		
VT – DR (Appeal) Severe Winter Storm		Х	Х	March 14, 2019		

Readiness – Deployable Teams and Assets





FEMA Readiness – Activation Teams



Status		Activated Team	Activation Level	Activation Times	Reason / Comments	
NWC (5 Teams)	Steady State					
NRCC (2 Teams)	Available				Primary – Gold Team	
HLT	Available					
RWC / MOCs (10 Regions)	Activated	Region VII	Enhanced Watch	(24/7)	Winter Storm	
RRCCs (10 Regions)	Available					

Backup Regions: VIII, IX, and VI



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