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Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, January 4, 2018

8:30 a.m. EST

Significant Activity – Jan 3-Jan 4



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Significant Events: East Coast Winter Storm

Tropical Activity: None

Significant Weather:

- Hard Freeze Warning – Southern Plains, Lower Mississippi Valley, and Southeastern U.S.
- Developing East Coast Winter Storm
- Space Weather – Past 24 hours: none; next 24 hours: None

Earthquake Activity: No significant activity

Declaration Activity: None

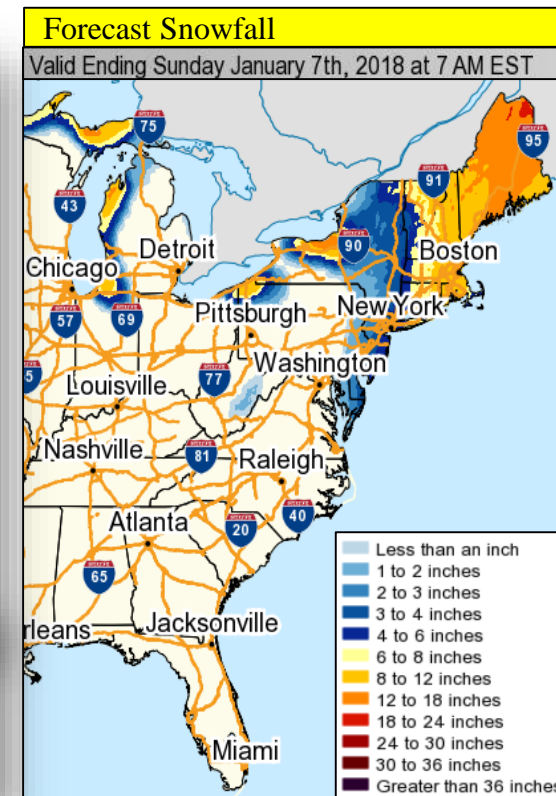
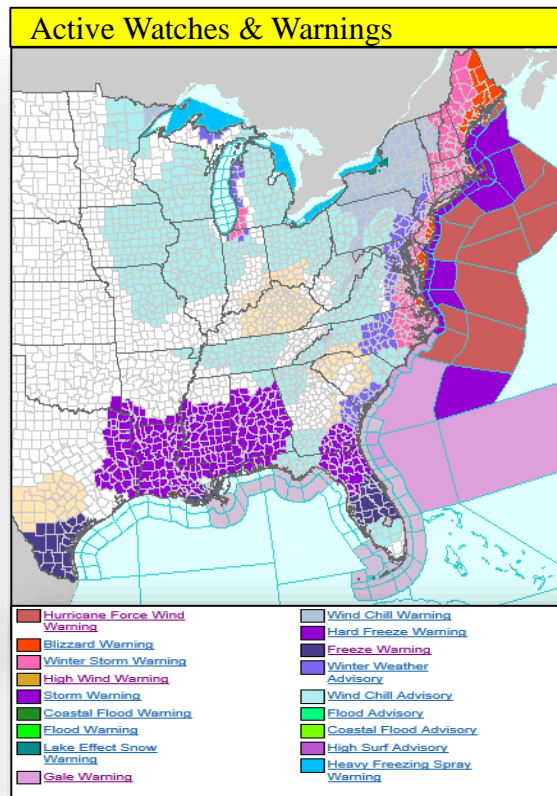
East Coast Winter Storm



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- Snowfall increasing and Blizzard conditions are possible close to the coast in portions of the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast
- Minor to major coastal flooding/erosion is possible due to a combination of high tides and wave action, especially this afternoon
- Warnings are in effect from the Mid-Atlantic northward through New England, which means hazardous conditions are imminent

| Total Recorded Snowfall | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Location | Snowfall |
| Sumter, SC | 7 inches |
| Myrtle Beach, SC | 2-3 inches |
| Wilmington area, NC | 4-6 inches |
| Raleigh area, NC | ½ - 2 inches |
| Norfolk area, VA | 5-8 inches |
| DC area | < 1 inch |



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Situation

A major Nor'easter is underway and will bring snow and gusty winds, with blizzard conditions along the coast and blowing snow elsewhere. Minor to major coastal flooding and erosion will be possible, especially during high tides.

Impacts

FEMA Regions I – IV

- **Fatalities/Injuries:** 1-Fatality in VA due to hypothermia
- **Power** (as of 7:30 a.m. EST)*:
 - FEMA Region I & II: Minimal outages reported
 - FEMA Region III: 42K customers out (VA-38K)
 - FEMA Region IV: 35K customers out (GA-12K, FL-16K, NC-7K)
- **ARC Shelters** (as of 7:00 a.m. EST):
 - FL – 2 open w/18 occupants
 - SC – 8 open w/16 occupants
 - NC – 2 open w/3 occupants
- **Transportation:**
 - Air: 3k flights cancelled (Thurs)
 - Ground: Hazardous road conditions and rail delays as expected
- **Schools:** Schools in impact areas closed/delayed reporting
- **Government Offices:**
 - DC Federal agencies under 2 hour delayed arrival
 - MA and RI offices closed today

Response

FEMA Region I: Normal Operations

- FEMA LNO's deployed to RI and MA EOCs as of 8:00 a.m. EST
- MA EOC at Partial Activation
- All other EOCs remain at Normal Operations

FEMA Region II: Normal Operations

- NYC EOC at Partial Activation
- All other EOCs at Normal Operations

FEMA Region III: Normal Operations

- VA State of Emergency declared
- MD State of Emergency declared for the Lower Shore
- VA EOC at Partial Activation
- DE and MD EOCs at Monitoring
- All other EOCs remain at Normal Operations

FEMA Region IV: Normal Operations

- GA State of Emergency declared for 28 counties; EOC at Partial Activation
- NC State of Emergency declared; EOC at Partial Activation
- FL EOC at Partial Activation (PR Support); additional staff monitoring winter storm impacts
- All other EOCs remain at Normal Operations

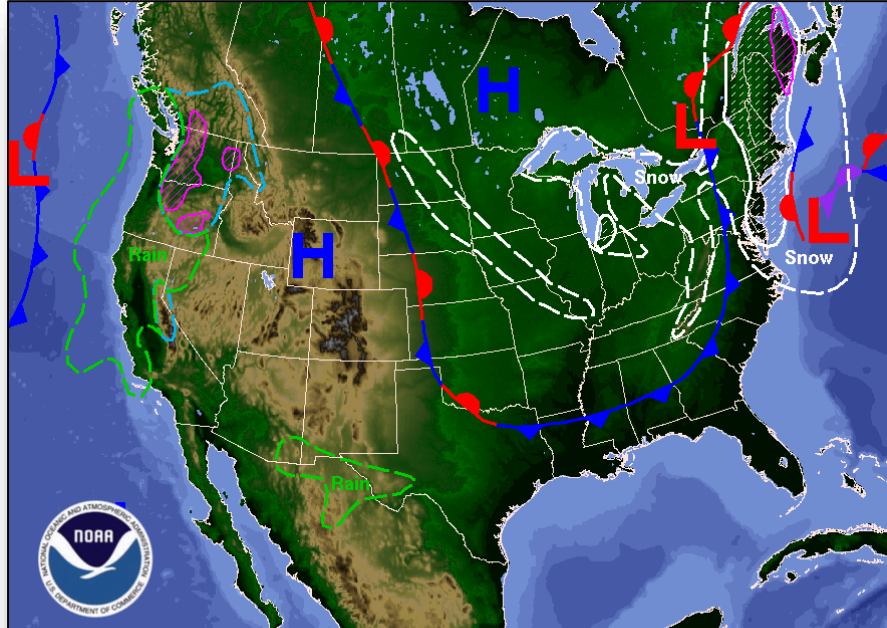
FEMA HQ: NRCC Not Activated; NWC at Steady State

**Note: Customer outage data is provided by the Department of Energy's EAGLE-I system. Comprehensive National coverage of all electrical service providers is not available.*

National Weather Forecast



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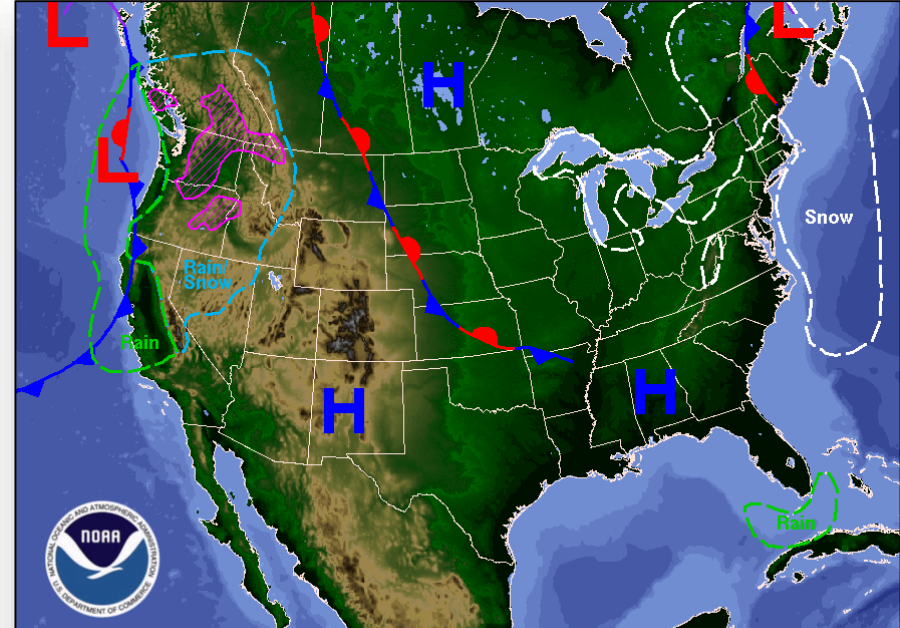
Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Thu, Jan 04, 2018, Issued 4:34 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain
Rain and T'Storms
Rain and Snow
Snow

Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

Today



Day 2 National Forecast Chart

Valid Fri, Jan 05, 2018, Issued 4:37 AM EST Thu, Jan 04, 2018
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
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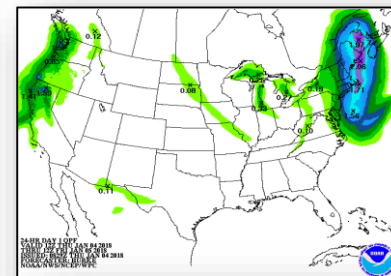
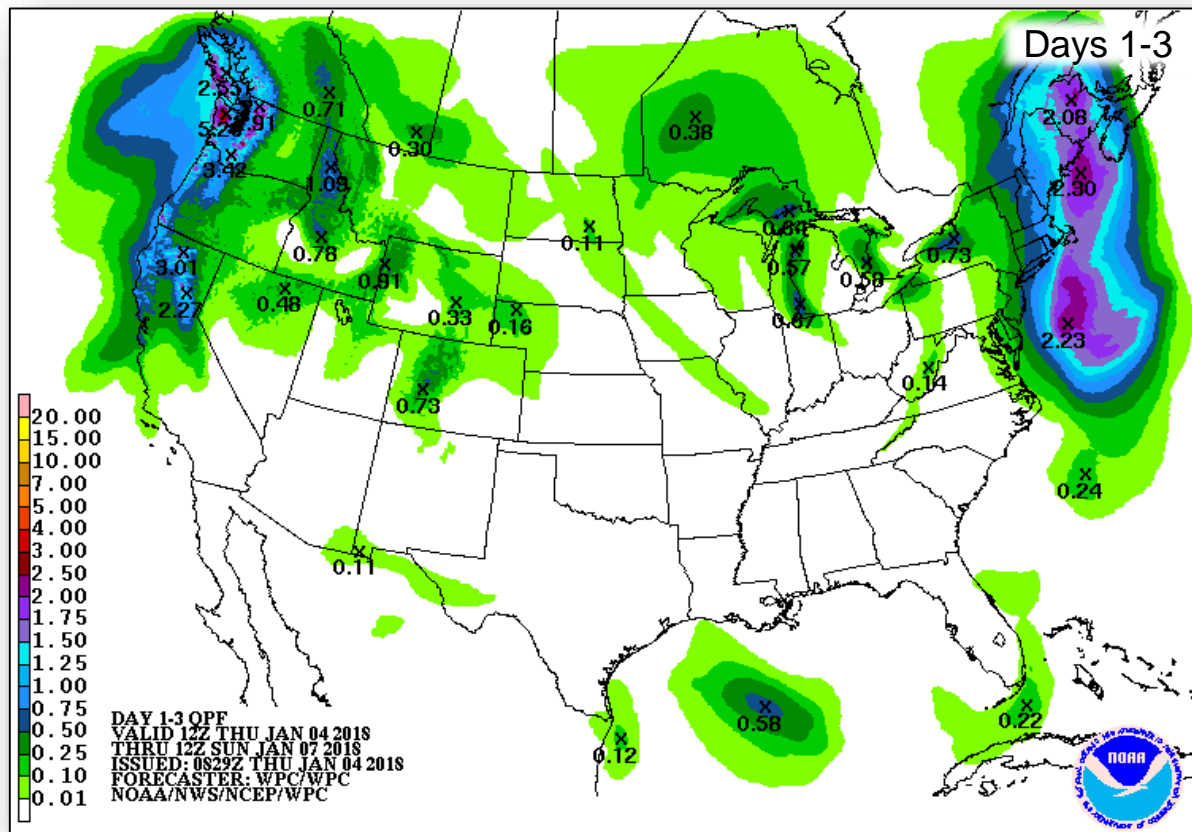
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Tomorrow

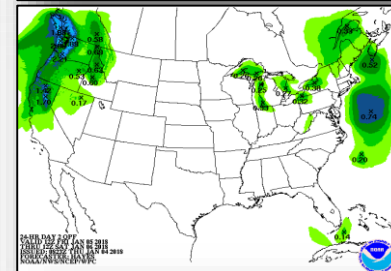
Precipitation Forecast



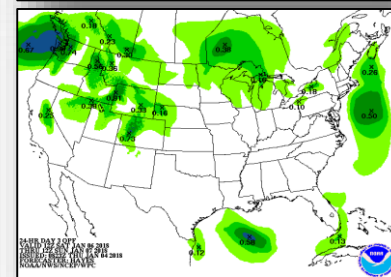
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Day 2

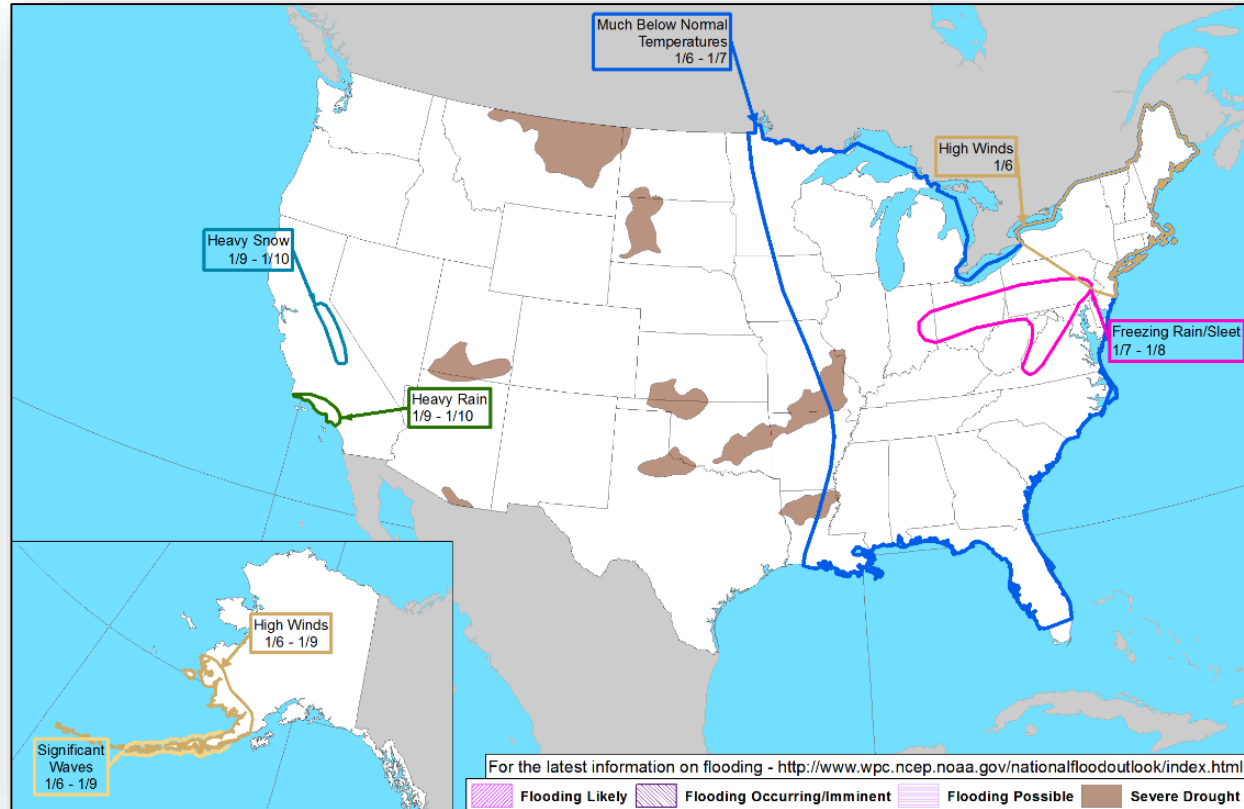


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Hazards Outlook – Jan 6-10



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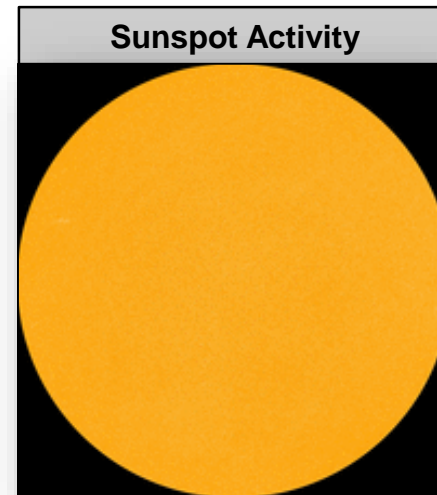
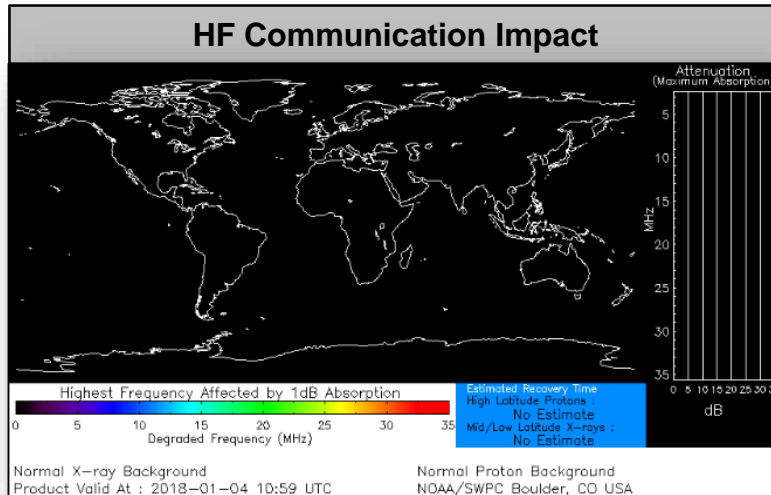


Space Weather



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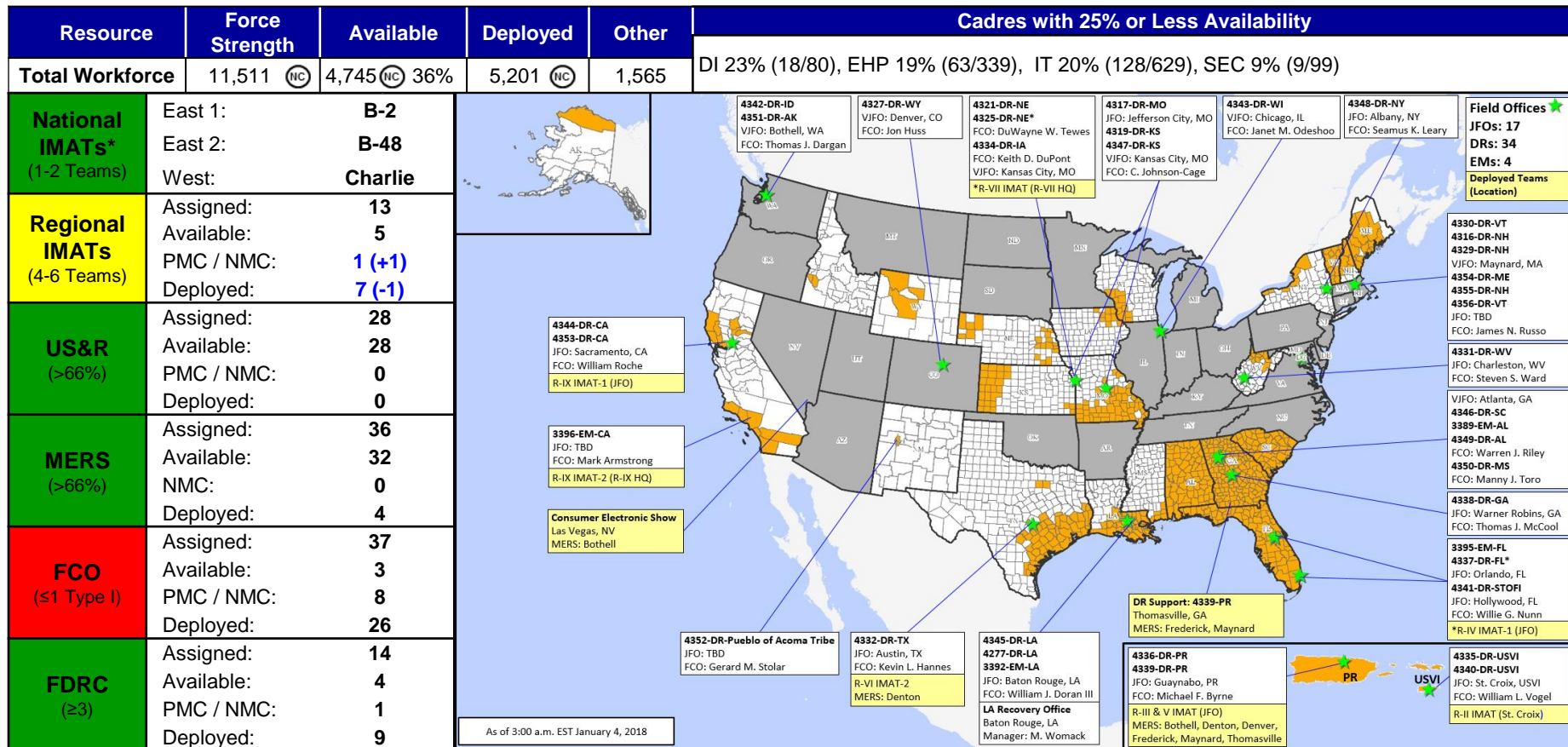
| | Space Weather Activity | Geomagnetic Storms | Solar Radiation | Radio Blackouts |
|---|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Past 24 Hours | None | None | None | None |
| Next 24 Hours | Minor | None | None | None |
| For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation | | | | |



Readiness – Deployable Teams and Assets



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*B-2 Status: Assemble ≤ 2 hours, On Site ≤ 18 hours; B-48 Status: Assemble and deploy ≤ 48 hours; Charlie Status: No team assemble time requirement

FEMA Readiness – Activation Teams



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| Resource | Status | Total | Status | Activated Team | Activation Level | Activation Times | Reason / Comments |
|-----------|--------|-------|---------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| NWC | | 5 | Steady State | | | | |
| NRCC | | 2 | Not Activated | | | | |
| HLT | | 1 | Not Activated | | | | |
| RWCs/MOCs | | 10 | Not Activated | | | | |
| RRCCs | | 10 | Not Activated | | | | |

Backup Regions: VIII, X & V



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