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Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, February 10, 2018

8:30 a.m. EST

Significant Activity – Feb 9-10



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Significant Events: Tropical Cyclone 09P (Gita) – American Samoa

Tropical Activity:

- Western Pacific – Tropical Cyclone 09P (Gita); Tropical Depression 02W

Significant Weather:

- Flash Flooding possible – Tennessee & Ohio valleys to Southern Appalachians
- Freezing rain possible - Middle Mississippi Valley to Northeast
- Heavy snow possible – Central Rockies
- Critical/elevated fire weather – southern CA, Southwest to Southern Plains
- Red Flag Warnings – CA, AZ, NM & TX
- Space Weather:
 - Past 24 hours: None
 - Next 24 hours: None

Earthquake Activity: No significant activity

Declaration Activity: None

Tropical Cyclone Gita



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Current Situation *(Warning #6 as of 4:00 a.m. EST February 10)*

- Tropical Cyclone Gita was located 261 miles SSE of Pago Pago; moving south at 17 mph, away from American Samoa; maximum sustained winds 55 mph
- Tropical Storm Warning cancelled but Flash Flood Watch, High Wind and Gale Warnings remain in effect
- American Samoa received 21 inches of rain last week, saturating the ground; Gita should bring additional 6-8 inches of rain; another system (Invest 98P) could bring even more rain
- Major threats are mudslides and high winds

Impacts:

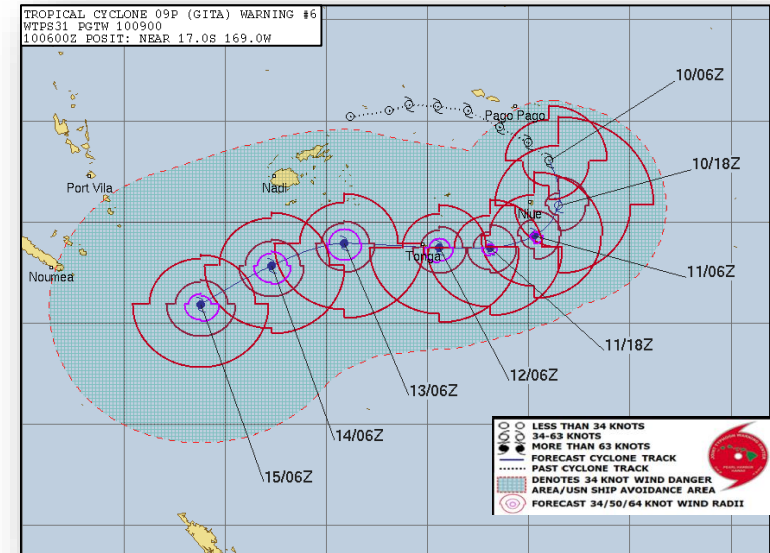
- **Fatalities / Injuries:** No fatalities; 5 minor injuries
- **Damages:** Preliminary reports of 200 homes destroyed or with some type of roof damage
- **Evacuations:** Some homes evacuated due to flooding
- **Shelters and Occupants:** 5 shelters open with unknown number of occupants
- **Power Outages:** 60% of island without power; estimated 3-5 days to restore
- **Transportation:** Airports and seaports closed until further notice; some roads washed out or blocked by debris
- **Communications:** Intermittent telephone and cellular outages; no internet service

Territory Response

- American Samoa EOC at Full Activation; Governor declared a State of Emergency

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- FEMA Region IX RWC is monitoring; 2 LNOs to deploy to American Samoa EOC
- FEMA NWC is monitoring



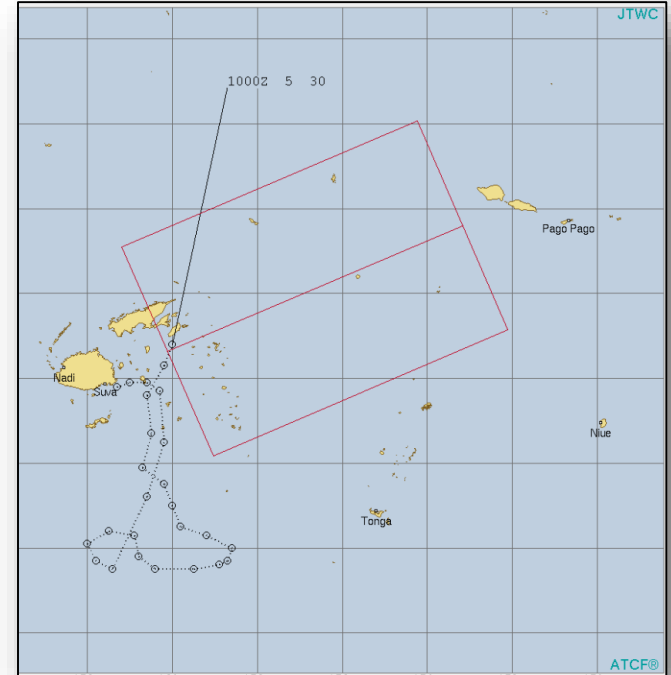
Tropical Outlook – Western Pacific



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Invest 98P (as of 9:30 p.m. EST, February 9)

- Located 173 miles ENE of Nadi, Fiji
- Moving NNE at 6 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 32-38 mph
- Formation chance through 24 hours: High



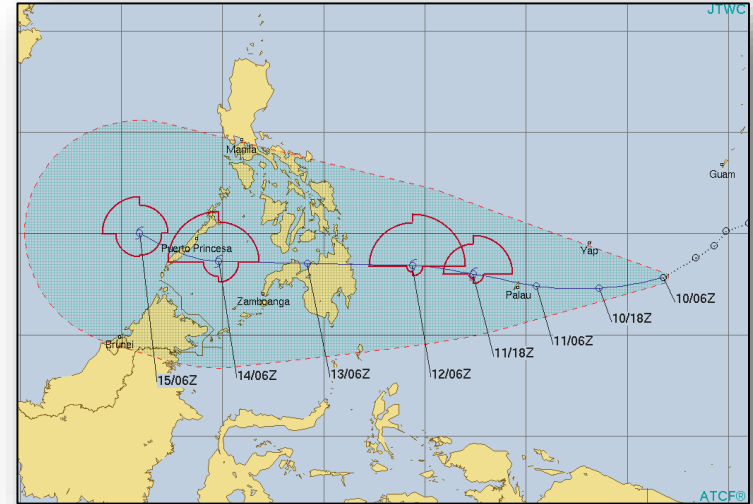
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Tropical Depression 02W (Warning #7 as of 4:00 a.m. EST, February 10)

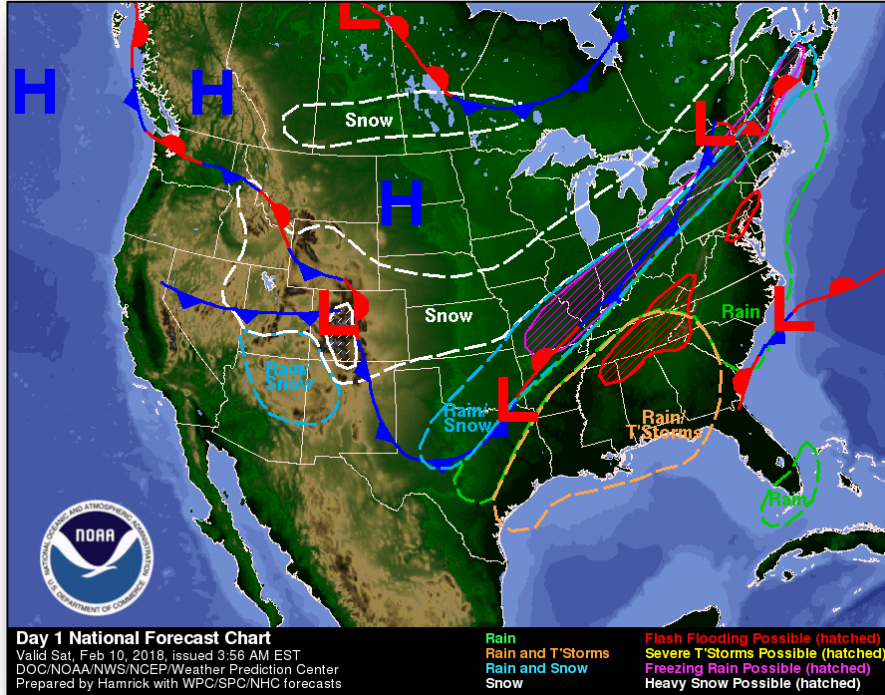
- Located 278 miles ESE of Yap, Federated States of Micronesia
- Moving WSW at 22 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 29 mph
- Poses no threat to U.S. interests



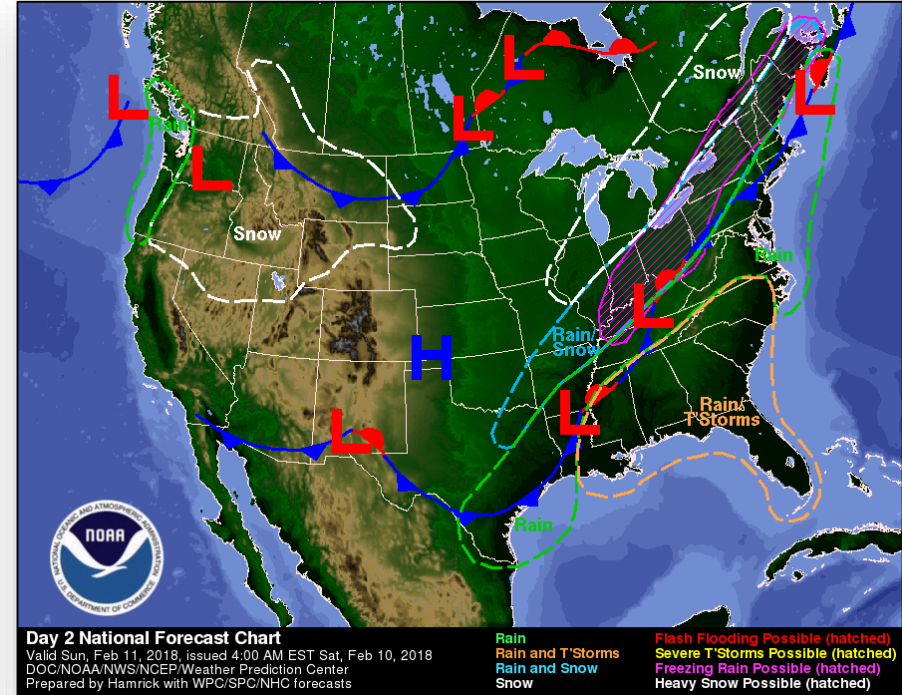
National Weather Forecast



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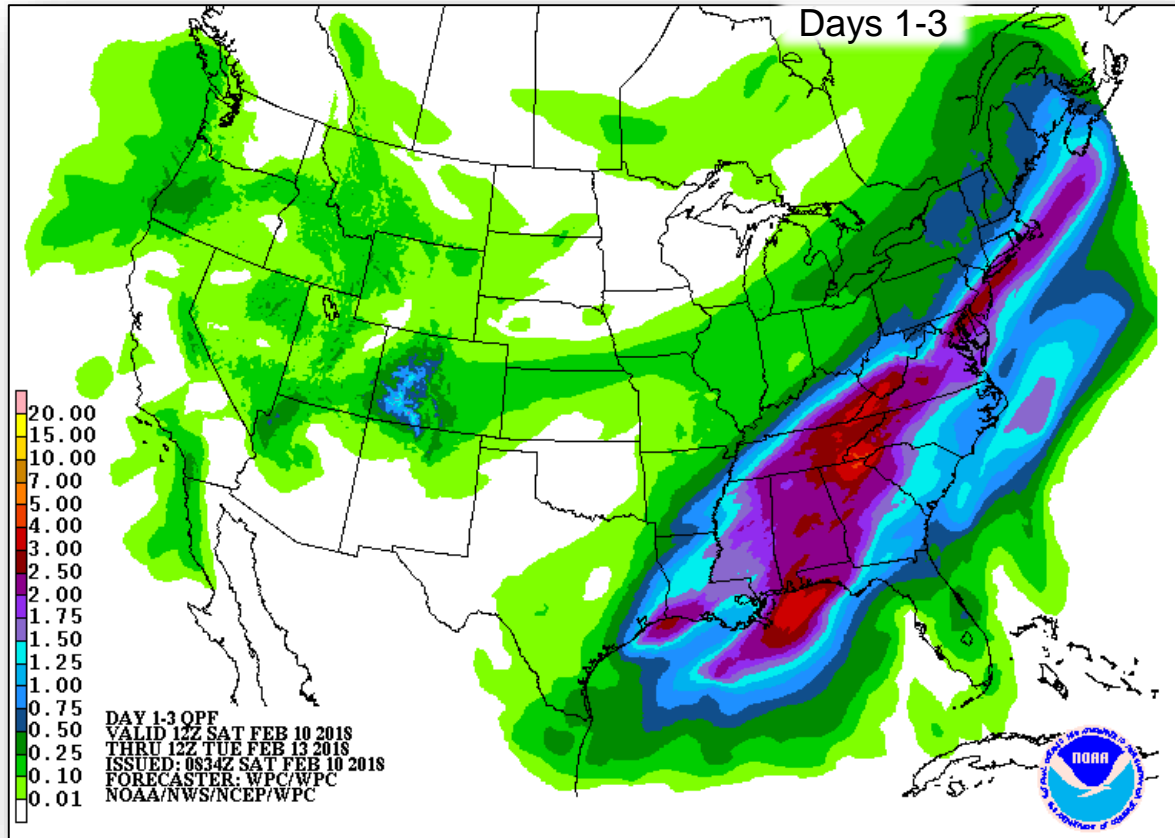


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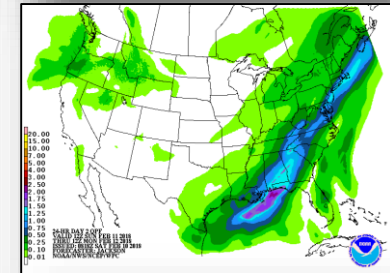
Precipitation Forecast



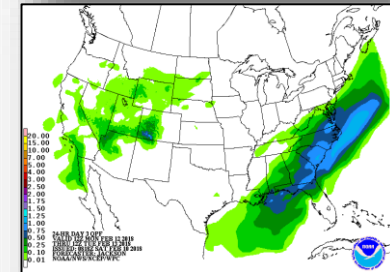
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Day 1



Day 2

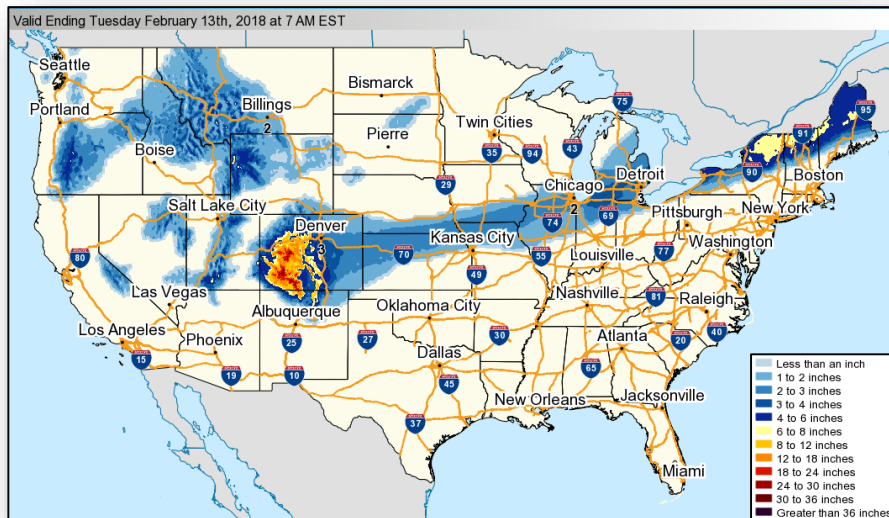


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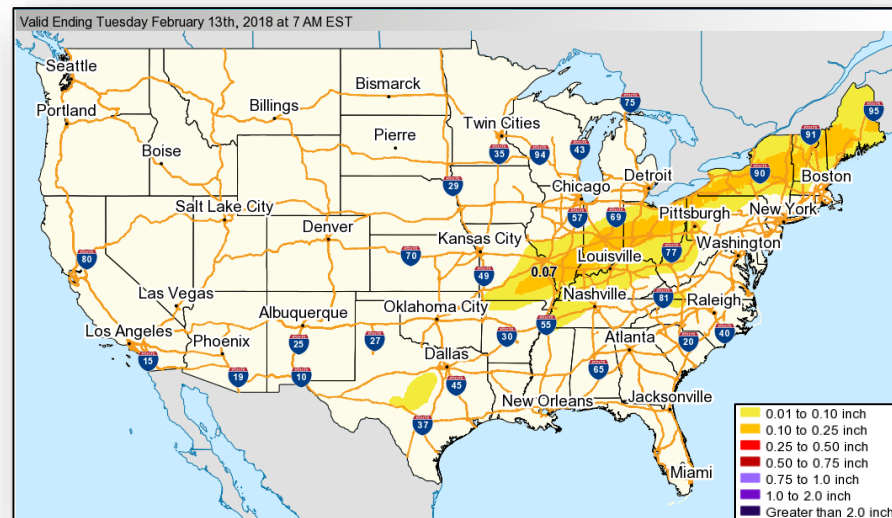
Winter Precipitation Outlook



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Forecast Snowfall

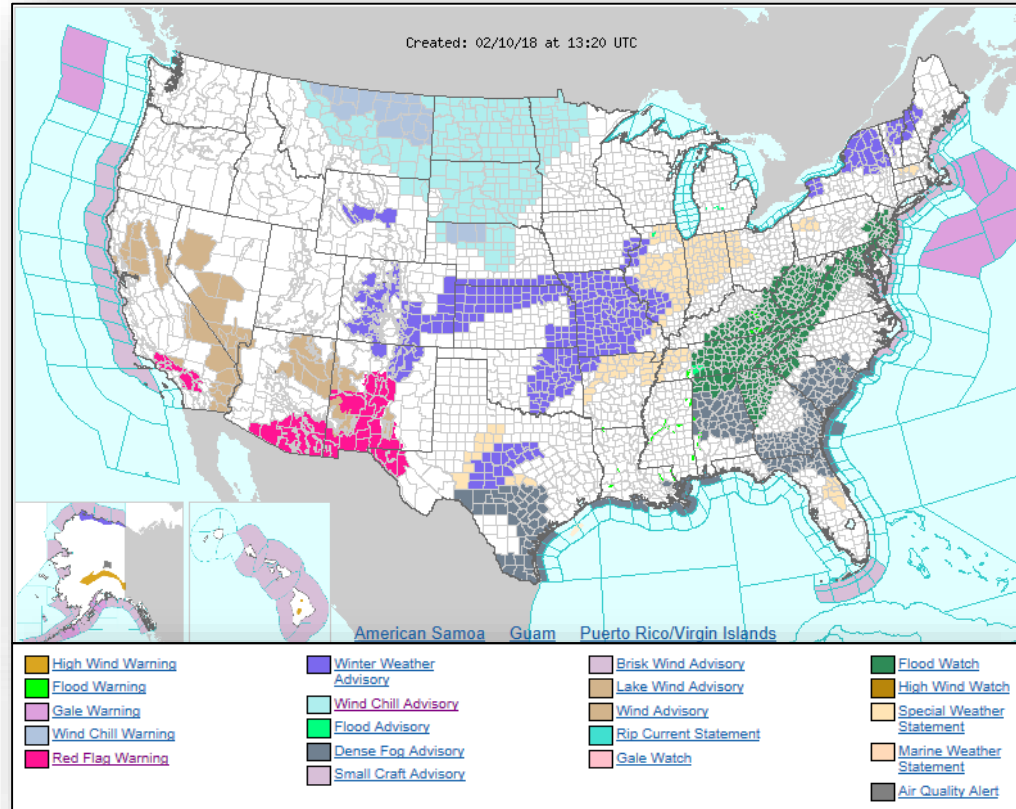


Forecast Ice Accumulation

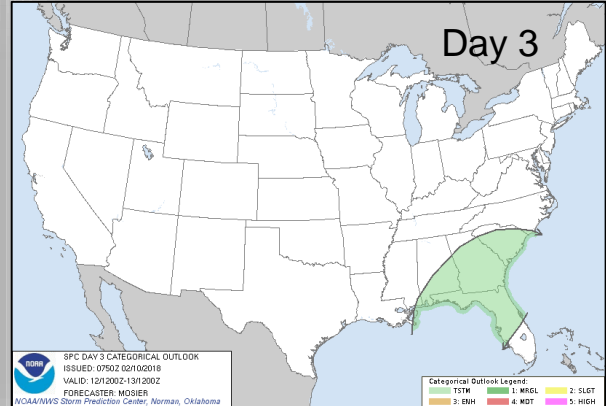
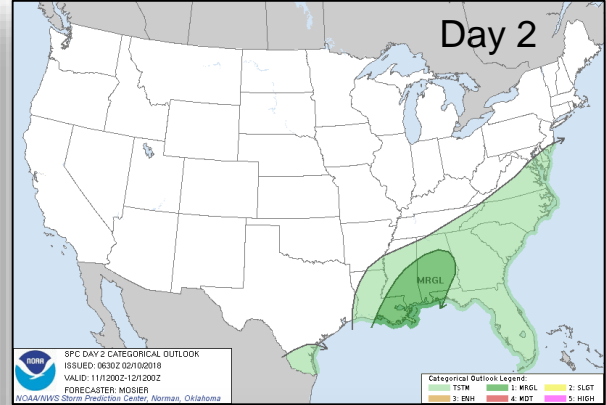
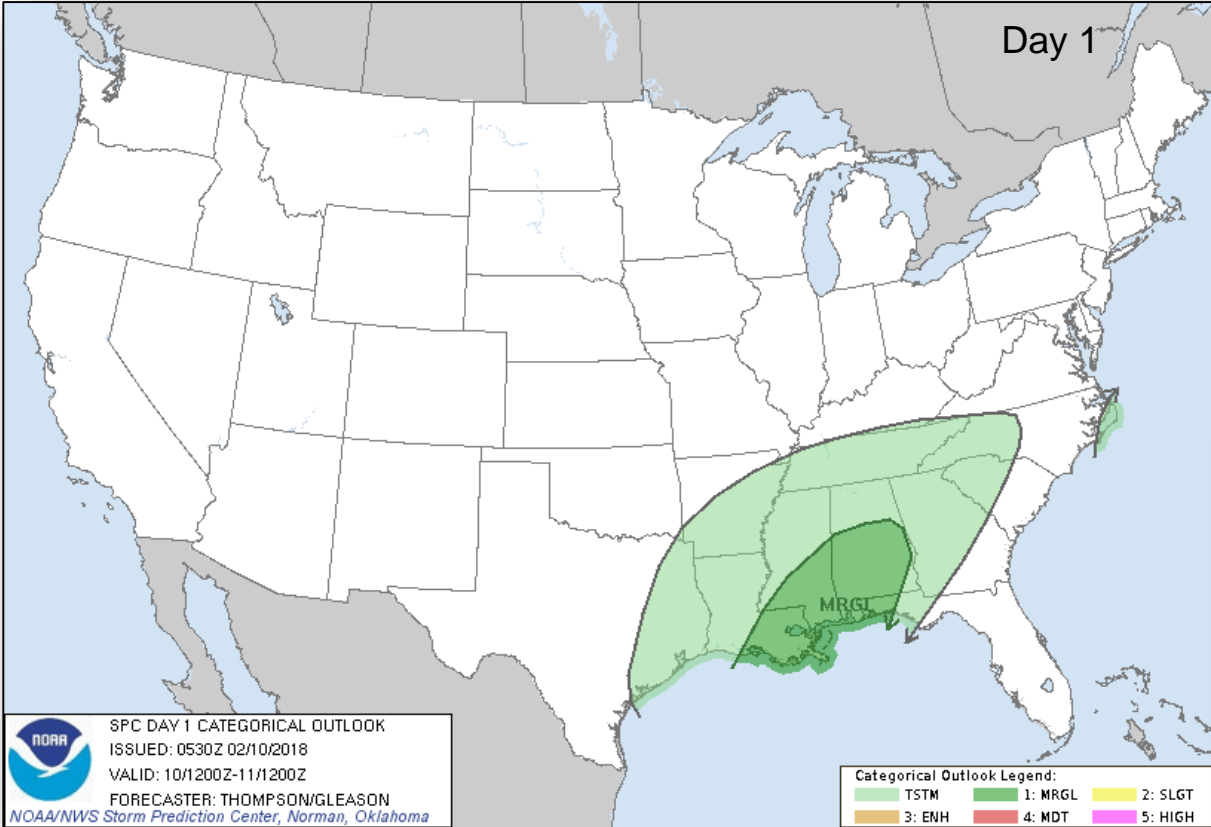
Active Watches and Warnings



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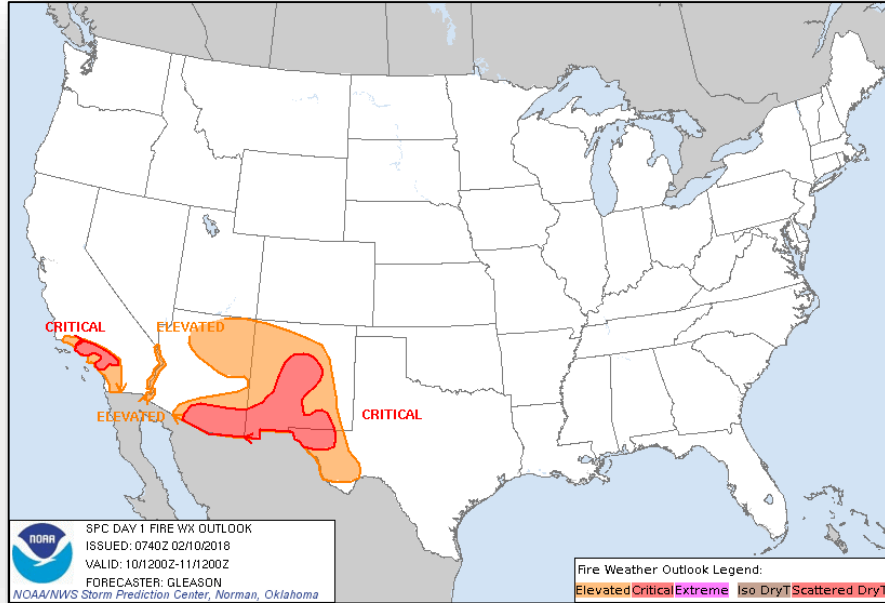
Severe Weather Outlook – Days 1-3



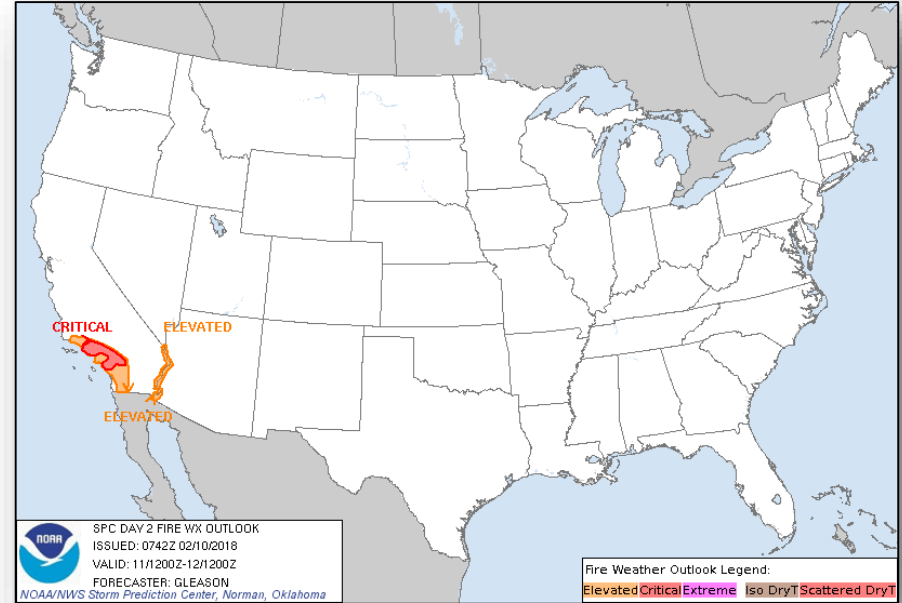
Fire Weather Outlook



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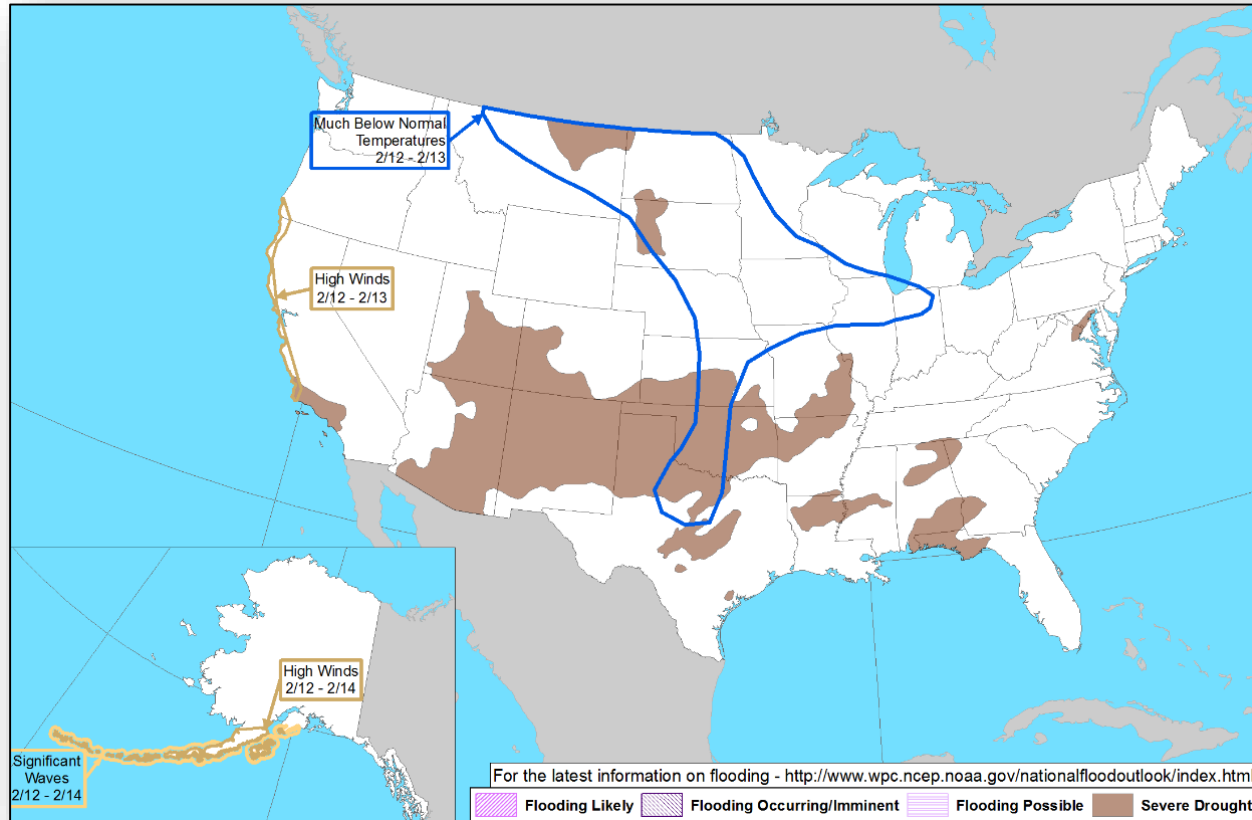


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Hazards Outlook – Feb 12-16



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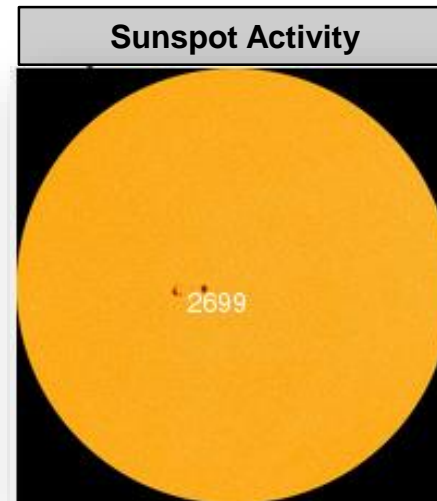
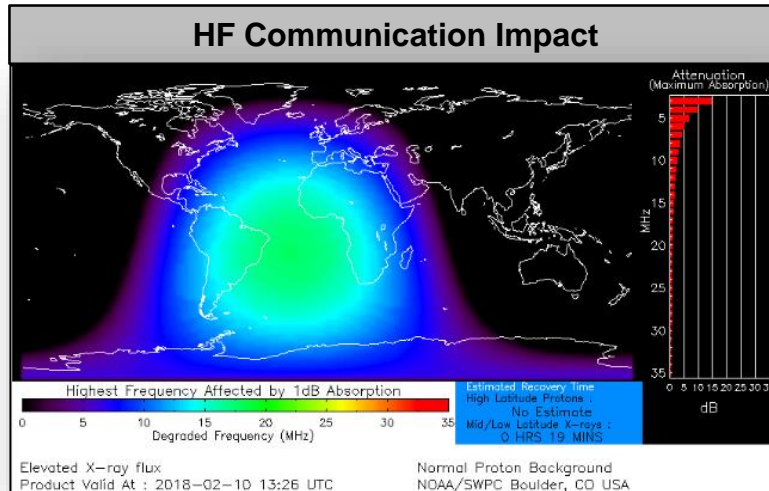


Space Weather



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



Disaster Requests & Declarations



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Declaration Requests in Process					Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
2	IA	PA	HM	Date Requested	0	0
AK – DR Severe Storm		X	X	January 25, 2018		
MT – (Appeal) Wildfires		X	X	January 26, 2018		

Readiness – Deployable Teams and Assets



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Resource	Force Strength	Available	Deployed	Other	Cadres with 25% or Less Availability
Total Workforce	11,604 NC	5,177 NC 44%	4,989 NC	1,438	EHP 19% (68/351); PA-NEW 23% (354/1,510); SAF 19% (13/67); SEC 20% (20/102)
National IMATs* (3 Teams)	East 1: East 2: West:	B-2 Charlie B-48			
Regional IMATs (4 - 6 Teams)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	13 5 (+1) 1 (-2) 7 (+1)			
US&R (> 66%)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	28 28 0 0			
MERS (> 66%)	Assigned: Available: NMC: Deployed:	36 35 0 1			
FCO (≤ 1 Type I)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	36 8 3 25			
FDRC (≥ 3)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	14 4 0 10	<div>As of 3:00 a.m. EST February 10, 2018</div>		

*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	Available				
HLT		1	Available				
RWCs/MOCs		10	Steady State				
RRCCs		10	Available				

Backup Regions: VIII, V, & III



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