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## **Daily Operations Briefing**

**Monday, February 12, 2018**

**8:30 a.m. EST**

# Significant Activity – Feb 10-12



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

**Tropical Activity:**

- Western Pacific – Tropical Cyclone 09P (Gita)

**Significant Weather:**

- Freezing rain possible – Central Appalachians
- Heavy snow – Rockies
- Red Flag Warnings – AZ and CO
- Space Weather:
  - Past 24 hours: None
  - Next 24 hours: None

**Earthquake Activity:** No significant activity

**Declaration Activity:**

- Emergency Declaration FEMA-3397-EM-AS – American Samoa

# Tropical Cyclone Gita



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## Current Situation

Pago Pago, AS continues to recover from Tropical Cyclone Gita. All Watches and Warnings have been downgraded; a High Wind Advisory for wind gusting to 39 mph, a Flash Flood Watch for the entire territory, and a High Surf Advisory remain in effect.

## Impacts:

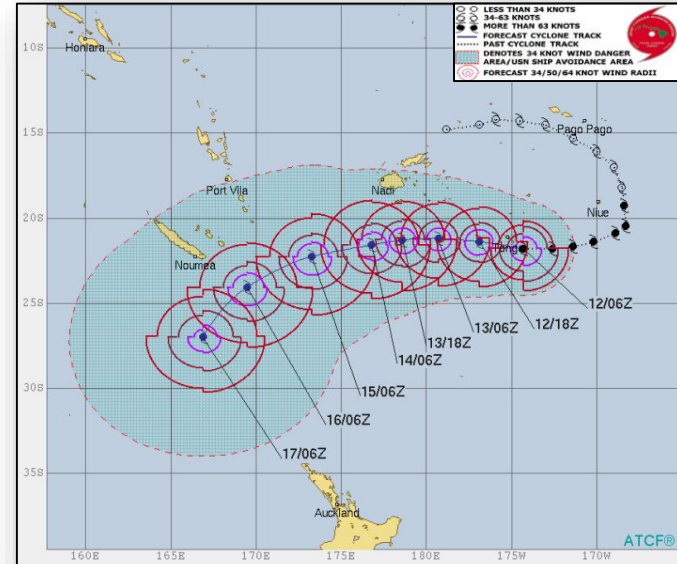
- **Fatalities / Injuries:** No fatalities; 5 minor injuries
- **Damage assessments begin today;** preliminary reports of 200 homes destroyed or with some type of roof damage
- **Evacuations:** None
- **Shelters and Occupants:** 7 shelters open with 603 occupants (*ARC Midnight Shelter Count as of 5:30 am EST*)
- **Power Outages:** 75% of power restored; estimated 3-5 days to 100%
- **Transportation:**
  - Pago Pago airport open subject to wind limitations
  - Port of Pago Pago re-opened
  - Some roads washed out or blocked by debris
- **Communications:** Intermittent telephone, cellular and internet service
- **Water:** Water service is operating at 80%
- **Hospital:** Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital fully operational

## Territory Response:

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

## Federal Response:

- FEMA Region IX RWC is monitoring
- Region IX IMAT-2 deploying; **two LNOs arrived on AS**
- Bothell MERS deploying personnel and assets
- FEMA NWC is monitoring
- DoD Support: **DCE, strategic airlift, ground transportation and responder berthing on AS, ISB on AS, FSA on HI (Hickam AFB)**
- FEMA-3397-EM-AS approved 11 February, 2018



# Declaration Approved



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## **FEMA-3397-EM-AS**

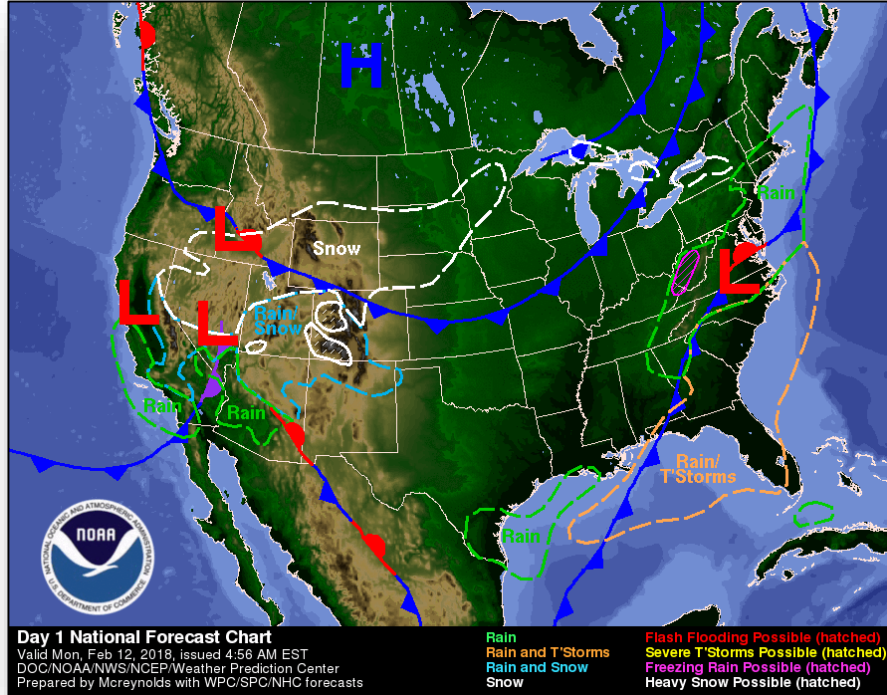
- Emergency Declaration requested on February 10, 2018 and approved February 11, 2018 for American Samoa
- For Tropical Storm Gita beginning February 7, 2018 and continuing
- Provides Emergency Protective Measures (Category B) under the Public Assistance Program
- FCO is Benigno Bern Ruiz



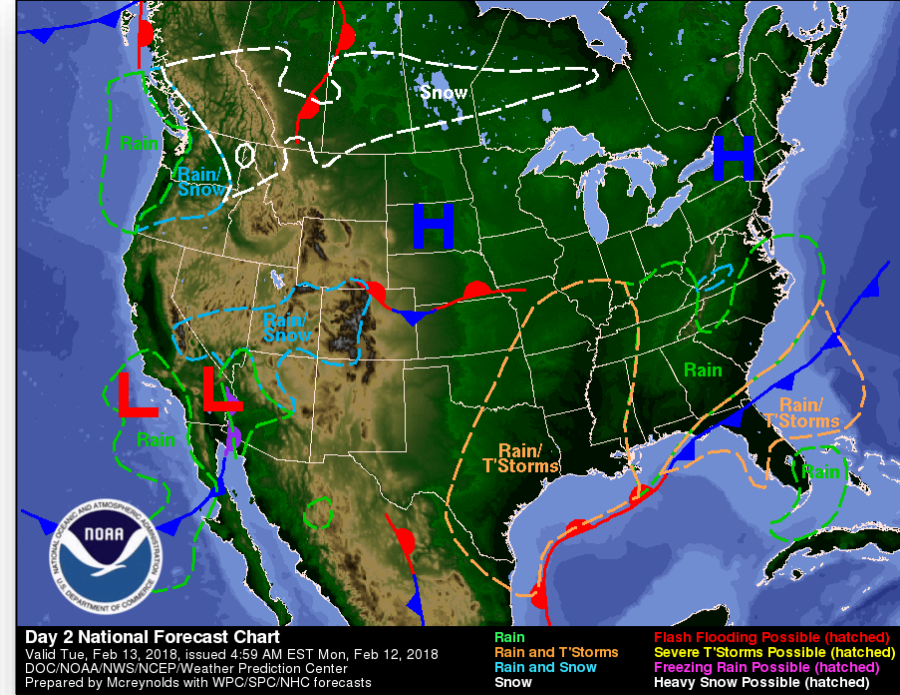
# National Weather Forecast



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*Today*

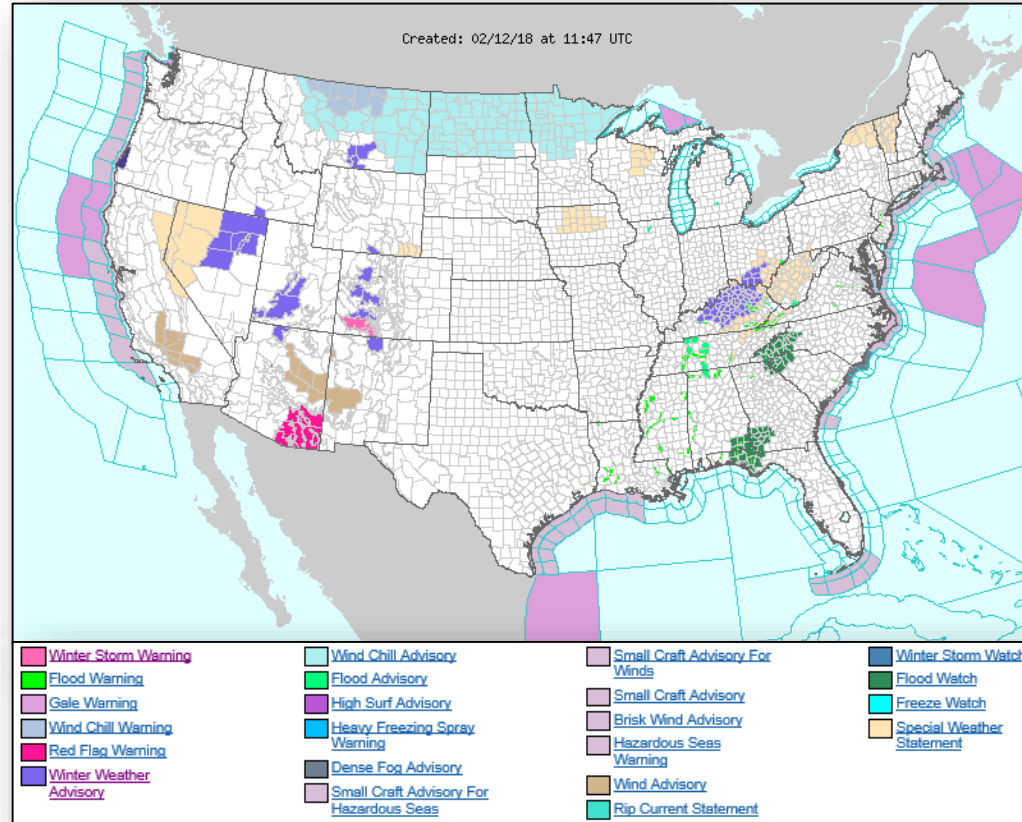


*Tomorrow*

# Active Watches and Warnings



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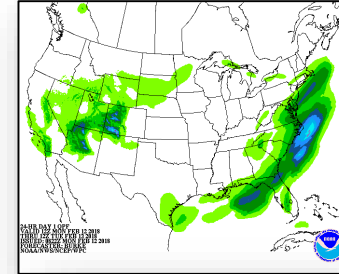
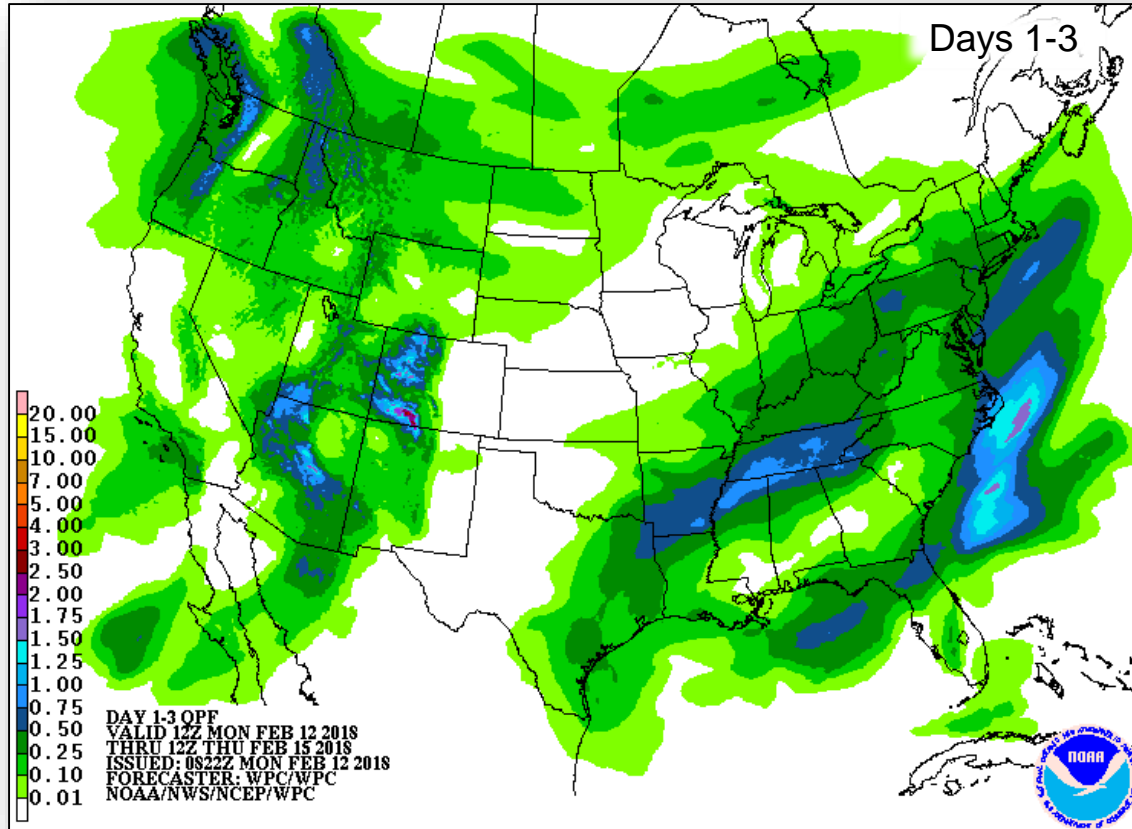




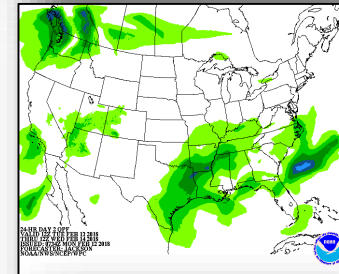
# Precipitation Forecast



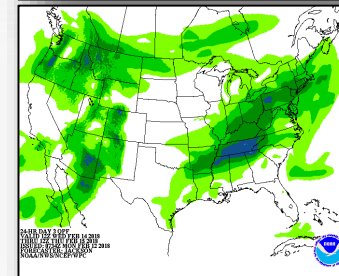
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Day 1



Day 2



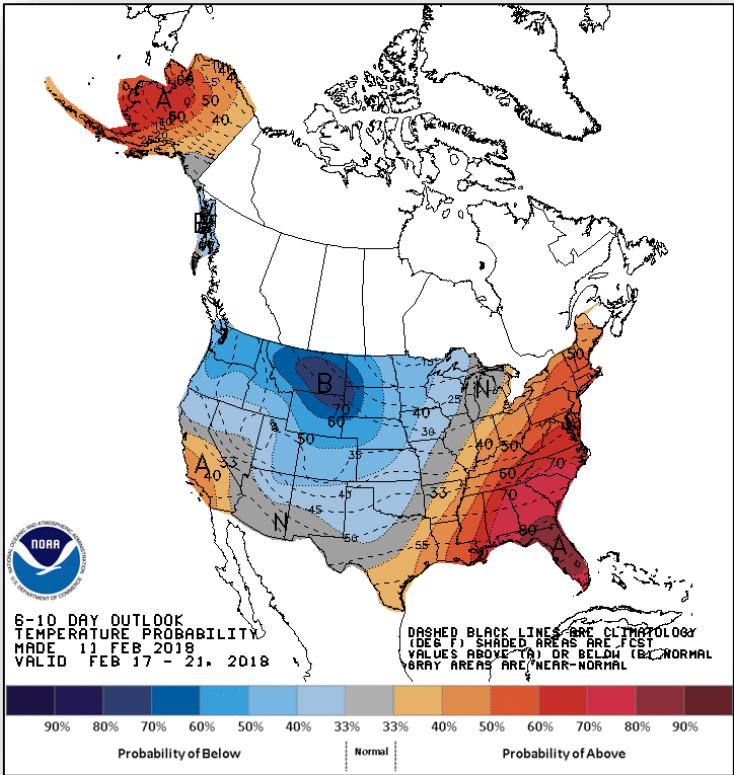
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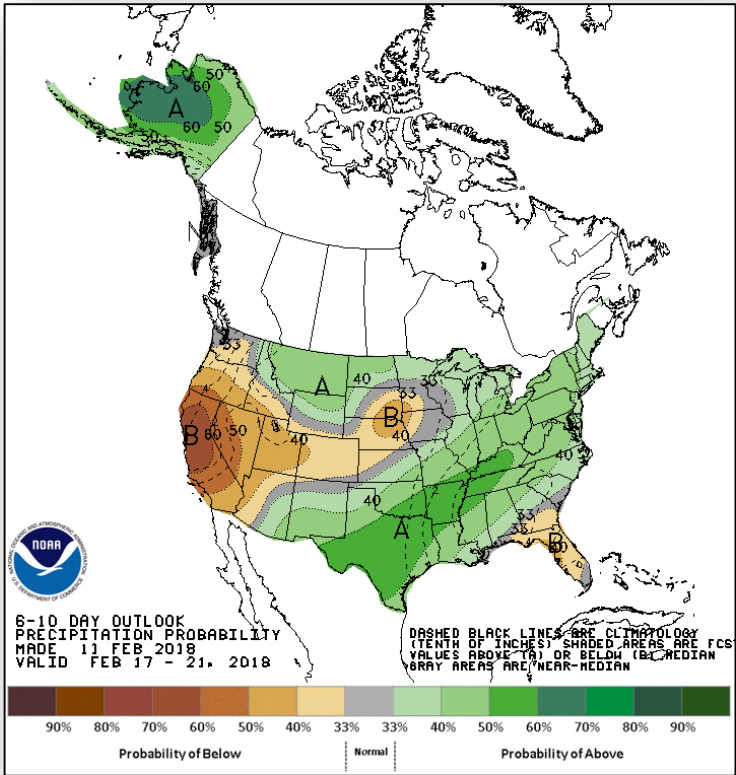
# 6-10 Day Outlooks



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6-10 Day Temperature Probability



6-10 Day Precipitation Probability

# Disaster Requests & Declarations



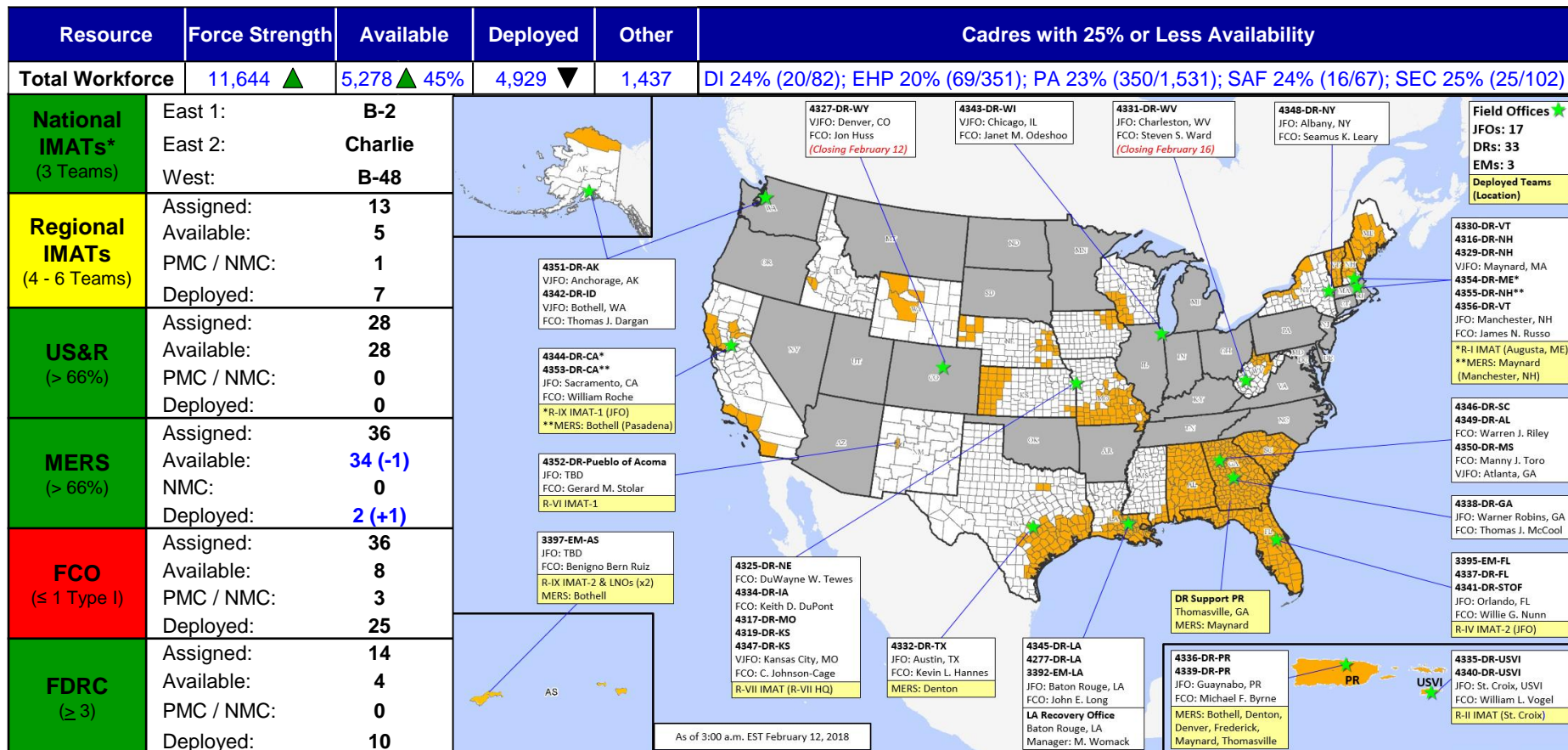
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Declaration Requests in Process					Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
2	IA	PA	HM	Date Requested	1	0
AK – DR Severe Storm		X	X	January 25, 2018		
MT – (Appeal) Wildfires		X	X	January 26, 2018		
AS – EM Tropical Storm Gita		X		February 10, 2018	Declared February 11, 2018	

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

Backup Regions: VIII, V, & III



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