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Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

8:30 a.m. EST

Significant Activity – Feb 13-14



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Significant Events: Tropical Cyclone Gita – American Samoa

Tropical Activity:

- Western Pacific – Tropical Cyclone Gita

Significant Weather:

- Heavy snow – Northern and Central Rockies
- 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

American Samoa recovery efforts are ongoing.

Impacts:

- **Fatalities / Injuries:** No fatalities; 5 minor injuries
- **Damage:** 1,800 homes reported damaged; Joint PDAs expected to begin today
- **Evacuations:** None
- **Shelters and Occupants:** 11 (+1) shelters open, 1,114 (+66) occupants *(ARC midnight shelter count as of 5:31 a.m. EST)*
- **Power Outages:**
 - 4,800 customers without power (pop. 60k); number of homes without power remains uncertain
 - 70% of power lines restored
- **Transportation:** None
- **Communications:** Internet, Landline, and Cellular is intermittent
- **Water:** Municipal water service restored to 90% of customers; a Boil Water Advisory is in effect territory-wide

Territory Response:

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

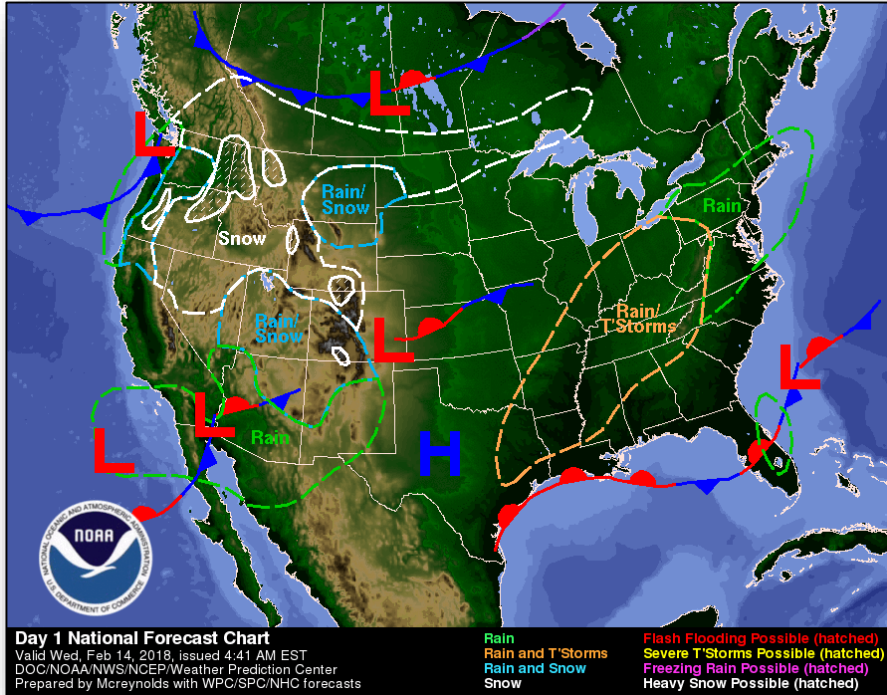
Federal Response:

- FEMA-3397-EM-AS approved 11 February, 2018
- FEMA Region IX RWC and NWC are monitoring
- Region IX LNOs (2x) at EOC
- Region IX IMAT-2 deployed
- Bothell MERS deployed personnel and assets
- ISB at the Army Reserve Center, AS; FSA at Hickam AFB, HI
- DoD Support: DCE, strategic airlift, ground transportation, and responder berthing on AS
- **USACE: One PRT deployed to AS**

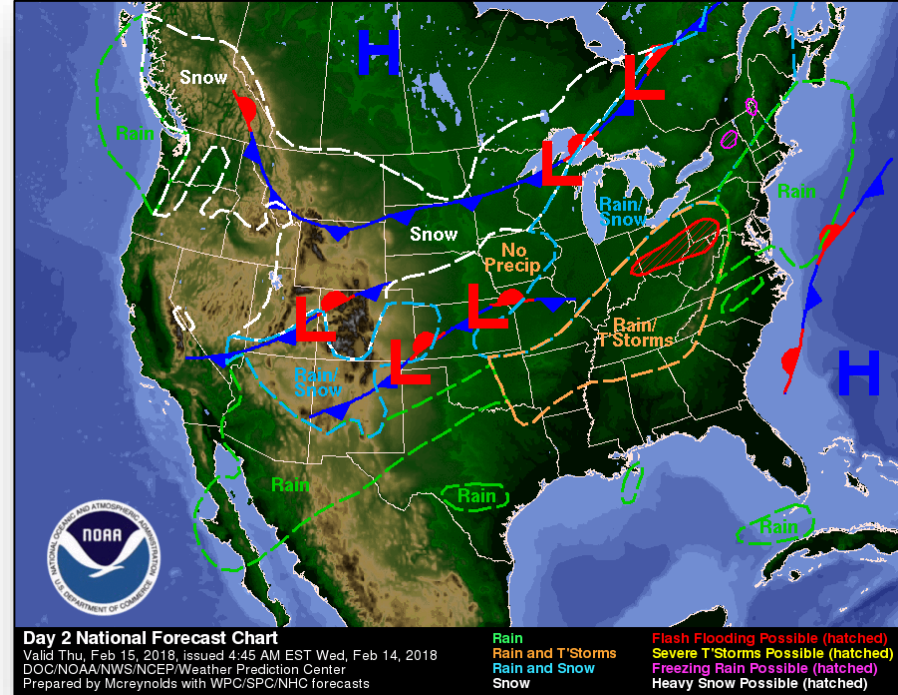
National Weather Forecast



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Today

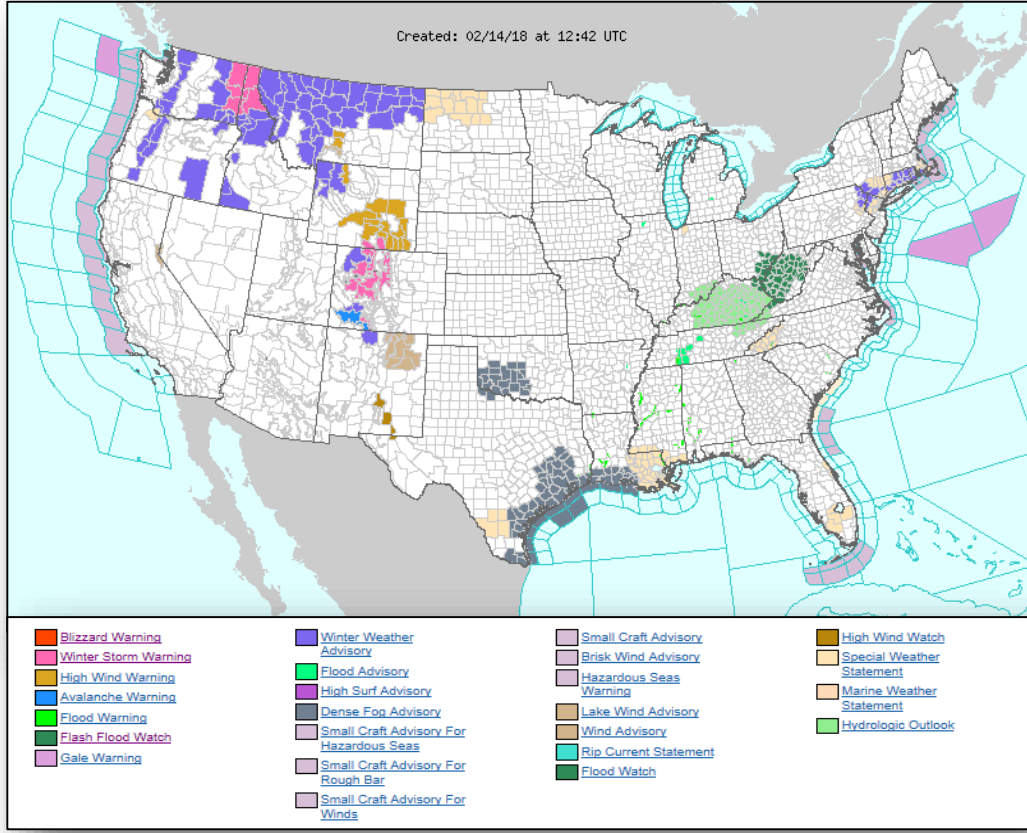


Tomorrow

Active Watches and Warnings



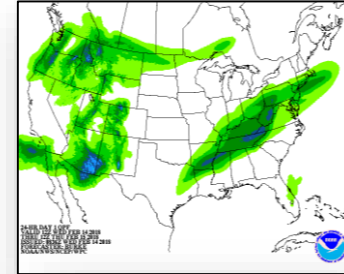
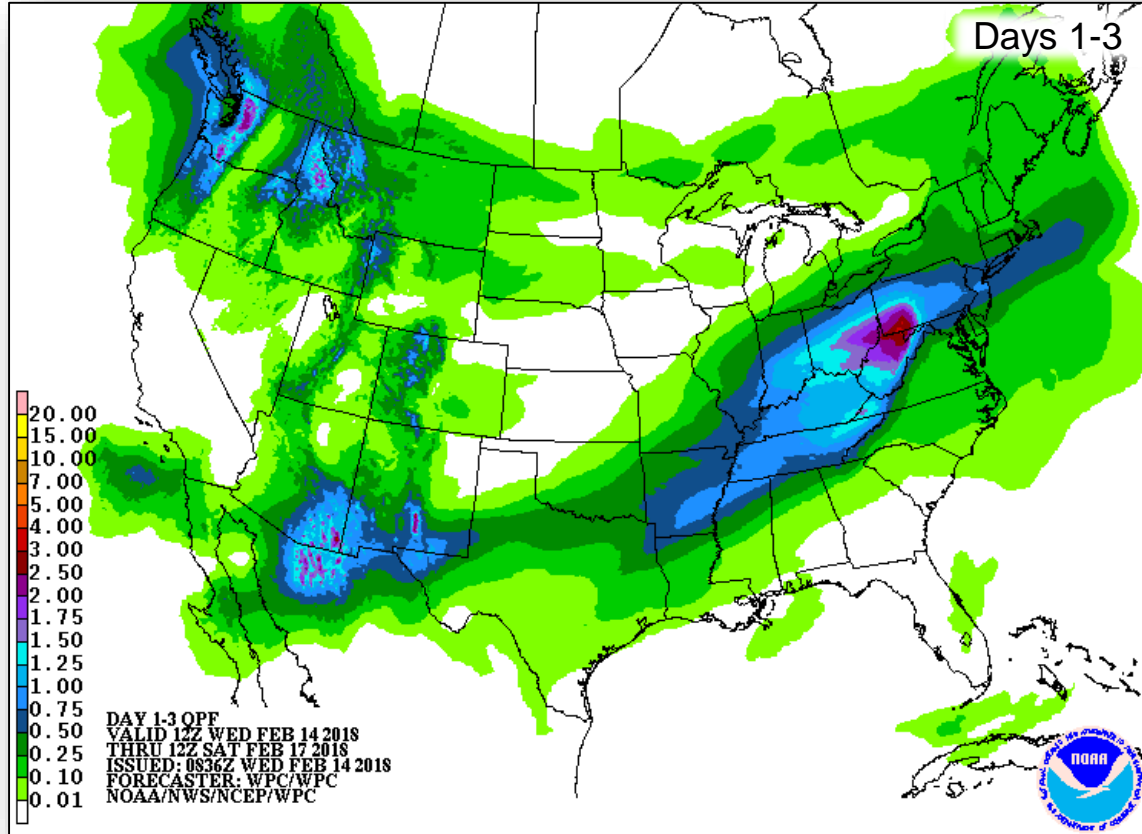
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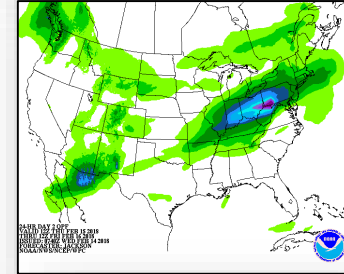
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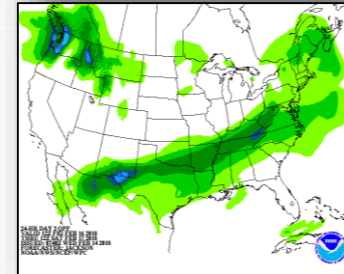
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Day 1



Day 2

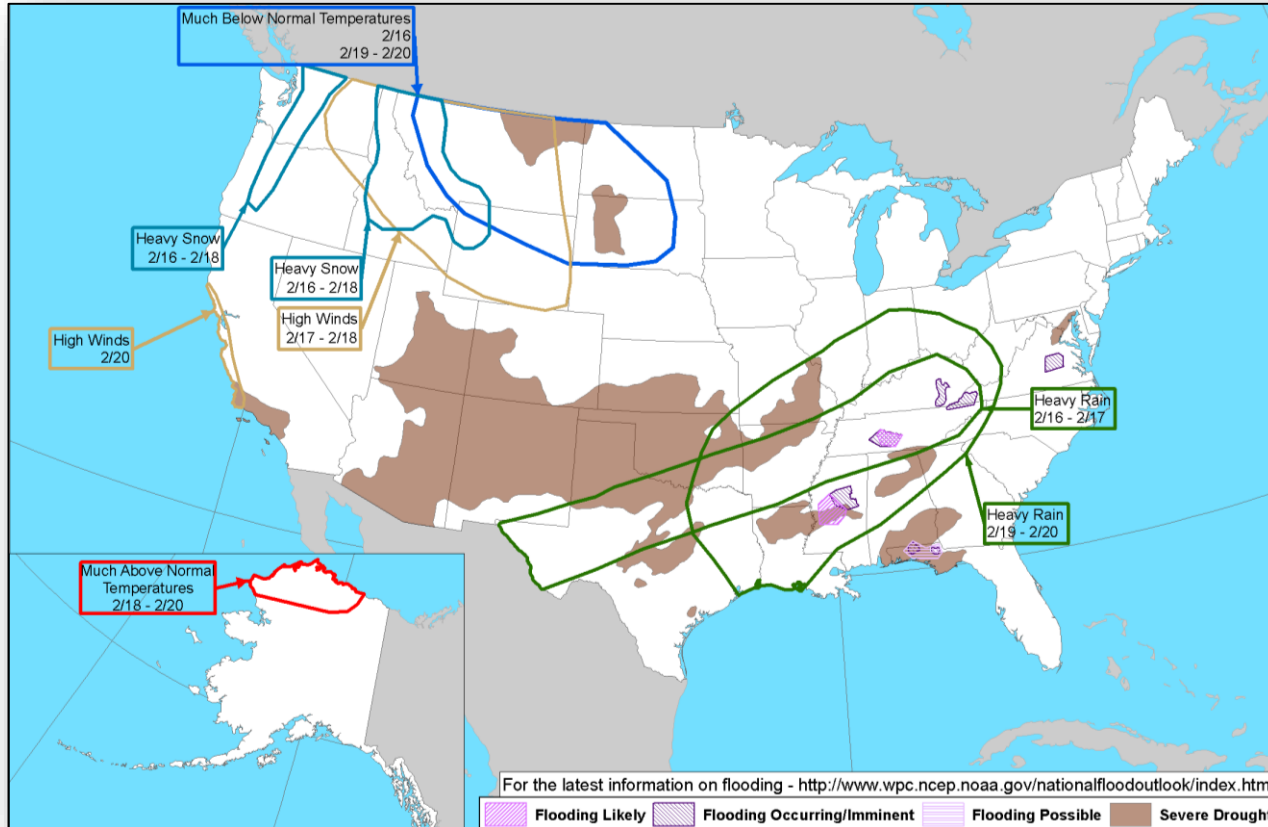


Day 3

Hazards Outlook – Feb 16-20



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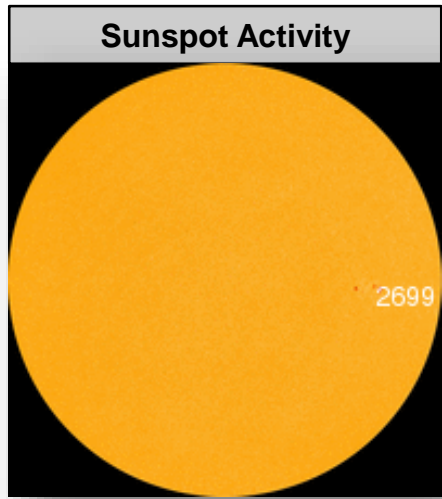
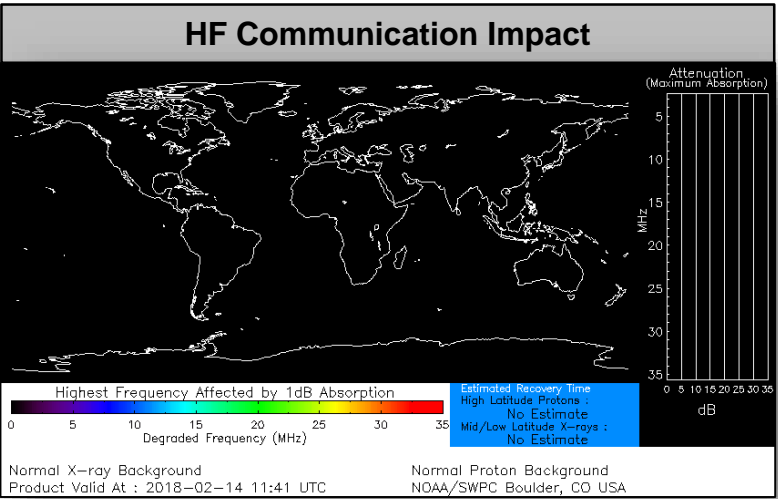
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	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	None	None	None	None
Next 24 Hours	None	None	None	None

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



Resource	Force Strength	Available	Deployed	Other	Cadres with 25% or Less Availability	
Total Workforce	11,661 ▲	5,267 ▼ 45%	4,882 ▲	1,512	DI 23% (19/82); EHP 21% (74/351); PA 25% (378/1,532); SAF 24% (16/67); SEC 24% (24/102)	
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 2 6				
US&R (> 66%)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	28 28 0 0				
MERS (> 66%)	Assigned: Available: NMC: Deployed:	36 34 0 2				
FCO (≤ 1 Type I)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	36 10 (+1) 4 22 (-1)				
FDRC (≥ 3)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	14 4 0 10				

*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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