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Daily Operations Briefing

Sunday, February 15, 2015

8:30 a.m. EST

Significant Activity: Feb 14 – 15



Significant Events:

- Winter Weather: Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

Significant Weather:

- Heavy snow – New England
- Strong winds – Northeast and the Mid-Atlantic
- Below normal temperatures – across two-thirds of the eastern portions of the U.S
- Snow/ice – Southern Plains to Tennessee Valley
- Critical Fire Weather Areas: /Red Flag Warnings: Alabama
- Elevated Fire Weather Areas: None
- Space Weather: No space weather storms observed or predicted

Tropical Activity: No significant activity

FEMA Readiness: No significant changes

Winter Weather – Northeast to Mid-Atlantic



Situation:

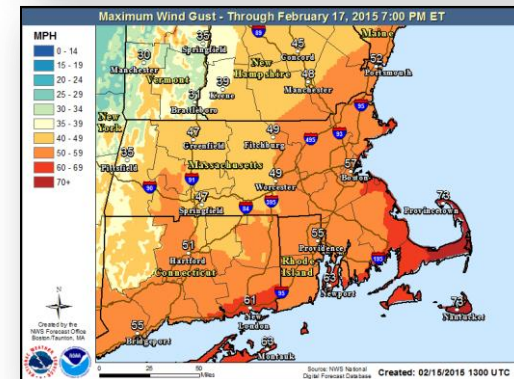
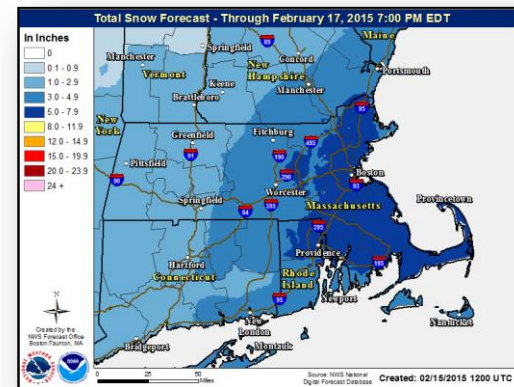
- Major winter storm with blizzard conditions for portions of New England
 - Blizzard & Winter Storm Warnings – much of the coastal New England
 - High Wind Warnings – much of the Mid-Atlantic region

Impacts:

- No shortfalls or significant impacts reported; no requests for FEMA assistance
- Approx. 39k customers remain w/out power (peak outages 50k) across Regions I-III
(Eagle-I DOE, As of 8:30 a.m. EST)
 - Majority of customers in National Capital Region – 23K
- Over 1,000 flights cancelled; however, all airports remain open
- AMTRAK service from Boston to Brunswick, ME cancelled today

Response:

- All FEMA Regions remain at Watch / Steady State
- MA State EOC fully activated; NH EOC & NYC OEM partially activated
 - All other State EOCs at normal operations
- VT National Guard deployed personnel/equipment to MA for snow removal



Winter Weather – So. Plains to Southeast



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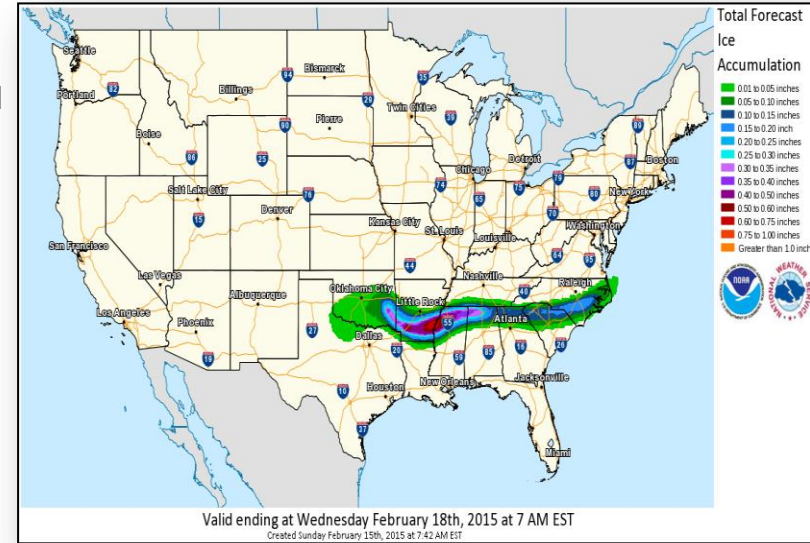
- Another system will produce widespread winter weather beginning tonight through Monday evening for much of the South-central U.S., primary threats include subfreezing temperatures, snow, & freezing rain/sleet
 - Winter Storm Watches and Wind Chill Advisories will be in effect from AR moving eastward through northern GA and portions of TN and KY

Potential Impacts:

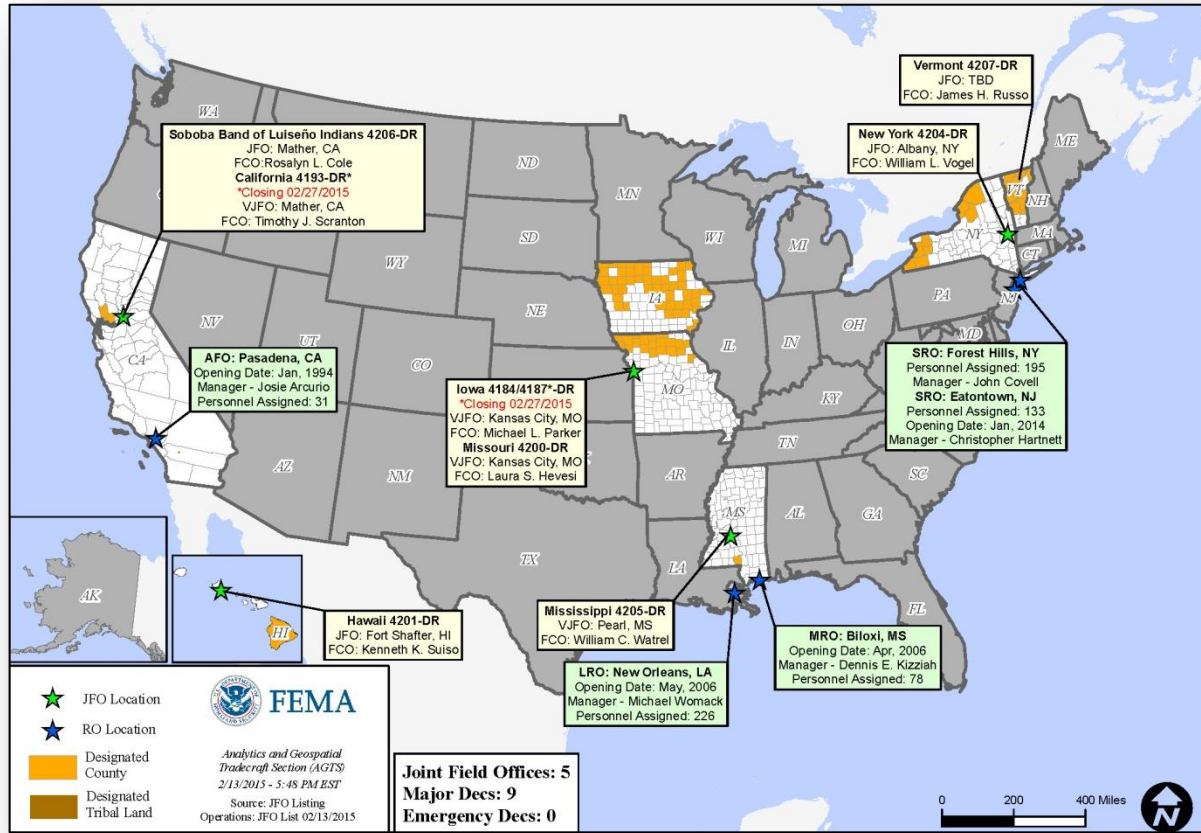
- Power outages from downed trees/power lines
- Widespread wind damage

Response:

- GA LNO deploying 2/15; AL LNO on standby; MS LNO deploying 2/16
- All State EOCs remain at normal operations; TN (Monitoring)
- FEMA Regions IV RRCC remain at Level IV (Watch/Steady State)
- No request for FEMA assistance



Open Field Offices as of February 15

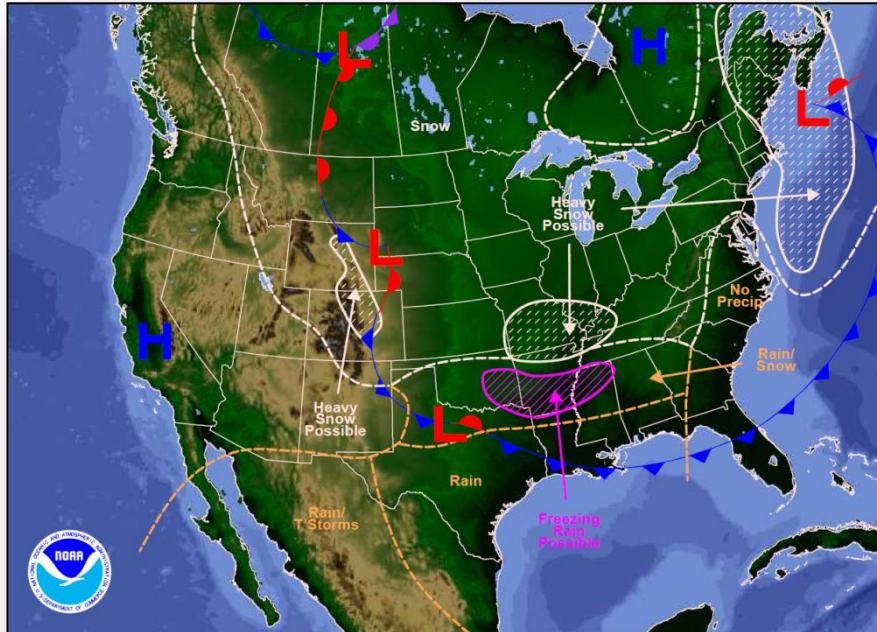


Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



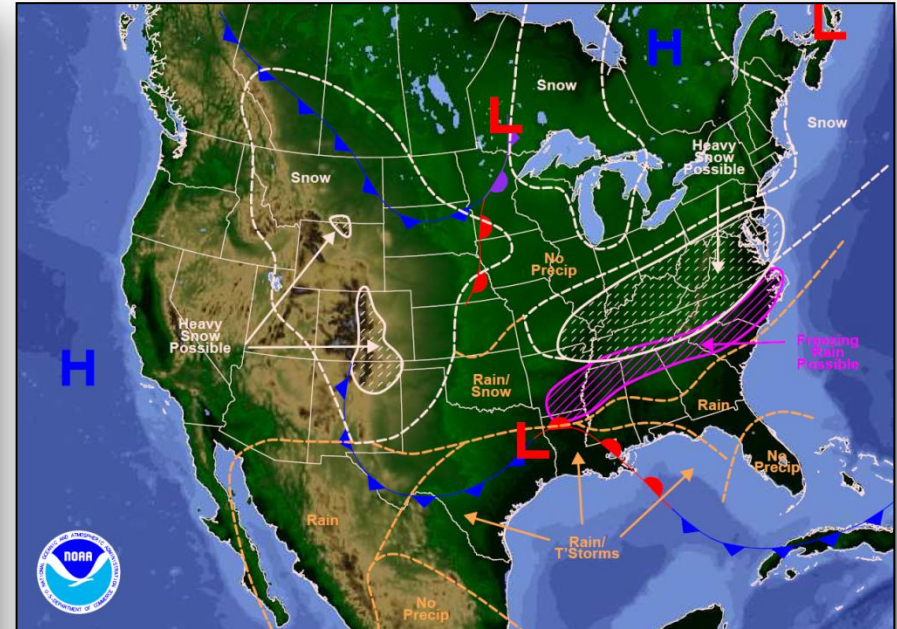
Region	State / Location	Event	IA/PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Complete	
I	NH	January Blizzard January 25, 2015	PA	3	0	02/11/2015 – TBD
I	RI	January Blizzard January 25, 2015	PA	5	0	02/11/2015 – TBD
I	CT	January Blizzard January 25, 2015	PA	3	0	02/24/2015 – TBD
I	MA	January Blizzard January 25, 2015	PA	10	0	02/17/2015 – TBD

National Weather Forecast



Weather Forecast for Sun, Feb 15, 2015, issued 2:54 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

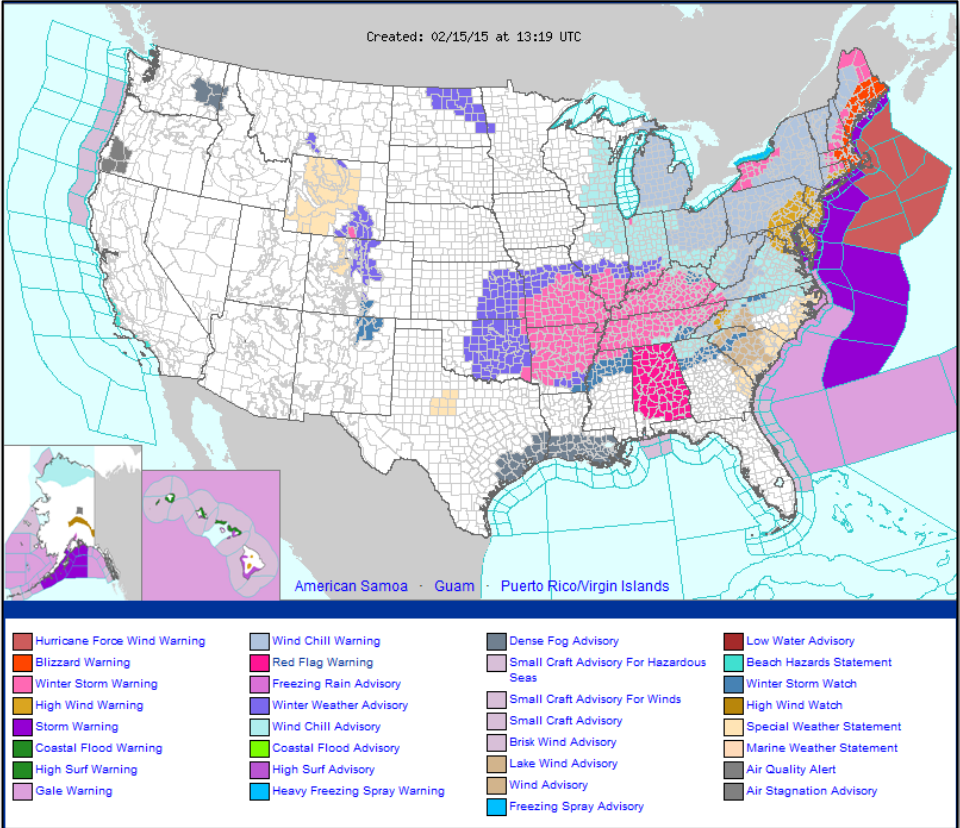
Today



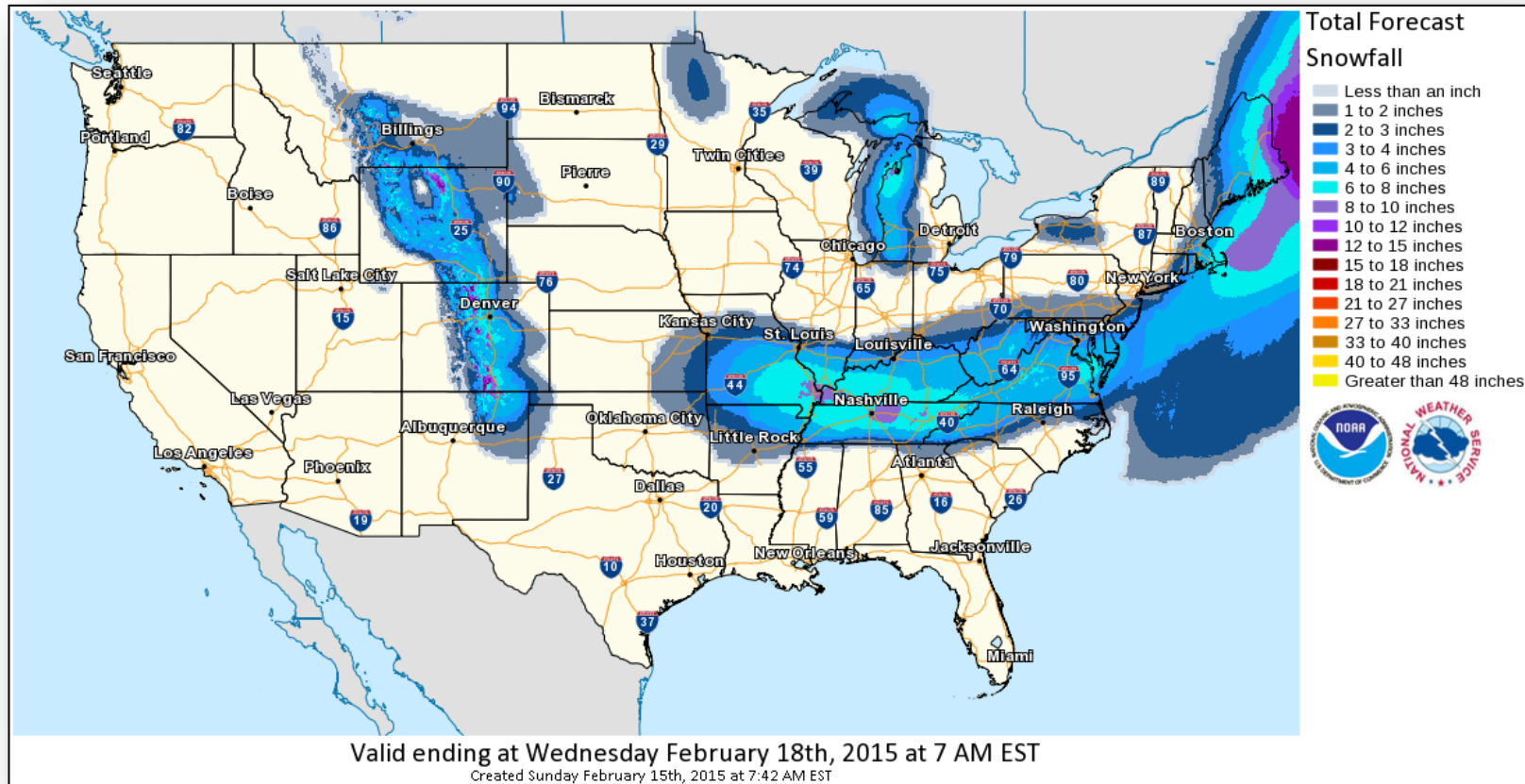
Weather Forecast for Mon, Feb 16, 2015, issued 3:58 AM EST Sun, Feb 15, 2015
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Tomorrow

Active Watches/Warnings



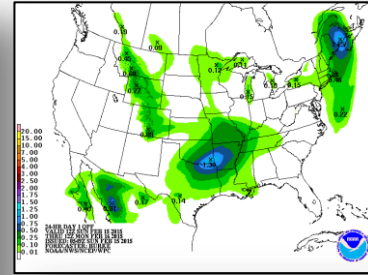
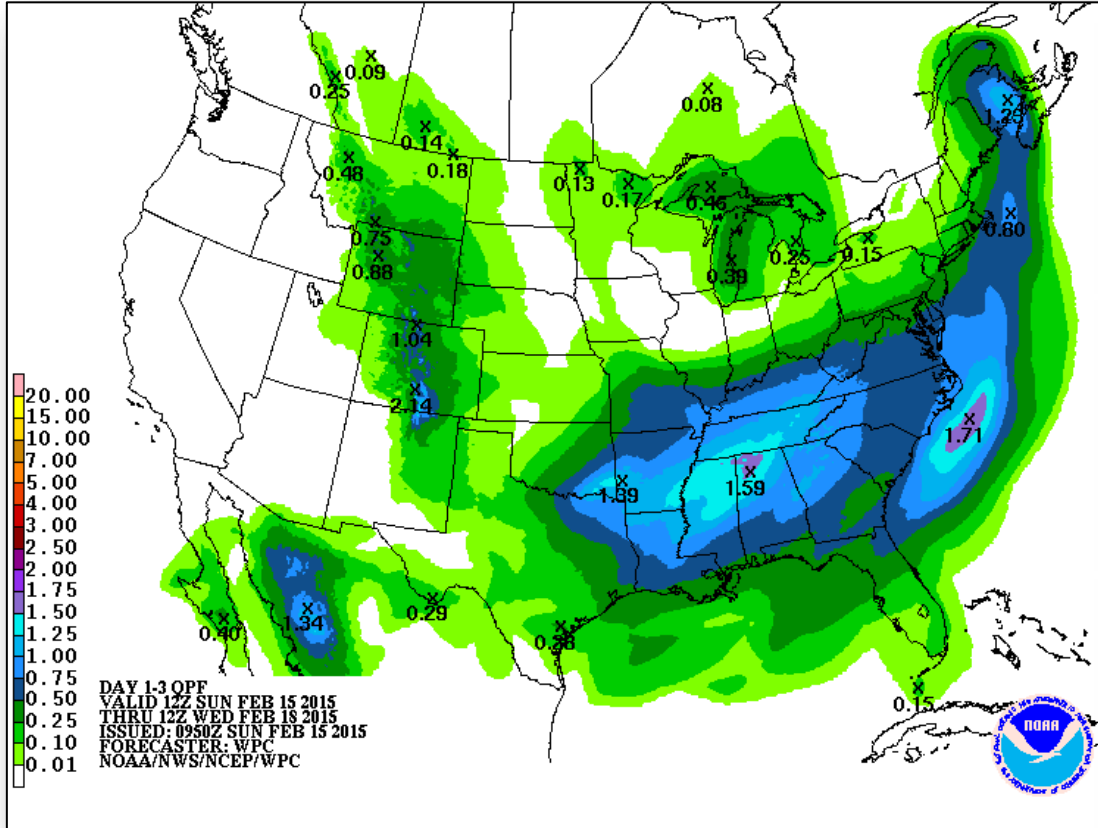
Total Forecast Snowfall



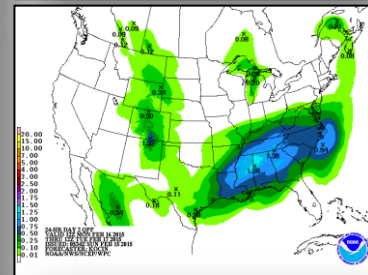
Precipitation Forecast – 3 Day



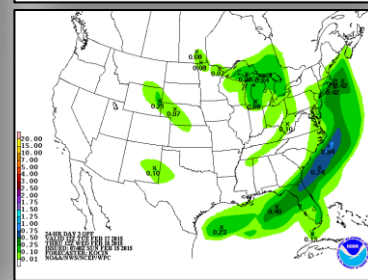
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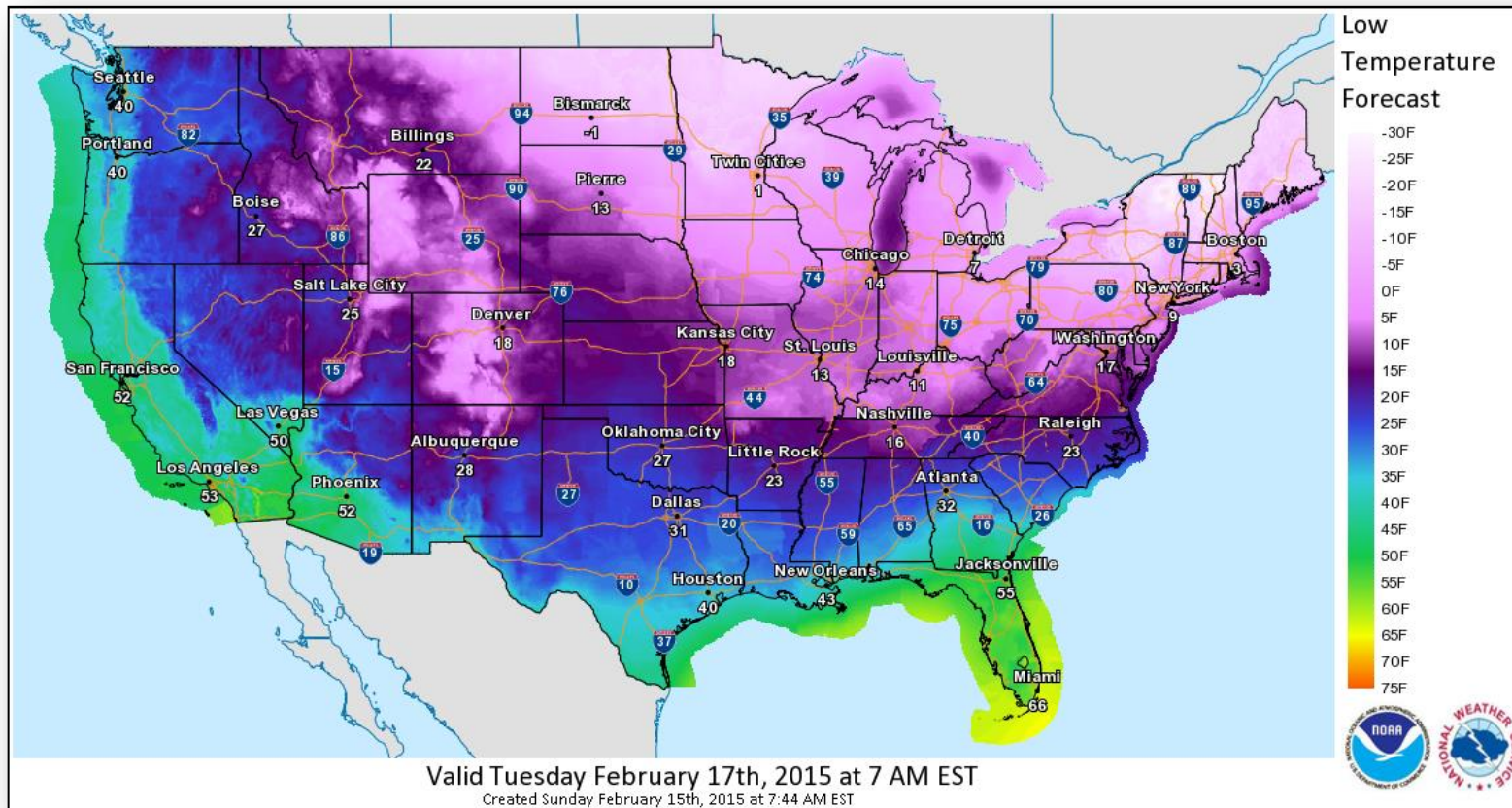


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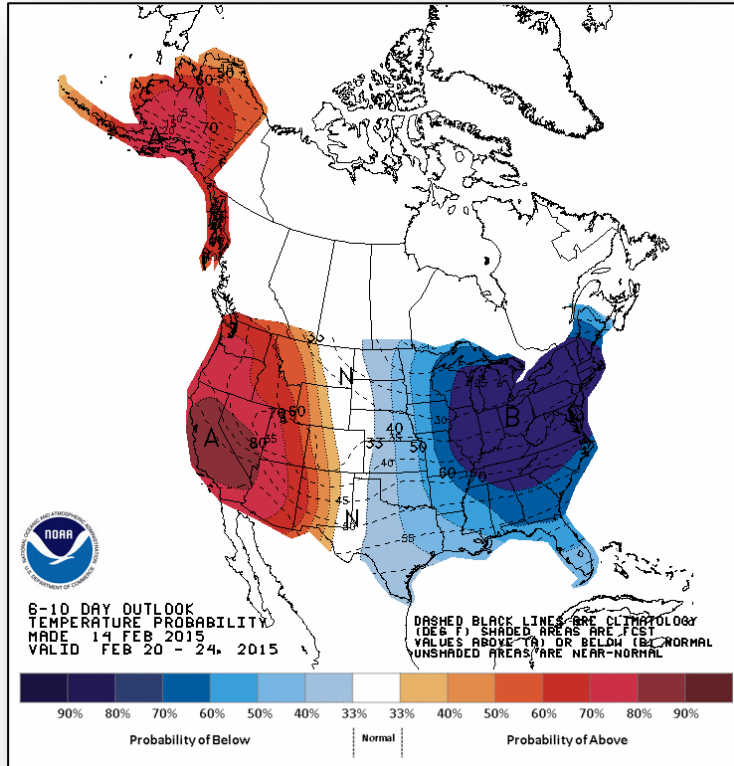


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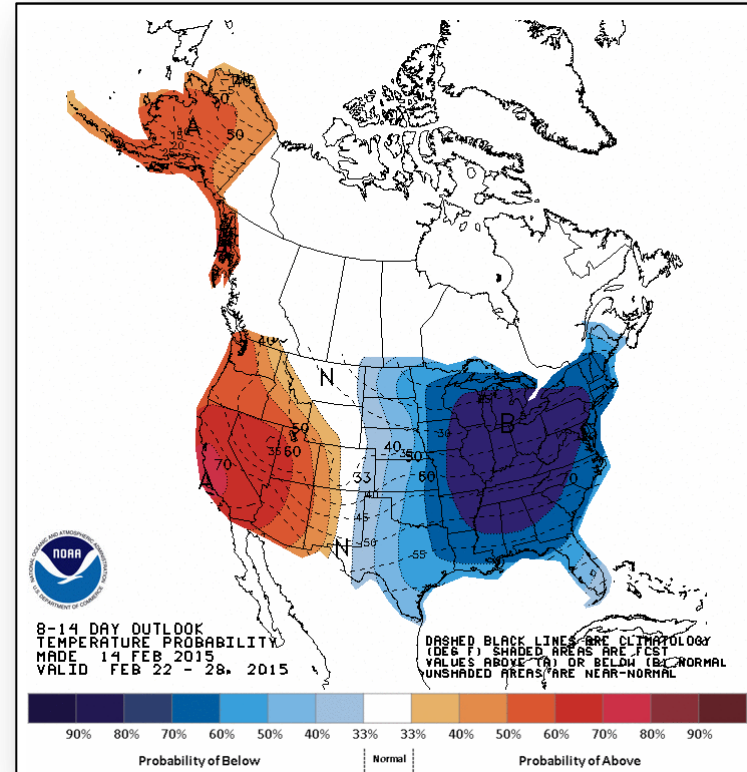
Low Temperatures



Temperature Outlook

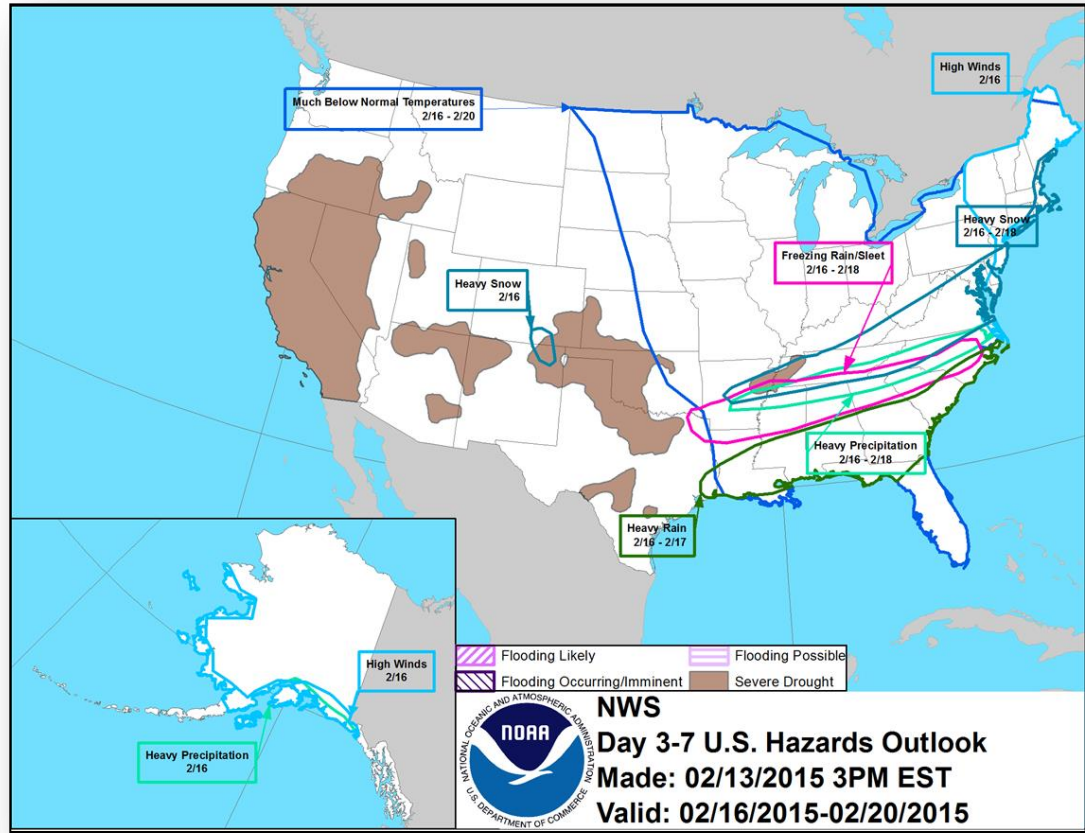


February 20-24



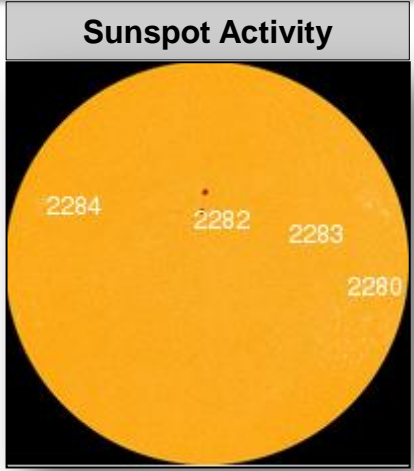
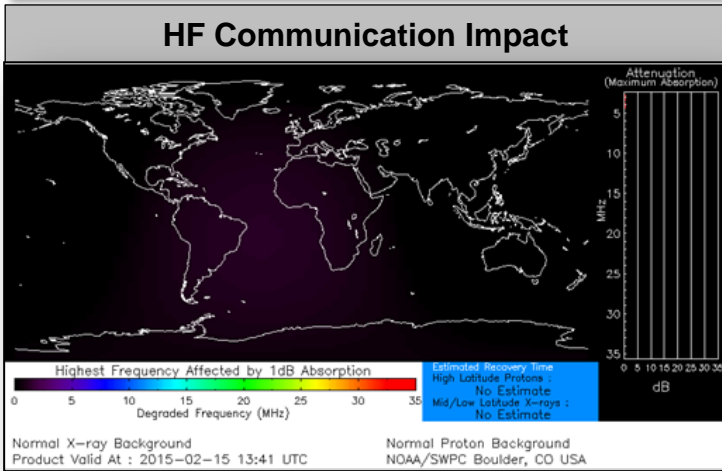
February 22-28

Hazard Outlook: Feb 16-20



Space Weather

NOAA Scales Activity (Range: 1/minor to 5/extreme)	Past 24 Hours	Current	Next 24 Hours
Space Weather Activity:	None	None	None
• Geomagnetic Storms	None	None	None
• Solar Radiation Storms	None	None	None
• Radio Blackouts	None	None	None



FEMA Readiness – Deployable Teams /Assets



Deployable Teams/Assets									
Resource	Status	Total	FMC Available		Partially Available	Not Available	Detailed, Deployed, Activated	Comments	Rating Criterion
FCO	Green	37	20	54%	0	1	16		OFDC Readiness: FCO Green Yellow Red Type 1 3+ 2 1 Type 2 4+ 3 2 Type 3 4 3 2 FDRC 3 2 1
FDRC	Green	10	10	100%	0	0	0		
US&R	Green	28	27	96%	0	1	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NM-TF1 (Red – Personnel shortages) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green = Available/FMC Yellow = Available/PMC Red = Out-of-Service Blue = Assigned/Deployed
National IMAT	Yellow	3	1	33%	0	0	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IMAT East 1 – Deployed to FEMA HQ IMAT East 2 – Deployed to GA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green: 3 avail Yellow: 1-2 avail Red: 0 avail (<i>Individual N-IMAT red if 50% of Section Chiefs and/or Team Leader is unavailable for deployment.</i>)
Regional IMAT	Green	13	9	69%	0	3	1	<u>Not Mission Capable (NMC):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regions IV-3, VI-1 & IX-1 (personnel shortages) <u>Deployed</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Region IX-2 to CA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green: 7 or more avail Yellow: 4 - 6 teams available Red: > 8 teams deployed/unavailable <i>R-IMAT also red if TL Ops/Log Chief is unavailable and has no qualified replacement</i>
MCOV	Green	60	59	98%	0	1	0		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green = 80 – 100% avail Yellow = 60 – 79% avail Red = 59% or below avail Readiness remains 95%

FEMA Readiness – National/Regional Teams



National/Regional Teams									
Resource	Status	Total	FMC Available		Partially Available	Not Available	Deployed/ Activated	Comments	Rating Criterion
NWC		5	5	100%	0	0	Activated	Enhanced Watch (day shift only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green = FMC • Yellow = PMC • Red = NMC
NRCC		2	344	89%	0	44	Not Activated		
HLT		1	N/A	N/A	0	0	Not Activated		
DEST							Not Activated		
RRCCs		10	10	100%	0	0	Not Activated		
RWCs/MOCs		10	10	100%	0	0	Not Activated		



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