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Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, February 15, 2018

8:30 a.m. EST

Significant Activity – Feb 14-15



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Significant Events: Tropical Cyclone Gita – American Samoa

Tropical Activity:

- Western Pacific – No activity affecting U.S. interests

Significant Weather:

- Heavy Rain/Flash Flooding – Ohio Valley, PA, WV, and western NY
- Rain/Thunderstorms – Mississippi Valley to Northeast
- Freezing Rain – Northeast
- Space Weather:
 - Past 24 hours: None
 - Next 24 hours: Minor G1

Earthquake Activity: No significant activity

Declaration Activity:

- Amendment No. 8 to 4344-DR-CA
- Amendment No. 3 to 4353-DR-CA

Tropical Cyclone Gita



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Current Situation

American Samoa recovery efforts are ongoing.

Impacts:

- **Fatalities / Injuries:** 0 / 5
- **Damage:** 1,800 homes reported damaged
- **Shelters and Occupants:** 12 (+1) shelters open, 965 (-149) occupants *(ARC midnight shelter count as of 6:25 a.m. EST)*
- **Power Outages:**
 - Power restored to 70% of Tutuila; projected 85% restoration by tomorrow *(FEMA Region IX, as of 11:53 p.m. EST, Feb 14)*
 - 70% of power lines restored *(USACE/ESF-3, as of 4:00 a.m. EST)*
- **Communications:** Mobile coverage available across 75% of the territory *(FEMA Region IX, as of 11:53 p.m. EST, Feb 14)*
- **Water:**
 - Municipal water service restored to 97% of customers
 - A Boil Water Advisory remains in effect territory-wide

Territory Response:

- American Samoa EOC at Full Activation
- Governor declared a State of Emergency
- Joint PDAs began February 14

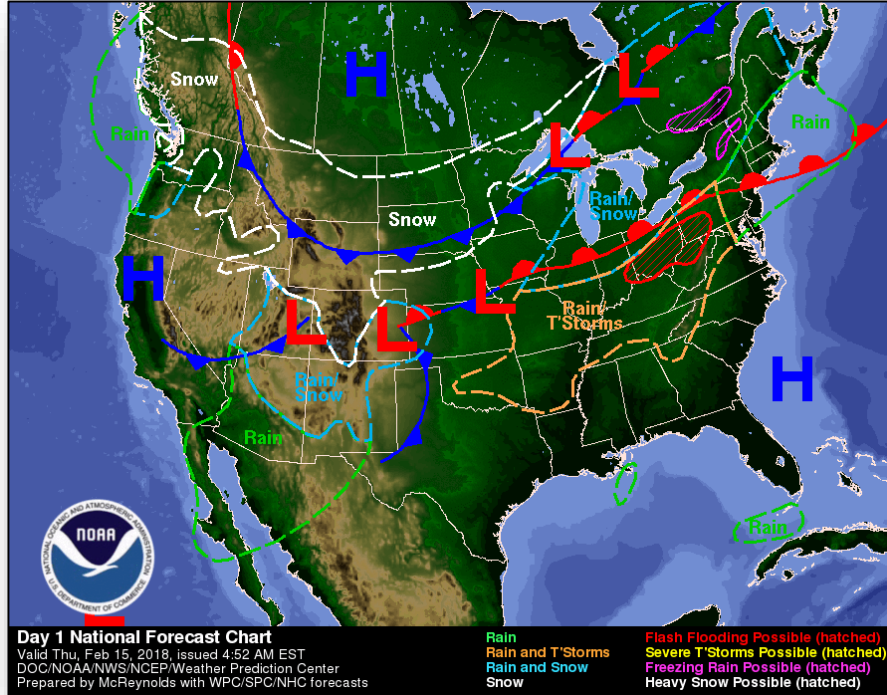
Federal Response:

- 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 Power PRT deployed to AS

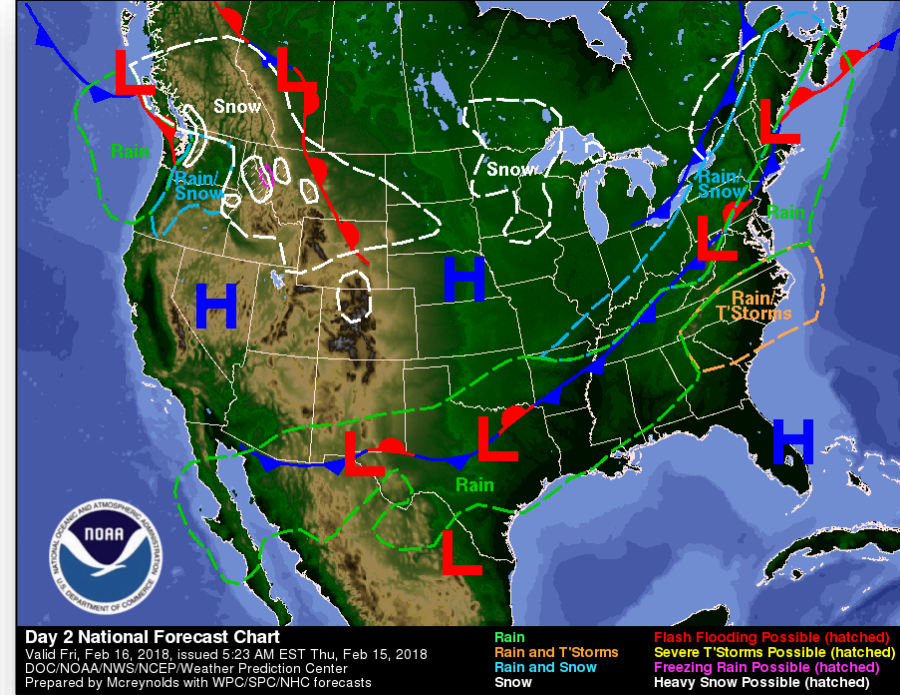
National Weather Forecast



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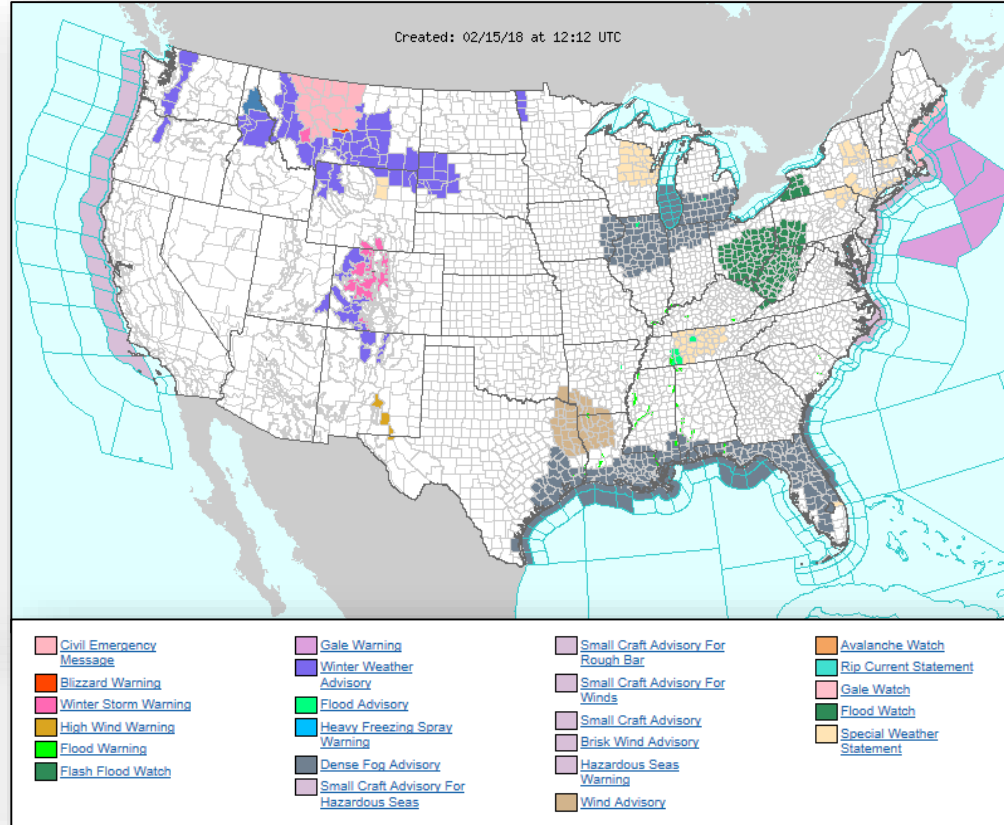


Tomorrow

Active Watches and Warnings



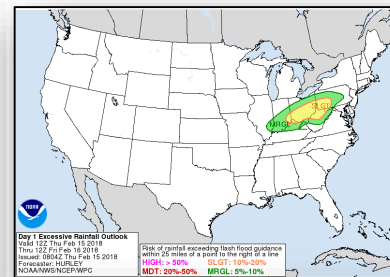
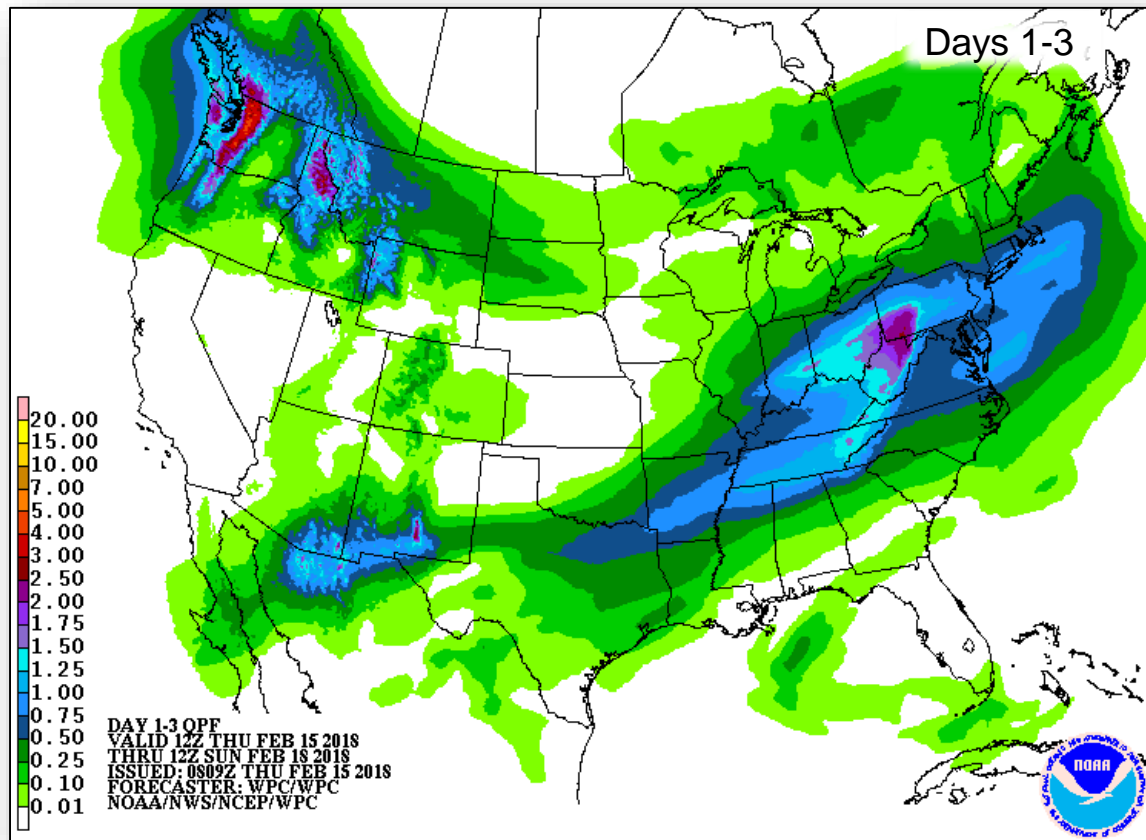
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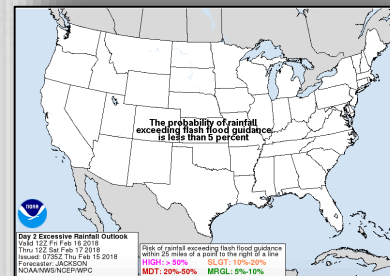
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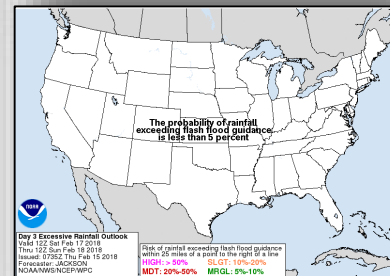
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Day 1



Day 2

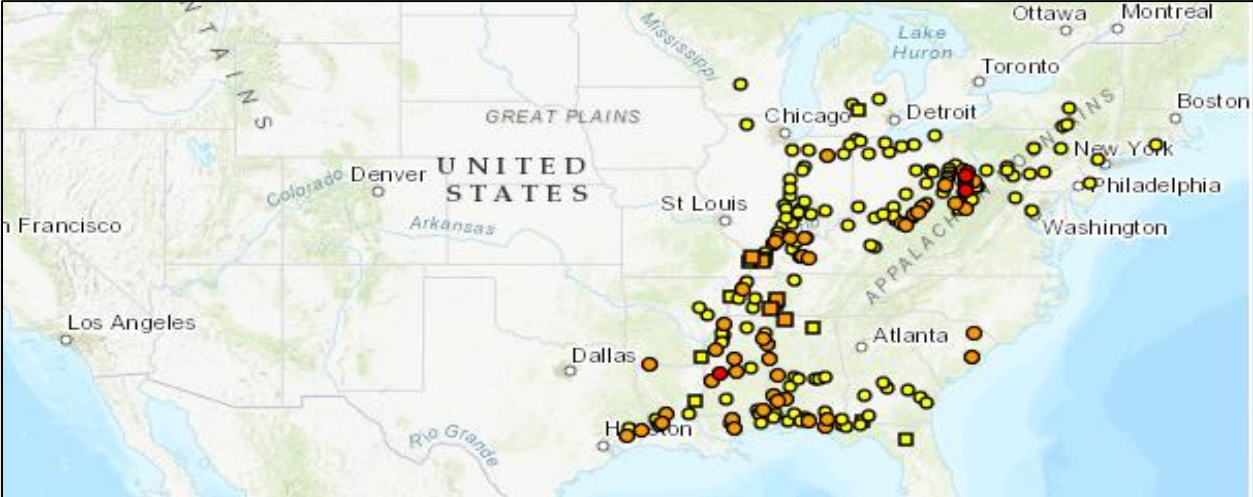


Day 3

Five Day Regional Flood Outlook



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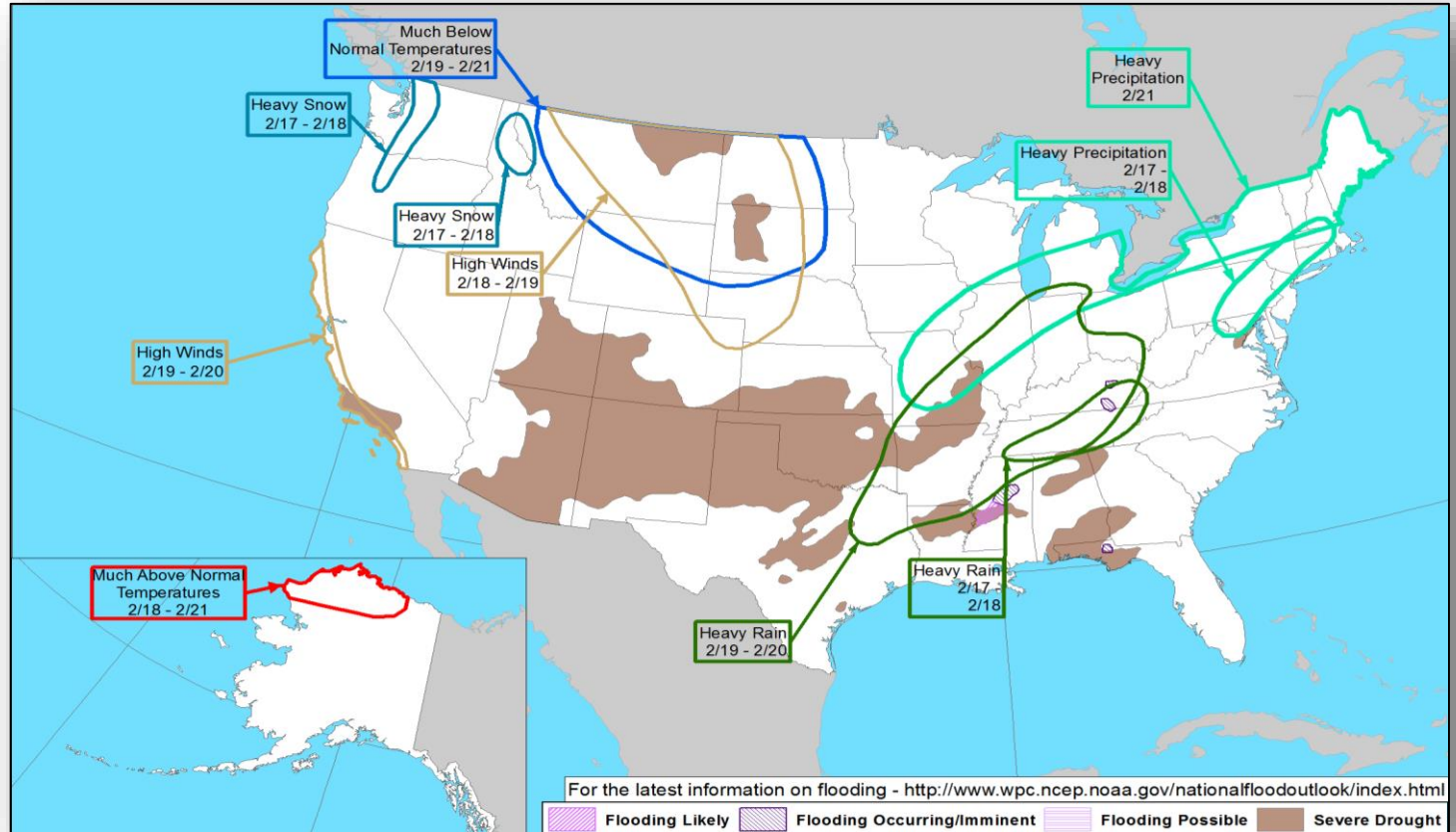
Flood Category	Number of Gauges Forecast in Category
Major Flooding	0
Moderate Flooding	5
Minor Flooding	52
Near Flood	148

Alaska	Western	Central	Southern	Eastern
No Flooding	No Flooding	Continues above minor flooding	Rising above moderate flooding	Rising above moderate flooding
		IL, IN, KY	MS	PA

Hazards Outlook – Feb 17-21



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Disaster Amendments



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Amendment	Date Issued	Action
Amendment No. 8 to FEMA-4344-DR-CA	February 9, 2018	Cost share adjustment
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Disaster Requests & Declarations



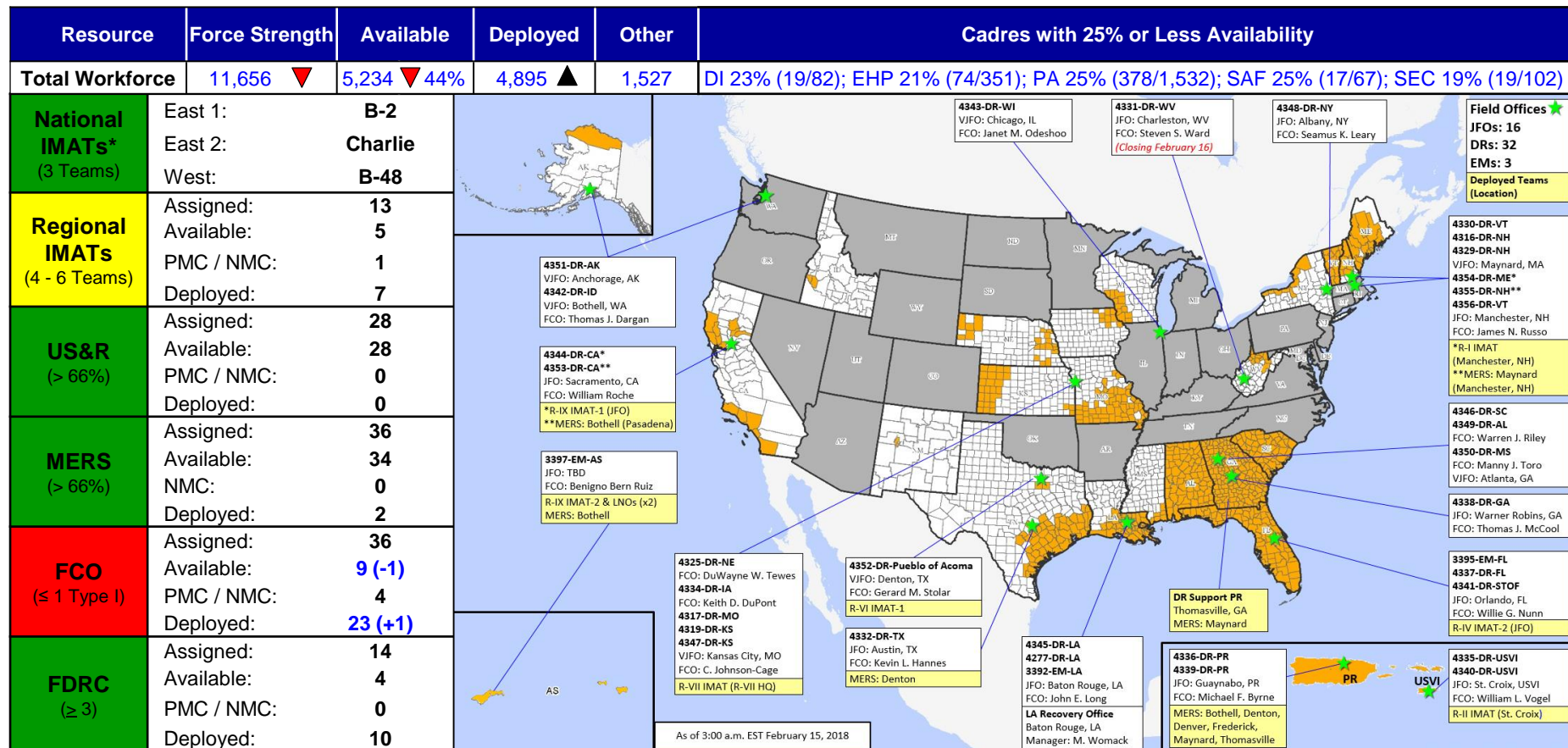
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Declaration Requests in Process					Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
2	IA	PA	HM	Date Requested	0	0
AK – DR Severe Storm		X	X	January 25, 2018		
MT – (Appeal) Wildfires		X	X	January 26, 2018		

Readiness – Deployable Teams and Assets



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*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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