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Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, March 3, 2017

8:30 a.m. EST

Significant Activity – Mar 2-3



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Significant Events: None

Significant Weather:

- Heavy snow possible – Pacific Northwest to Northern Rockies; Great Lakes
- Rain and snow – Pacific Northwest to Northern Rockies and northern CA
- Snow – Northern Plains to Ohio Valley; Southern Appalachians to Northeast
- Critical/Elevated fire weather areas – TX, OK, KS, NE, NM, CO, GA, SC and NC
- Red Flag Warnings – TX, OK KS, CO & FL
- Space Weather: Past 24 hours – minor, geomagnetic storms reaching G1 level occurred; next 24 hours – minor, geomagnetic storms reaching G1 level predicted

Tropical Activity: No activity affecting U.S. interests

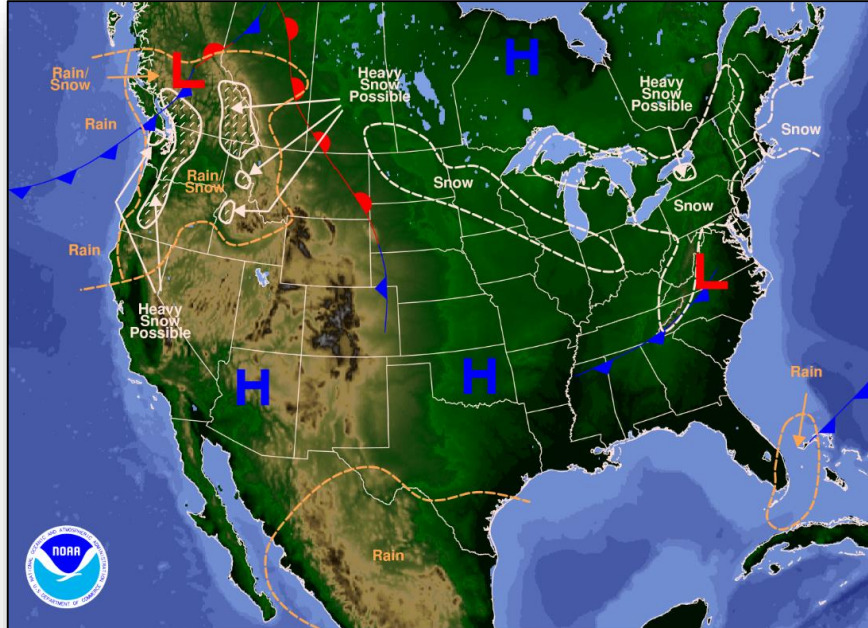
Earthquake Activity: No significant activity

Declaration Activity: None

National Weather Forecast

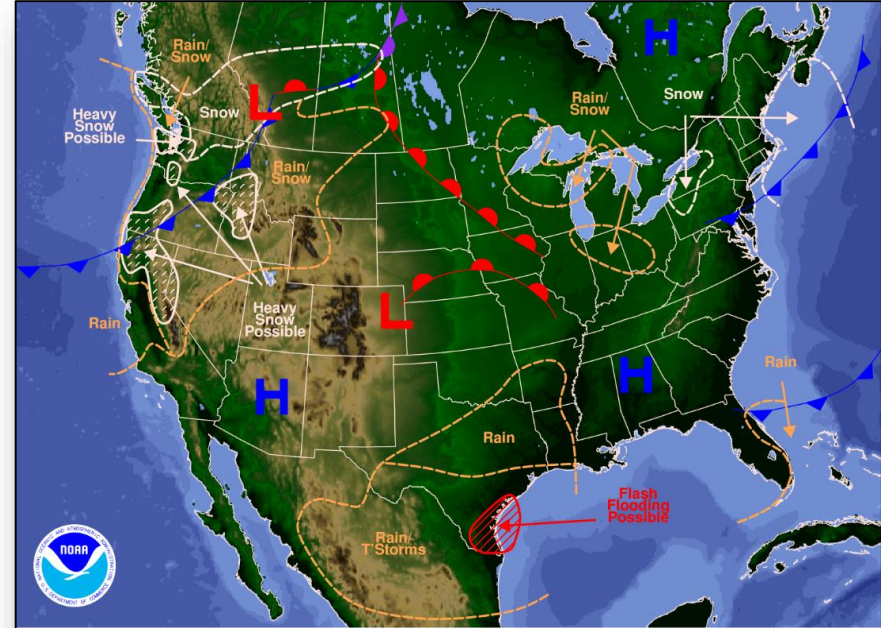


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Weather Forecast for Fri, Mar 03, 2017, issued 4:25 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Today



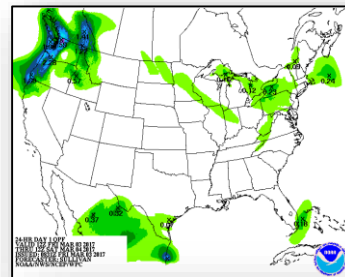
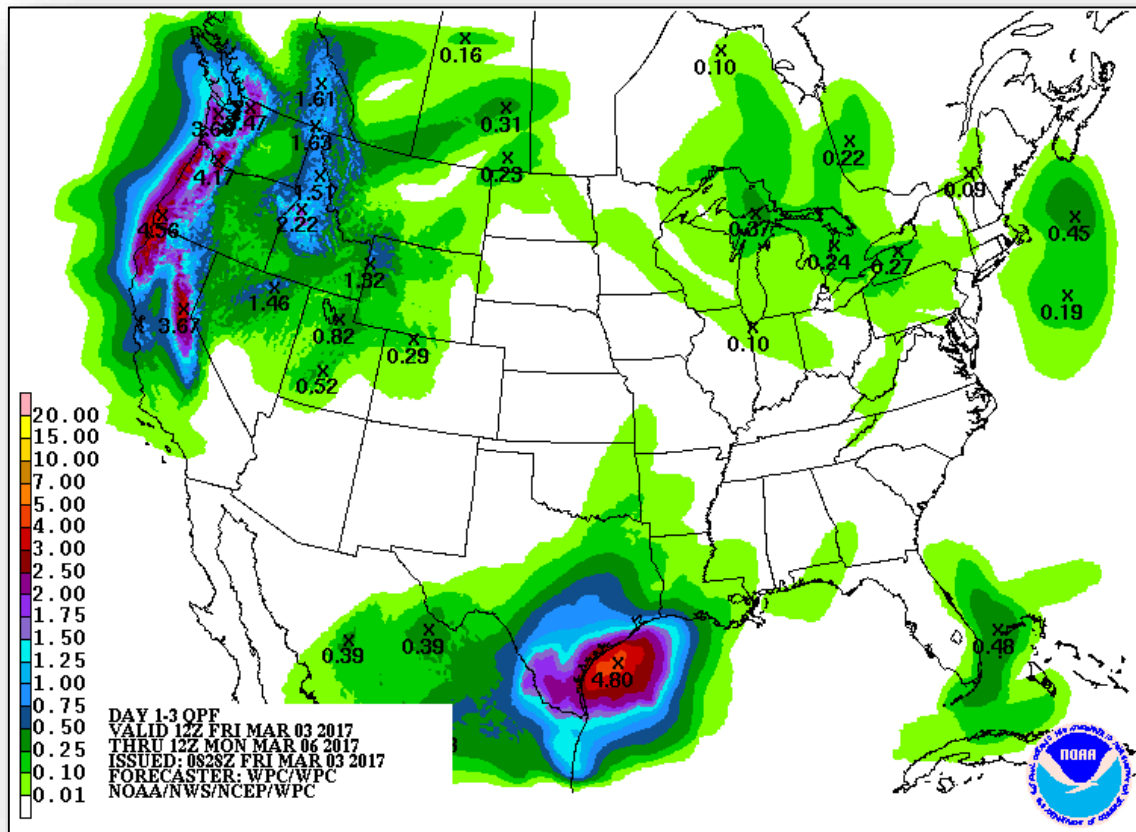
Weather Forecast for Sat, Mar 04, 2017, issued 4:47 AM EST Fri, Mar 03, 2017
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Tomorrow

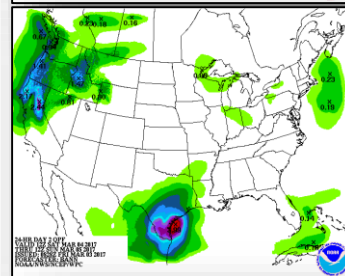
Precipitation Forecast – Days 1-3



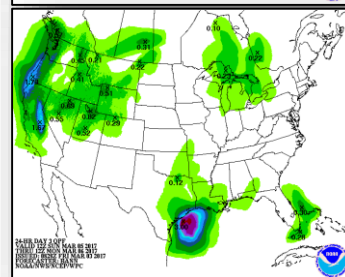
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Day 1



Day 2

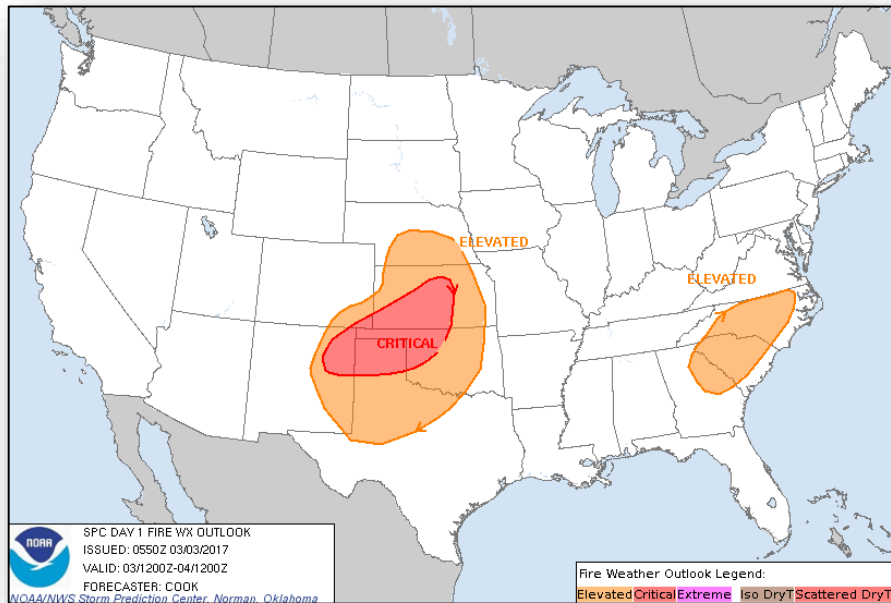


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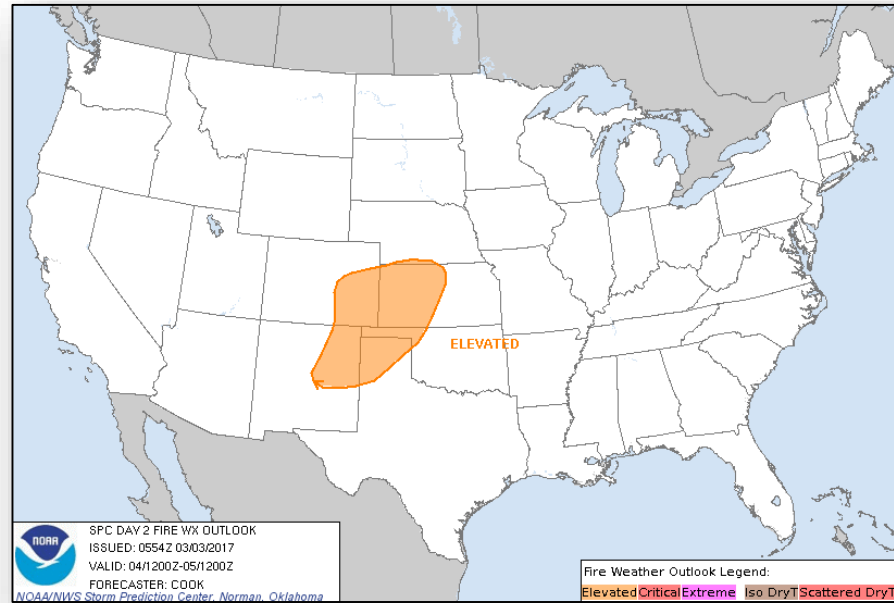
Fire Weather Outlook



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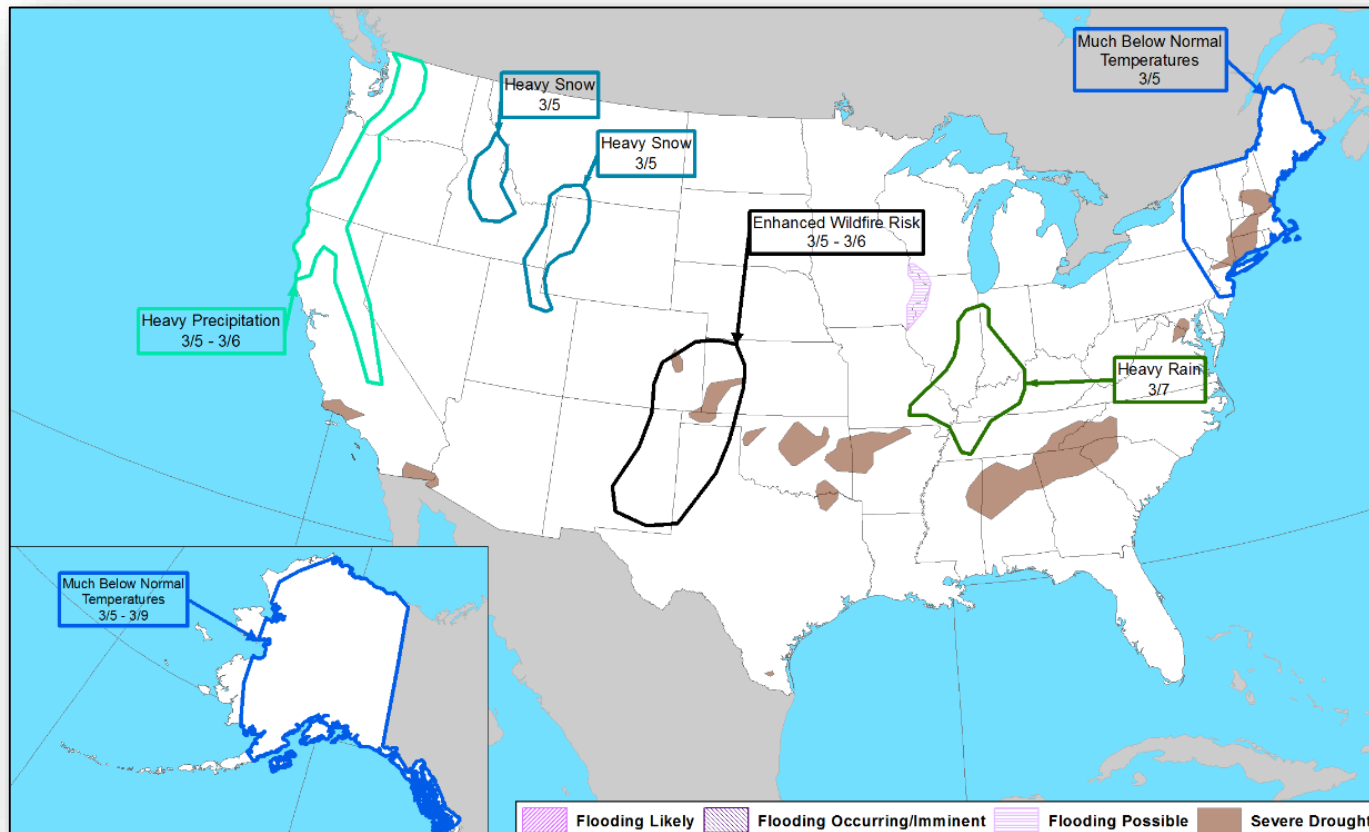


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Hazards Outlook – Mar 5-9



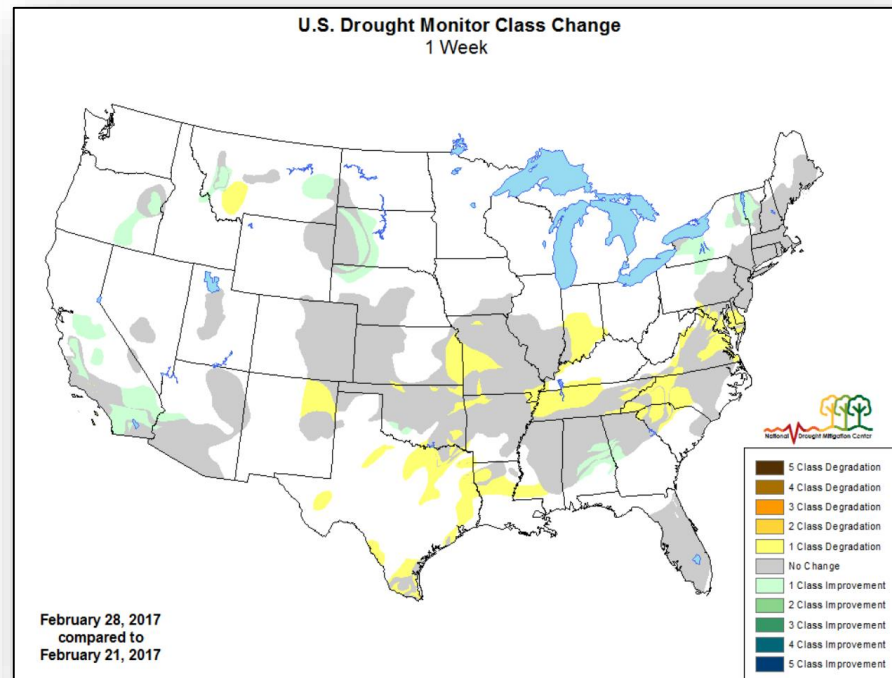
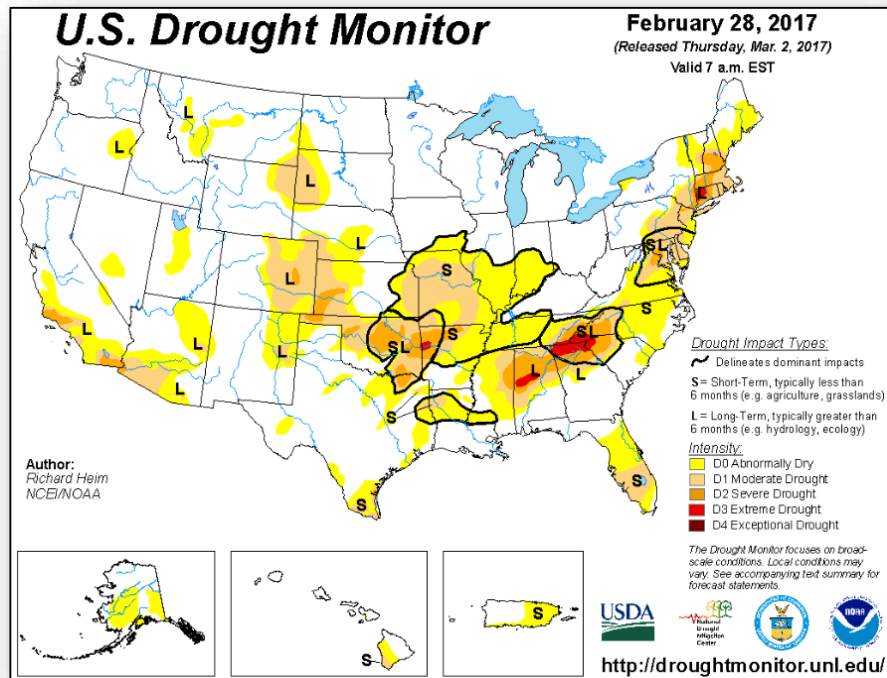
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U.S. Drought Monitor



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Departure from Normal Temperatures

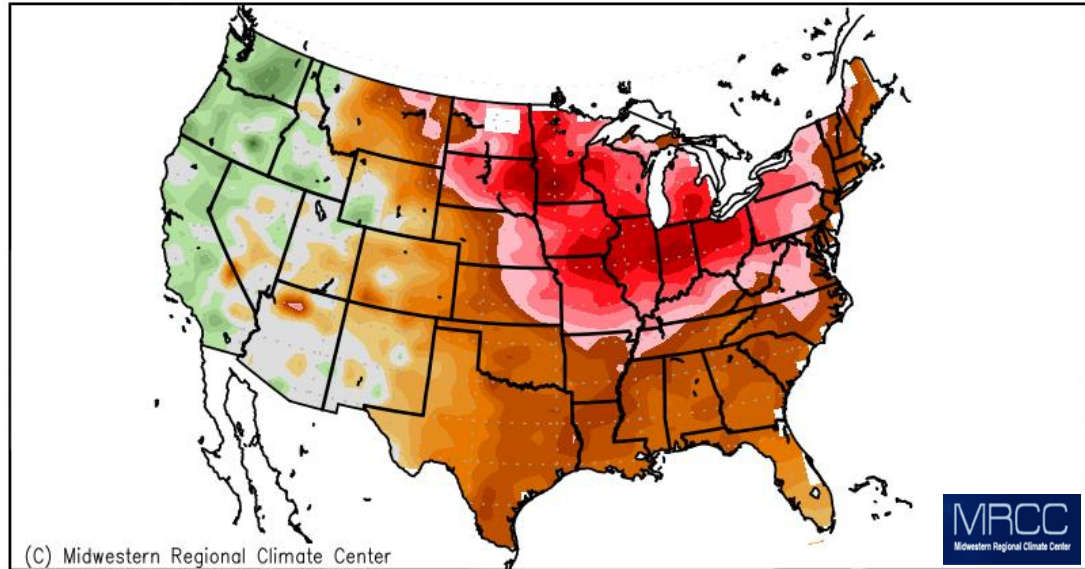


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Key Points:

- Record warmth observed across the northern half of the Mississippi Basin
- No portion of the basin had below normal temperatures for the period

Average Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{F}$): Departure from Mean
February 12, 2017 to February 28, 2017

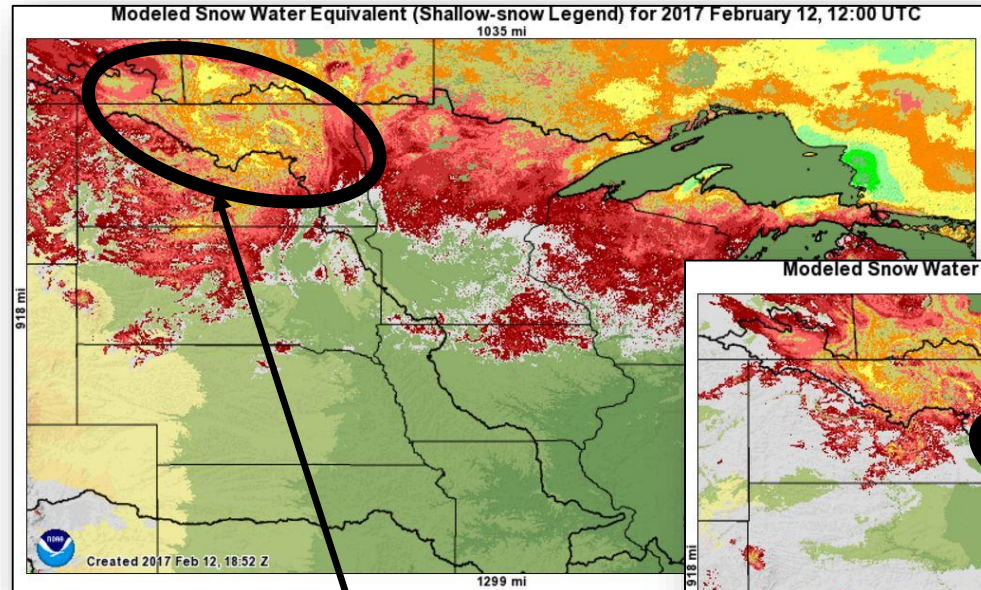


(C) Midwest Regional Climate Center

Mean period is 1981–2010.

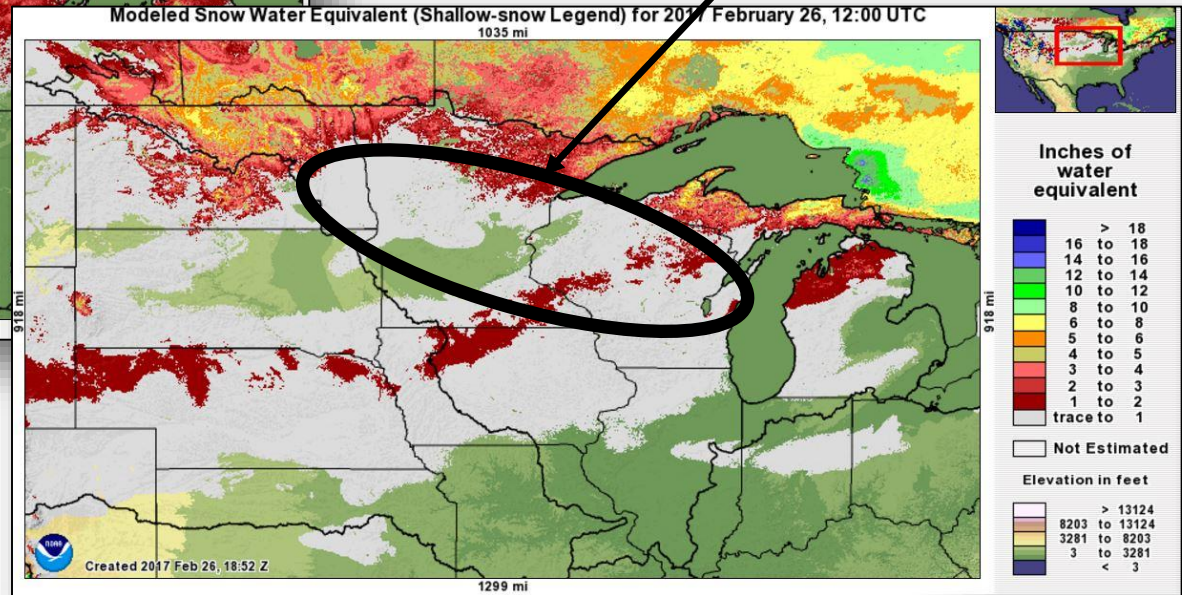


Snowpack: February 12 vs. February 26



Generally remains unchanged

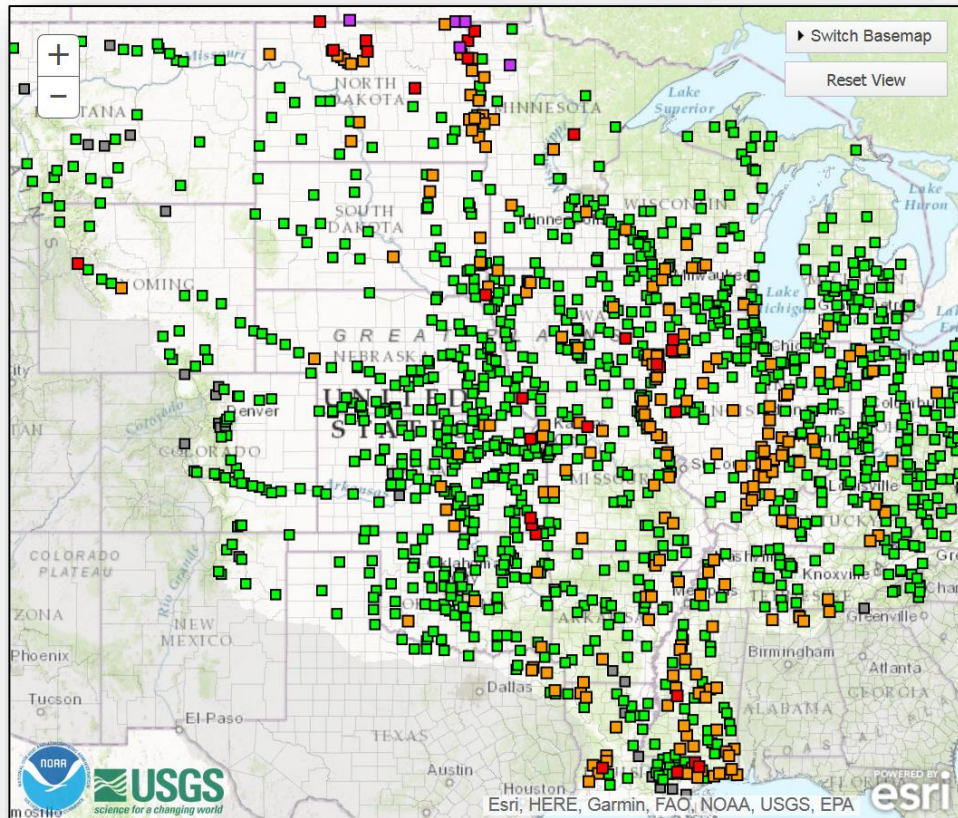
Significant removal of snowpack over the past two weeks



River Flood Risk for MS River Basin



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Chance of Flooding for Mar-Apr-May Period

- <50% Long-Range Flood Risk
- >50% Minor Long-Range Flood Risk
- >50% Moderate Long-Range Flood Risk
- >50% Major Long-Range Flood Risk

2017 Flood Outlook Highlights

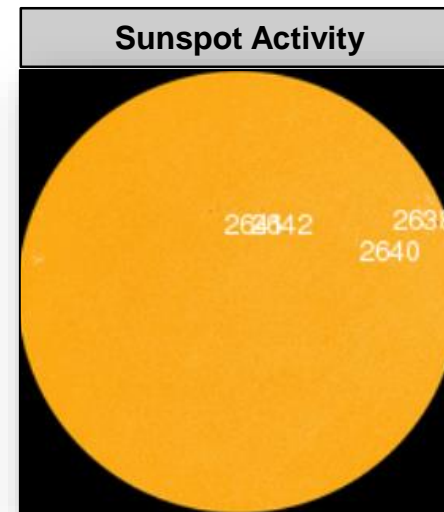
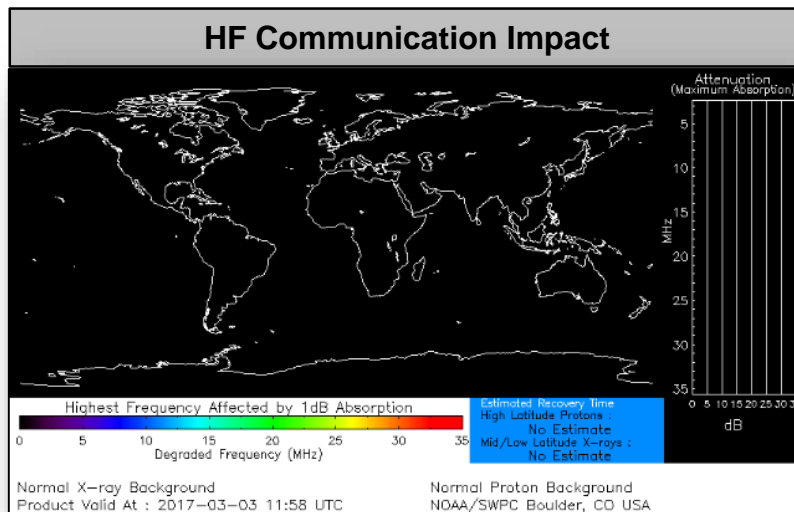
1. Spring flood risk is considered above normal for the Souris and northern Red River of the North Basins
2. Near to slightly above normal spring flood risk is forecast in the Upper Mississippi and Upper Missouri Basins
3. Near or slightly below normal flood risk is expected in the remainder of the Mississippi and Great Lakes Basins

Space Weather



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	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	Minor	G1	None	None
Next 24 Hours	Minor	G1	None	None
For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation				



Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



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Region	State / Location	Event	IA/PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Completed	
VIII	Wyoming	Blizzard / High Winds February 6-7, 2017	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	3/1 – TBD
X	Oregon	Severe Winter Weather January 8-20, 2017	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	12	0	2/27 – TBD

Disaster Requests & Declarations

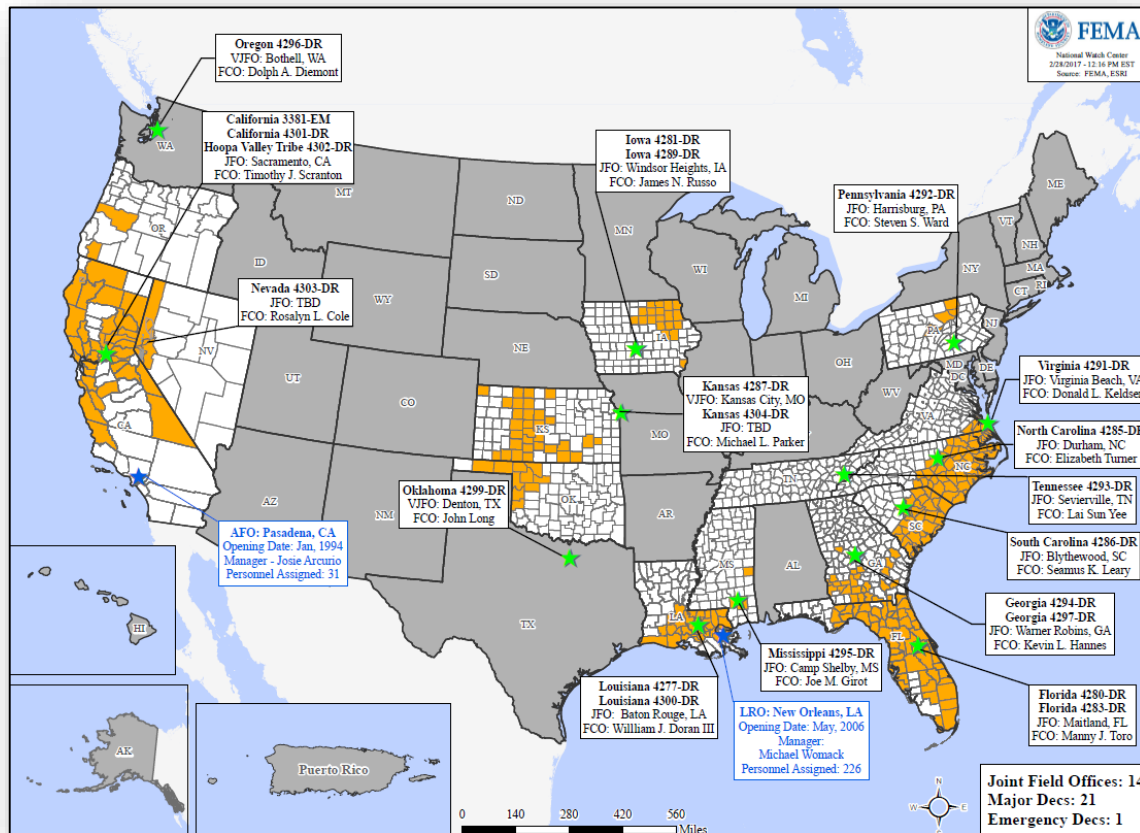


Declaration Requests in Process		Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
1	Date Requested	0	0
ID – DR Severe Winter Storm	February 28, 2017		

Open Field Offices



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Readiness – Deployable Teams and Assets



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Resource	Force Strength	Available		Deployed	Other	Cadres with less than 25% availability
Total Workforce	10,193	5,708	55%	3,144	1,341	None

Resource	Status	Total	FMC Available	Partially Available	Not Available	Detailed, Deployed, Activated	Comments	Status Criteria																				
National IMAT		3	2	0	0	1	East-2 – Primary (Mar) West to GA (DR-4294, DR-4297)	Green: >3 Teams Available Yellow: 1 - 2 Teams Available Red: 0 Teams Available <i>N-IMAT red if 50% of Section Chiefs or Team Leader unavailable for deployment</i>																				
Regional IMAT		13	8	0	0	5	Deployed: Region IV-2 to MS (DR-4295) Region VI-2 to LA (DR-4300) Region IX-1 to NV (DR-4303) Region IX-2 to CA (EM-3381) Region X to WA (DR-4296)	Green > 6 Teams Available Yellow: 4 - 6 Teams Available Red: 0 - 4 Teams Available <i>R-IMAT also red if TL or Ops / Log Chief is unavailable & has no qualified replacement</i>																				
FCO		35	2	0	4	29		OCD Readiness <table><tr><td>FCO</td><td>Green</td><td>Yellow</td><td>Red</td></tr><tr><td>Type 1</td><td>3+</td><td>2</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Type 2</td><td>4+</td><td>3</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Type 3</td><td>4+</td><td>3</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>FDRC</td><td>3</td><td>2</td><td>1</td></tr></table>	FCO	Green	Yellow	Red	Type 1	3+	2	1	Type 2	4+	3	2	Type 3	4+	3	2	FDRC	3	2	1
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US&R		28	28	0	0	0		Green: >66% Available Yellow: 33% - 66% Available Red: <33% Available																				
MERS		36	29	0	6	1	Assets are supporting: CA: DR-4301 NV: DR-4303	Green: >66% Available Yellow: 33% - 66% Available Red: <33% Available																				

Readiness – Activation Teams



Resource	Status	Total	Status	Activated Team	Activation Level	Activation Times	Reason/Comments
NWC		5	Not Activated				
NRCC		2	Not Activated				
HLT		1	Not Activated				Deactivated for the season
RWCs/MOCs		10	Not Activated				
RRCCs		10	Not Activated				

Back-up Regions (Feb 27-Mar 5): **II, V & VIII**



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