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Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, March 3, 2018

8:30 a.m. EST

Northeast Coastal Storm



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Situation

- A high-impact and long duration coastal storm is bringing area of heavy rain and snow, significant coastal flooding, and widespread strong-to-damaging winds from the Mid-Atlantic to the Northeast
- Latest Watches/Warnings: <https://www.weather.gov/>

Impacts

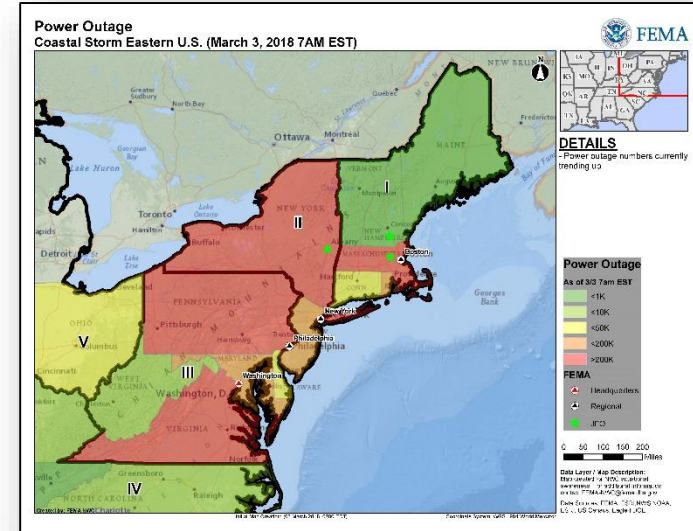
- Confirmed fatalities in VA (1) and MD (1); unconfirmed fatalities in VA (1), NY (1) and MD (1)
- Coastal flooding and backwater inundation
- Customer power outages across Regions I – III (as of 7:00 am EST)*
 - Region I: 542k (ME/422, NH/82, MA/382k, VT/1, CT/43k, RI/116k)
 - Region II: 453k (NY/281k, NJ/172k)
 - Region III: 1.1m (MD/254k, VA/367k, PA/485k, WV/7.7k, DE/13k)
- Damaged structures due to water and high winds
- Delays and cancellations reported across impacted regions for air, rail, and ports
- Road closures due to downed limbs and power lines

State/Local Response

- MD & VA Governors declared a state of emergency
- MA EOC at Full Activation
- MD, CT, NJ, & PA EOCs at Partial Activation
- NY, DE, NH, RI, & VA EOCs at Monitoring
- Shelters open/occupants: MA 5/84, CT 1/0, NY 18/11, PA 4/62, MD 3/23, VA 1/0, WV 1/2

FEMA Response

- FEMA Regions I-III are monitoring
- Region I deployed an LNO to the MA EOC
- Region II RRCC Contingency Team and IMAT placed on alert
- Region III IMAT and LNOs placed on alert
- FEMA NWC rostered Enhanced Watch



*Customer outage data is provided by the Department of Energy's EAGLE-I system. Comprehensive National coverage of all electrical service providers is not available.

Southern California Flooding - Final



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Situation

- Moderate chance of debris flow near recent burn scar areas (Sherpa, Whittier and Thomas Fires)
- Rainfall amounts of .7 inches per hour observed on the scar
- Hourly rainfall rates through Friday morning were moderate to heavy
- Up to one half inch of additional rain expected today in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties

Potential Impacts

- Moderate to minor debris flow for recent burn scar areas; Ventura County could be impacted by debris flow
 - Potential debris flows are expected to be significantly less than the major debris flows that occurred in early January this year
- Urban and small stream flooding

State/Local Response

- Santa Barbara County EOC at Partial Activation
- CA Southern Regional EOC at Partial Activation
- Shelters open/occupants: Santa Barbara – 1/26
- Evacuations: Lifted for Santa Barbara and Ventura counties

FEMA Response

- Region IX RWC continues to monitor
- NWC continues to monitor and coordinate with Region IX RWC

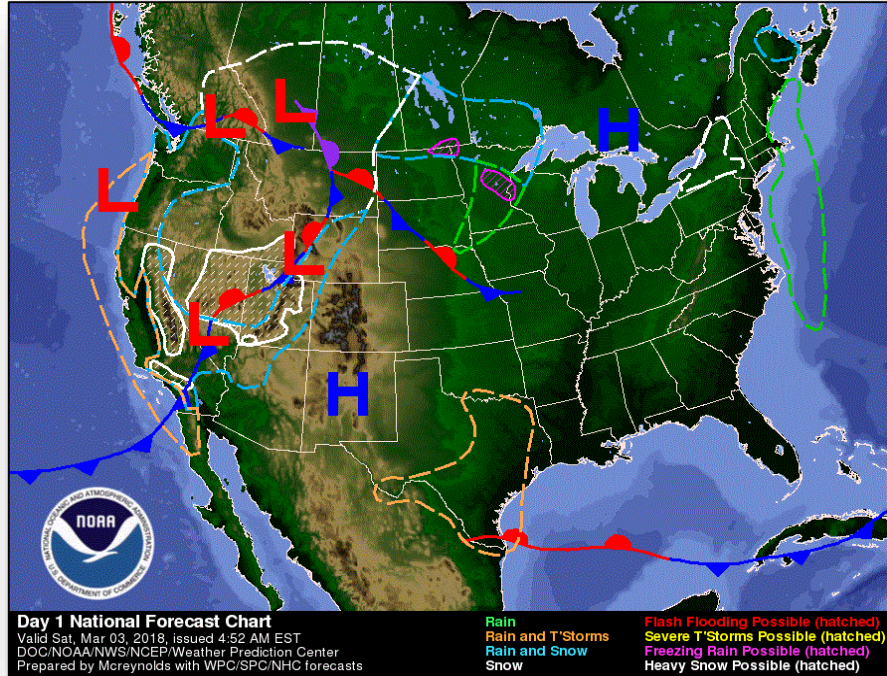


Rainfall rates of a half inch per hour meet the very low end of the USGS criteria for mud and debris flows

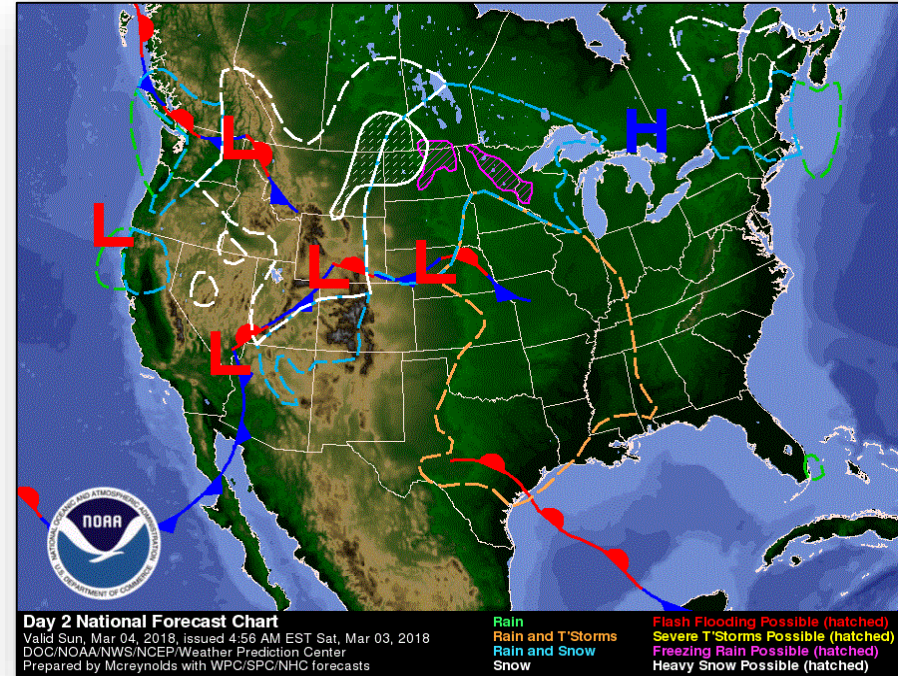
National Weather Forecast



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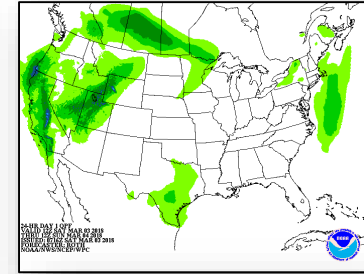
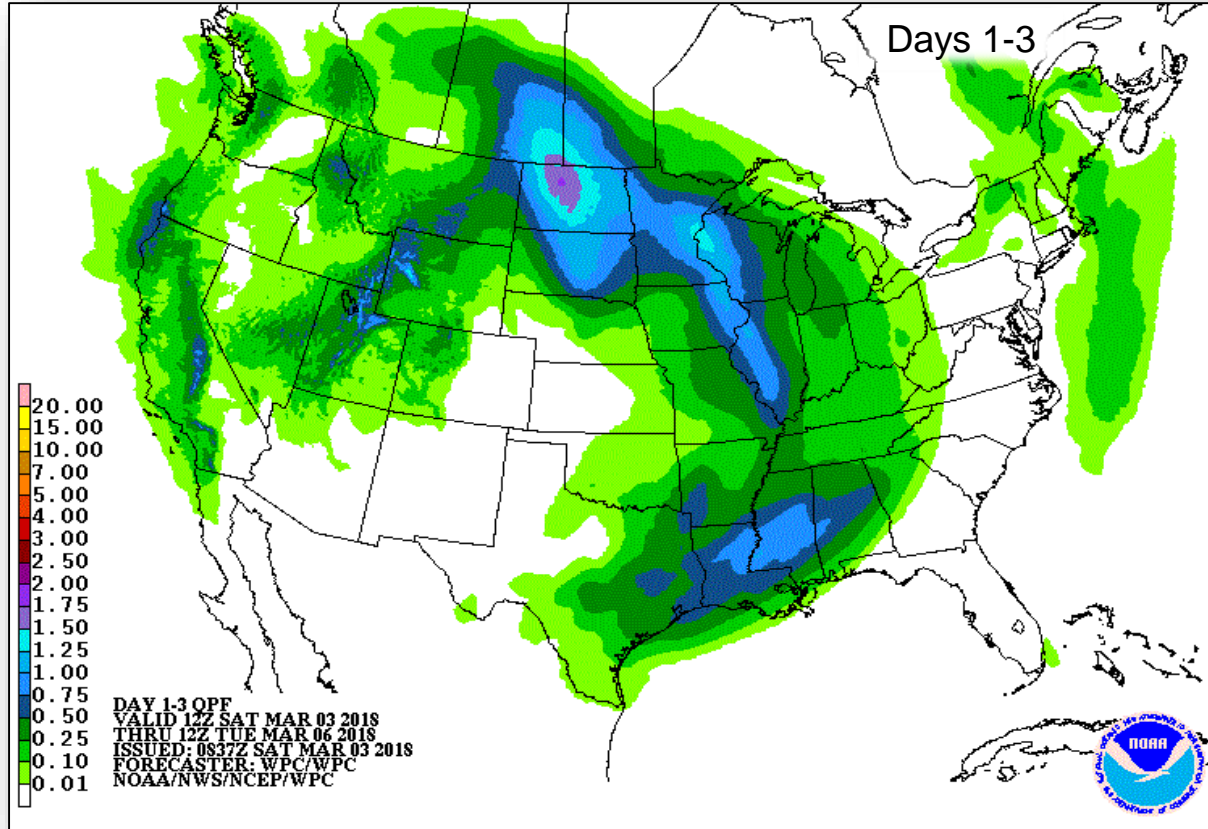


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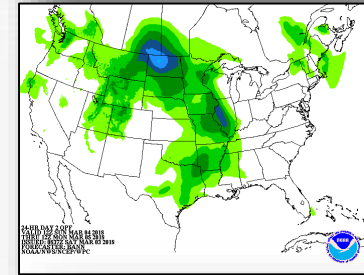
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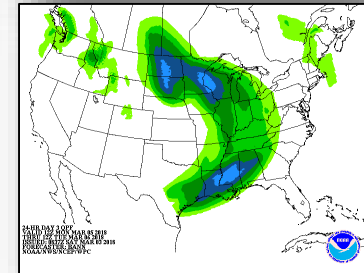
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DAY 1



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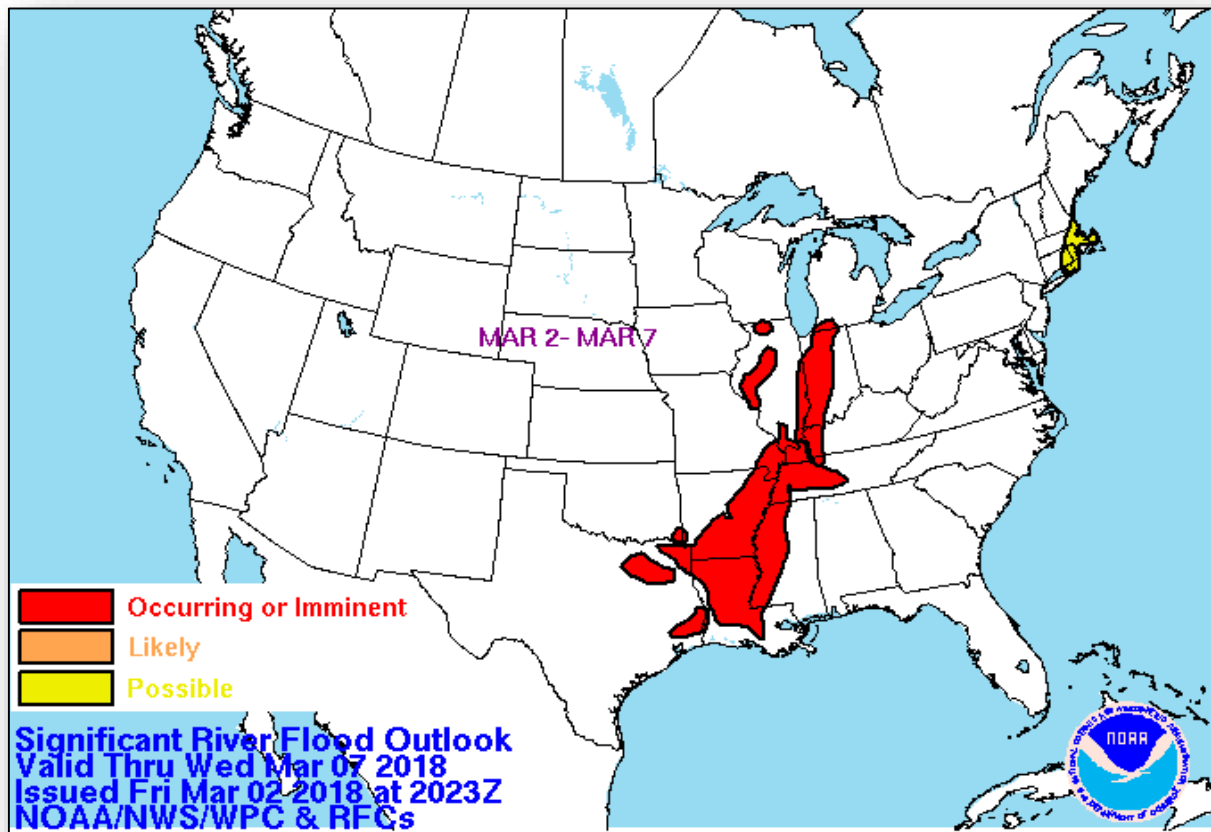


DAY 3

Significant River Flood Outlook



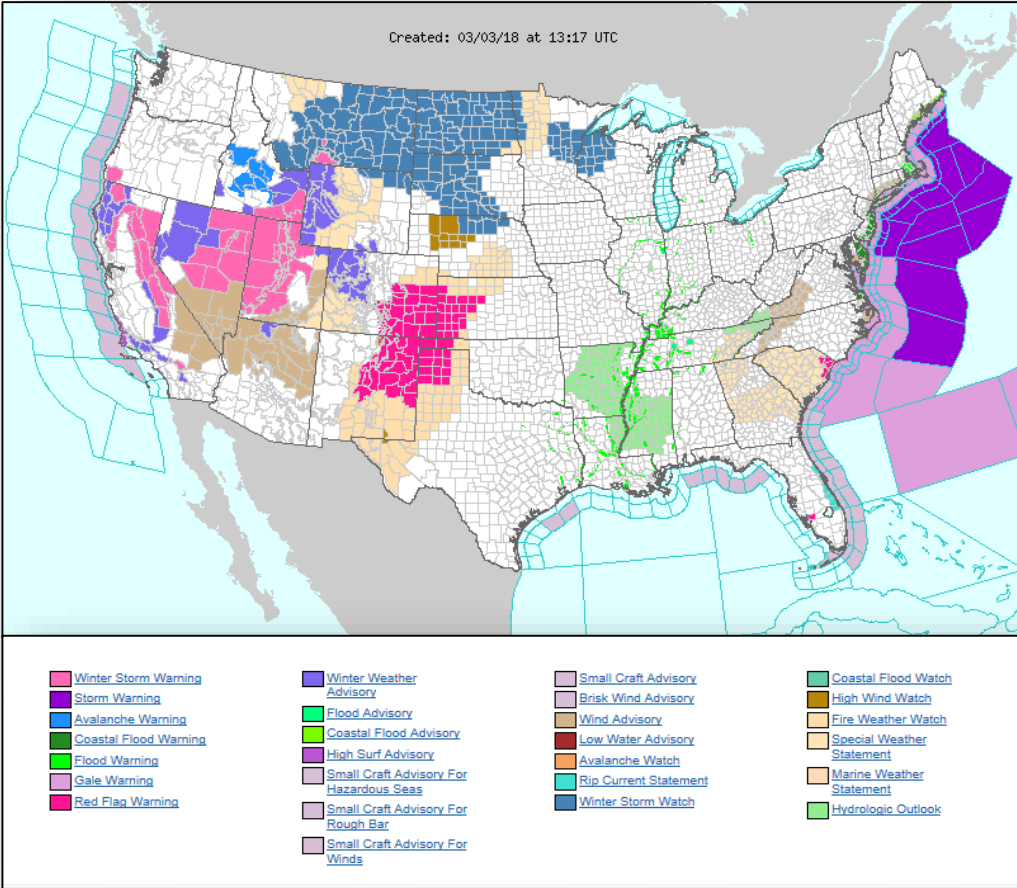
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Active Watches and Warnings



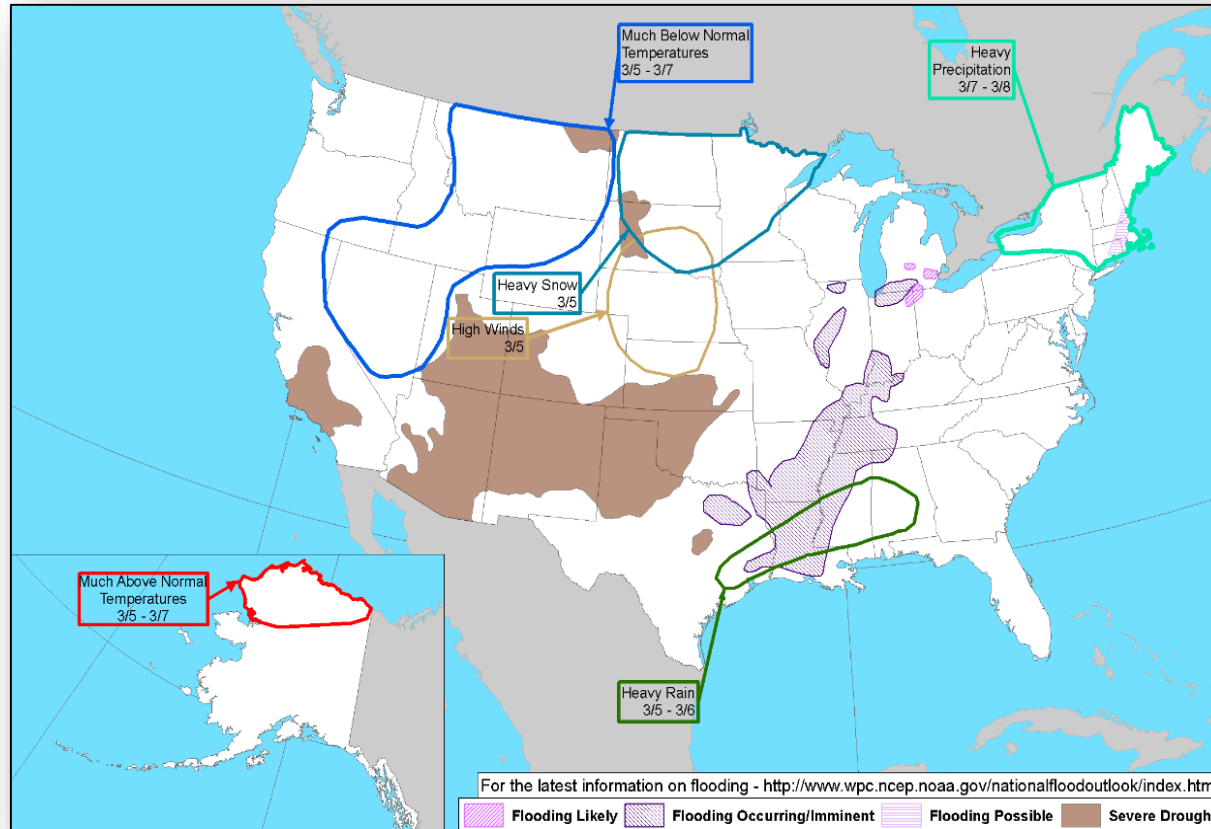
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Hazards Outlook – Mar 5-9



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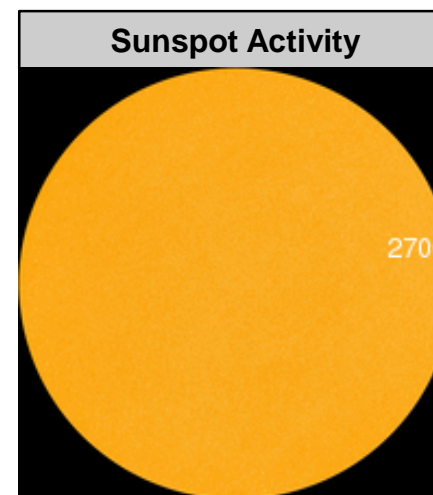
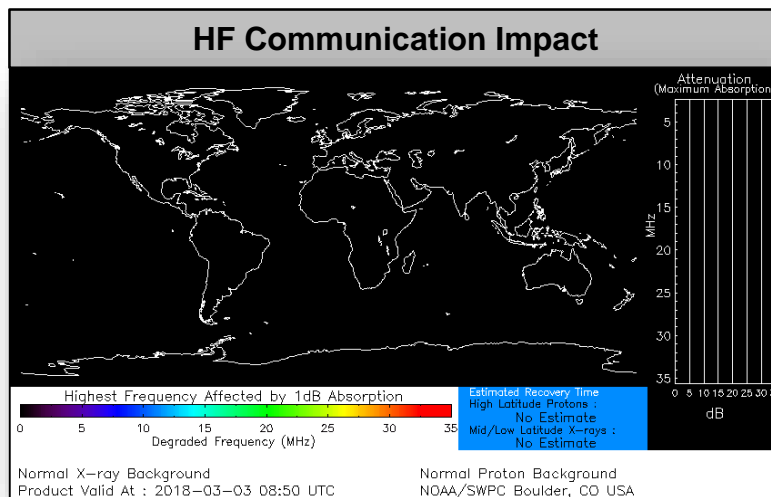


Space Weather



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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				



Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



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Region	State / Location	Event	IA / PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Completed	
III	WV	Severe Weather and Flooding February 15, 2018	IA	N/A	N/A	N/A
			PA	22	22	2/22 – 3/2
IV	KY	Rains, Mudslides and Flooding February 9, 2018 and continuing	IA	N/A	N/A	N/A
			PA	22	20	2/22 – TBD

Declaration Approved



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FEMA-4357-DR-AS

- Major Disaster Declaration approved March 2, 2018 for Territory of American Samoa
- Effects from Tropical Storm Gita during the period of February 7-12, 2018
- Provides:
 - Individual Assistance for the entire Territory
 - Public Assistance, including direct federal assistance, for the entire Territory
 - Hazard Mitigation for the entire Territory
- FCO is Benigno Bern Ruiz



Disaster Requests & Declarations



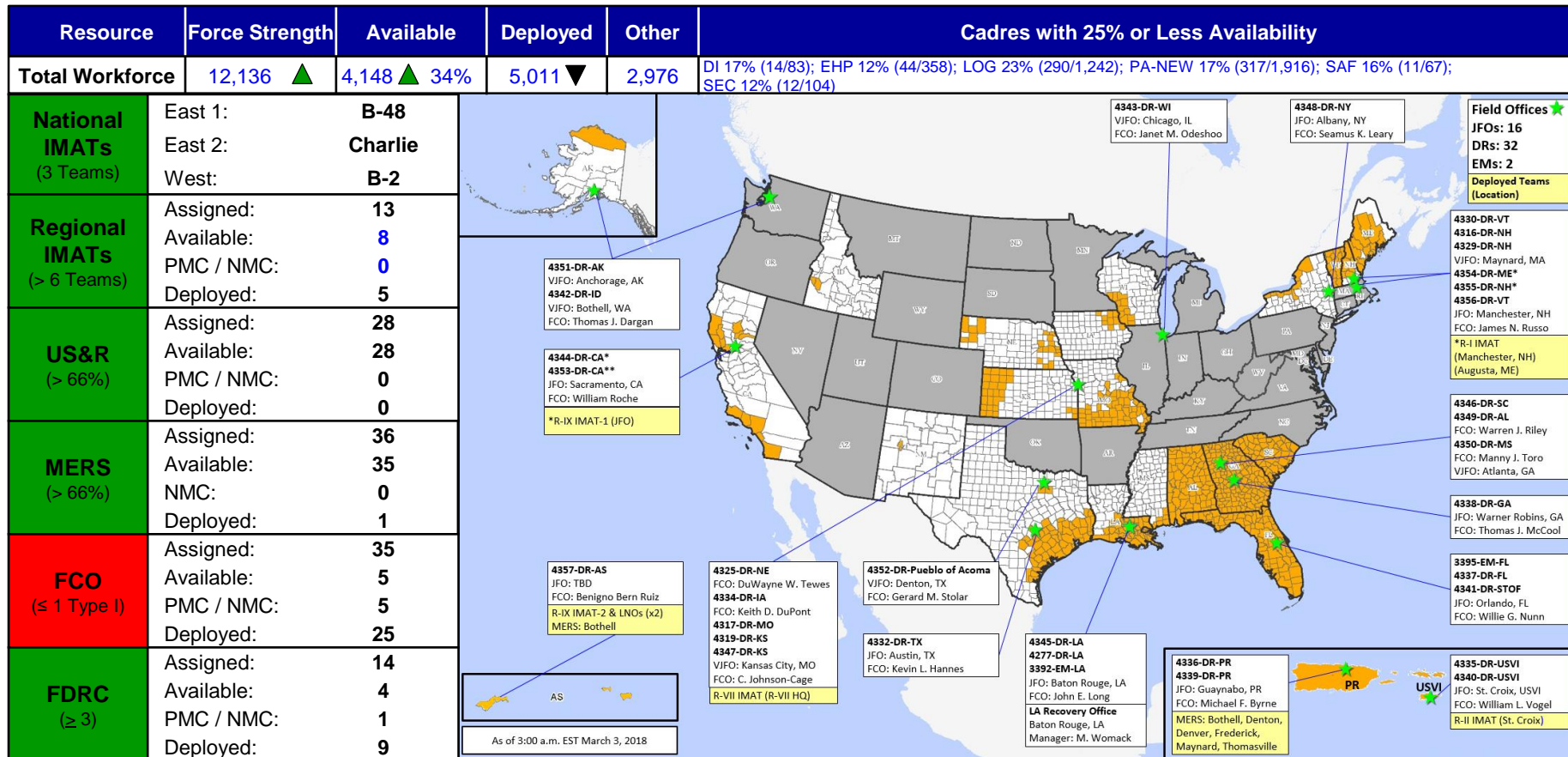
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Declaration Requests in Process					Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
2	IA	PA	HM	Date Requested	1	0
AK – DR Severe Storm		X	X	January 25, 2018		
MT – (Appeal) Wildfires		X	X	January 26, 2018		
AS – DR Tropical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

Readiness – Deployable Teams and Assets



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* B-2 Status: Assemble ≤ 2-hrs, On Site ≤ 18-hrs; B-48 Status: Assemble and deploy ≤ 48hrs; 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, X, & III



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