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Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, March 13, 2015

8:30 a.m. EDT

Significant Activity: Mar 12–13



Significant Events: Significant Weather:

- Flash flooding possible – Lower/Middle Mississippi valleys into the Ohio Valley
- Rain and thunderstorms – Southern Plains to Middle Mississippi Valley, & Southeast
- Snow – Central Rockies
- Freezing Rain – Parts of New York
- Rain and snow – Central Great Basin & portions of the Pacific Northwest & Northern Intermountain
- Critical/Elevated Fire Weather Areas: KS & NE
- Red Flag Warnings: NE
- Space Weather: Past 24 hours – minor, R1 radio blackouts occurred; next 24 hours – minor, G1 geomagnetic storms and R1 radio blackouts likely

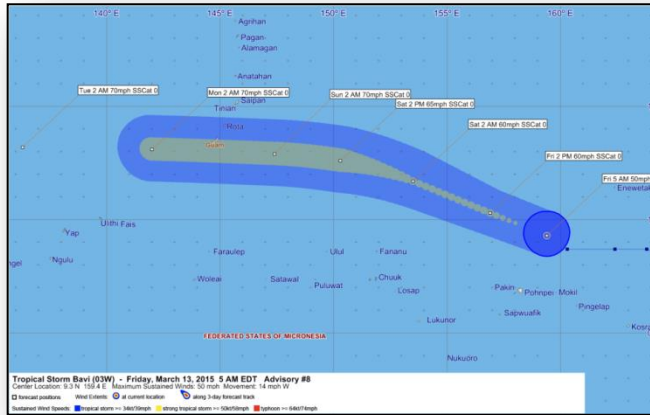
Tropical Activity:

- Western Pacific: Tropical Storm Bavi (03W)

Declaration Activity: Major Disaster Declaration approved for Maine

FEMA Readiness: No activity

Tropical Storm Bavi (03W)



Tropical Storm Bavi (03W) (Advisory 8, as of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

- Approximately 1,030 miles ESE of Guam, moving W at 14 mph
- Forecast to pass south of Guam Sunday
- Maximum sustained winds are 50 mph, with higher gusts
- Tropical storm-force winds extend out to 130 miles
- Forecast to slowly intensify through the weekend
- A Typhoon Watch is in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan.

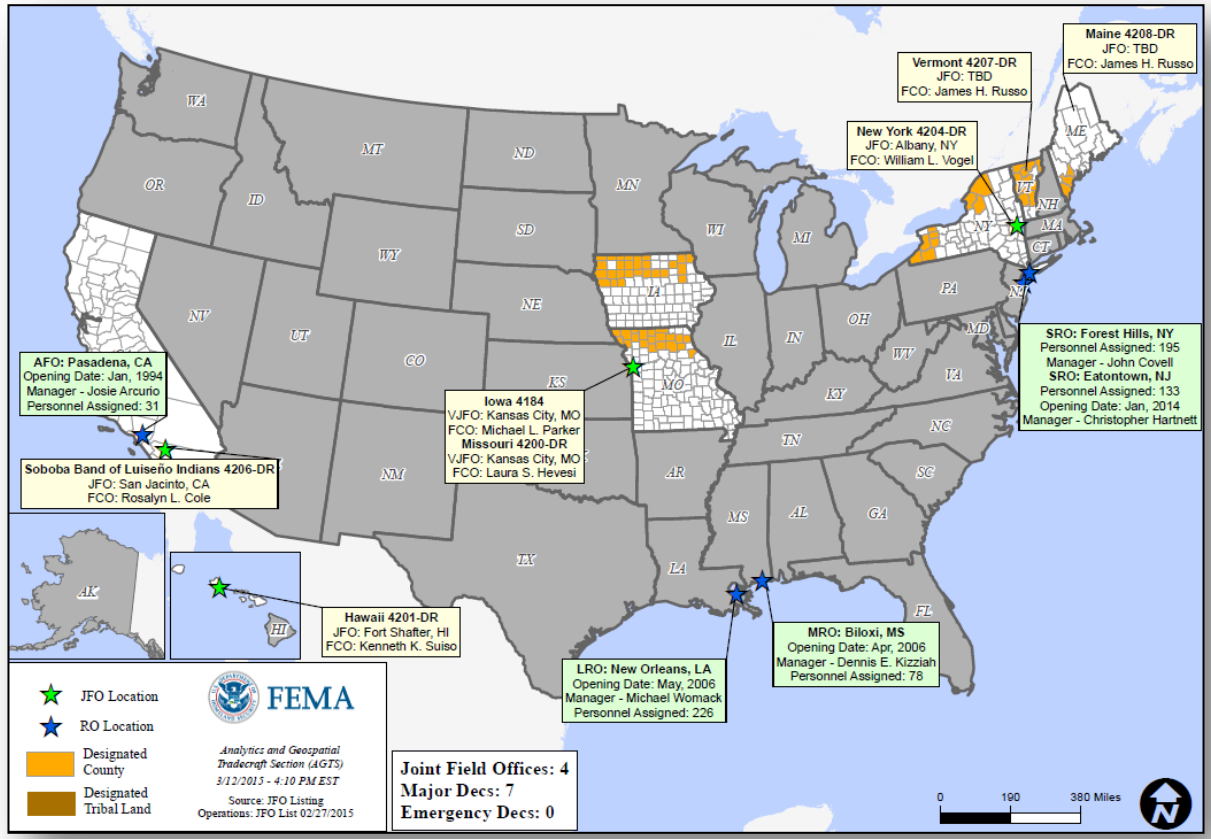
Impacts:

- Coastal inundation of 2-4 feet is possible along east facing shores Sunday
- Rainfall of 1-3 inches possible on Tinian & Saipan; 2-4 inches on Guam & Rota
- Residents in low-lying and poor-drainage areas should be prepared for the possibility of flash flooding
- No unmet needs or requests for FEMA assistance
- No significant impacts or damage yet reported
- All airports and harbors are currently open

Response

- ▲ EOC in CNMI is partially activated; EOC in Guam is monitoring (staffed 24/7)
- ▲ 2 FEMA LNOs and 1 DCE (1 person) deployed to Guam
- ▲ FEMA Region IX to go to Enhanced Watch this morning (9:15 a.m. EDT)

Open Field Offices as of March 13



Disaster Requests & Declarations



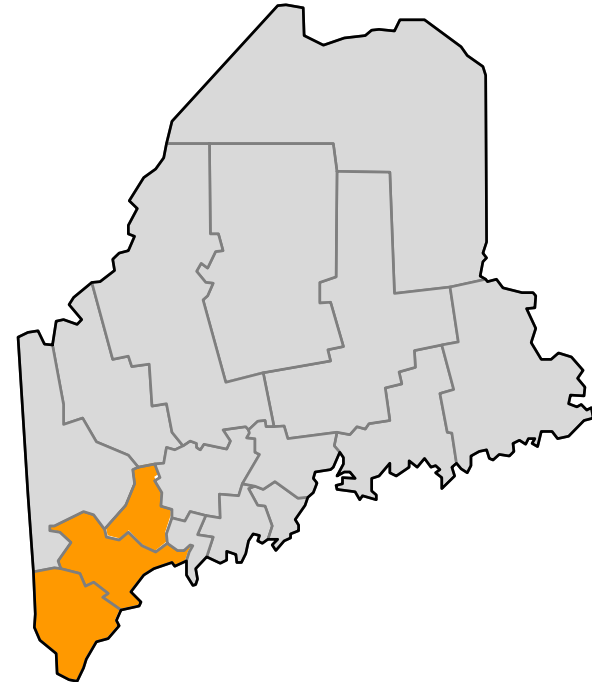
Declaration Requests in Process		Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
0	Date Requested	1	0
ME – DR Severe Winter Storm, Snowstorm, and Flooding	February 24, 2015	Declared March 12, 2015	

Major Disaster Declaration Approved – ME



FEMA-4208-DR-ME

- Major Disaster Declaration was approved on March 12, 2015 for the State of Maine
- For Severe Winter Storm, Snowstorm and Flooding that occurred January 26 - 28, 2015
- Provides:
 - Public Assistance for 3 counties
 - Snow assistance for 48 hours for 3 counties
 - Hazard Mitigation statewide
- James N. Russo is the Federal Coordinating Officer



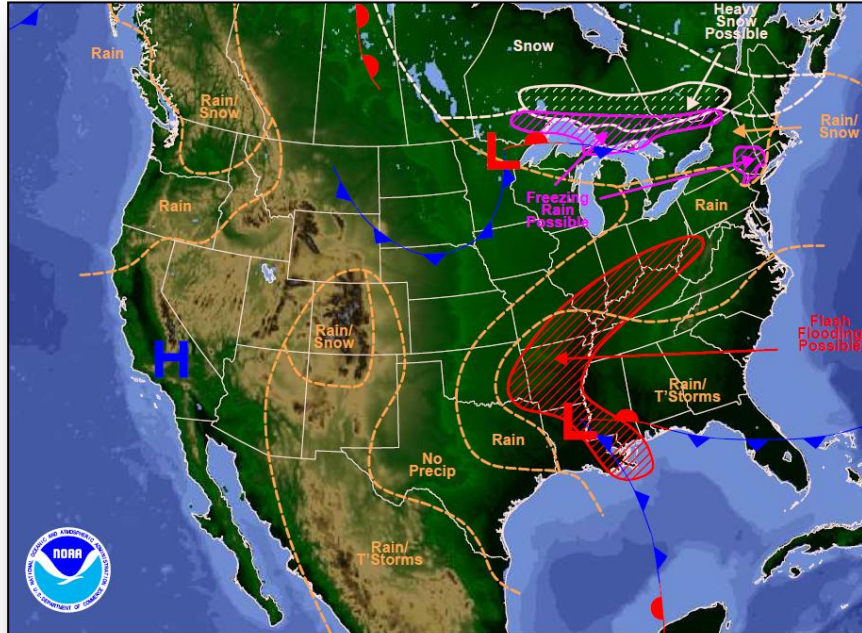
■ PA and Snow Assistance

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



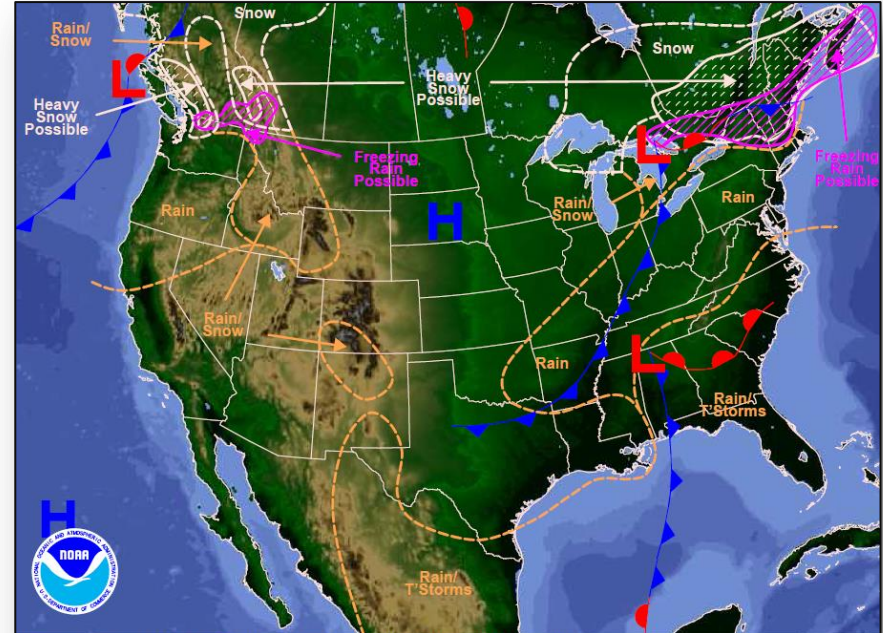
Region	State / Location	Event	IA/PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Complete	
I	RI	January Blizzard January 25, 2015	PA	5	0	2/11 – TBD
I	CT	January Blizzard January 25, 2015	PA	4	0	2/24 – TBD
III	WV	Winter Storm March 4-7, 2015	PA	23	0	3/16 - TBD
IV	TN	Winter Storm February 15, 2015	PA	44	0	3/16 - TBD

National Weather Forecast



Weather Forecast for Fri, Mar 13, 2015, issued 4:26 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

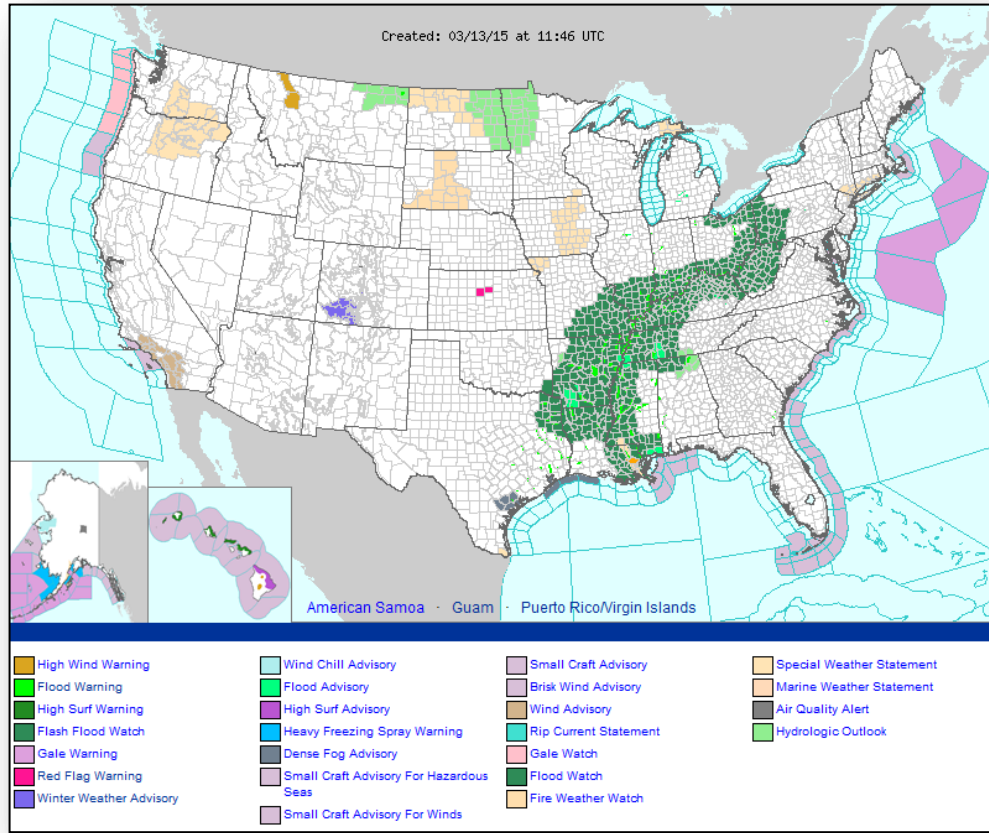
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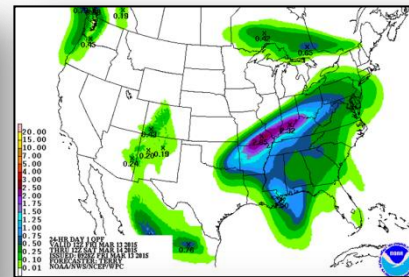
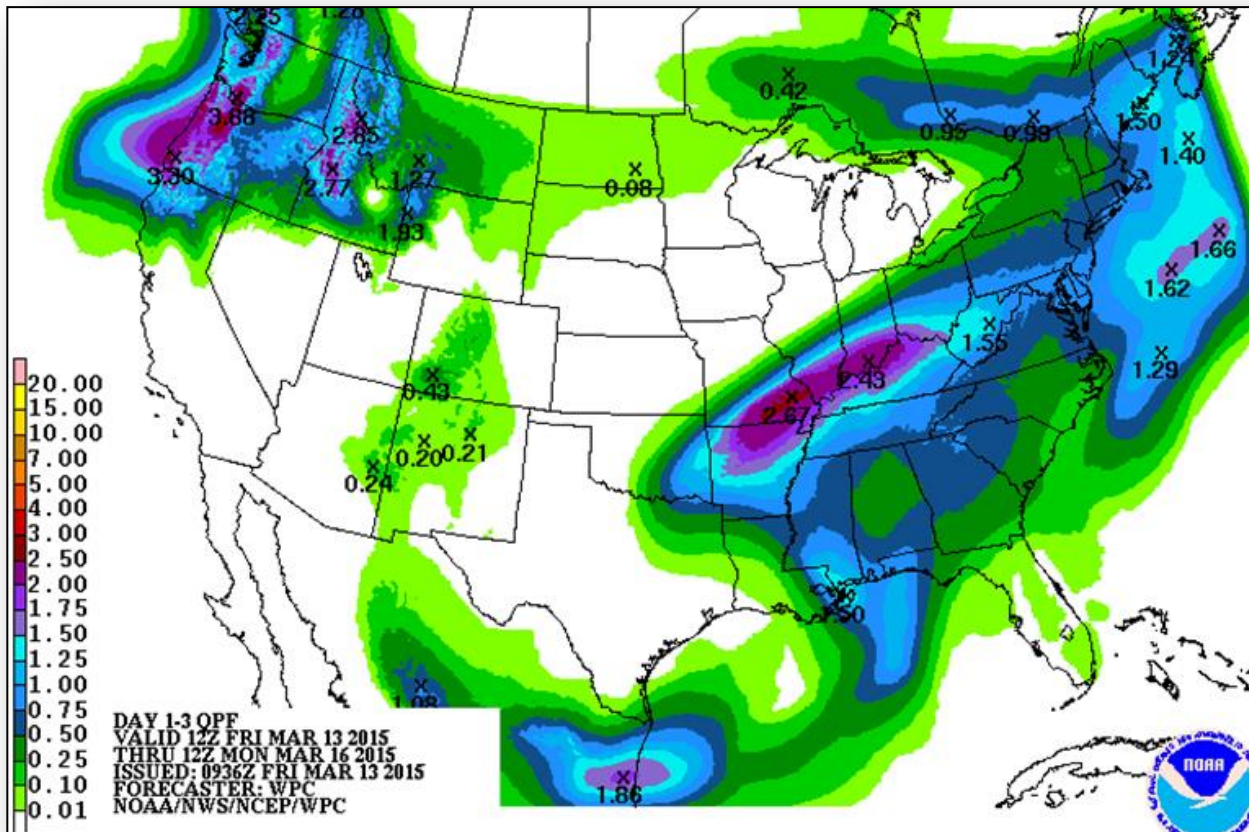
Weather Forecast for Sat, Mar 14, 2015, issued 5:05 AM EDT Fri, Mar 13, 2015
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Tomorrow

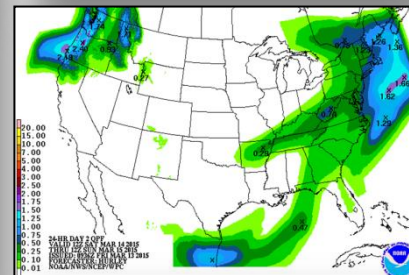
Active Watches/Warnings



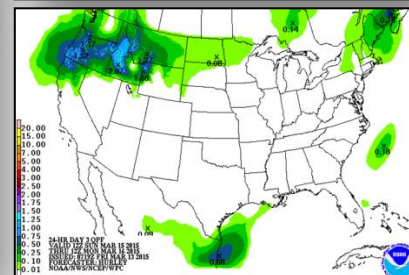
Precipitation Forecast 1-3 Day



Day 1



Day 2

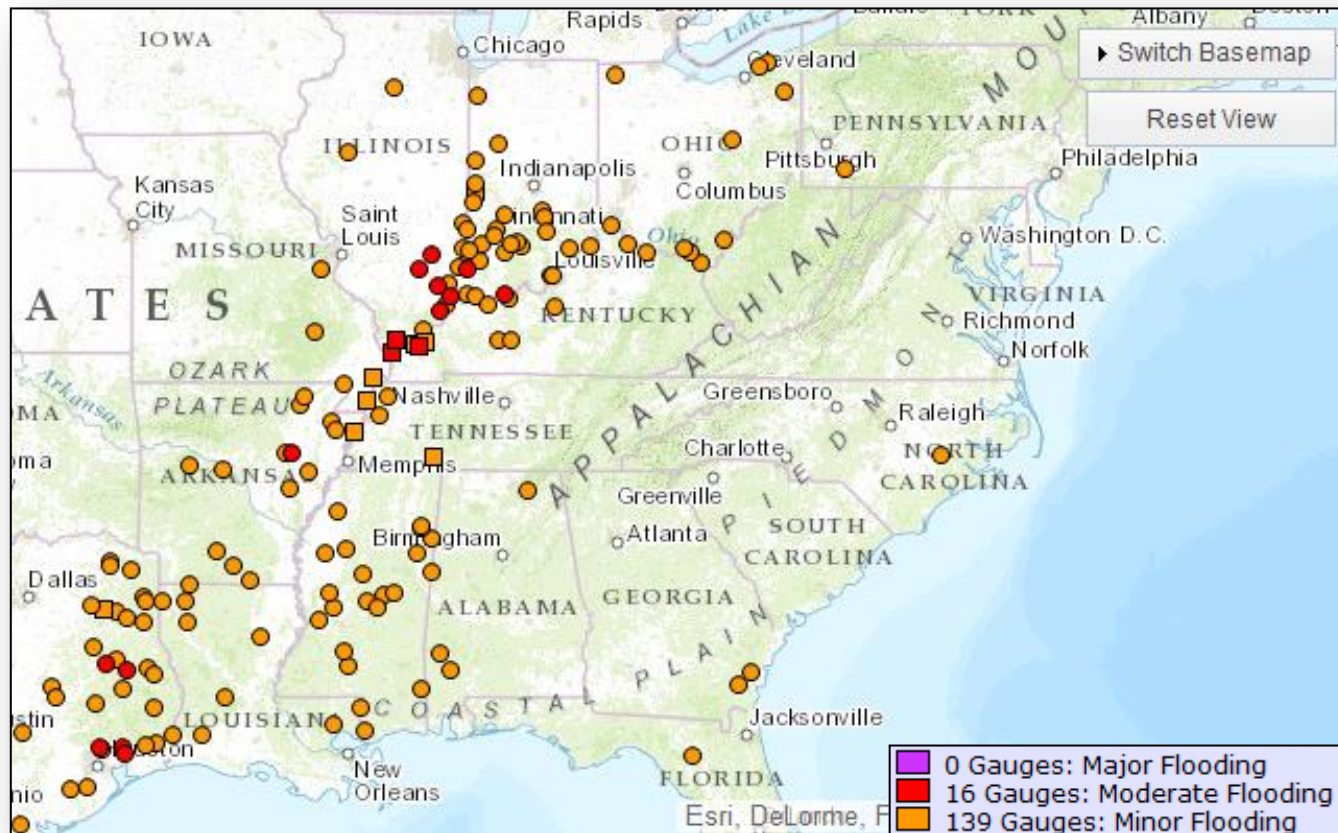


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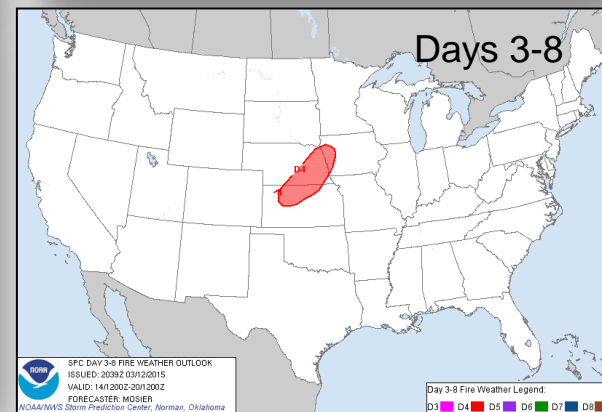
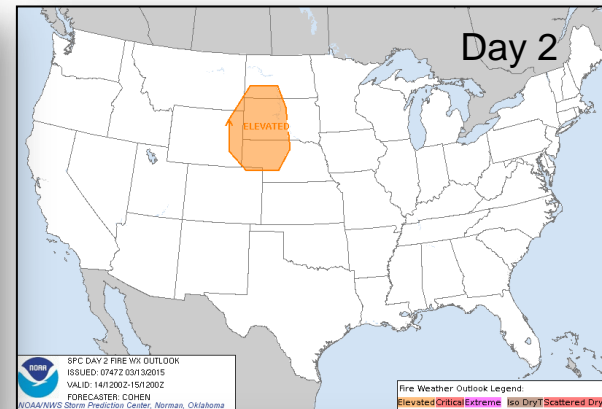
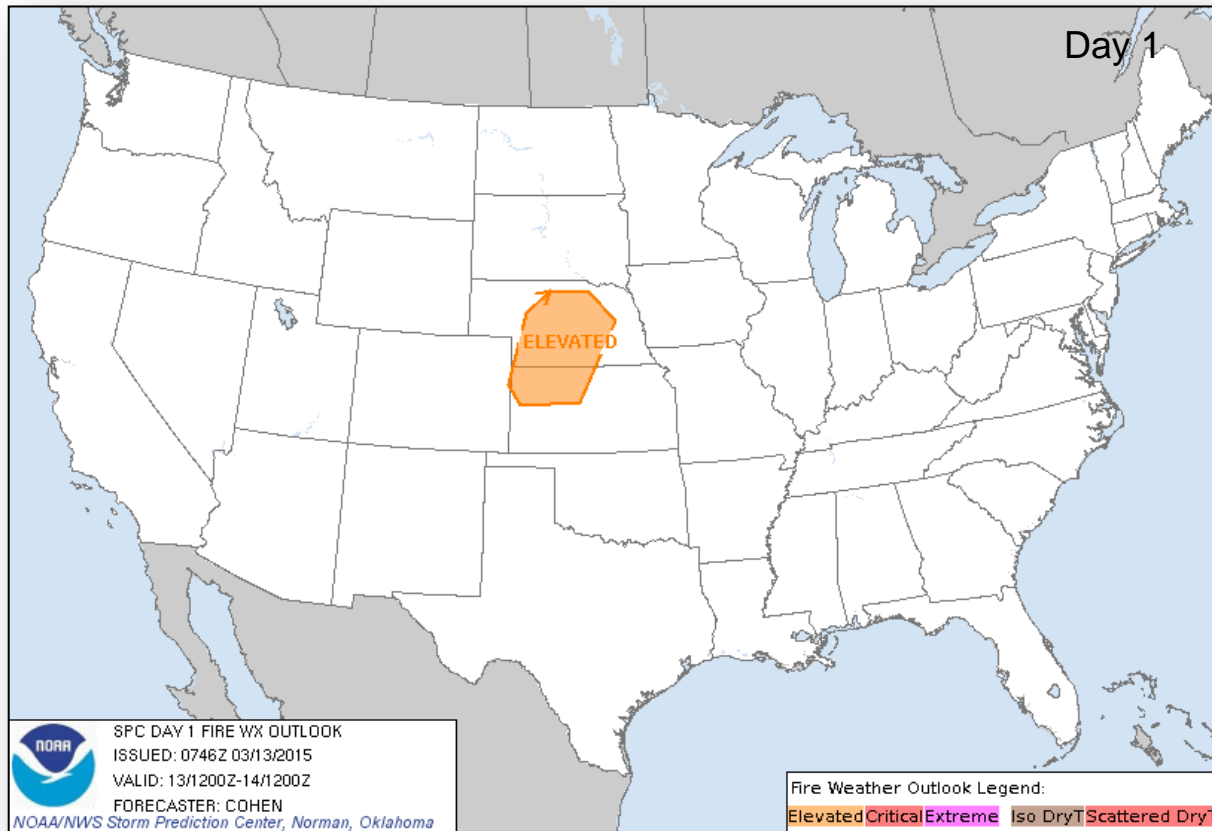
River Forecast



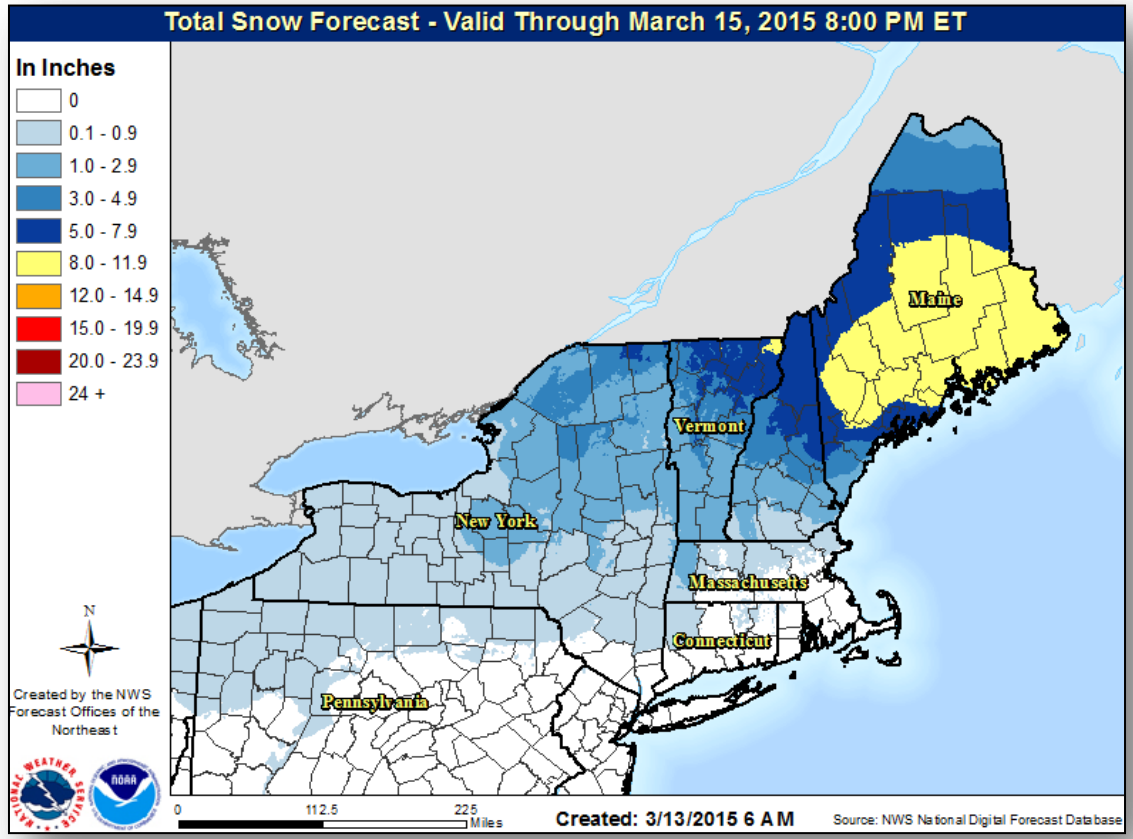
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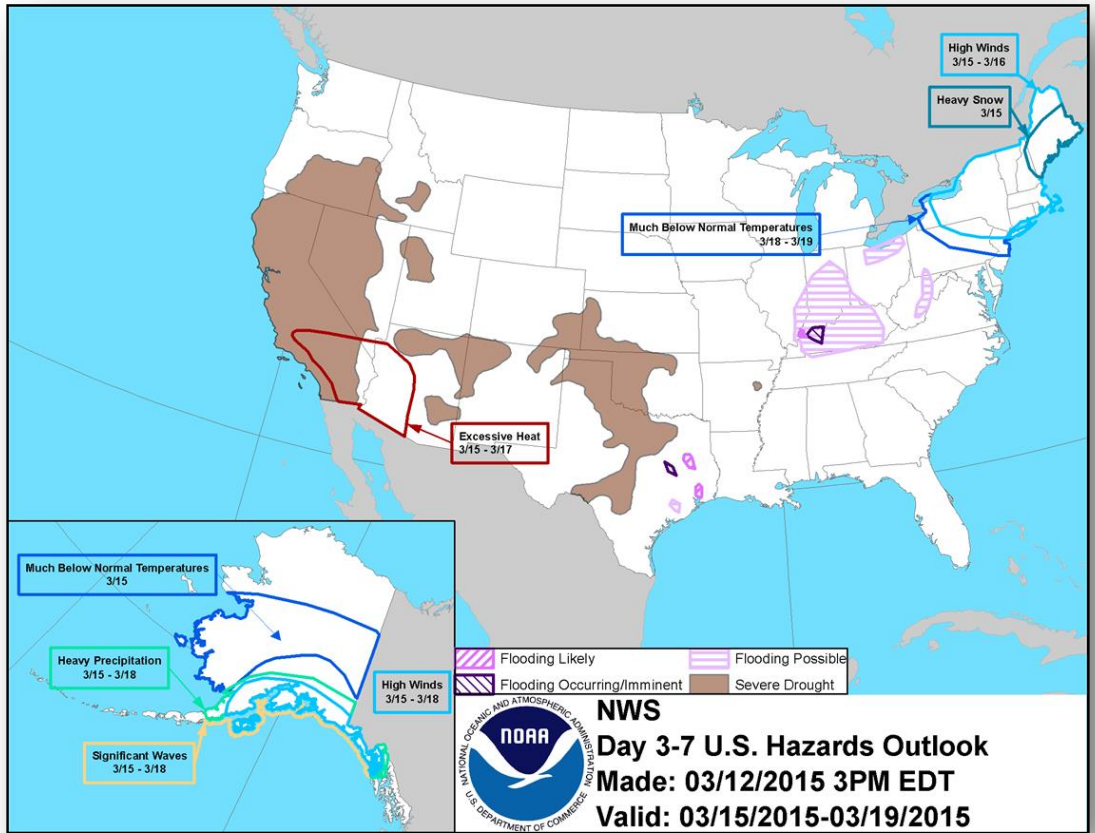
Fire Weather Outlook, Days 1-8



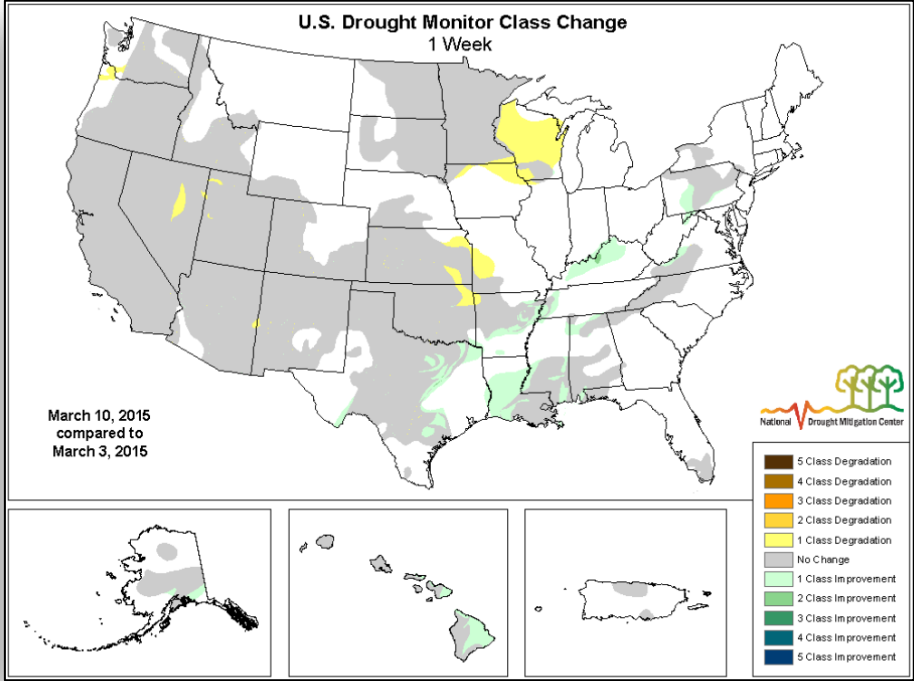
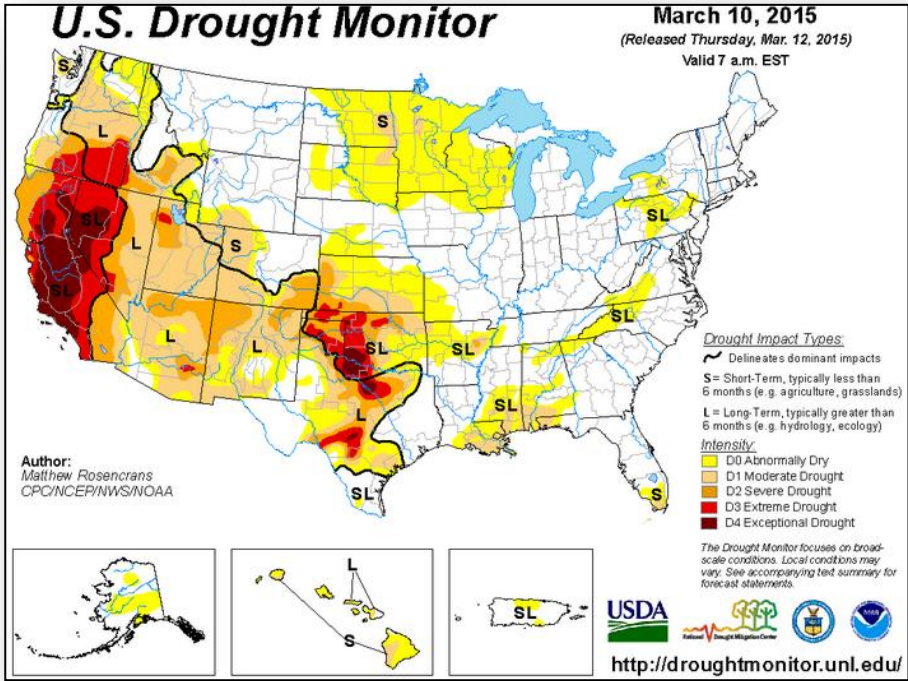
Total Snow Forecast



Hazard Outlook: Mar 15-19

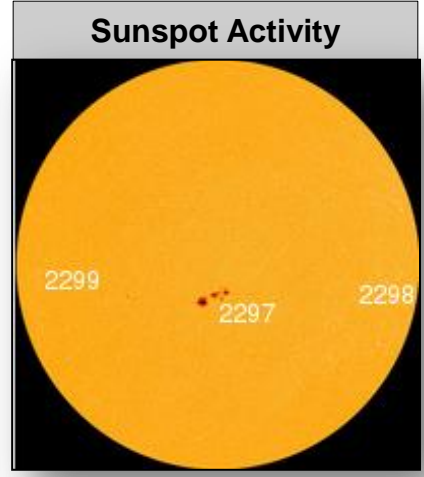
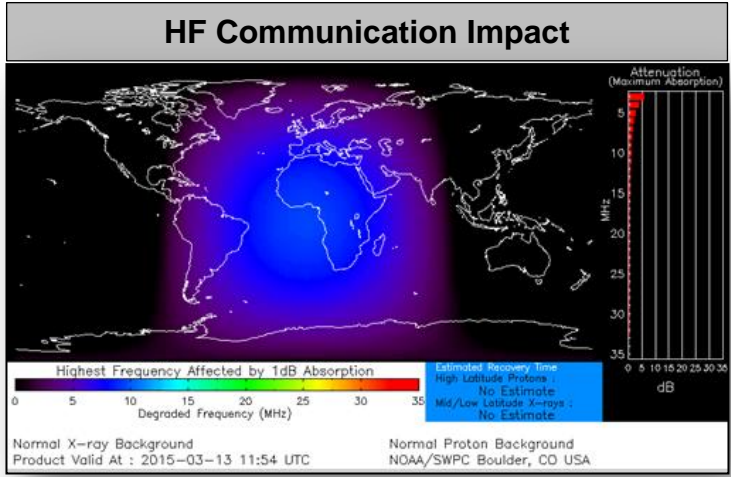


U.S. Drought Monitor

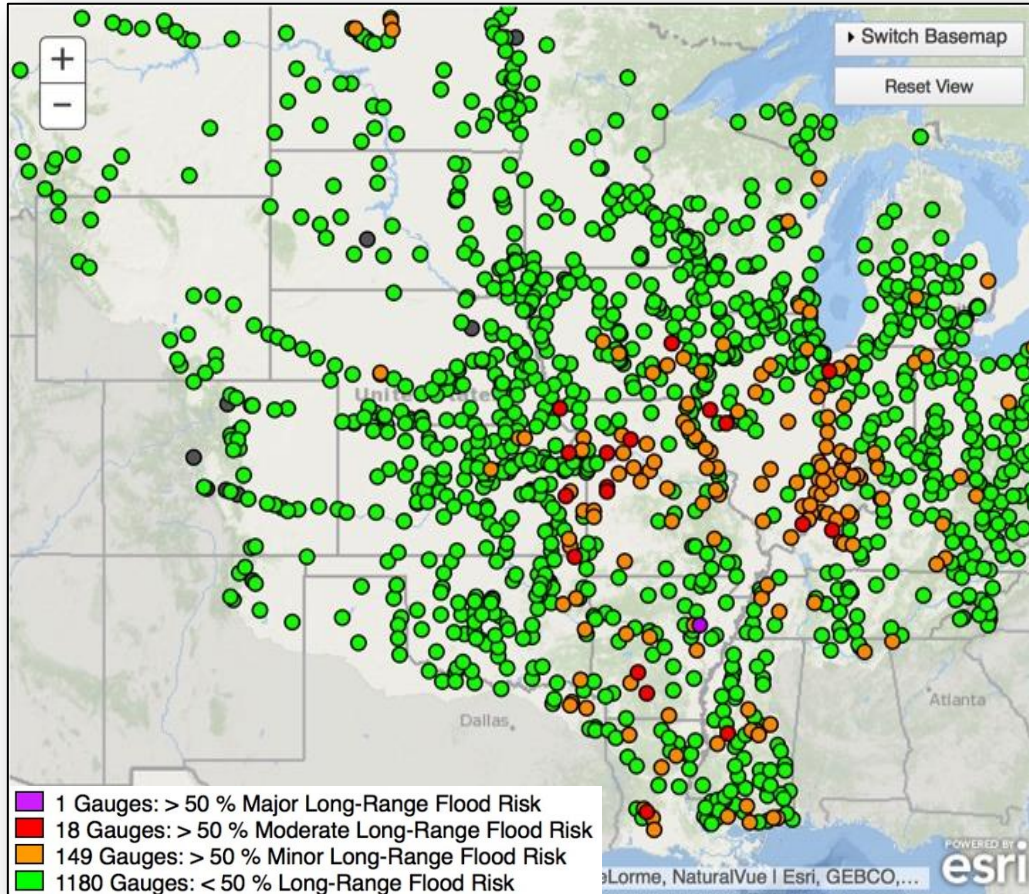


Space Weather

NOAA Scales Activity (Range: 1/minor to 5/extreme)	Past 24 Hours	Current	Next 24 Hours
Space Weather Activity:	Minor	None	Minor
• Geomagnetic Storms	None	None	G1
• Solar Radiation Storms	None	None	None
• Radio Blackouts	R1	None	R1



Mississippi Basin: Long-Range Outlook



Graphic depicts the long-range (3-month) flood risk during the period of March-April-May 2015.

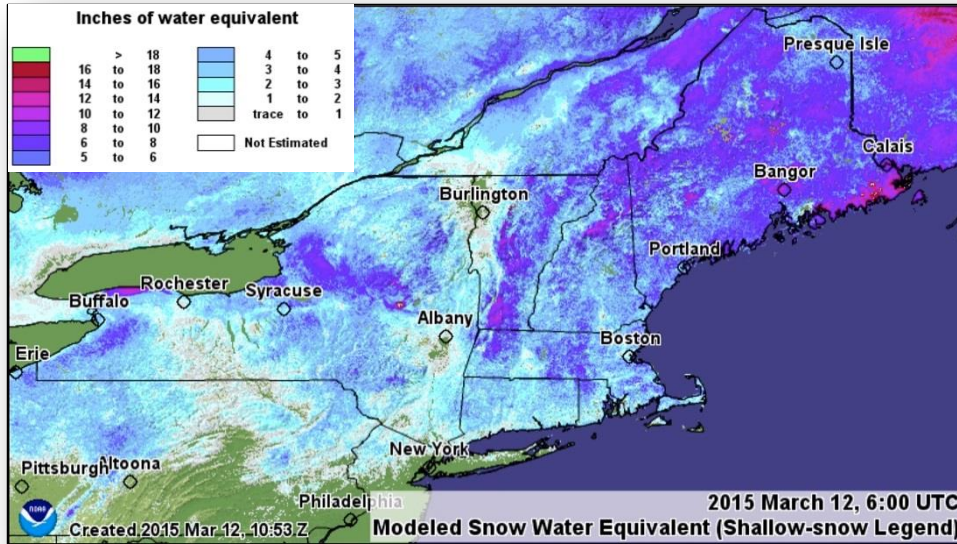
Flood Risk:

- Considered **near normal** over much of central and southern sections of the basin.
- Considered **normal to below normal** over much of the northern sections of the basin.

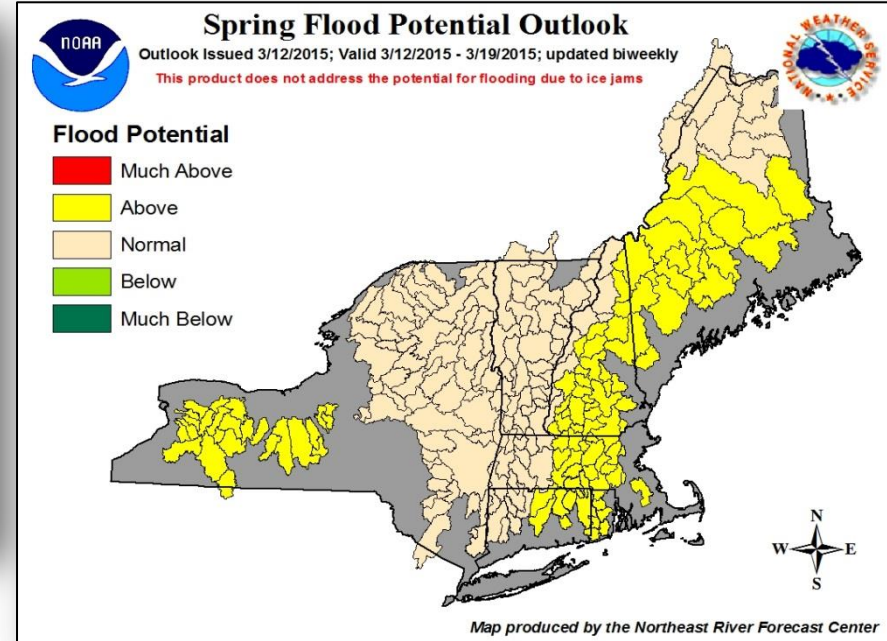
Additional Highlights:

- Flooding that occurs is expected to be mostly minor to moderate.
- Snowmelt will **not** be as big of a contributor this year to spring flooding.
- Spring rains will be needed for much of the flooding this year.

Northeast SWE / Spring Flood Potential



Snow Water Equivalents (SWEs) are generally near to above normal for most areas. Much above normal SWEs are noted in southern New England and western NY State.



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	23	62%	0	1	13		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	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	2	66%	0	0	1	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	10	77%	0	3	0	<u>Not Mission Capable (NMC):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regions IV-3, VI-1 & IX-1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green: 7 or more avail Yellow: 4 - 6 teams available Red: > 8 teams deployed/unavailable <p><i>R-IMAT also red if TL Ops/Log Chief is unavailable and has no qualified replacement</i></p>
MCOV	Green	60	58	97%	0	2	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	Activated	Region IX RWC at Enhanced Watch	



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