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Daily Operations Briefing

Sunday, March 13, 2016

8:30 a.m. EDT

Significant Activity: March 12-13



Significant Events: Severe storms and flooding – South-Central U.S.

Significant Weather:

- Flash Flooding possible – Lower Mississippi/Tennessee Valley and California/Pacific Northwest
- Severe Thunderstorms possible – Lower Mississippi/Tennessee Valley
- Rain & mountain snow – West Coast and Intermountain West
- Rain/Thunderstorms – Southeast, Middle Mississippi Valley, Southern Plains, and Mid-Atlantic
- Rain – Great Lakes, Northern Plains, and Northeast
- Elevated Fire Weather Areas/Red Flag Warnings – Southern Plains and Southwest
- Space Weather – No activity in the past 24 hours; none expected for next 24 hours

Tropical Activity: No activity affecting U.S. territories

Earthquake Activity: No significant activity

Declaration Activity: Louisiana request for major disaster declaration

River Flooding – South Central U.S.



Current Situation

- Heavy rainfall of 12 to 20 inches of rain resulted in widespread moderate to major flooding for much of eastern TX, LA, southern AR, & southern MS
- Rivers have or will crest in many areas in the next few days. Some locations will experience long-duration moderate or major flood crests through next week. Several areas have reached or exceeded record levels, within far eastern TX & LA

State Response

- LA GOHSEP is [Partially Activated \(24/7\)](#); State of Emergency statewide; National Guard assisting in water rescues
- MS EOC is Partially Activated; State of Emergency declared; National Guard activated
- KY & TN EOCs at Monitoring; all other EOCs are at Normal Operations

FEMA Region VI

- RRCC Partially Activated (Level III) with ESF's 3 and 6 (Dayshift); RWC is at Watch/Steady State
- IMAT 2 deployed to LA; LNO deployed to LA EOC
- USACE is providing technical assistance at the non-federal Red Chute Bayou Levee (Tributary of Red River in LA); overtopping is likely

FEMA HQ

- NRCC not activated; NWC at Watch/Steady State
- [National IMAT West & FEMA Region I IMAT](#) are on Alert for possible deployment to LA
- FSA established at Camp Beauregard in Pineville, LA
- [MERS from Denton](#) is deployed to the FSA

River Flooding – South Central U.S.



State/Local Impacts

Louisiana

- Evacuations (mandatory & voluntary) exceed 10k statewide; majority in Bossier Parish (9,500); Nursing Home evacuated in Washington Parish
- 75 homes inundated w/18 inches of water in Bossier Parish
- Power outages: 7k customers* (42k peak)
- 29 (+13) shelters open with 479 (-283) occupants *(RVI; 5:30 p.m. EDT, March 12)*
- Numerous roads closed statewide to include I-49 and I-12; I-20 reopened in both directions, ramps to secondary roads remain closed in many areas
- 61 water treatment facilities affected; 9 inoperable (boil water advisories issued in numerous areas across the state)
- 3 confirmed fatalities

Mississippi

- 620 homes impacted by flooding statewide; approximately 200 of those have major damage
- Approximately 350 roads / 18 bridges impacted (minor – major damage) statewide
- City of Jackson Water Treatment Plant damaged in Hinds County – unknown impacts
- 9 (+1) shelters are open with 61 (+34) occupants *(FEMA RIV as of 6:40 pm EDT, March 12)*

Tennessee

- Levee breach on Obion River near Kenton (pop 1,200); 7 homes evacuated
- 1 confirmed fatality in Fayette County

Major Disaster Declaration Request – Louisiana

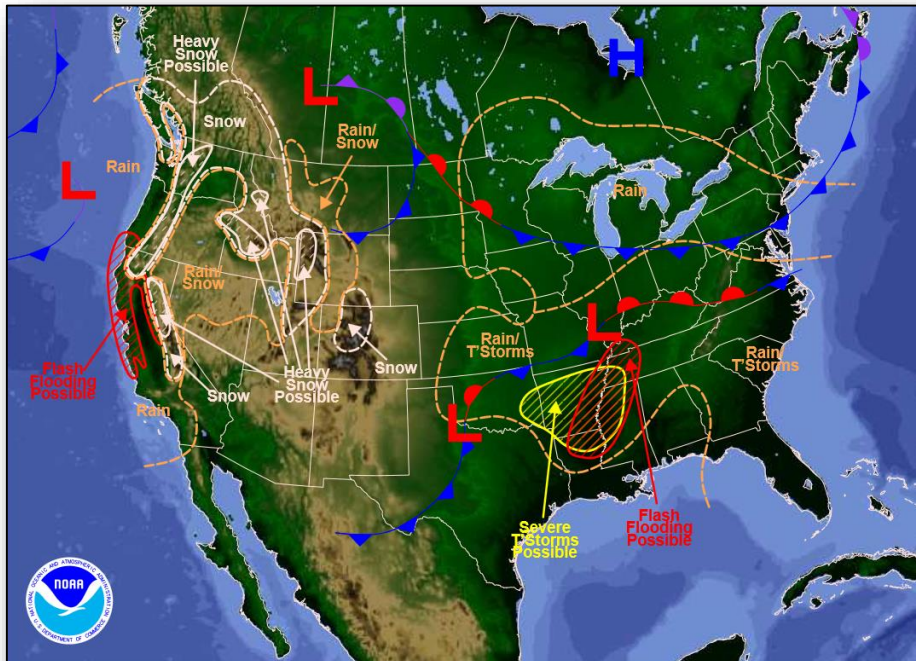


March 13, 2016

- Request for Major Disaster Declaration for the State of LA
- For severe storms & flooding beginning March 8, 2016 and continuing
- Specifically Requesting:
 - Public Assistance: Debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A & B) for 7 Parishes
 - Individual Assistance for 7 Parishes
 - Direct federal assistance for flood fighting, dewatering communities and sheltering operations
- Hazard Mitigation statewide

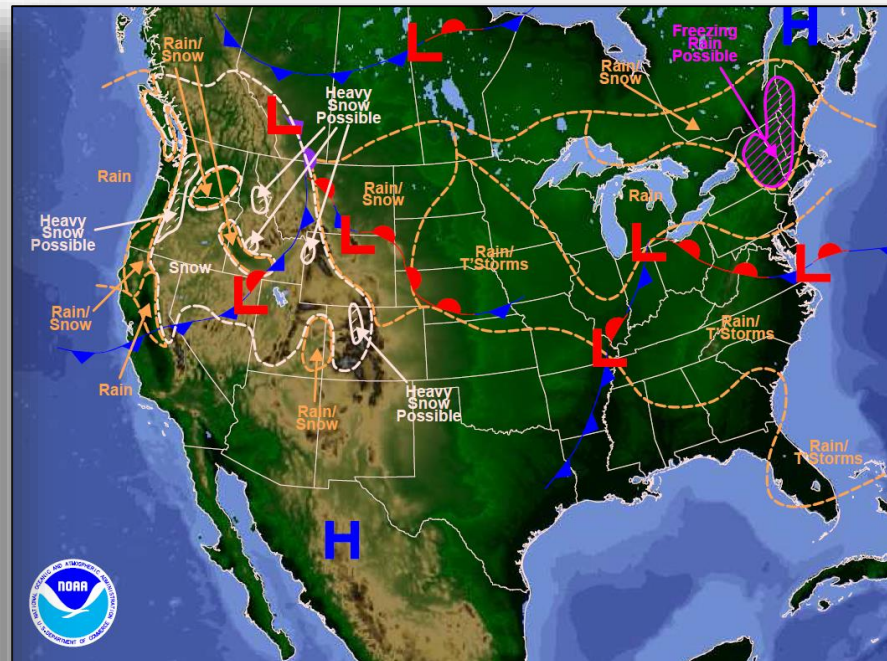


National Weather Forecast



Weather Forecast for Sun, Mar 13, 2016, issued 4:41 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Santorelli based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

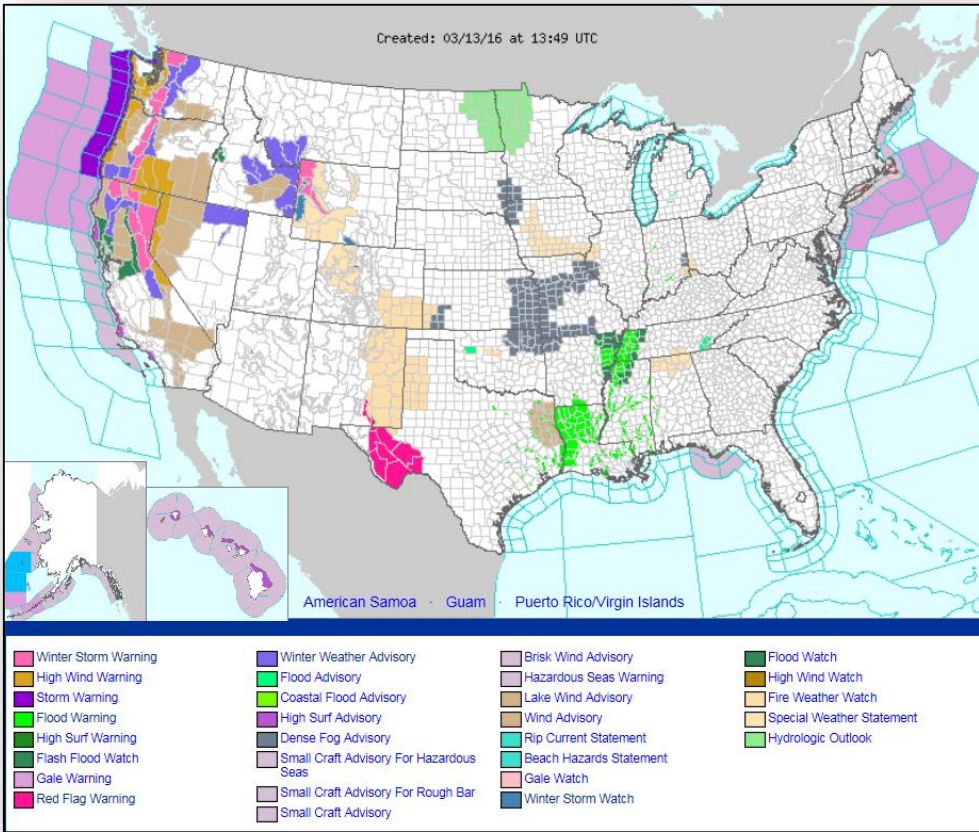
Today



Weather Forecast for Mon, Mar 14, 2016, issued 4:49 AM EDT Sun, Mar 13, 2016
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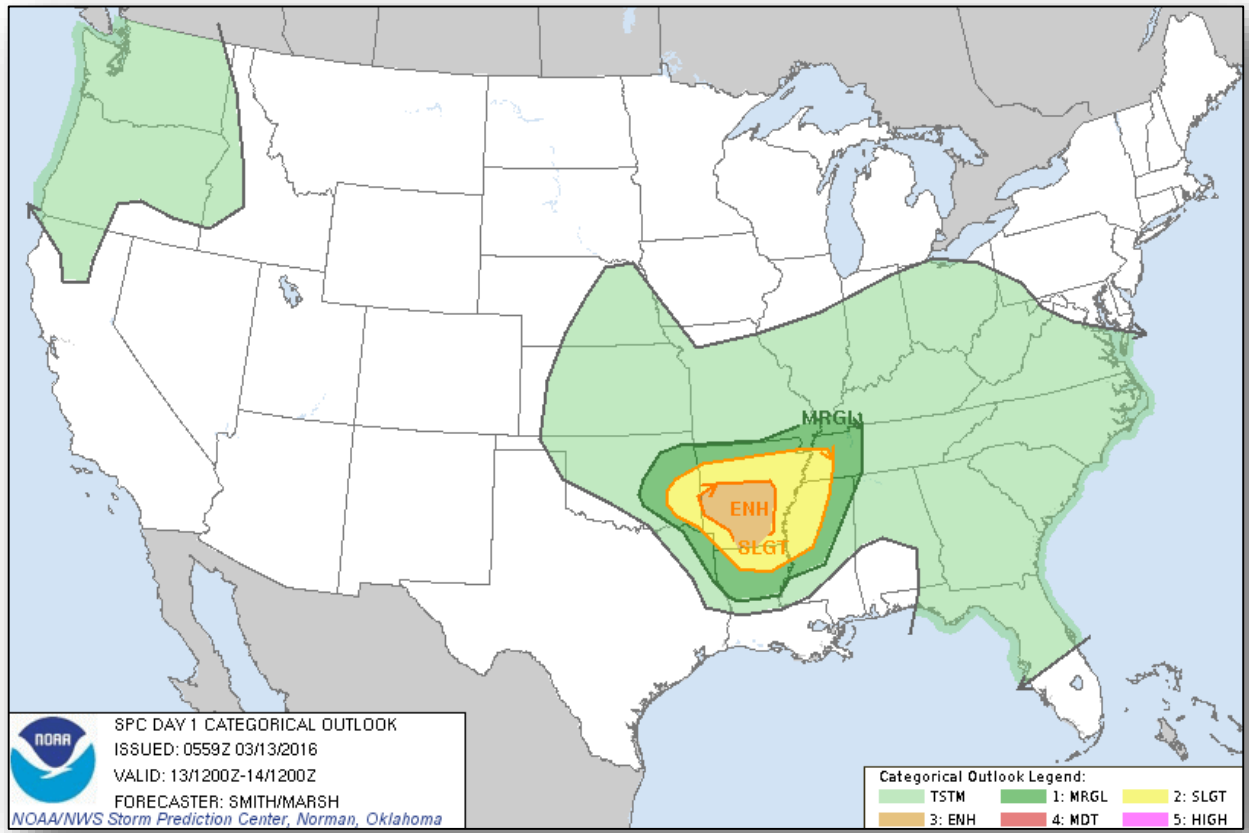
Active Watches/Warnings



Convective Outlook

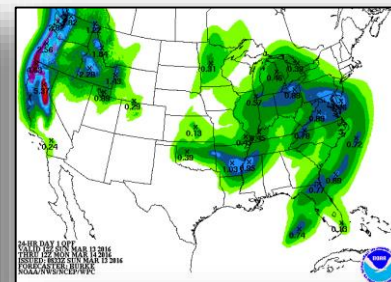
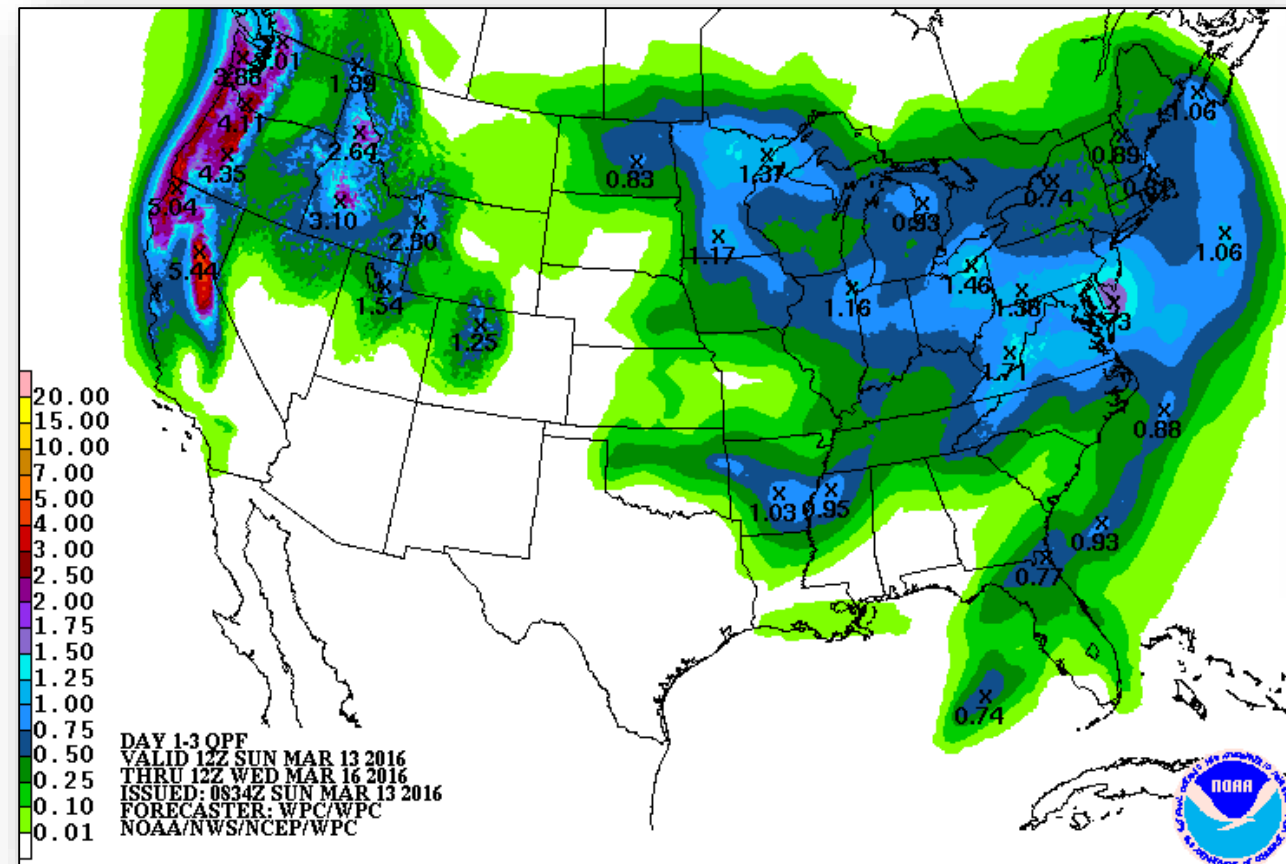


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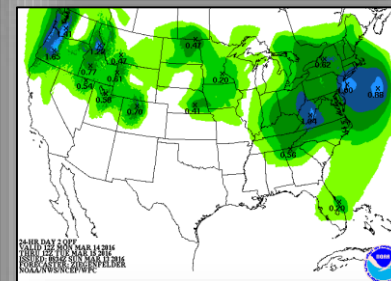


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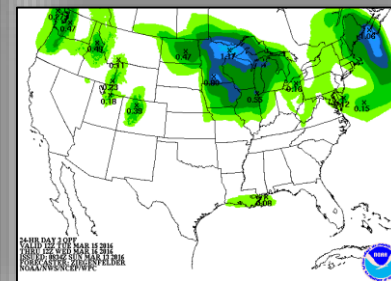
Precipitation Forecast, 1-3 Day



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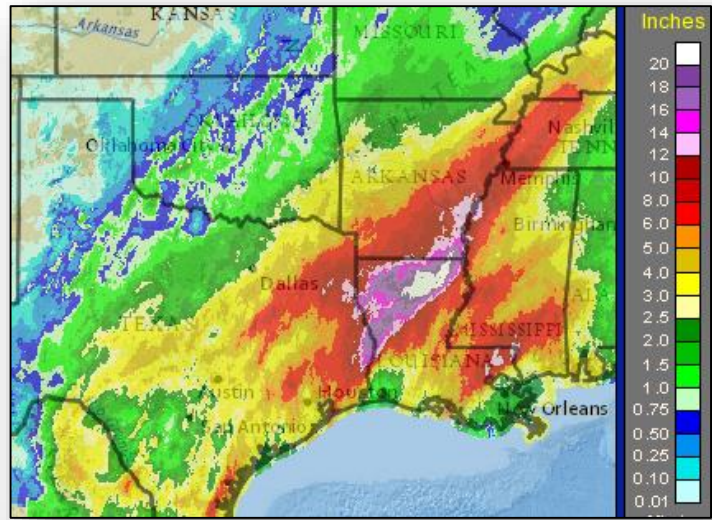


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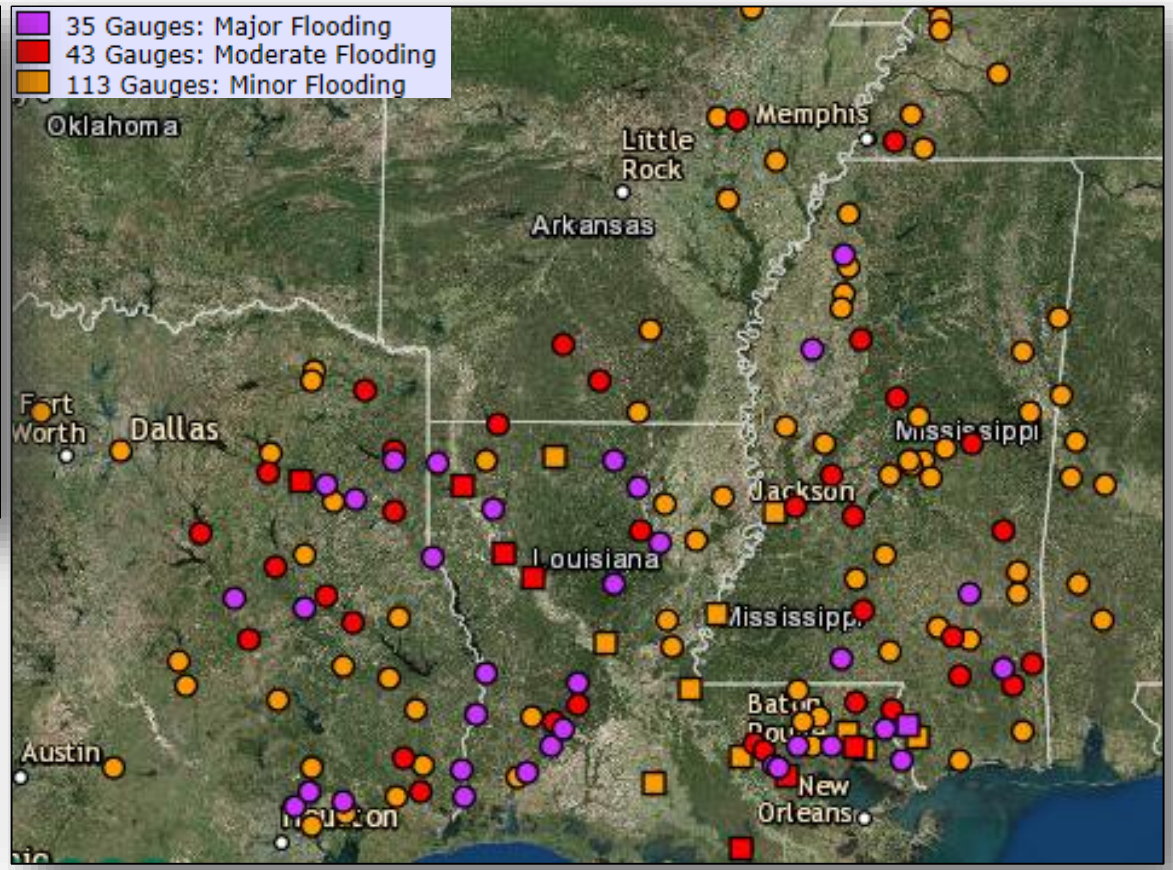


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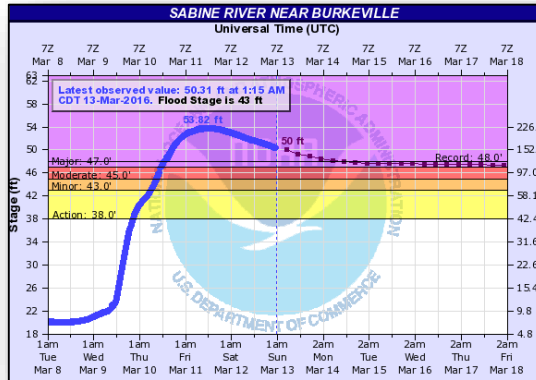
River Flooding



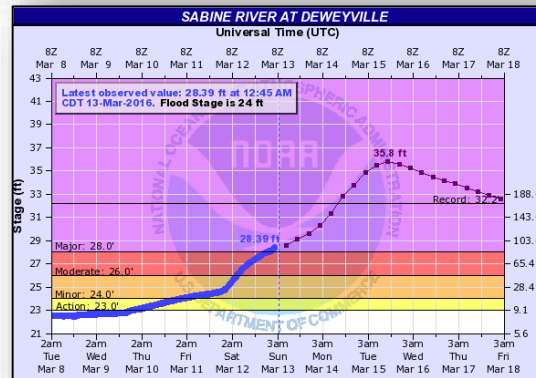
Past 5-Days Observed Precipitation



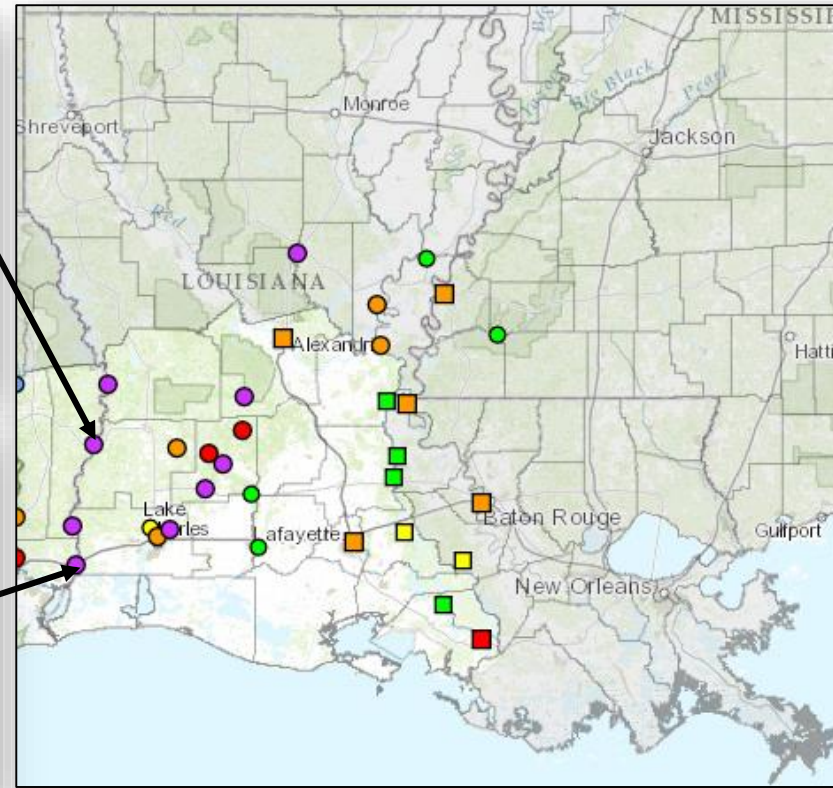
River Flooding – Sabine River



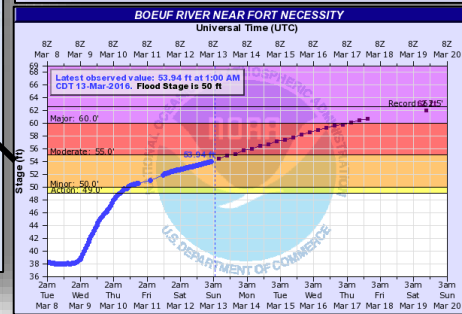
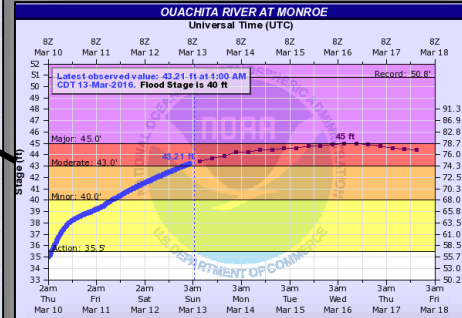
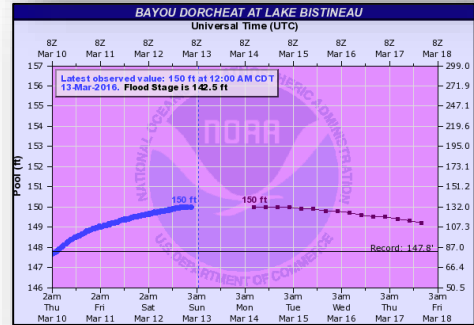
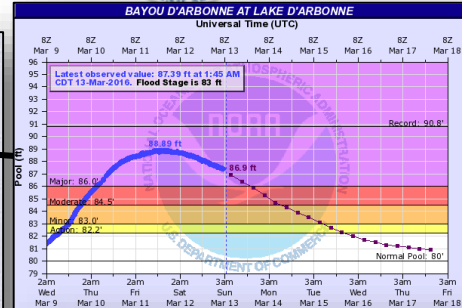
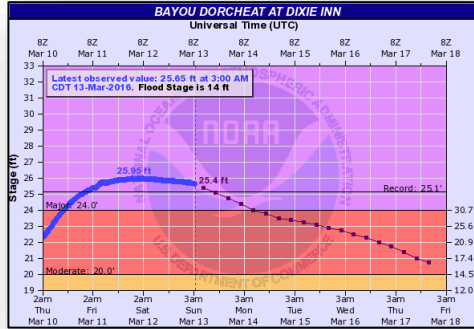
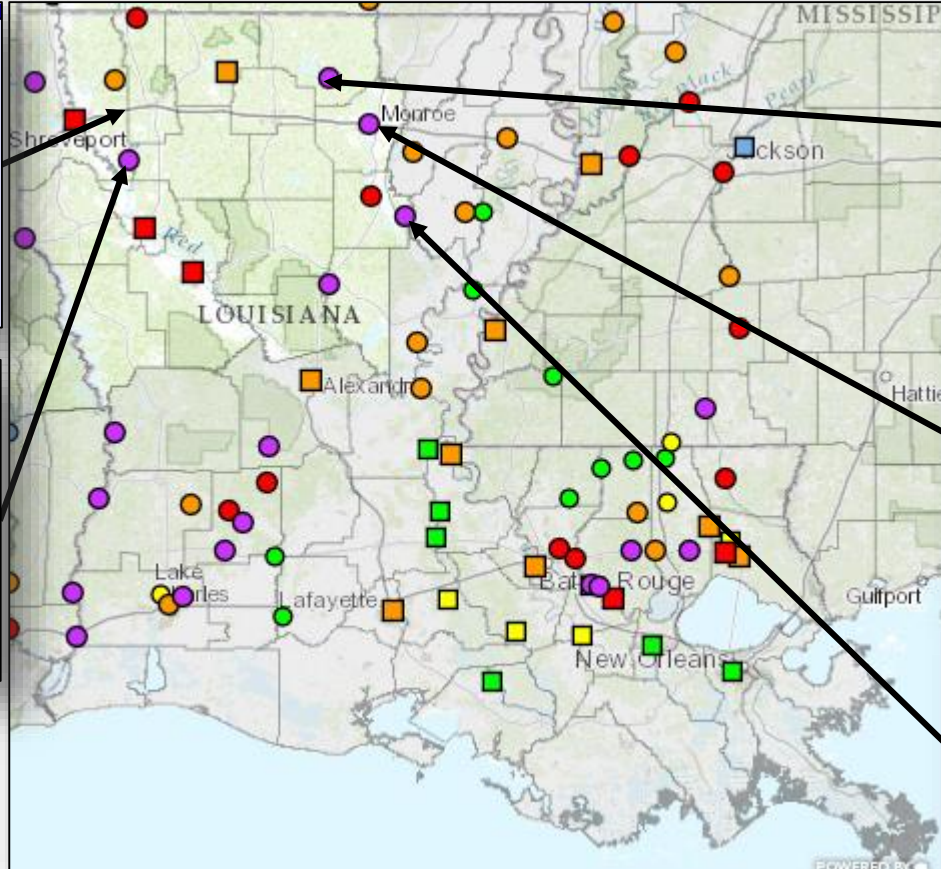
Record flooding lasts through the week



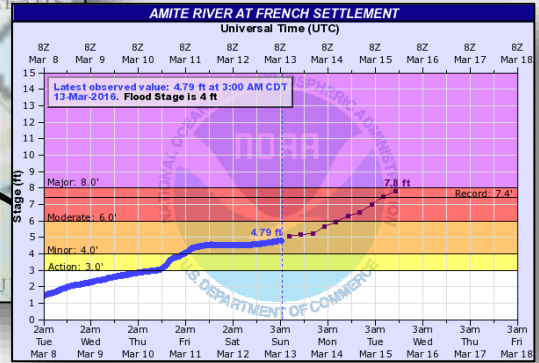
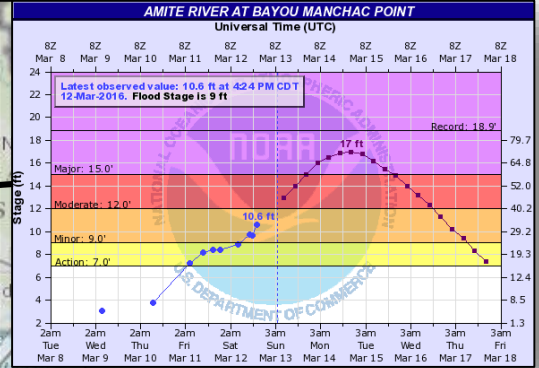
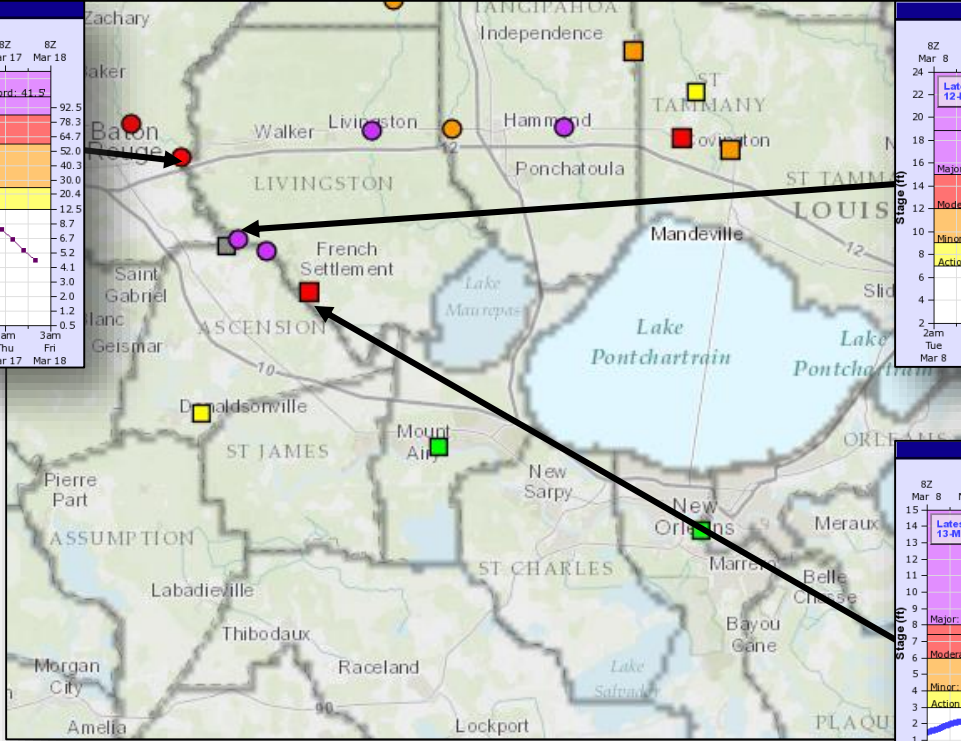
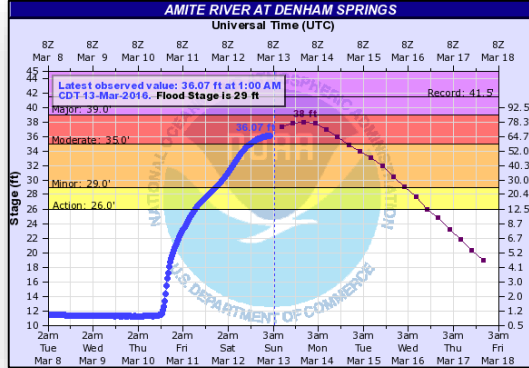
Flood stage continues to rise with estimated peak on Wednesday



River Flooding – Northern Louisiana



River Flooding – Amite River

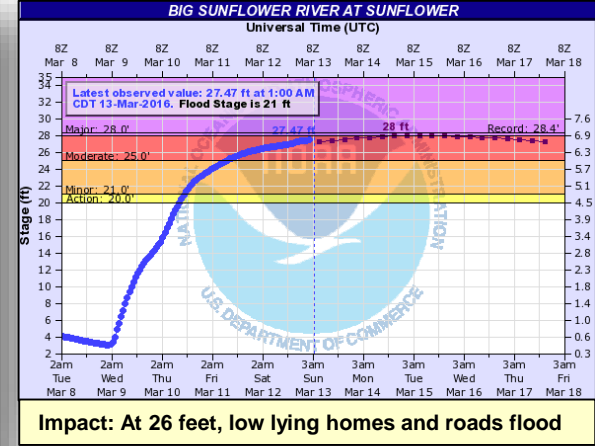
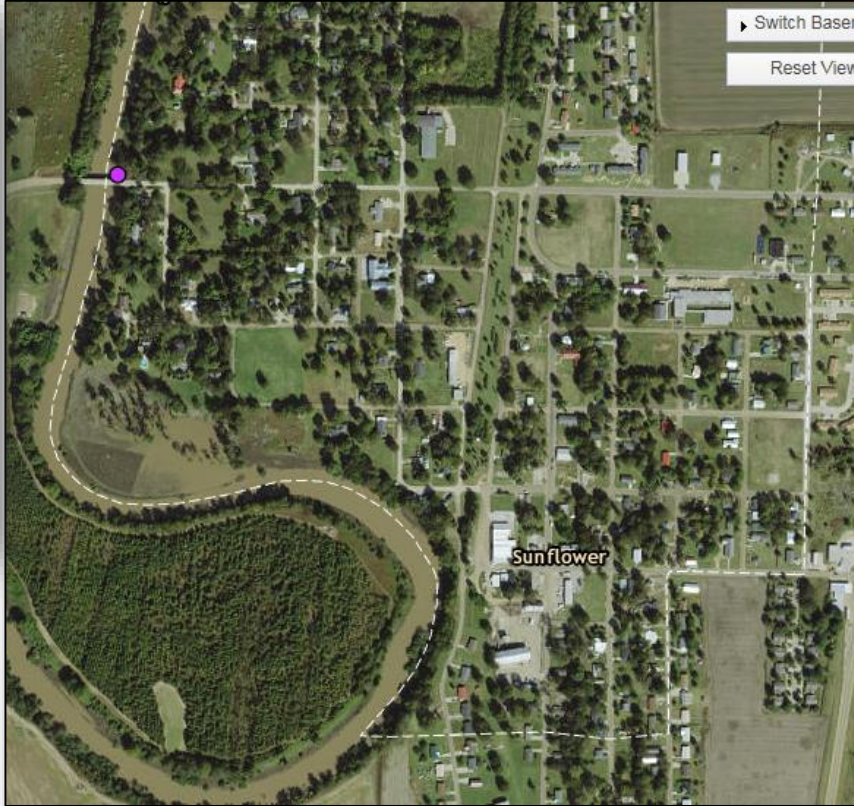


River crests at Denham Springs on Monday, downstream record flood stage possible on Wednesday

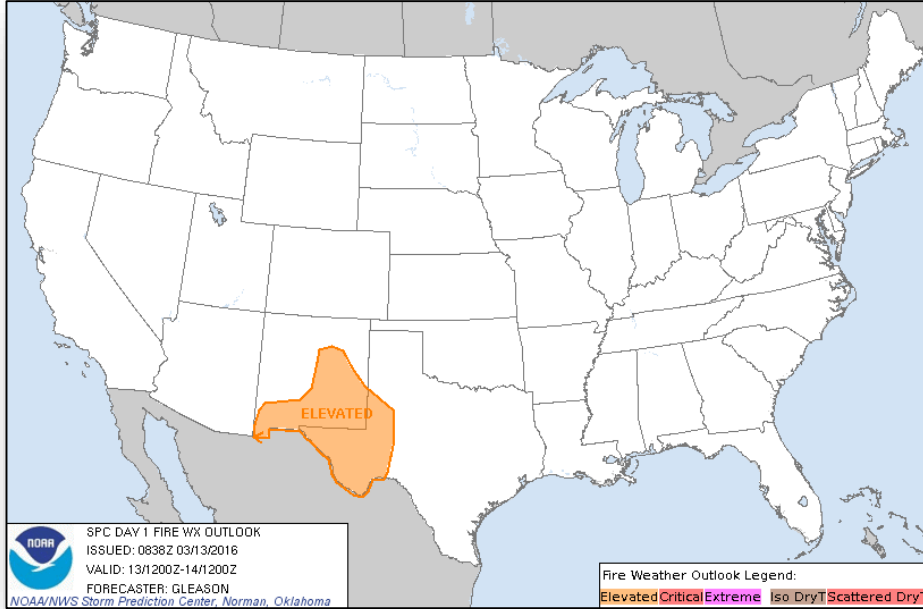
River Flooding – Big Sunflower River



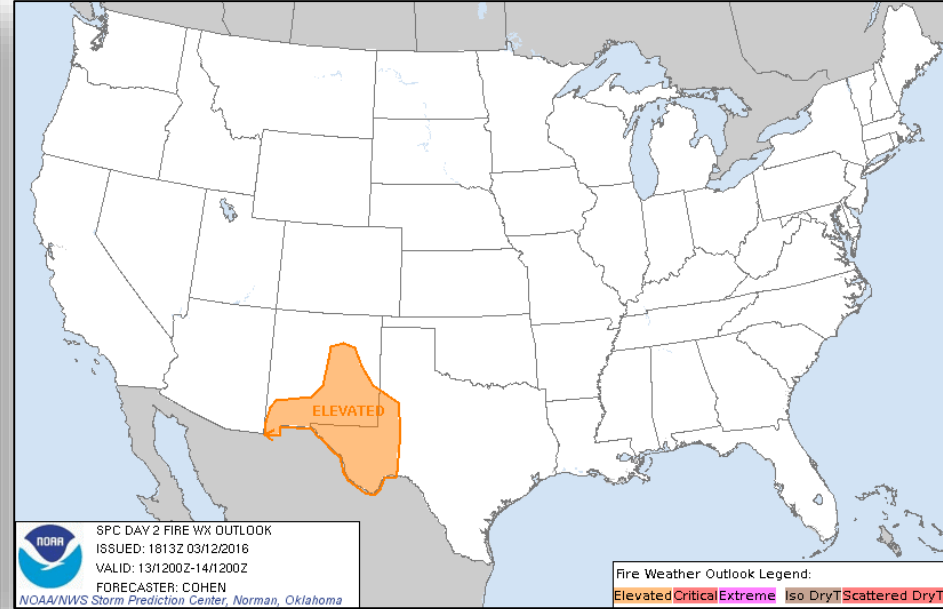
Sunflower, MS, pop. 1,100



Fire Weather Outlook

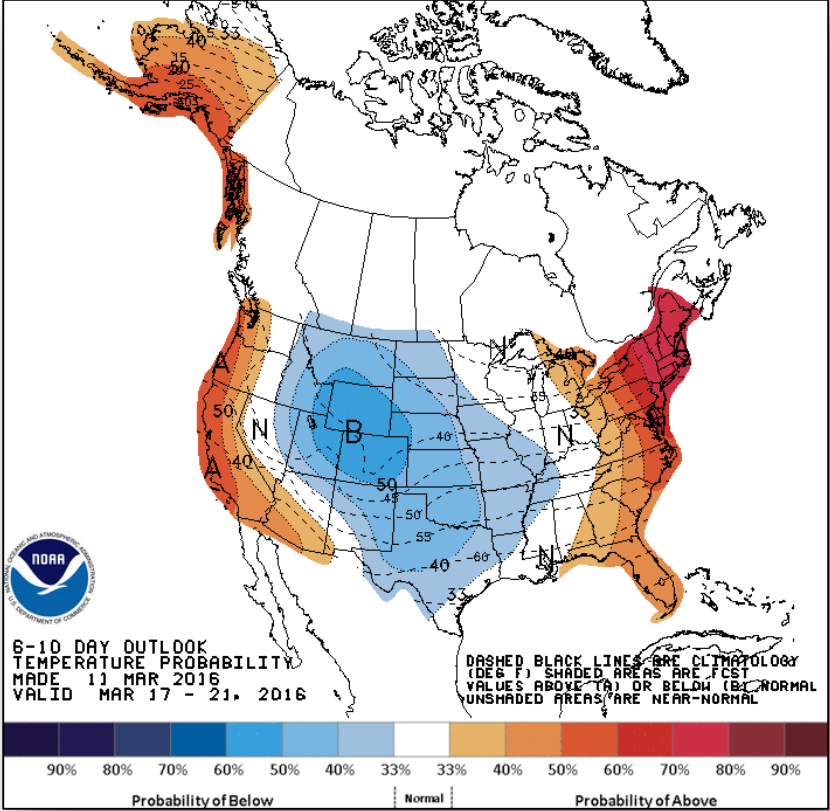


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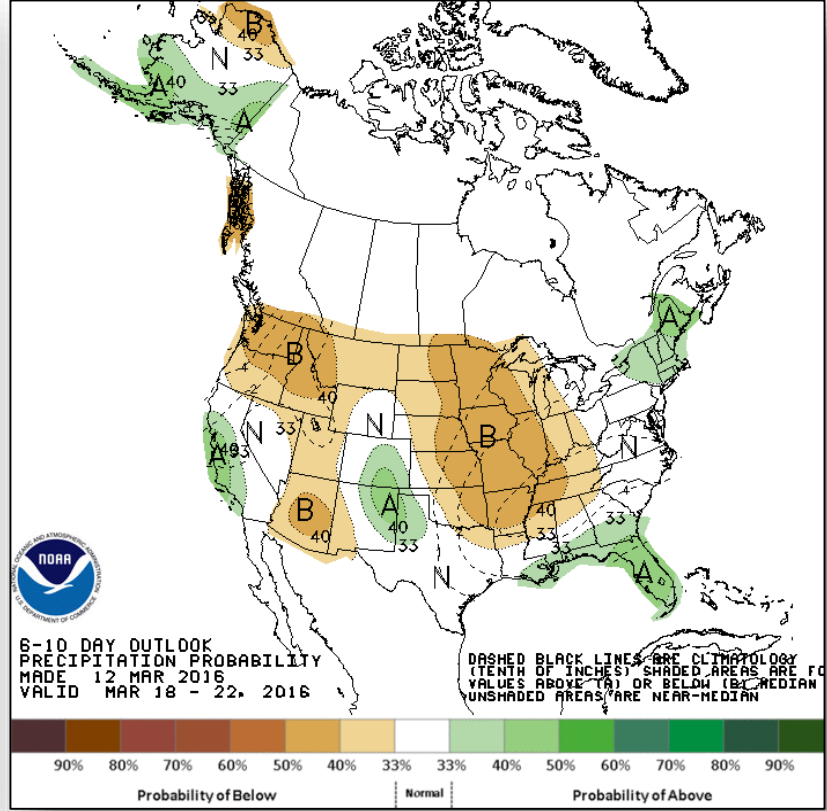


Tomorrow

6-10 Day Outlooks



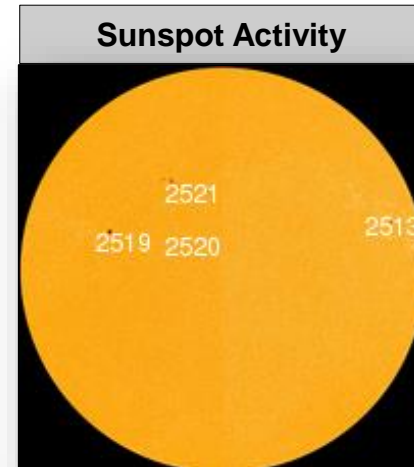
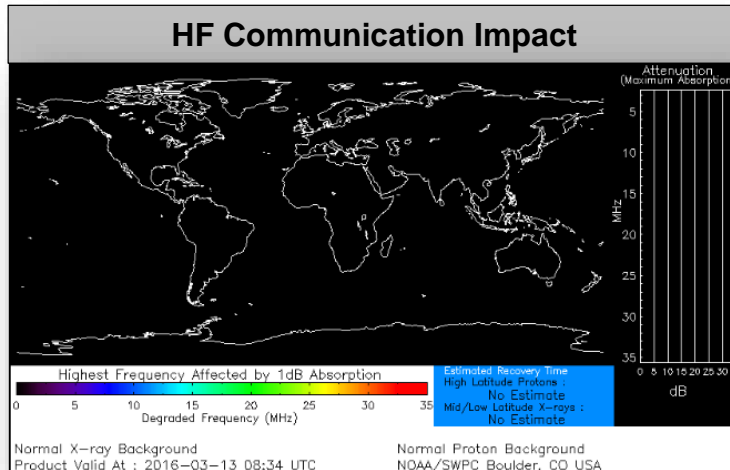
Temperature Probability



Precipitation Probability

Space Weather

	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

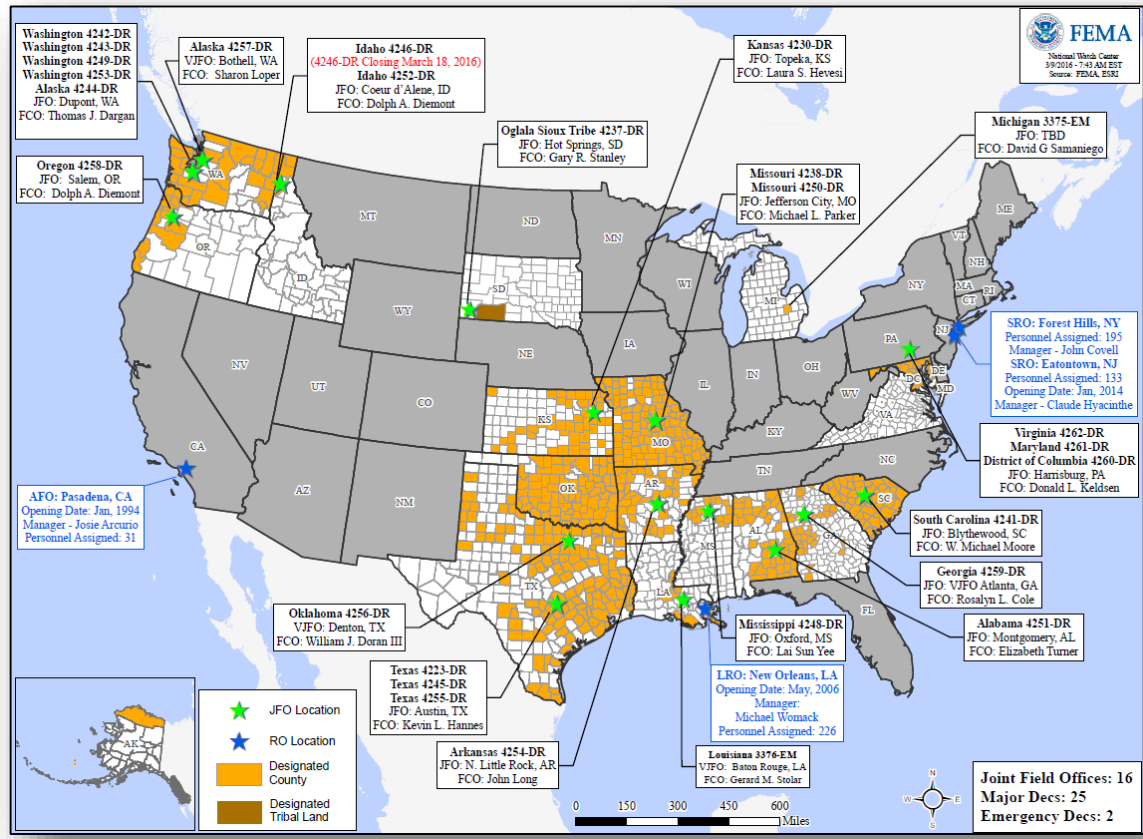


Disaster Requests & Declarations



Declaration Requests in Process		Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
6	Date Requested	0	0
NJ – DR Severe Winter Storms, Snowstorm	February 11, 2016		
DE – DR Severe Winter Storm and Flooding	February 18, 2016		
PA – DR Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	February 19, 2016		
FL – EM Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Straight-Line Winds	February 29, 2016		
LA – DR Flooding	March 2, 2016		
LA – Severe Storms & Flooding	March 13, 2016		

Open Field Offices as of March 13, 2016



Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



Region	State / Location	Event	IA/PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Complete	
III	WV	Severe Winter Storm/Snowstorm January 22-23, 2016	PA	33	30	2/17 – TBD
	PA	Severe Winter Storm/Snowstorm January 22-23, 2016	PA	31	17	2/23 – TBD



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