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# **FEMA**

# Daily Operations Briefing Wednesday, March 15, 2017 8:30 a.m. EDT

#### Significant Activity – Mar 14-15



Significant Events: Nor'easter Northeastern U.S. – March 13-15

#### Significant Weather:

- · Heavy snow possible Great Lakes to Northeast; portions of Northern Intermountain
- Snow Northern Plains to Upper Mississippi Valley; Great Lakes; Central Appalachians to Mid-Atlantic and Northeast
- Rain and snow Pacific Northwest to northern CA and Northern Plains
- Rain Pacific Northwest to northern CA; south TX
- Space Weather Past 24 hours: none ; next 24 hours: none

Tropical Activity: No activity affecting U.S. interests

Earthquake Activity: No significant activity

Declaration Activity: None

### Nor'easter – Mar 13-15

#### Current Situation:

 The nor'easter is beginning to weaken and will continue lifting northward into Canada today

#### Impacts:

- Transportation:
  - Public transportation (rail and bus) are returning to normal but some systems are operating on a limited or modified schedule
  - Most airports are open but 1,000 flights cancelled and 150 flights delayed today (Flight Aware as of 7:30 am EDT)
- Numerous public and private schools remain closed or opening late
- Power Outages:
  - Region I: 60k customers without power (Peak 199k)
  - Region II: 11k customers without power (Peak 72k)
  - Region III: 19k customers without power (Peak 160k) (DOE EAGLE-I as of 8:00 a.m. EDT; Note: 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.)
- Shelters: 3 shelters open in MA with 14 occupants (ARC Midnight Shelter count as of 6:24 am EDT)
- No initial reports of any significant damage
- No unmet needs or requests for FEMA assistance

#### Heaviest snowfall totals as of 3:00 pm EDT Tuesday:

- 24.0 inches at Dingmans Ferry, Mount Pocono and Beach Lake, PA
- 22.5 inches at Jefferson, NY
- 18.0 inches at North Granby, CT
- 17.5 inches at Sussex, NJ
- 16.0 inches at Huntington, MA
- 13.0 inches at Smith Crossroads, WV
- 12.0 inches at Burrillville, RI
- 10.6 inches near New Boston, NH
- 10.0 inches near Cumberland, Frederick and Ridgeley, MD
- 9.5 inches at Newfane, VT
- 8.1 inches near Winchester, VA
- 7.5 inches near Steep Falls, ME
- 4.0 inches near Newark, DE
- 3.1 inches at Washington National Airport

#### Strongest peak wind gusts as of 3:00 pm EDT Tuesday:

- 85 mph at Pittsfield Municipal Airport, MA
- 68 mph at Orient, NY
- 65 mph at Seaside Heights, NJ
- 61 mph near Dunn Landing, RI
- 60 mph at Dover Air Force Base, DE



#### Nor'easter – Mar 13-15

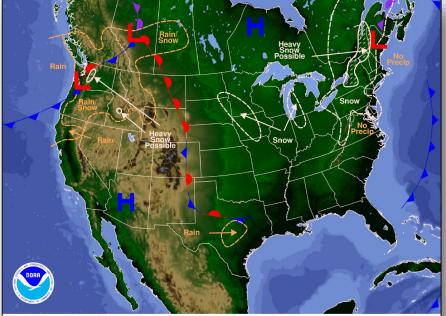


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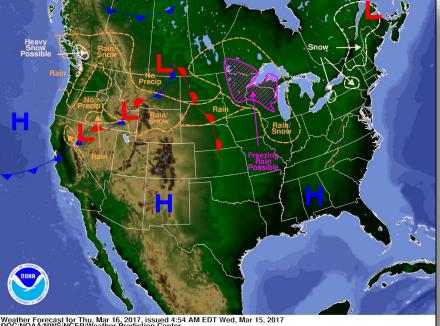
- FEMA HQ: NRCC not activated; NWC at Watch/Steady State
- FEMA Region I RRCC not activated; RWC at Watch/Steady State; LNOs released from CT & RI
  - MA & NH EOCs at Partial Activation
  - RI EOC was at Full Activation; returned to Normal Operations
  - VT EOC was at Partial Activation; returned to Normal Operations
  - CT EOC was at Partial Activation; returned to Normal Operations
- FEMA Region II RRCC not activated; RWC returned to Watch/Steady State
  - NY State EOC is at Partial Activation; expected to return to Normal Operations at 8:00 pm EDT; NY Governor declared State of Emergency; NY City EOC was at Partial Activation; returned to Normal Operations
  - NJ EOC at Monitoring; expected to return to Normal Operations this evening
- FEMA Region III RRCC and ESFs released from Alert status; RWC returned to Watch/Steady State
  - IMAT released from Alert status; LNOs released from PA & VA
  - PA, VA, & MD Governors declared a State of Emergency
  - PA EOC was at Partial Activation; returned to Normal Operations
  - 647 (-53) National Guard personnel activated
  - DE was at Monitoring; returned to Normal Operations
  - VA EOC was at Partial Activation; returned to Normal Operations
  - MD EOC was at Partial Activation; now at Monitoring

#### National Weather Forecast





Weather Forecast for Wed, Mar 15, 2017, issued 4:51 AM EDT DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center Prepared by Mcreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



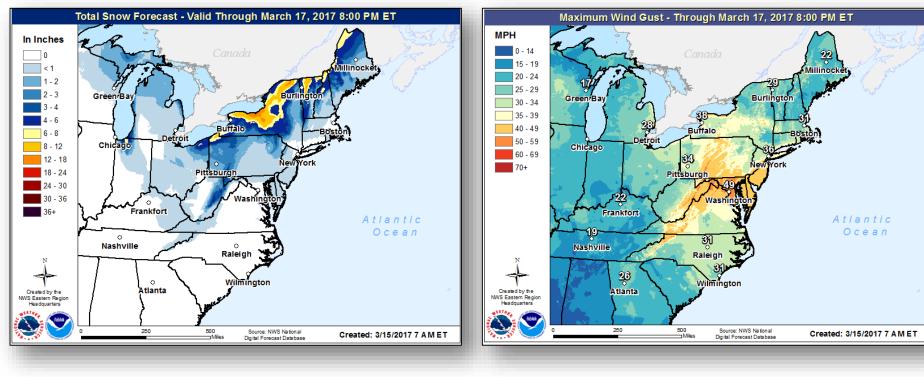
Weather Forecast for Thu, Mar 16, 2017, issued 4:54 AM EDT Wed, Mar 15, 2017 DOCINOAA/NWS/INCEP/Weather Prediction Center Prepared by Mcreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Tomorrow

Today

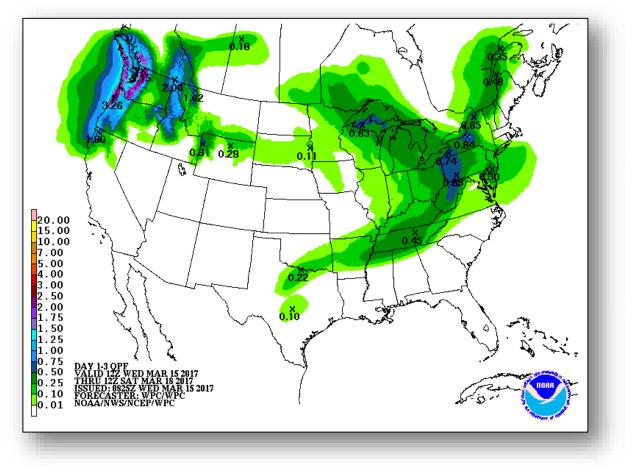
#### Additional Snowfall and Peak Wind Gusts

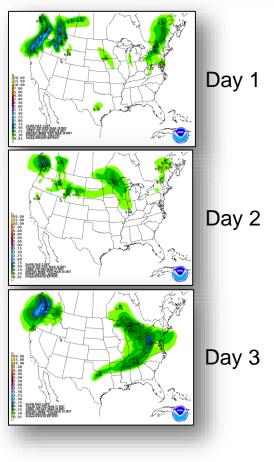




### Precipitation Forecast – Days 1-3

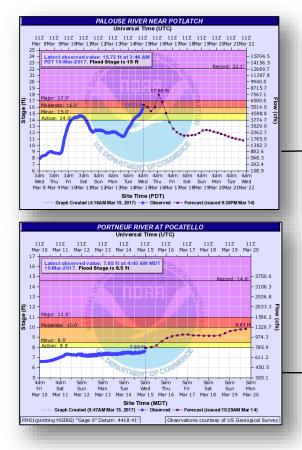




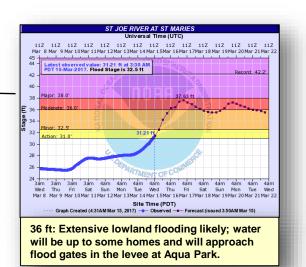


#### River Flood Forecasts - Idaho



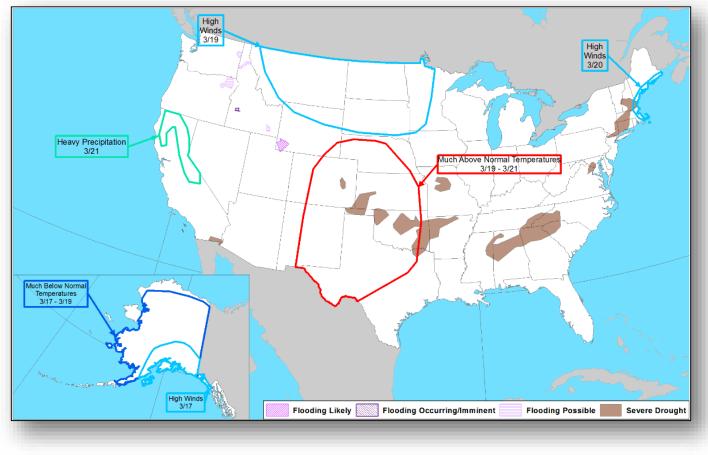






#### Hazards Outlook – March 17-21

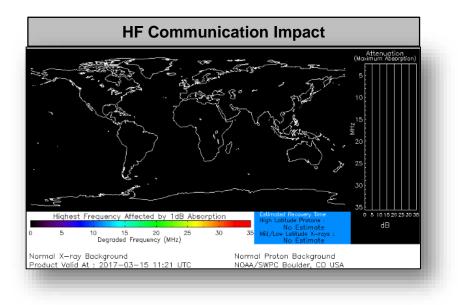


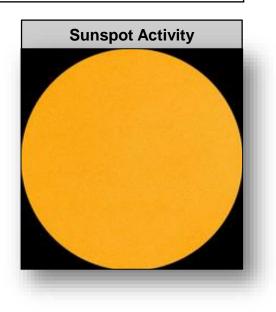


### Space Weather



	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 <a href="http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation">http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation</a>							





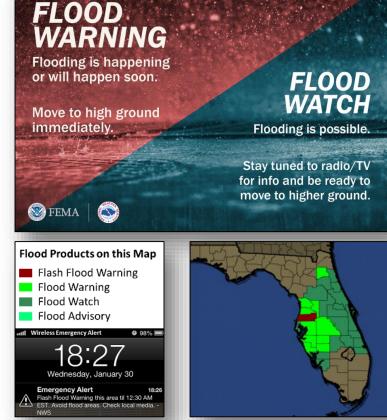
## NOAA's Flood Safety Awareness Week



#### Flood Advisories, Watches, and Warnings

- Flash Flood Warnings Take Action!
- Flood Warnings Take Action!
- Flood Watch Be Prepared!
- Flood Advisory Be Aware
- Sign Up for Notifications





Turn Around – Don't Drown!

Source: http://www.floodsafety.noaa.gov/

### Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



Region	State / Location	Event		Number of Counties		Start – End
	Location			Requested	Completed	
IX	California	Winter Storms		0	0	N/A
	Callionia	February 1-21, 2017	PA	40	0	2/28 – TBD
	Idaho	Severe Winter Storms & Flooding		0	0	N/A
	IUANO	February 6 – March 3, 2017	PA	9	0	3/13 – TBD
	Washington	Winter Storms, Flooding, Landslides & Mudslides January 2 – February 22, 2017		0	0	N/A
				19	0	3/15 – TBD

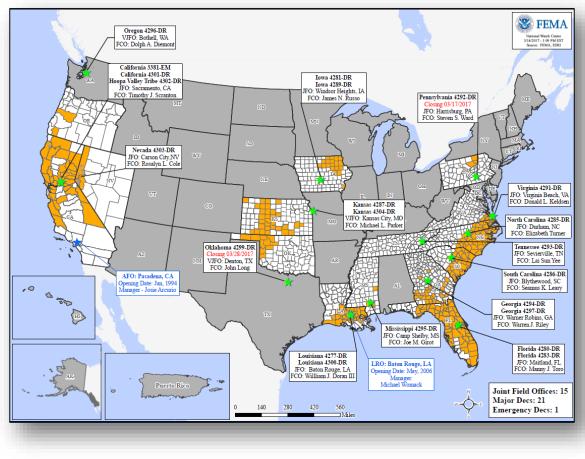
#### Disaster Requests & Declarations



Declaration Requests in Process	Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)	
5	Date Requested	0	0
ID – DR Severe Winter Storm	February 28, 2017		
CA – DR Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, and Mudslides	March 7, 2017		
NV – DR Severe Winter Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding and Mudslides	March 8, 2017		
WY – DR Severe Winter Storm	March 9, 2017		
OR – DR Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	March 9, 2017		

### **Open Field Offices**





### Readiness – Deployable Teams and Assets



Reso	urce	Force Strength	Ava	ilable	Deployed	Other	Cadres with less than 25% availability		
Total Wor	rkforce	10,167	5,790	56%	3,073	1,304	FLDR		
Resource	Status	Total	FMC Available	Partially Available	Not Available	Detailed, Deployed, Activated	Comments Status Criteria		
National IMAT		3	3	0	0	0	East-2 – Primary (March)	Green: >3 Teams Available Yellow: 1 - 2 Teams Available Red: 0 Teams Available <i>N-IMAT red if 50% of Section Chiefs or Team</i> Leader unavailable for deployment	
Regional IMAT		13	8	1	0	4	Region VI-2 Reconstituting (FMC on March 18) <u>Deployed:</u> Region IV-2 to MS (DR-4295) 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</i> <i>unavailable &amp; has no qualified replacement</i>	
FCO		36	7	0	5	24		OCD Readiness FCO Green Yellow Red   Type 1 3+ 2 1	
FDRC		11	5	0	3	3		Type 2 4+ 3 2   Type 3 4+ 3 2   FDRC 3 2 1	
US&R		28	27	0	0	1	NV-TF1 deployed to Reno, NV (flooding)	Green: >66% Available Yellow: 33% - 66% Available Red: <33% Available	
MERS		36	30	0	6	0	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	Region II Region III	Returned to Watch/Steady State	24/7	Nor'easter
RRCCs		10	Not Activated				

#### Back-up Regions (March 13-19): V, VII & VIII





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