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Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

8:30 a.m. EDT

Significant Activity – Mar 20-21



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Significant Events:

- Potential Mudslide/Debris flow – Southern CA
- Severe Weather – Nor'easter

Tropical Activity: Western Pacific – No activity affecting U.S. interests

Significant Weather:

- Flash Flood Watch – Southern CA
- Nor'easter – Mid-Atlantic to the Northeast
- Elevated Fire Weather/Red Flag Warnings – FL
- Space Weather:
 - Past 24 hours: None
 - Next 24 hours: None

Earthquake Activity: No significant activity

Declaration Activity: None

Potential Mudslide/Debris flow – So CA



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Situation

Heavy precipitation from a long duration storm event forecast for Southern California through Friday could result in debris flows at all recent burn areas

Potential Impacts

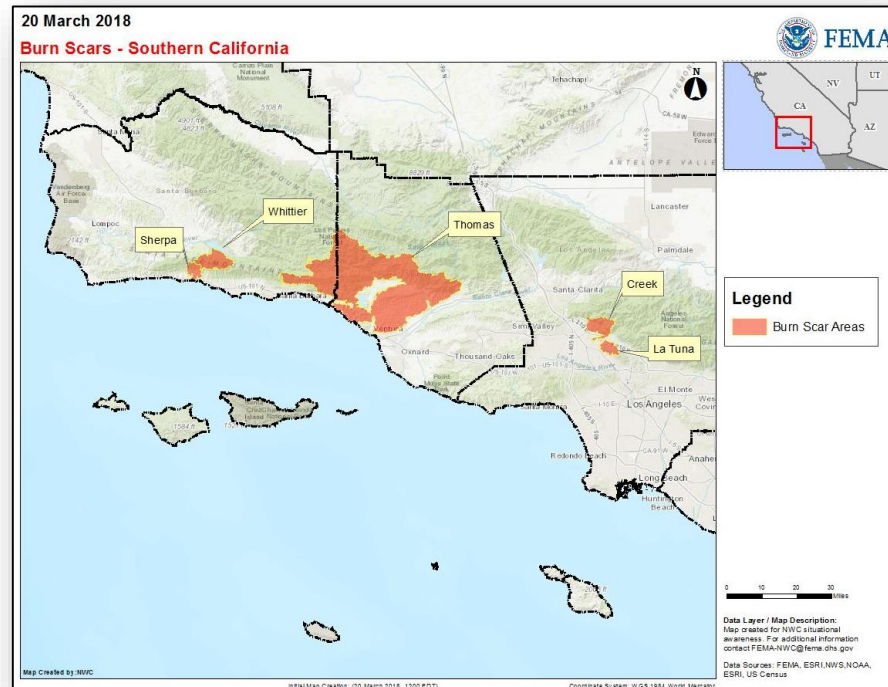
- High possibility of flash flooding, mudslides and debris flows particularly in the Thomas, Whittier, Sherpa, Creek and LaTuna burn scar areas
- Damage to infrastructure, power outages and displaced populations

State Preparatory Response

- CA SEOC at Partial Activation
- Evacuations:
 - Santa Barbara County: 18.8K Mandatory
 - Ventura County: 327 Mandatory
- Shelters: 2 Open / 49 Occupants (*ARC Midnight Shelter Count*)

FEMA Posture

- FEMA NWC: Steady State
- Region IX RWC: Monitoring event; JFO monitoring;
- RIX LNOs deployed to CA SEOC, deploying to Santa Barbara & Ventura Counties



Severe Weather – Nor'easter



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Situation

The fourth Nor'easter in three weeks will impact the Mid-Atlantic, Northeast and New England through Thursday. Heavy wet snow, gusty winds and coastal flooding are forecast.

Impacts

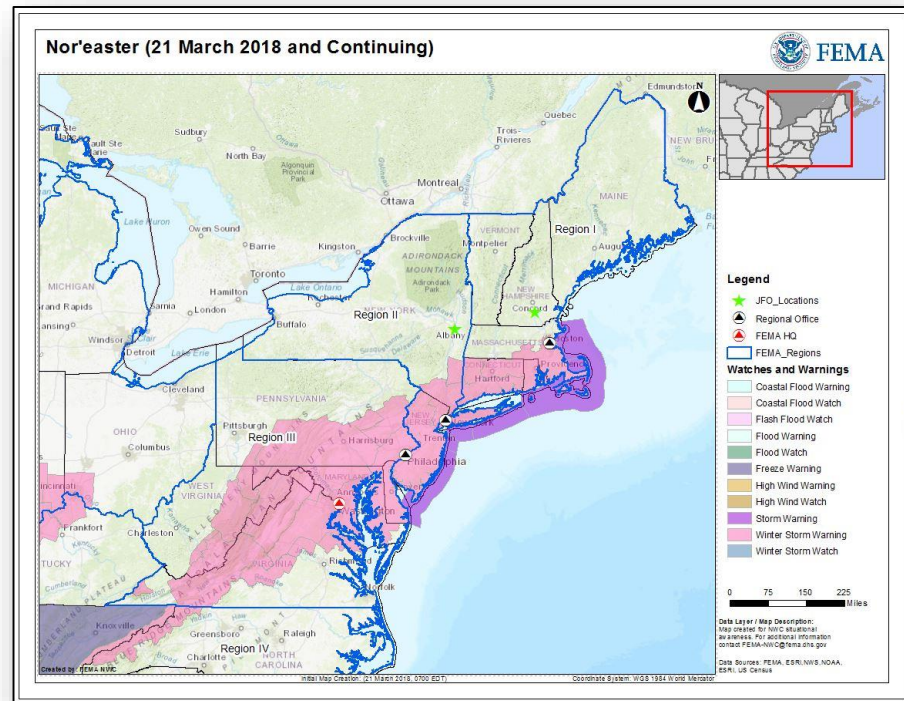
- Shelters: 1 open (NJ) / 0 occupants (*ARC Midnight Shelter Count*)
- Power*: FEMA Region I – 144; Region II – 3.4K; Region III – 12K
- Transportation:
 - 4.4K (2.8K Wed) flights cancelled from Washington to Boston
 - Amtrak scaling back service along the Northeast corridor
- Closures
 - Schools closed in portions of VA, NY, MD, DC, DE
 - FEDERAL OFFICES in the Washington, DC area are CLOSED

State Response

- EOC's: DE, NY, NJ at Monitoring; VA and MD, NYC at Partial Activation; PA at Full Activation
- State of Emergency's declared in NJ & DE

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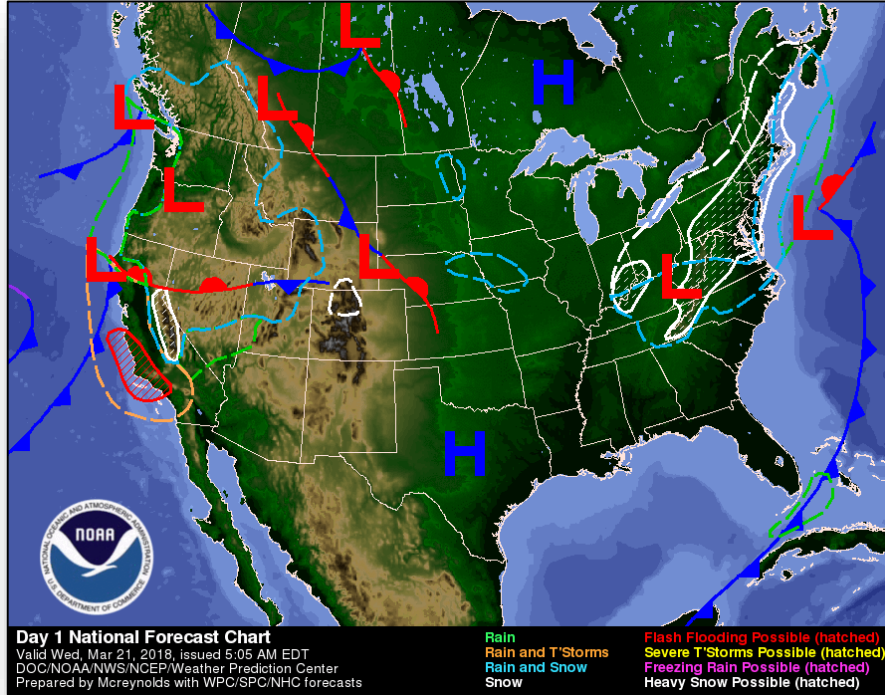
- FEMA NWC at Steady State
- FEMA Region II, III RWCs at Steady State
- FEMA Region I at Enhanced Watch (Day Shift only); LNO deploying to RI
- FEMA Region III: IMAT & LNO's on Alert



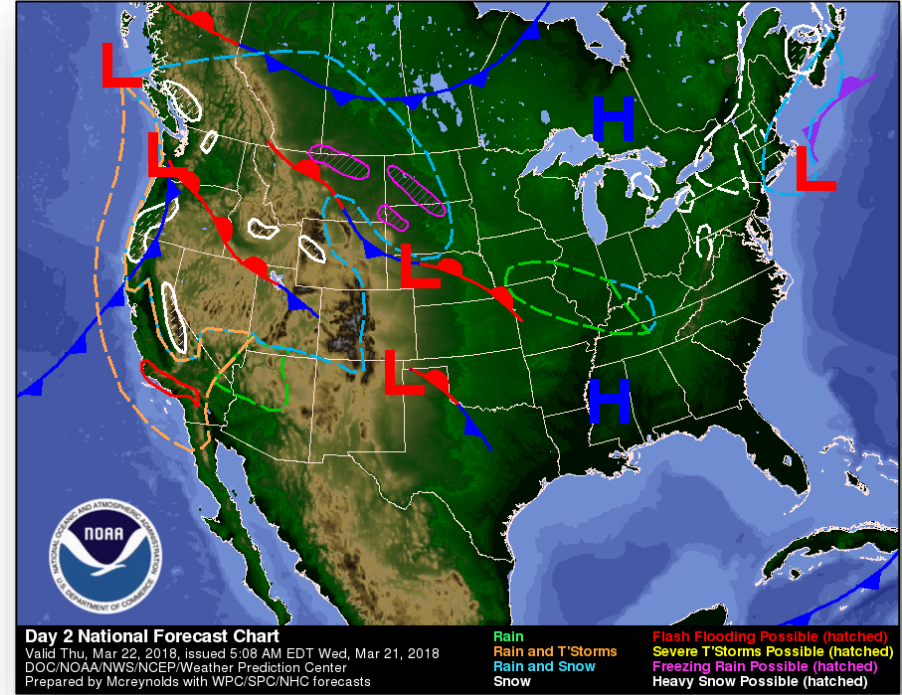
National Weather Forecast



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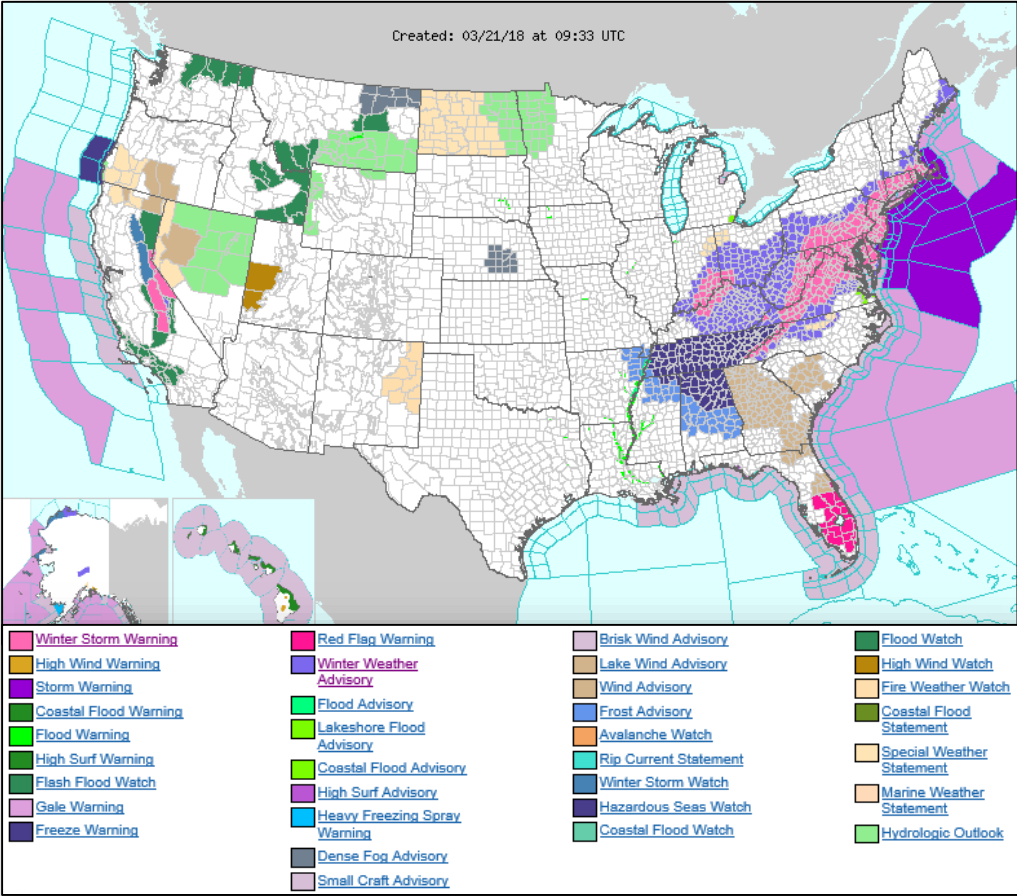


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Active Watches and Warnings



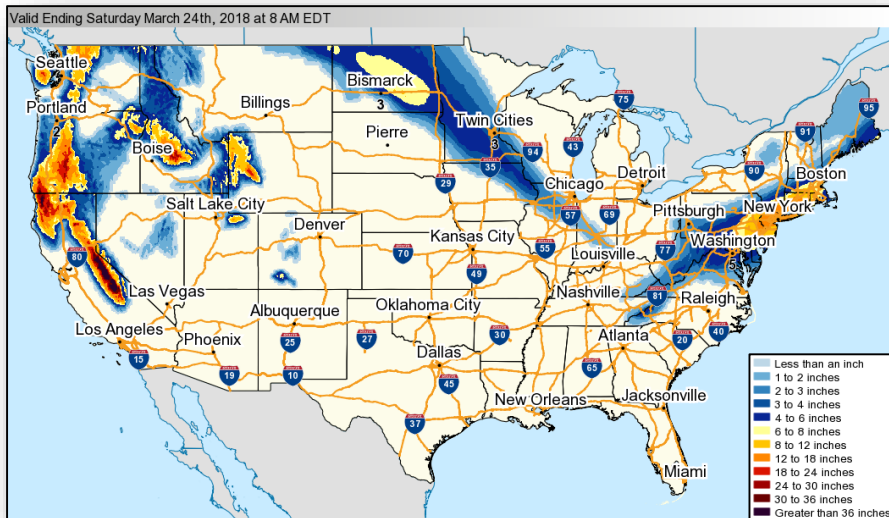
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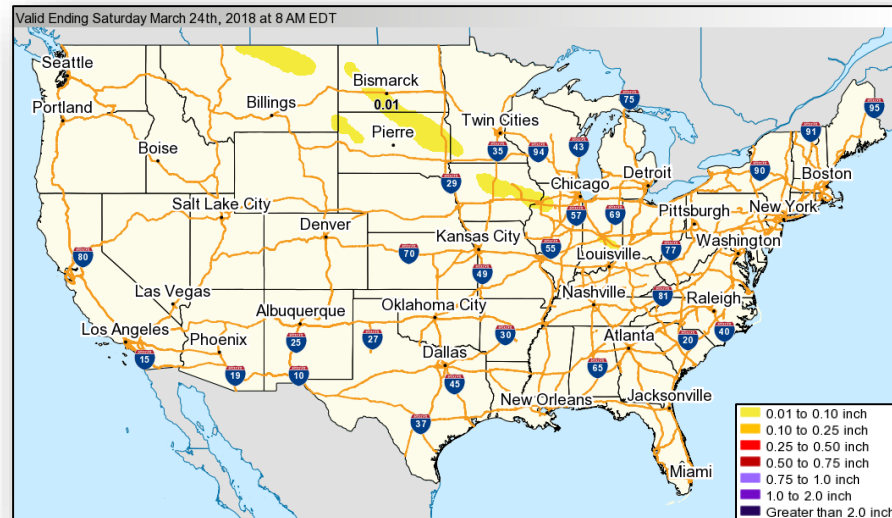
Winter Precipitation Outlook



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Forecast Snowfall

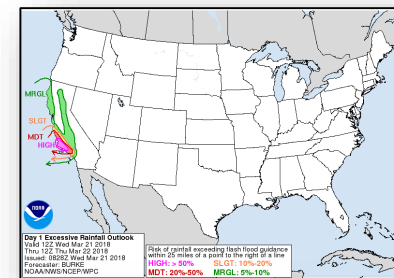
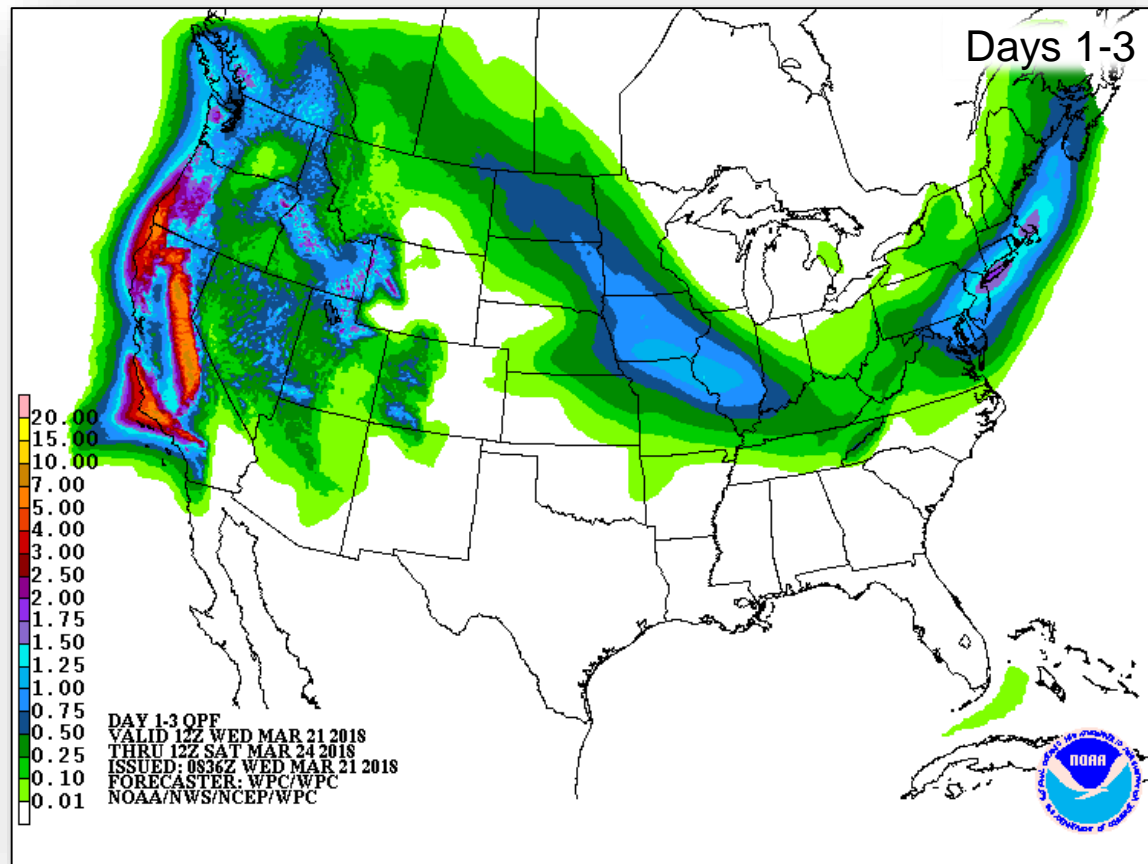


Forecast Ice Accumulation

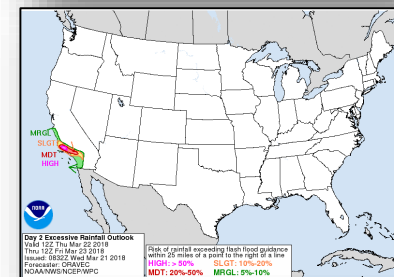
Precipitation Forecast



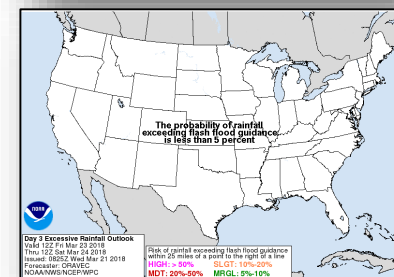
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Day 1



Day 2

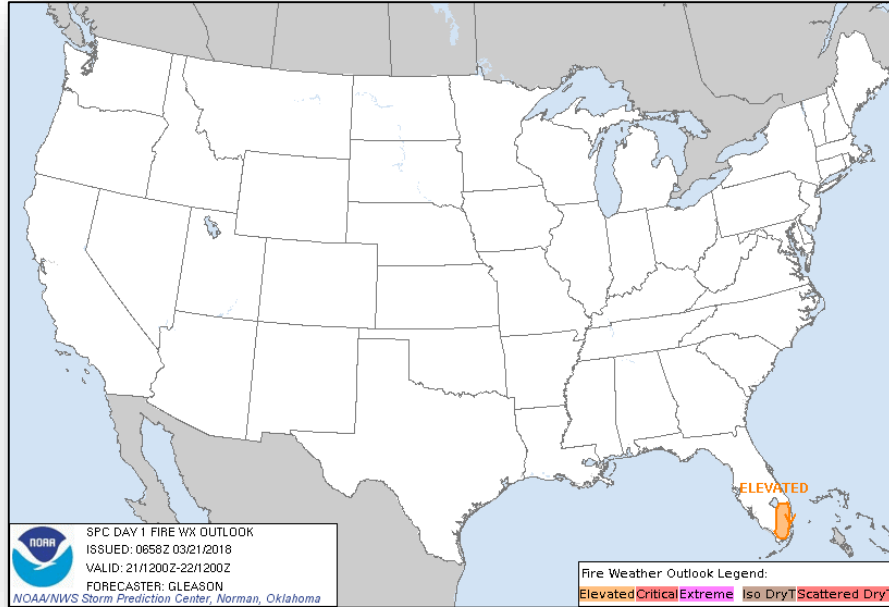


Day 3

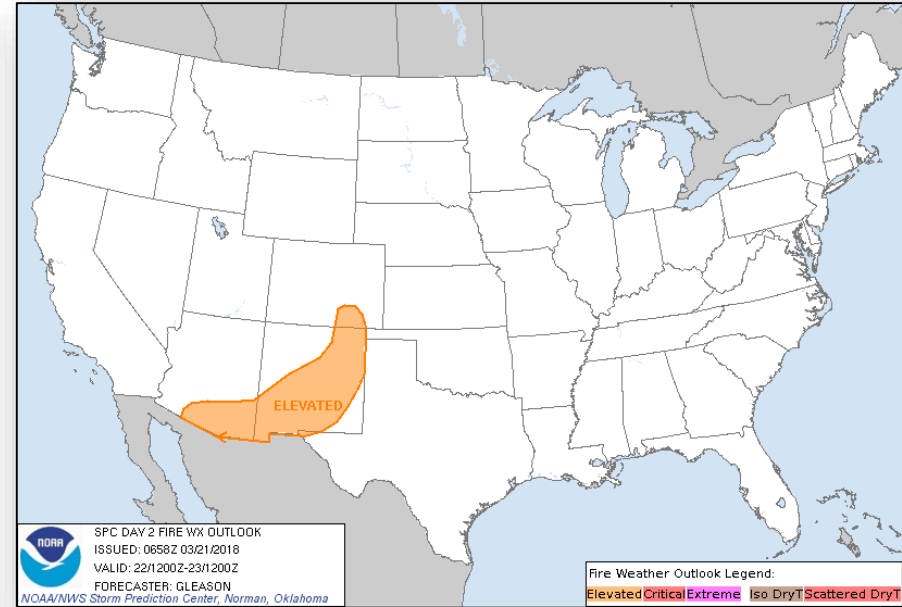
Fire Weather Outlook



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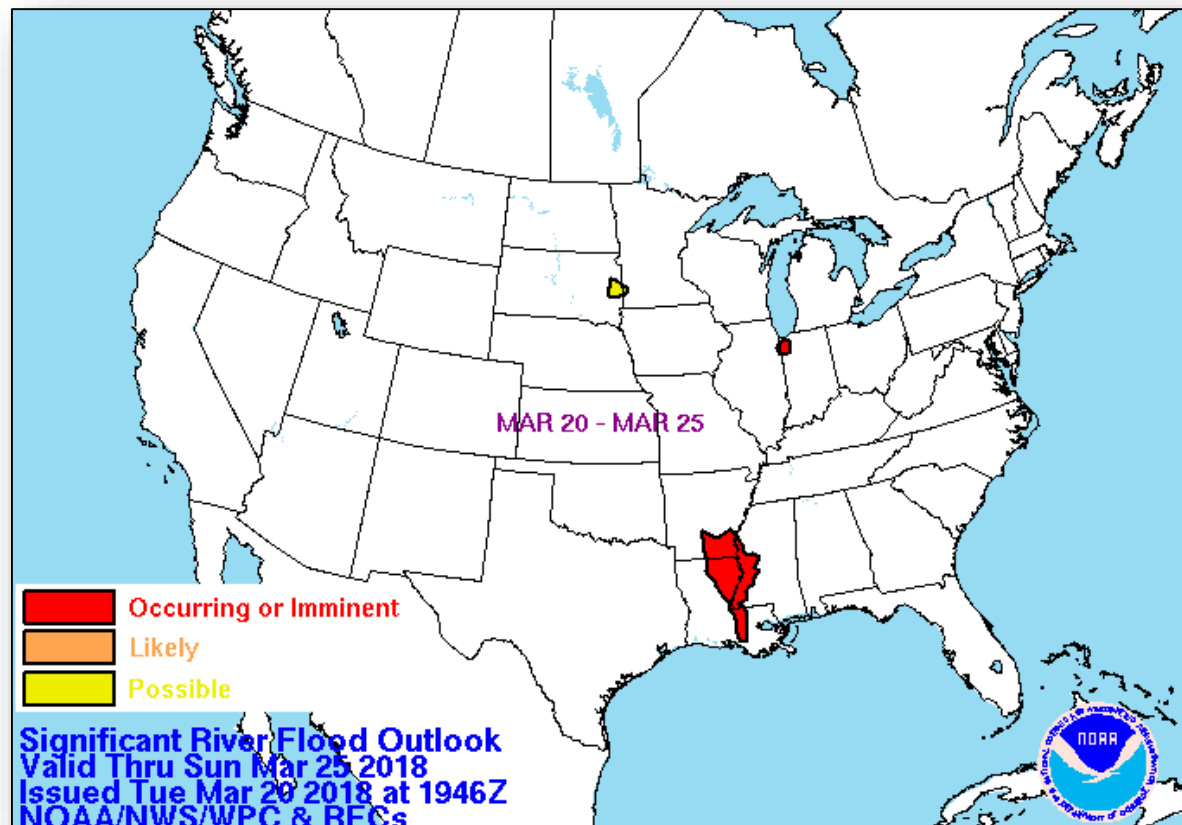


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Significant River Flood Outlook



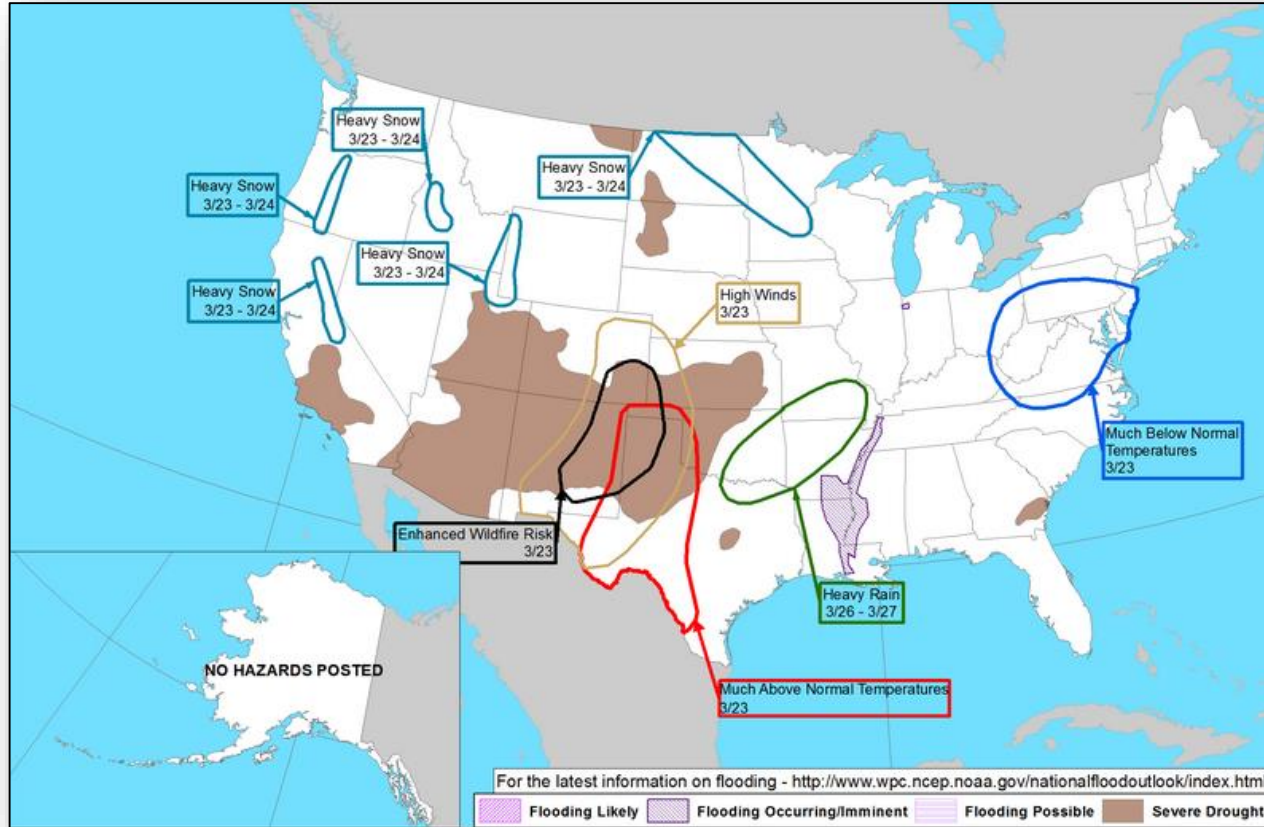
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Hazards Outlook – Mar 23-27



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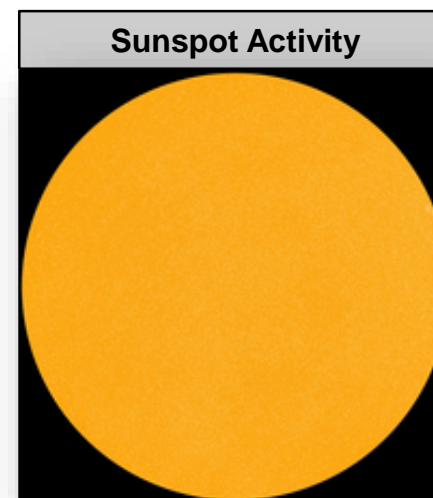
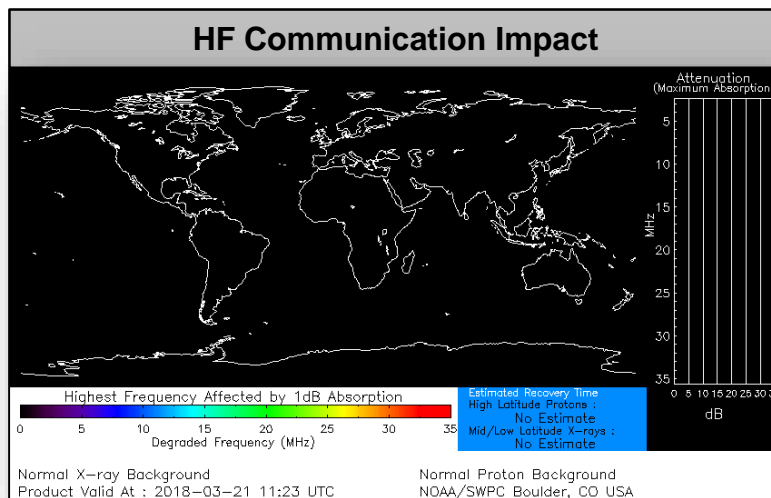


Space Weather



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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	
I	MA	Nor'easter March 2-4, 2018	IA	7	5	3/12 – TBD
			PA	9	0	3/15 – TBD
	NH	Coastal Storm and Flooding March 2-3, 2018	IA	0	0	3/15 – TBD
			PA	1	0	3/15 – TBD
	ME	Severe Storm March 2-4, 2018	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	TBD
IV	KY	Flooding February 21, 2018	IA	6	3	3/19 – TBD
			PA	34	5	3/19 – TBD
V	IN	Flooding February 14 – March 4, 2018	IA	9	0	3/19 – TBD
			PA	36	0	3/19 – TBD
	IL	Severe Storms and Flooding February 18 – March 24, 2018	IA	3	1	3/19 – TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A

Disaster Requests & Declarations



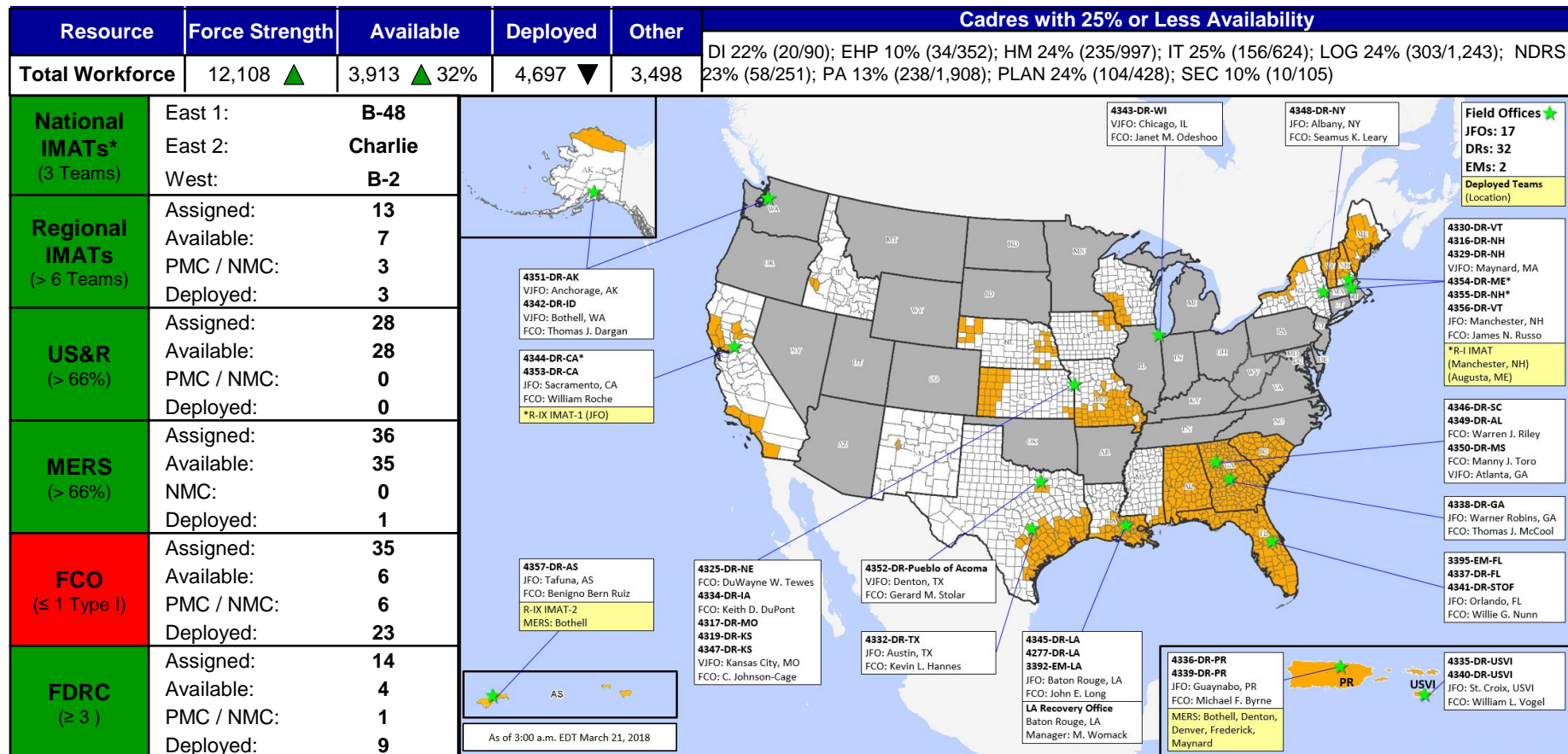
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Declaration Requests in Process					Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
4	IA	PA	HM	Date Requested	0	0
AK – DR Severe Storm		X	X	January 25, 2018		
MT – (Appeal) Wildfires		X	X	January 26, 2018		
KY – DR Severe Storm, Flooding, Landslides & Mudslides		X	X	March 8, 2018		
WV – DR Severe Storm, Flooding, Landslides & Mudslides		X	X	March 16, 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	R I	Enhanced Watch	Day shift only	
RRCCs		10	Available				

Backup Regions: VIII, V, & III



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