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Daily Operations Briefing
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
8:30 a.m. EST

Significant Activity: March 9-10

Significant Events: Severe Weather – Southern Plains/Lower MS Valley

Significant Weather:

- Severe Thunderstorms – Southern Plains & Lower/Middle Mississippi Valley

- Flash Flooding – Southern Plains & Lower/Middle Mississippi Valley to Ohio Valley

- Rain/thunderstorms – from Southern Plains to Lower Mississippi & Ohio valleys, Central High Plains

- Rain/snow – northern California & Northwest through the Northern/Central Rockies

- Rain – Pacific Northwest & northern California, Great Lakes to New England

- Snow – Northern Intermountain

- Critical/Elevated Fire Weather Areas & Red Flag Warnings – none

- Space Weather: None for past 24 hours; none expected for next 24 hours

Tropical Activity: No activity affecting U.S. territories

Earthquake Activity: No significant activity

Declaration Activity: None

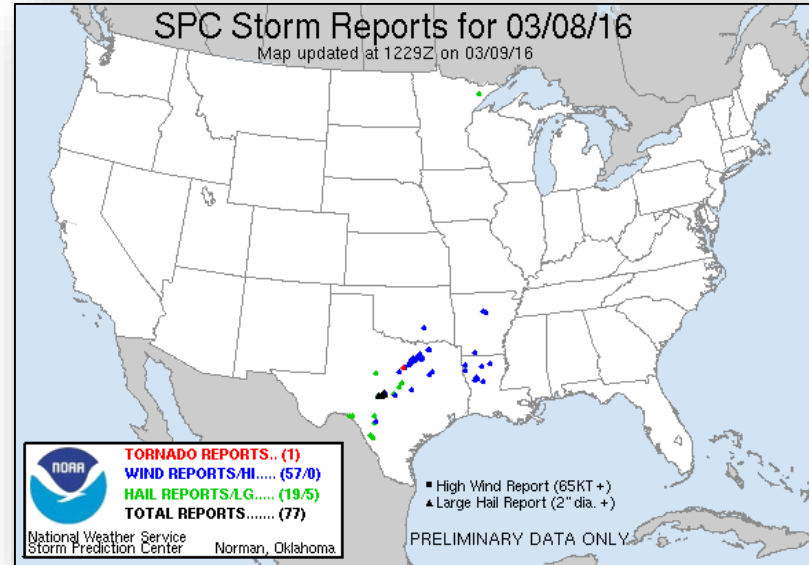# Severe Weather – Southern Plains/Lower MS Valley

March 8-9
- A line of severe thunderstorms moved across northern TX overnight, causing locally significant damage
- Large hail, strong winds & heavy rain reported in TX, LA, AR & OK
- Damaging winds & a few tornadoes possible today/tonight from east TX into far southwest MS
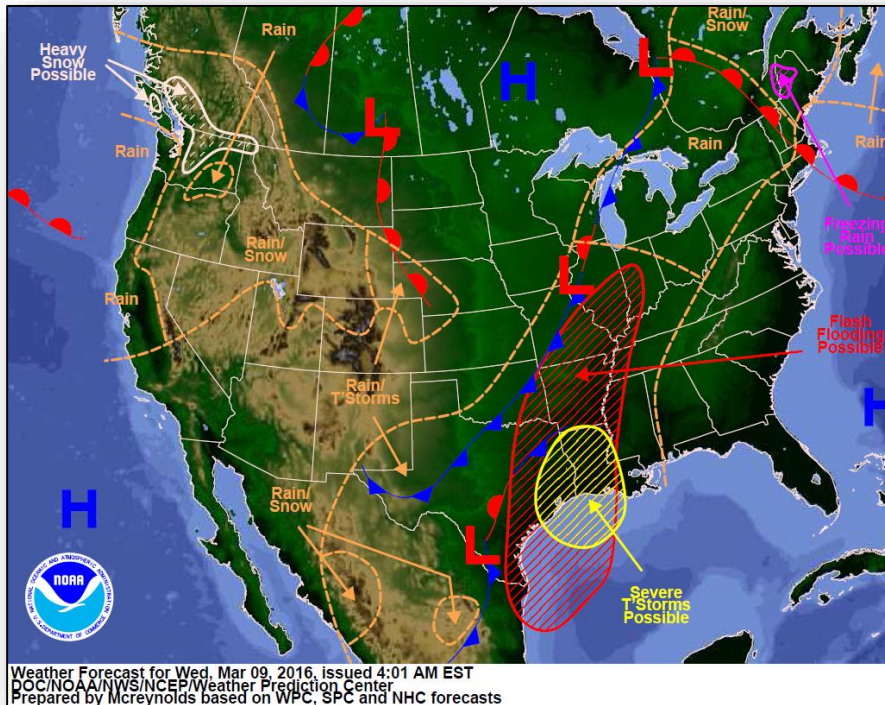
State/Local Impacts
- Preliminary reports of three EF-1 tornadoes in north Texas
- Several homes and businesses damaged near Dallas, TX
- One unconfirmed fatality and three injuries reported in TX
- Water rescues near Denton, TX including 6 children trapped in school bus
- 30 homes (approx. 50 people) evacuated in Haughton, LA due to flooding (Bossier Sherriff and Haughton PD assisting)
- Power outages: Region VI-29k; TX-20k, down from peak of 52k (Eagle I)
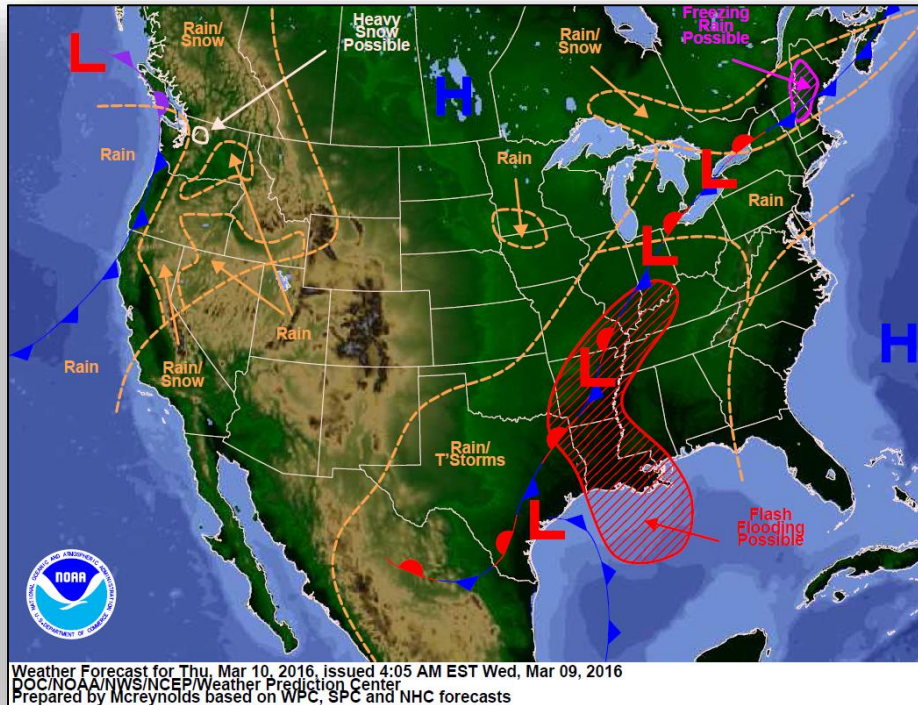- Shelters open in TX (1) and LA (1) with no occupants *(ESF-6, March 8)*

Response
- TX EOC is activated to Level III (Partial Activation); all other EOC remain at Normal Operations
- FEMA Region VI RRCC not activated; RWC at Enhanced Watch 24/7
  - LNO deployed to TX EOC
- No requests for FEMA assistance

SPC Storm Reports for 03/08/16
Map updated at 1229Z on 03/09/16

TORNADO REPORTS.. (1)
WIND REPORTS/HI..... (57/0)
HAIL REPORTS/LG..... (19/5)
TOTAL REPORTS....... (77)

National Weather Service
Storm Prediction Center   Norman, Oklahoma

■ High Wind Report (65KT +)
▲ Large Hail Report (2" dia. +)
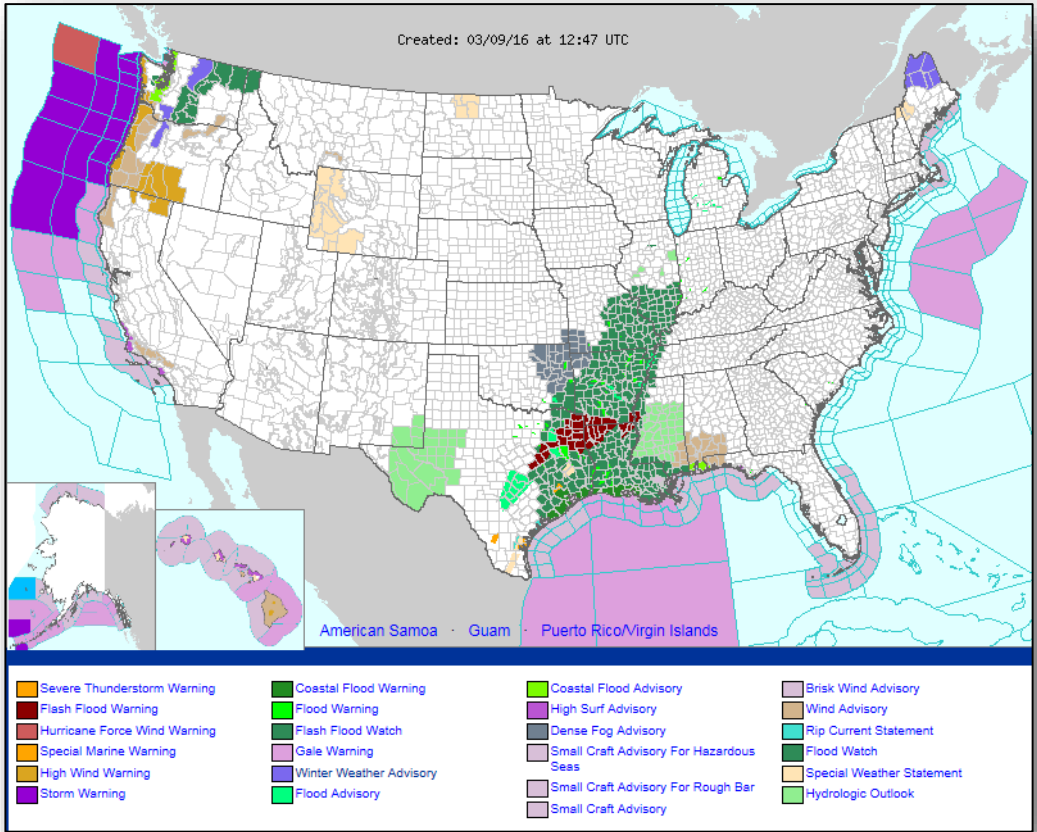
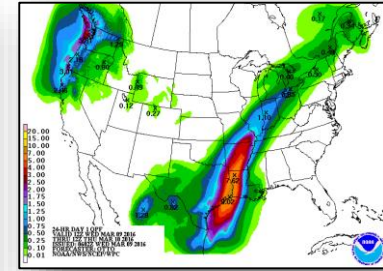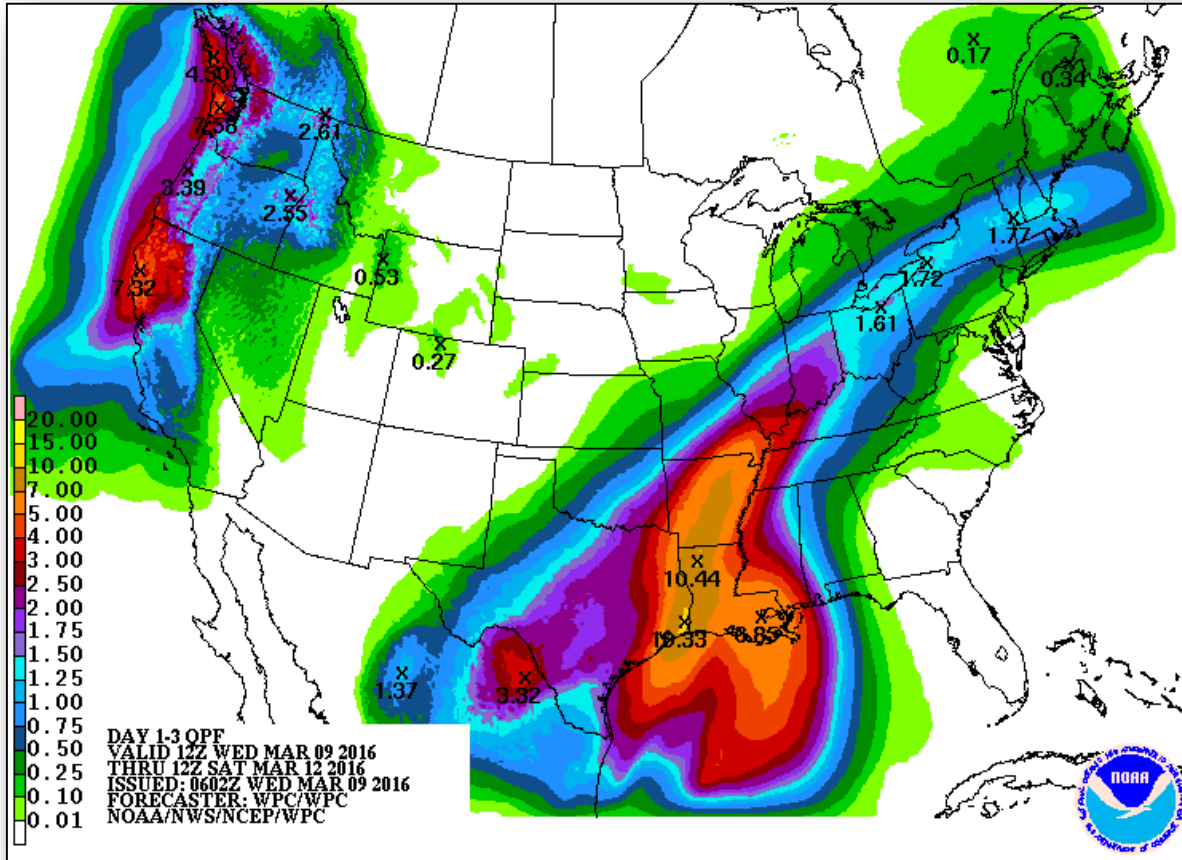PRELIMINARY DATA ONLY

National Weather Forecast

Today

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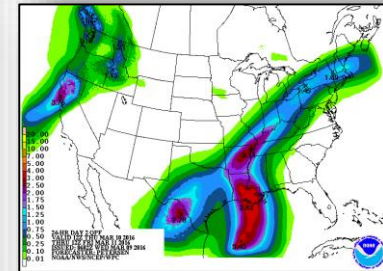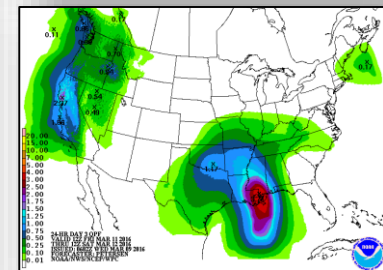
Active Watches/Warnings

Precipitation Forecast, 1-3 Day

Flash Flood Potential
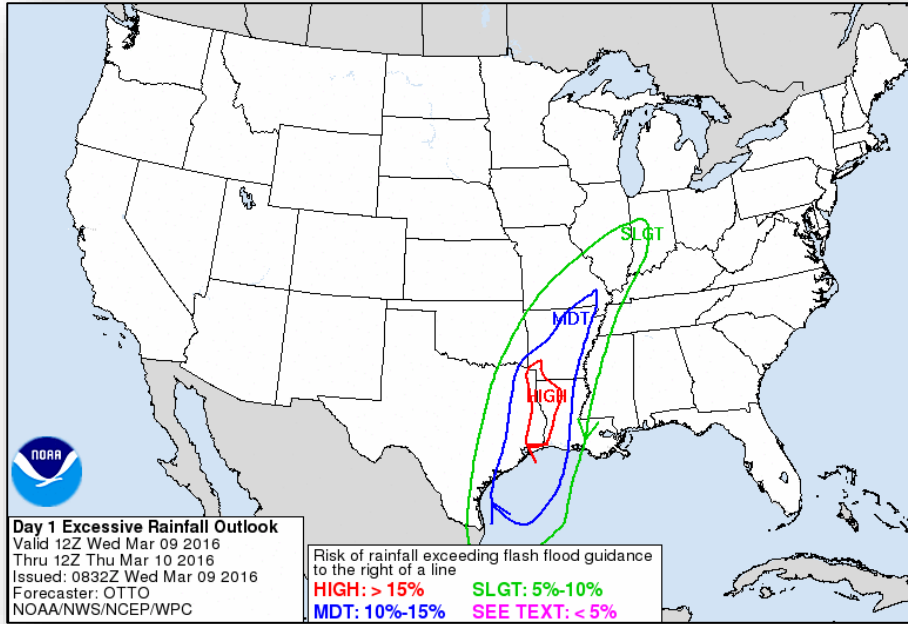
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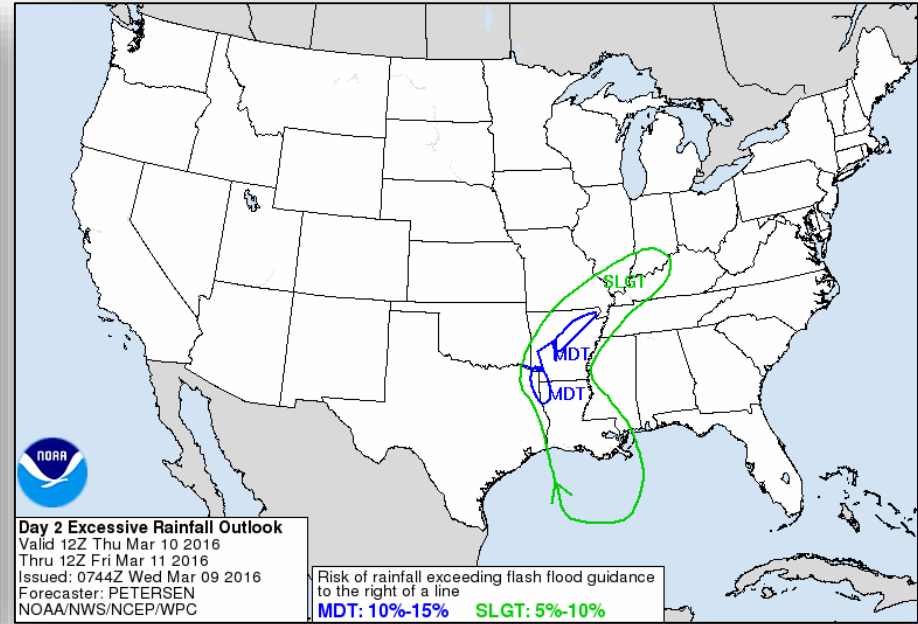
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Precipitation Forecast, 4-7 Day
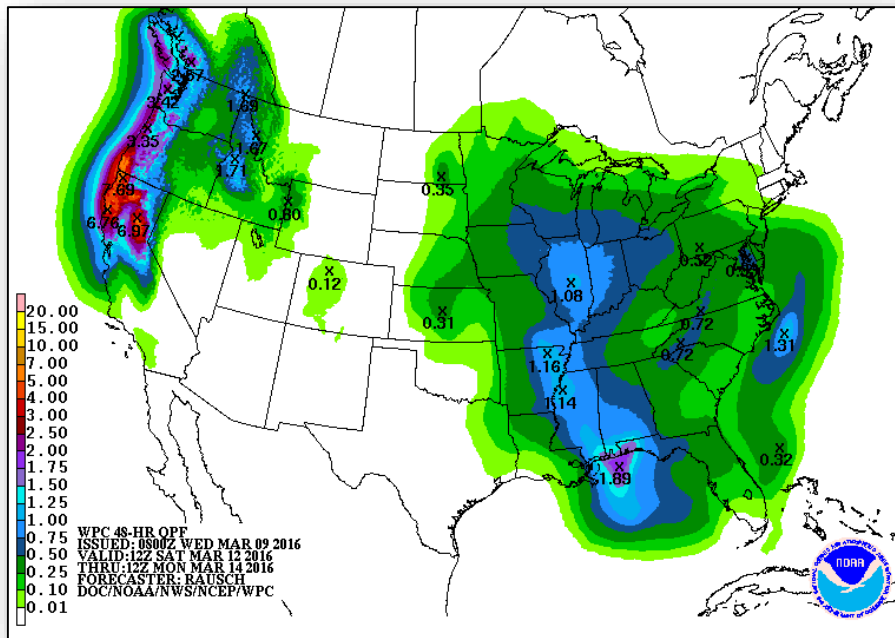
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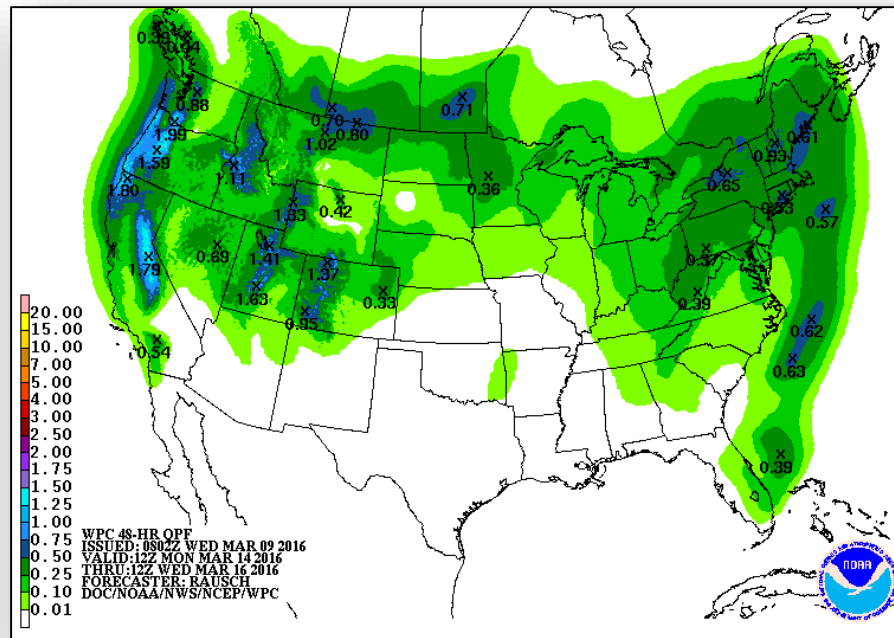
6-7 Day

Significant River Flood Outlook
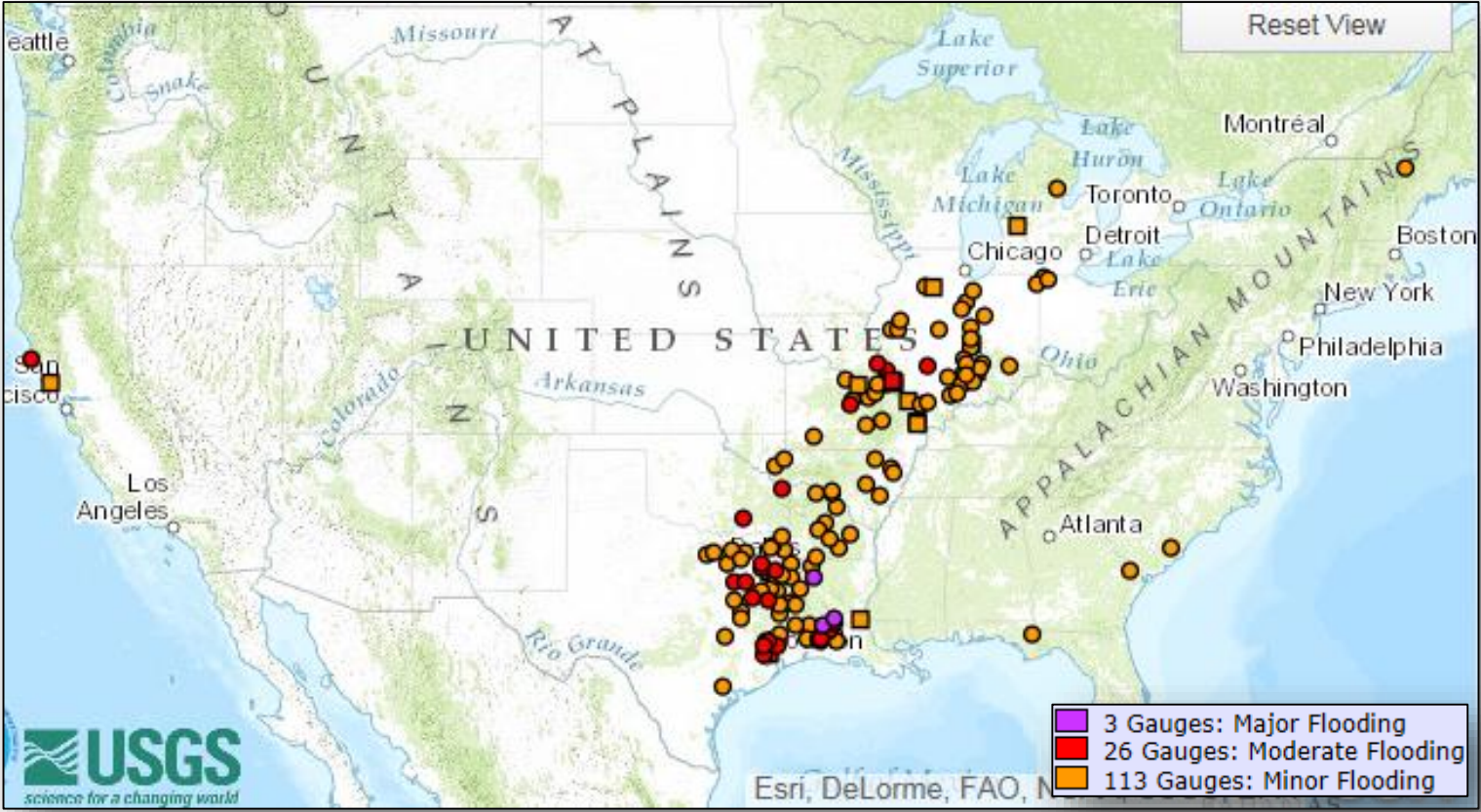
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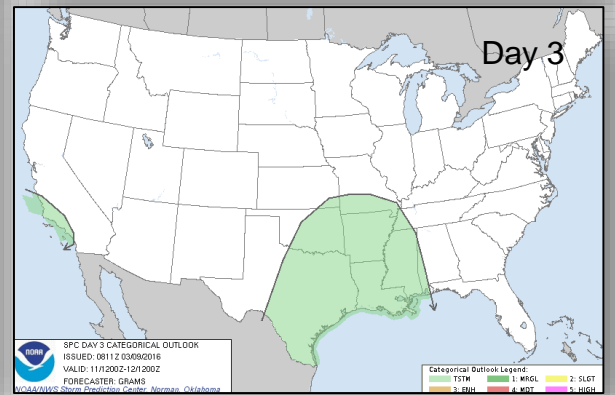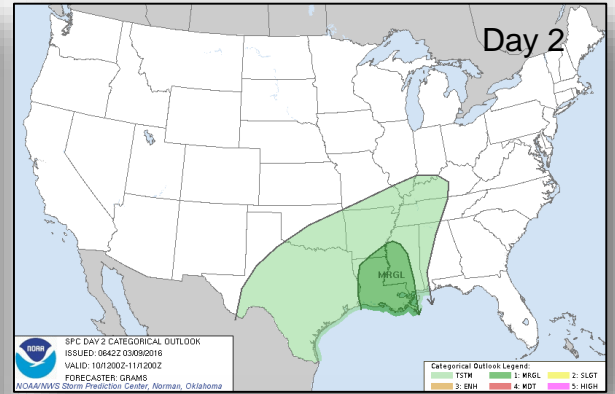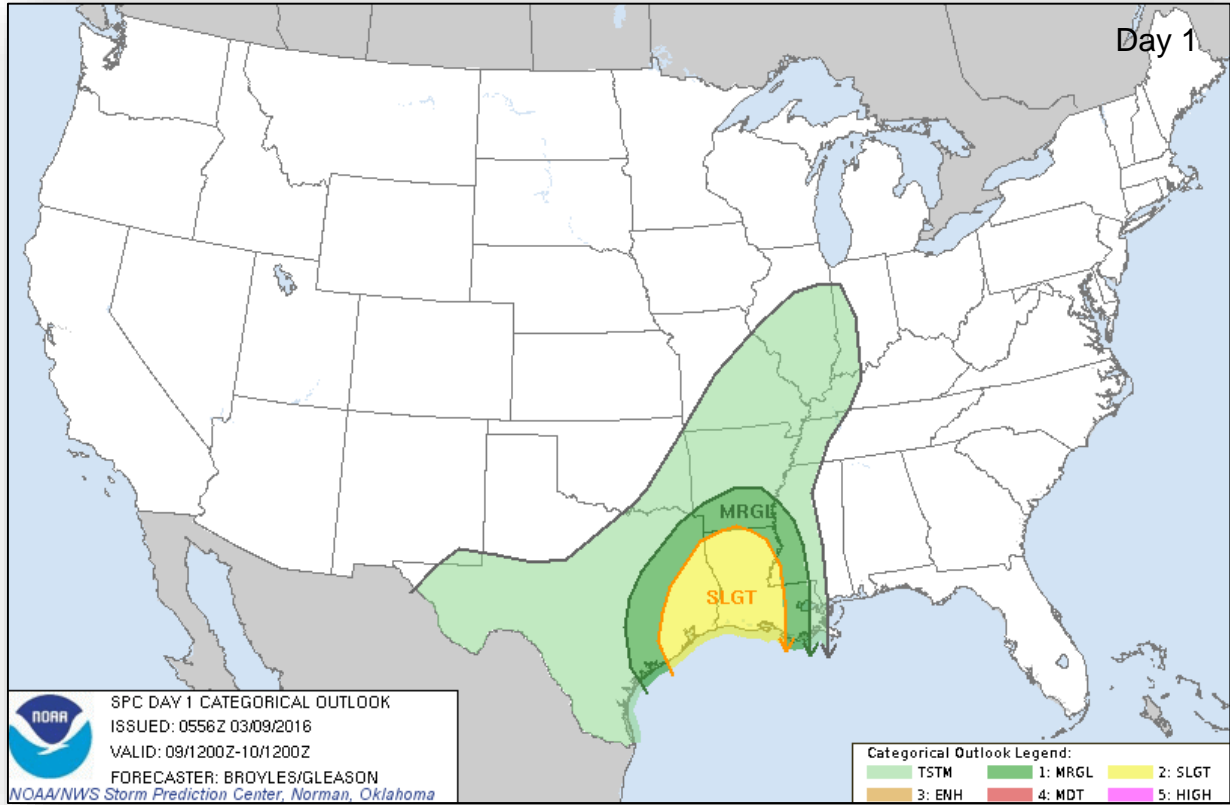
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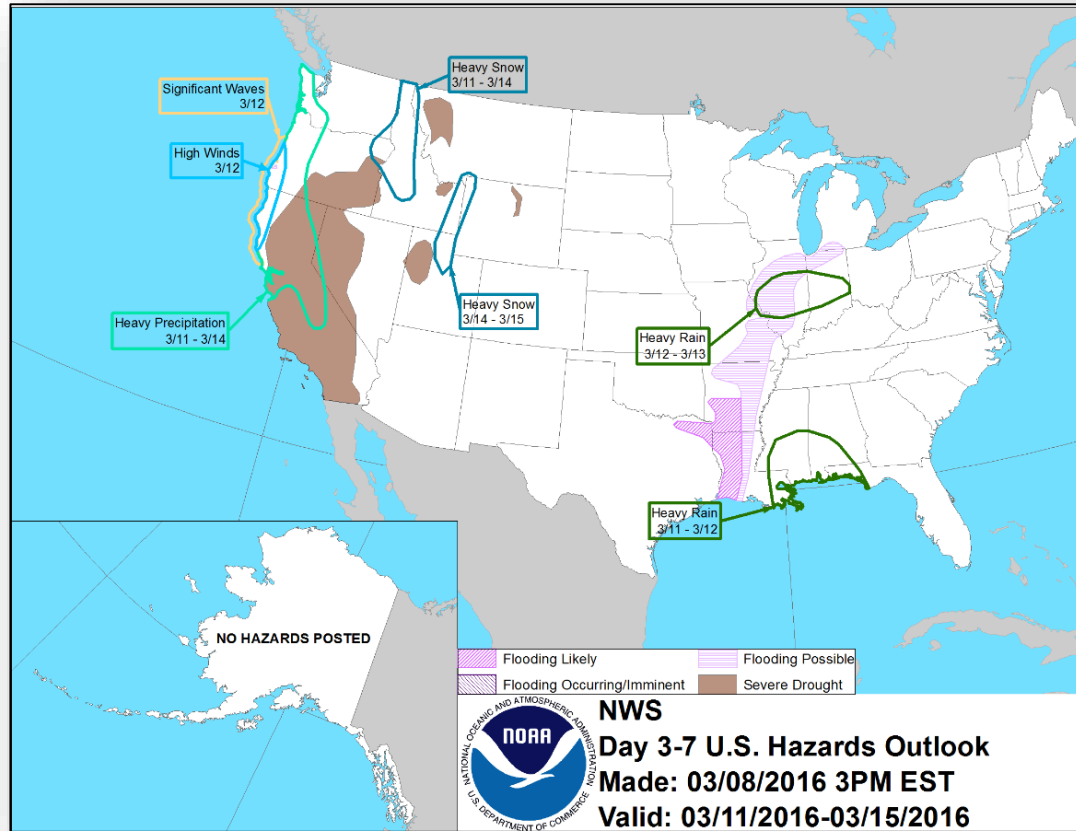
Space Weather

	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

HF Communication Impact

Sunspot Activity
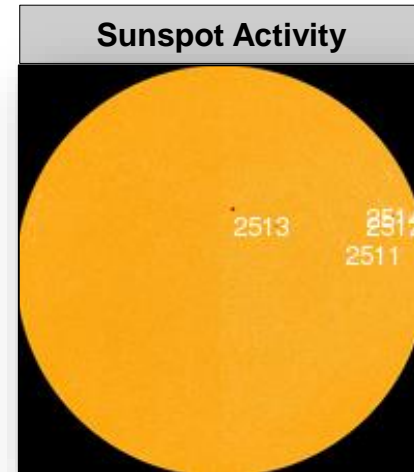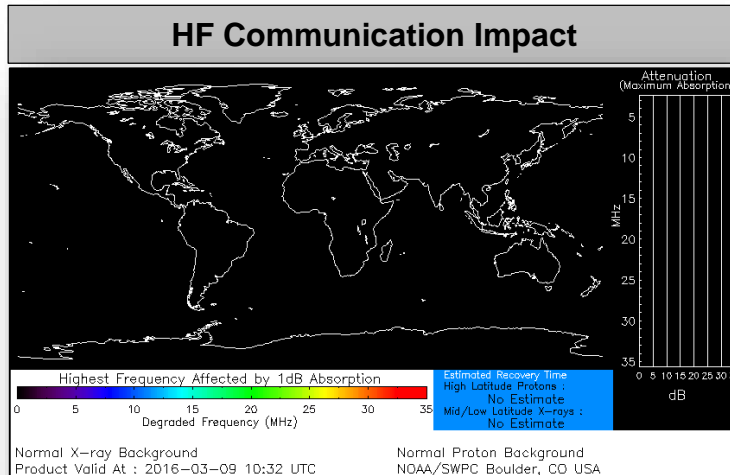
Disaster Requests & Declarations

FEMA

Declaration Requests in Process		Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
7	Date Requested	0	0
NJ – DR Severe Winter Storms, Snowstorm	February 11, 2016		
NM – DR Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	February 16, 2016		
DE – DR Severe Winter Storm and Flooding	February 18, 2016		
PA – DR Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	February 19, 2016		
IL – DR Severe Winter Storm and Flooding	February 26, 2016		
FL – EM Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Straight-Line Winds	February 29, 2016		
LA – DR Flooding	March 2, 2016		

Open Field Offices as of March 9, 2016

FEMA
National Watch Center
3/9/2016 - 7:43 AM EST
Source: FEMA, ESRI

Washington 4242-DR
Washington 4243-DR
Washington 4249-DR
Washington 4253-DR
VJFO: Bothell, WA
FCO: Sharon Loper

Alaska 4257-DR
VJFO: Bothell, WA
FCO: Sharon Loper

Idaho 4246-DR
(4246-DR Closing March 18, 2016)
Idaho 4252-DR
JFO: Coeur d'Alene, ID
FCO: Dolph A. Diemont

Alaska 4244-DR
JFO: Dupont, WA
FCO: Thomas J. Dargan

Oregon 4258-DR
JFO: Salem, OR
FCO: Dolph A. Diemont

Kansas 4230-DR
JFO: Topeka, KS
FCO: Laura S. Hevesi

Oglala Sioux Tribe 4237-DR
JFO: Hot Springs, SD
FCO: Gary R. Stanley

Michigan 3375-EM
JFO: TBD
FCO: David G Samaniego

Missouri 4238-DR
Missouri 4250-DR
JFO: Jefferson City, MO
FCO: Michael L. Parker

SRO: Forest Hills, NY
Personnel Assigned: 195
Manager - John Covell
SRO: Eatontown, NJ
Personnel Assigned: 133
Opening Date: Jan, 2014
Manager - Claude Hyacinthe

Virginia 4262-DR
Maryland 4261-DR
District of Columbia 4260-DR
JFO: Harrisburg, PA
FCO: Donald L. Keldsen

AFO: Pasadena, CA
Opening Date: Jan, 1994
Manager - Josie Arcurio
Personnel Assigned: 31

South Carolina 4241-DR
JFO: Blythewood, SC
FCO: W. Michael Moore

Georgia 4259-DR
JFO: VJFO Atlanta, GA
FCO: Rosalyn L. Cole

Alabama 4251-DR
JFO: Montgomery, AL
FCO: Elizabeth Turner

Oklahoma 4256-DR
VJFO: Denton, TX
FCO: William J. Doran III

Mississippi 4248-DR
JFO: Oxford, MS
FCO: Lai Sun Yee

Texas 4223-DR
Texas 4245-DR
Texas 4255-DR
JFO: Austin, TX
FCO: Kevin L. Hannes

LRO: New Orleans, LA
Opening Date: May, 2006
Manager:
Michael Womack
Personnel Assigned: 226

Arkansas 4254-DR
JFO: N. Little Rock, AR
FCO: John Long

Louisiana 3376-EM
VJFO: Baton Rouge, LA
FCO: Gerard M. Stolar

★ JFO Location
★ RO Location
Designated County
Designated Tribal Land

0 150 300 450 600
Miles

Joint Field Offices: 15
Major Decs: 25
Emergency Decs: 2

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA/PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Complete	
III	DE	Severe Winter Storm/Snowstorm January 22-23, 2016	PA	2	2	2/16-3/8
	WV	Severe Winter Storm/Snowstorm January 22-23, 2016	PA	33	0	2/17-TBD
	PA	Severe Winter Storm/Snowstorm January 22-23, 2016	PA	31	0	2/23-TBD
VI	LA	Severe Weather & Tornadoes February 15 -29, 2016	PA	3	0	3/8-TBD

FEMA Readiness – Deployable Teams /Assets

Deployable Teams/Assets

Resource	Status	Total	FMC Available		Partially Available	Not Available	Detailed, Deployed, Activated	Comments	Rating Criterion
FCO	🟨	32	14	44%	0	1	17		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	🟩	8	5	63%	0	0	3		• Green = Available/FMC • Yellow = Available/PMC • Red = Out-of-Service • Blue = Assigned/Deployed
US&R	🟩	27	27	100%	0	0	0		
National IMAT	🟩	3	3	100%	0	0	0		• Green: 3 avail • Yellow: 1-2 avail • Red: 0 avail *(Individual N-IMAT red if 50% of Section Chiefs and/or Team Leader is unavailable for deployment.)*
Regional IMAT	🟨	13	6	46%	0	0	8*	**Deployed:** RIII Deployed to PA (4260/4261) and AL (Training) RV (Team 1) Deployed to MI RVI (Team 1) Deployed to AR; (Team 2) Deployed to AL (Training) RVII Deployed to MO RIX (Team 2) Deployed to OR RX Deployed to WA ***Deployed but Available to re-deploy:** RII (Deployed in place for Regional Relocation Taskforce)	• Green: 7 or more avail • Yellow: 4 - 6 teams available • Red: > 8 teams deployed/unavailable *R-IMAT also red if TL Ops/Log Chief is unavailable & has no qualified replacement*
MERS Teams	🟩	18	18	100%	0	0	0	**Deployed**: None	• Green = >66% available • Yellow = 33% to 66% available • Red = <33% available

FEMA Readiness – National/Regional Teams

National/Regional Teams								
Resource	**Status**	**Total**	**FMC Available**		**Partially Available**	**Not Available**	**Status**	**Comments**	**Rating Criterion**
NWC	🟩	5	5	100%	0	0	Not Activated		• 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	Not Activated	Region VI activated to Enhanced Watch	

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