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When disaster mitigation is cost effective, we are on the road to bringing disasters to an end.



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Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, December 15, 2017

8:30 a.m. EST

Significant Activity – Dec 14-15



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Significant Events: Wildfires - southern California

Tropical Activity:

- Western Pacific – No activity affecting U.S. interests

Significant Weather:

- Elevated Fire Weather conditions – CA
- Red Flag Warnings – CA, AZ, & NV
- Space Weather: Past 24 hours: none; next 24 hours: none

Earthquake Activity: No significant activity

Declaration Activity: None

Thomas Fire – California



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Fire Name (County)	FMAG # (Approved Date)	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations (Residents)	Structures			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Thomas (Ventura and Santa Barbara)	5224-FM-CA Dec 5, 2017	249,500 (+11,000)	35% (+5%)	Mandatory 93k	18,000	177 Homes 44 Other	731 Homes 241 Other	2 (1+) / 0

Current Situation

- Burning in Santa Barbara county (pop. 445k) and Ventura county (pop. 851k)
- Now the 4th largest fire in California history

Impacts

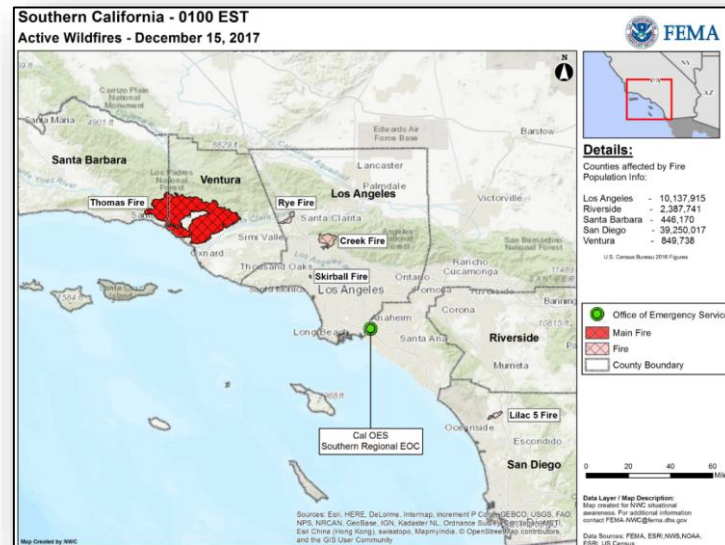
- Evacuations remain in effect for over 93k residents
- Shelters: 3 open / 279 (-10) occupants (ARC Midnight Shelter Count as of 5:32 a.m. EST)
- A boil water advisory remains in effect for both counties

State/Local Response

- Governor declared a State of Emergency; National Guard deployed
- CA EOC at Full Activation
- NV EOC at Partial Activation (supporting CA wildfires)
- UT EOC at Monitoring (supporting CA wildfires)

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- Emergency Disaster Declaration approved on December 8, 2017
- Region IX RWC at Steady State; RRCC not activated
- Region IX IMAT-1 & 2 deployed to CA EOC
- Region IX LNO & Bothell MERS deployed to Southern Regional EOC
- Defense Coordinating Element (DCE) activated
- IA PDAs for 4 counties begin today



Wildfire Summary



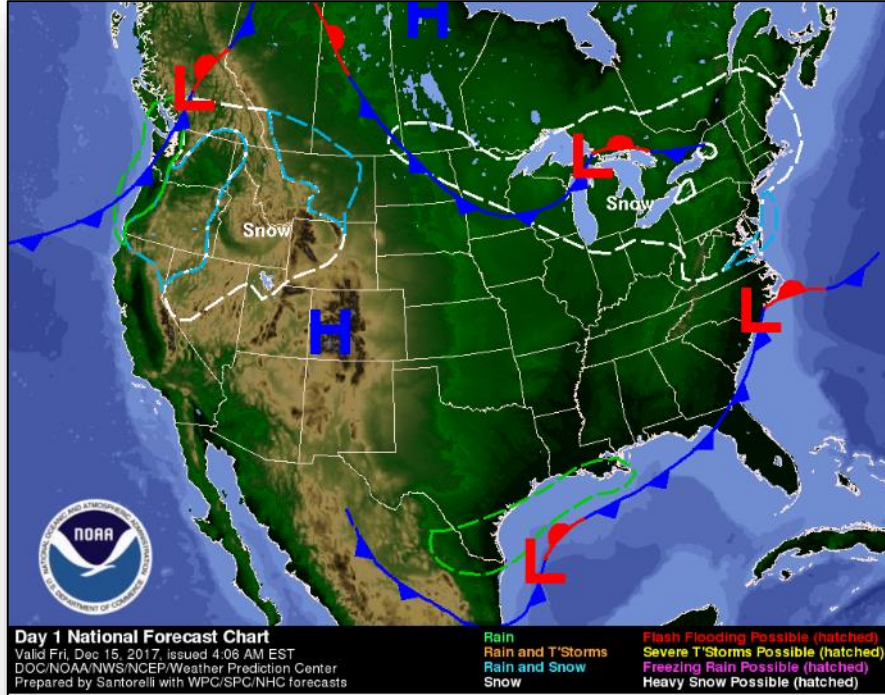
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South Dakota (1)								
Legion Lake (Custer)	5229-FM-SD Dec 13 ,2017	53,875 (+6,563)	50% (+40%)	Mandatory	72 Homes 3 Other	0	3 Other	0 / 0

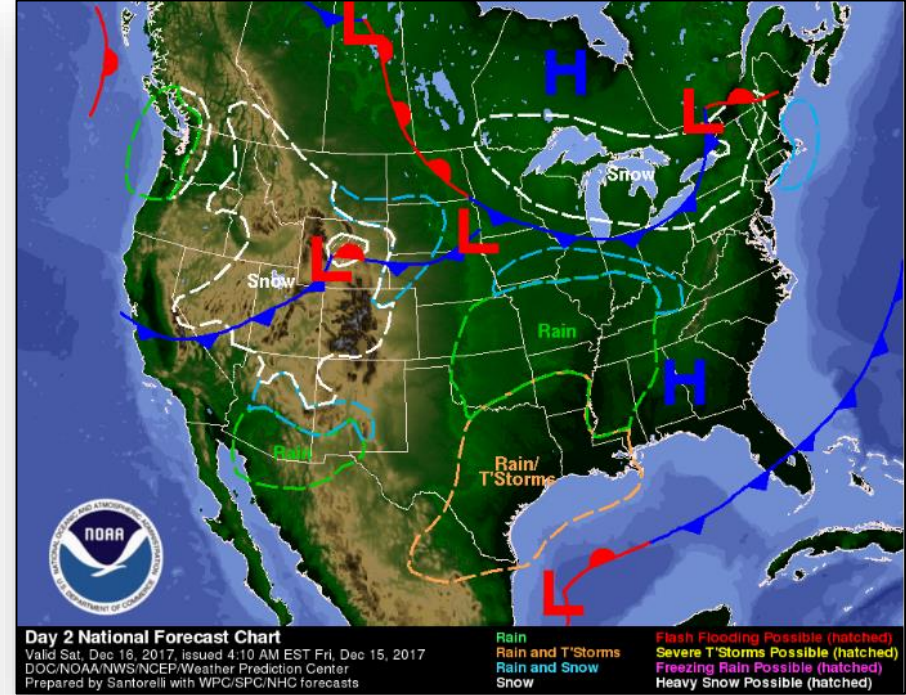
National Weather Forecast



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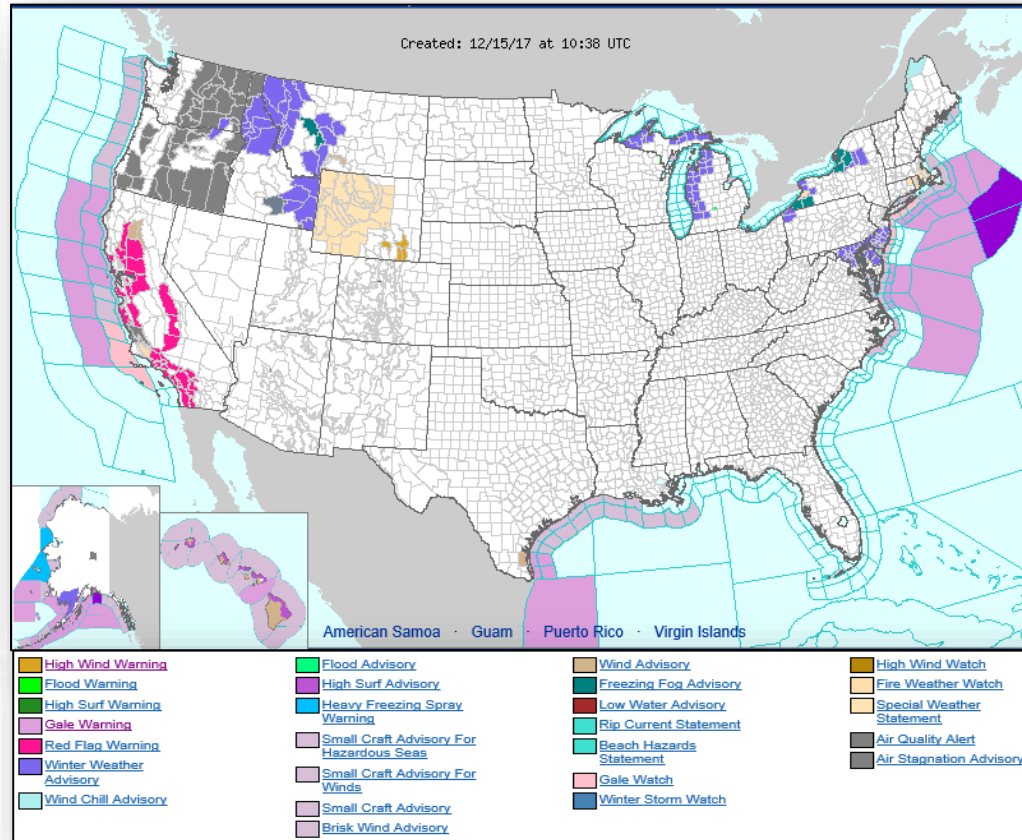


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Active Watches and Warnings



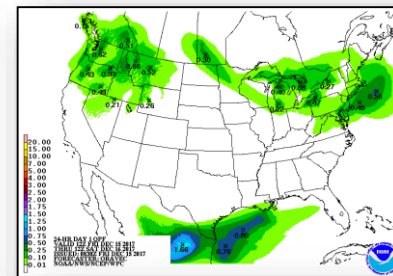
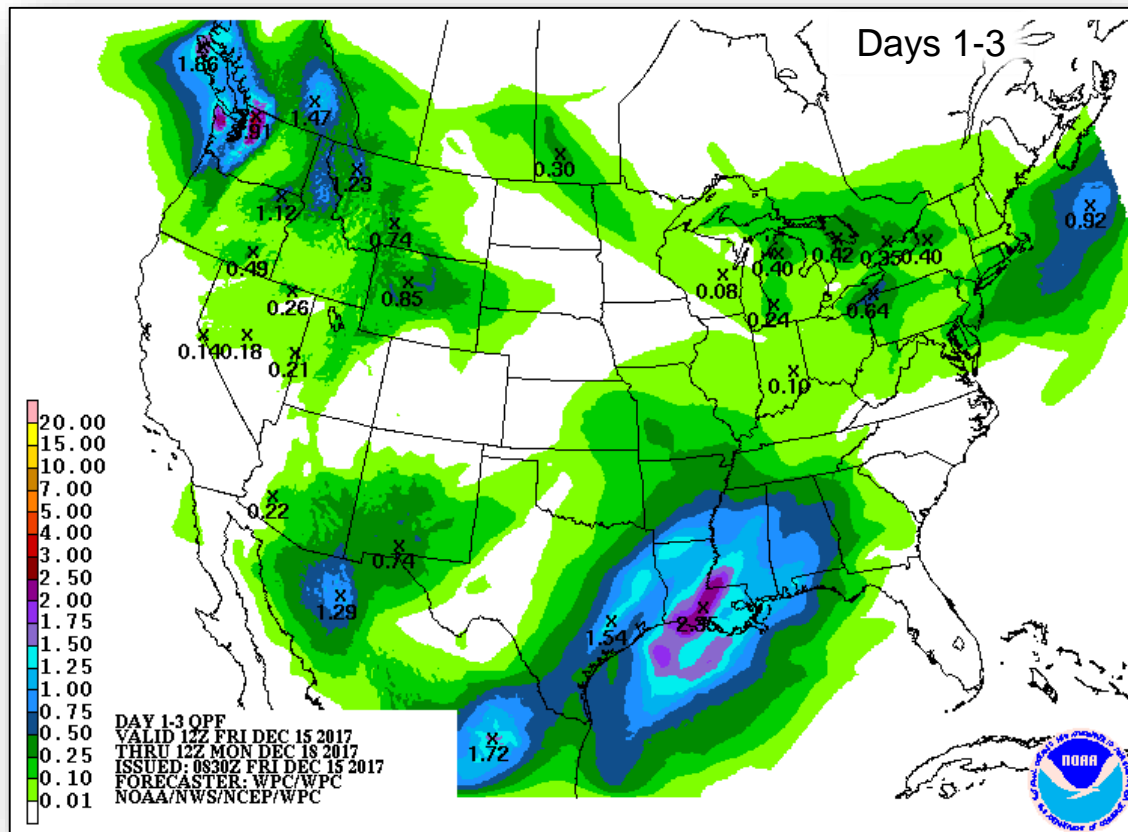
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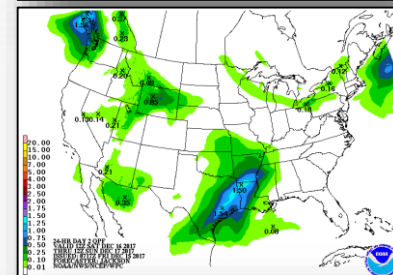
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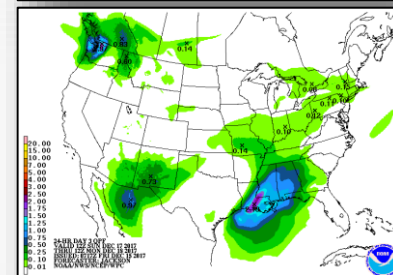
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Day 1



Day 2

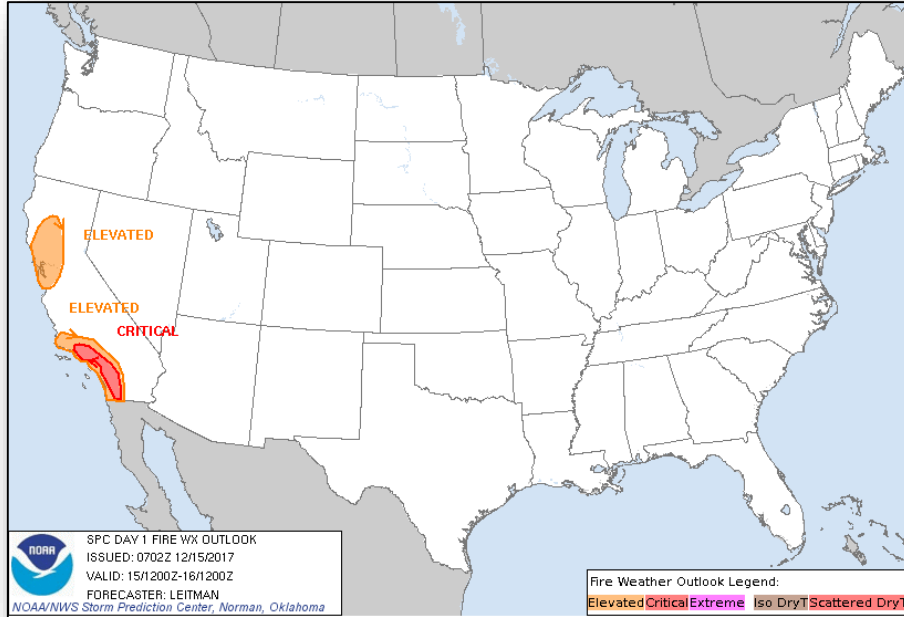


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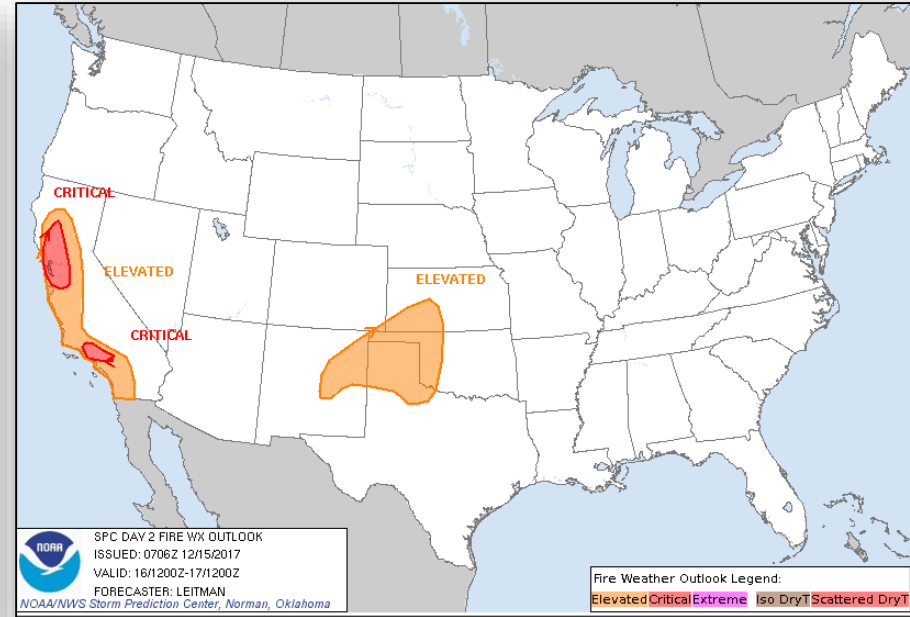
Fire Weather Outlook



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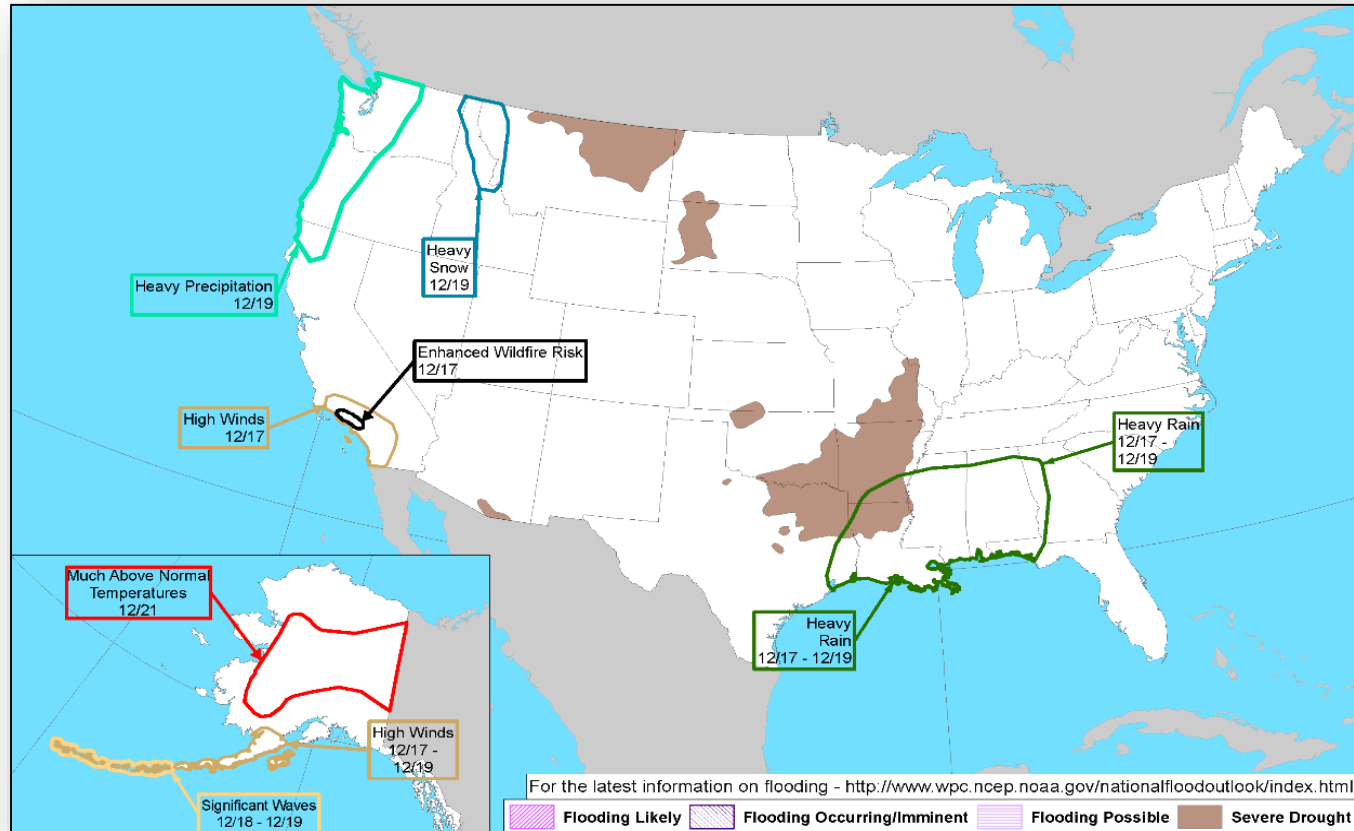


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Hazards Outlook – Dec 17-21



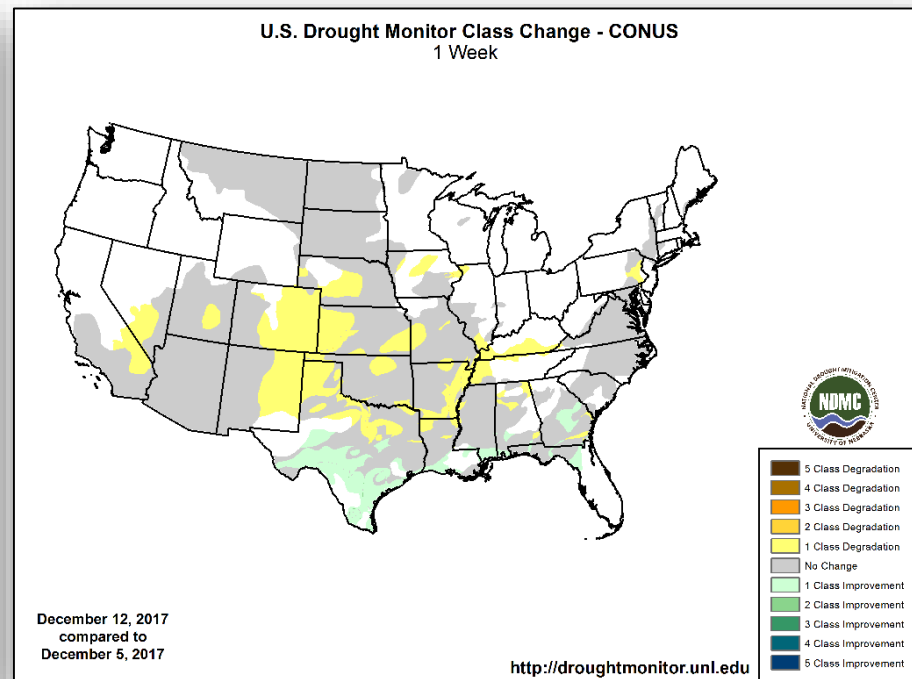
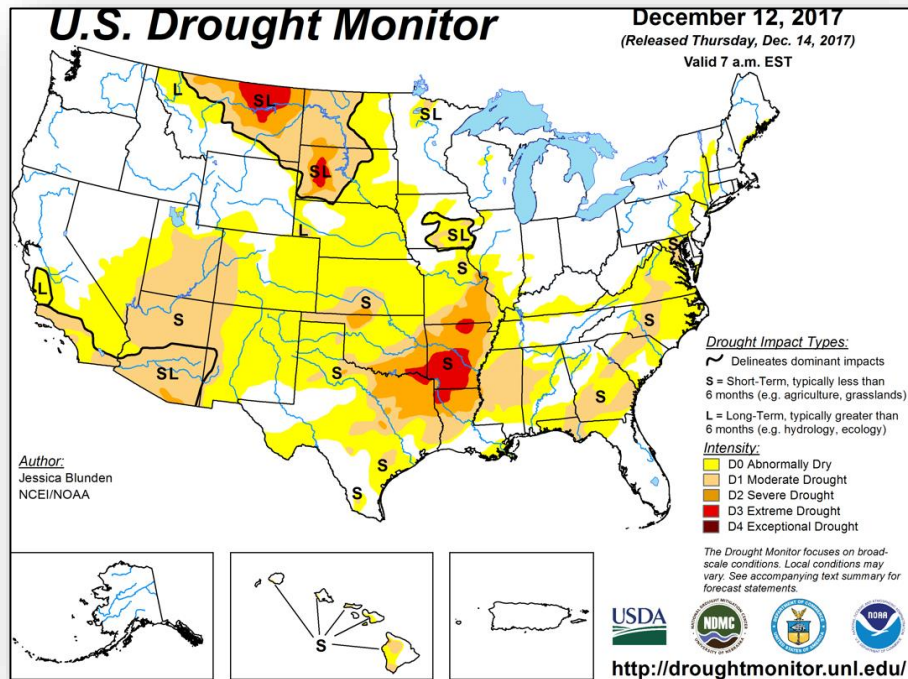
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U.S. Drought Monitor



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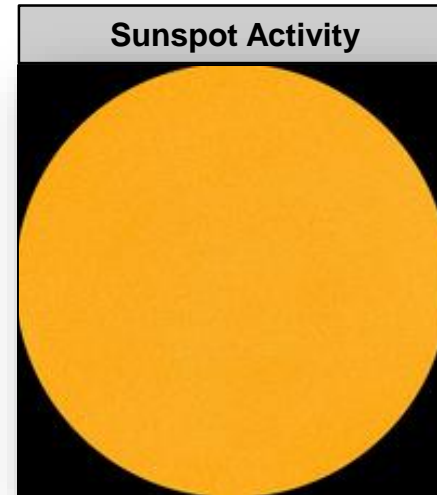
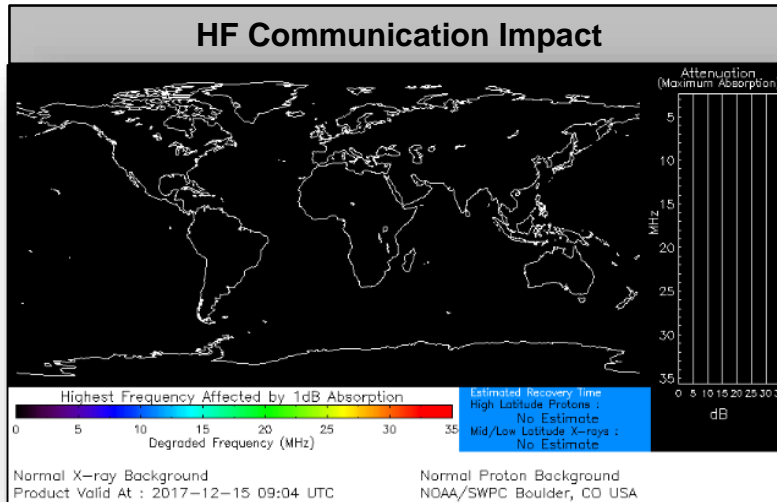


Space Weather



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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	
IX	CA	Wildfires December 4, 2017 and continuing	IA	4	0	12/15-TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A

Disaster Requests & Declarations



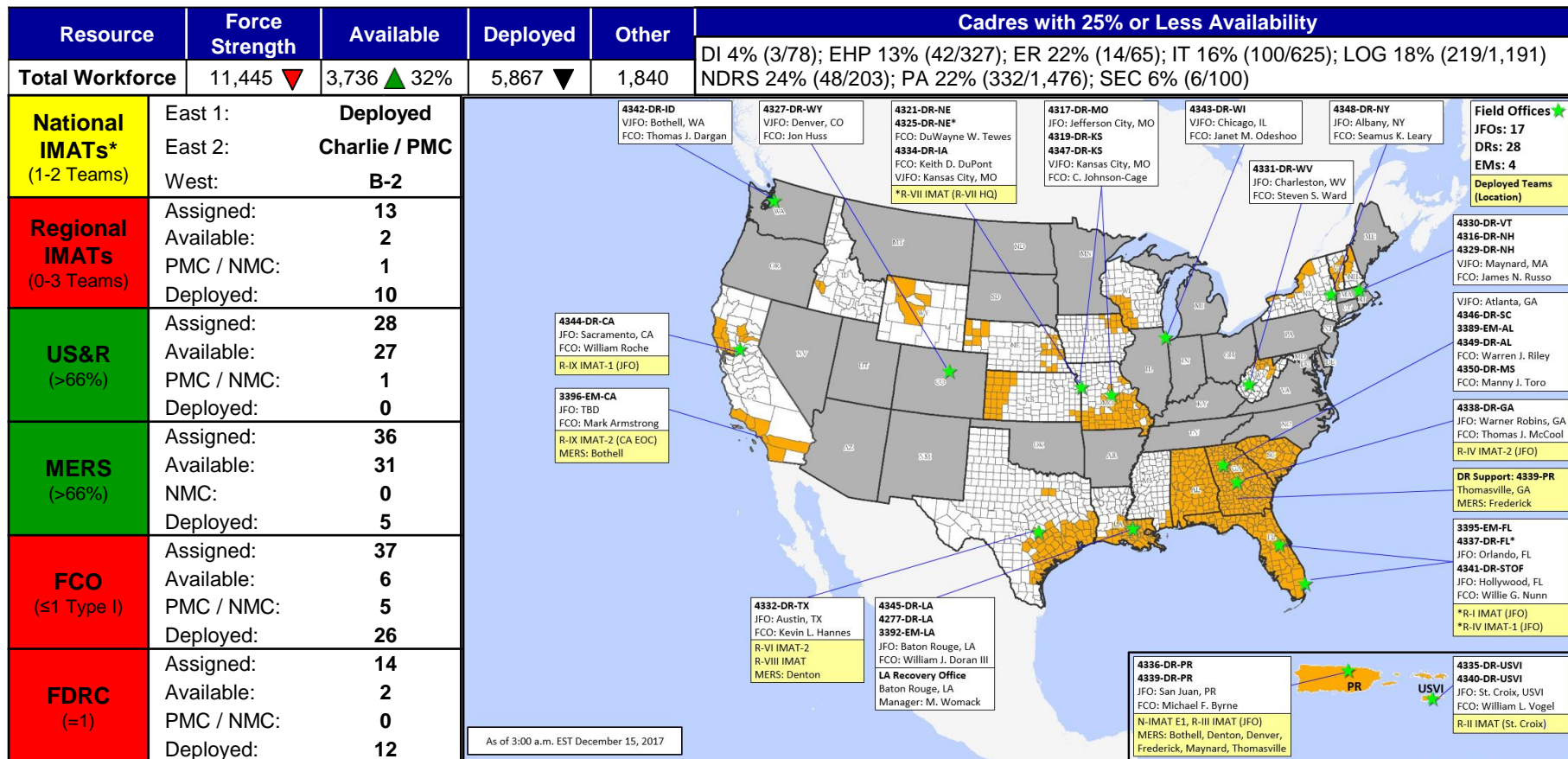
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Declaration Requests in Process					Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
6	IA	PA	HM	Date Requested	0	0
MT – DR Wildfires		X	X	November 15, 2017		
NH – DR Severe Storms and Flooding		X	X	November 27, 2017		
VT – DR Severe Storms and Flooding		X	X	November 27, 2017		
AK – DR Severe Storm		X	X	November 27, 2017		
ME – DR Severe Storms and Flooding		X	X	November 30, 2017		
Pueblo of Acoma – DR Severe Storms and Flooding		X	X	November 30, 2017		

Readiness – Deployable Teams and Assets



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*B-2 Status: Assemble ≤ 2 hours, On Site ≤ 18 hours; B-48 Status: Assemble and deploy ≤ 48 hours; 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	Not Activated				
HLT		1	Not Activated				
RWCs/MOCs		10	Steady State				
RRCCs		10	Not Activated				

Back-up Regions: V and VI



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