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# **FEMA**

## **Daily Operations Briefing**

**Thursday, December 21, 2017**

**8:30 a.m. EST**



# Significant Activity – Dec 20-21



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## **Significant Events:**

- Wildfires – southern California

## **Tropical Activity:**

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

## **Significant Weather:**

- Critical fire weather conditions - CA
- Elevated fire weather conditions – AZ, CA, NV, NM, & TX
- Severe Thunderstorms – Southern Plains, Lower Mississippi and Tennessee valleys
- Freezing rain – Upper Mississippi Valley, Great Lakes, and Northeast
- Space Weather:
  - Past 24 hours: None
  - Next 24 hours: None

**Earthquake Activity:** No significant activity

## **Declaration Activity:**

- FEMA-4351-DR-AK
- FEMA-4352-DR-Pueblo of Acoma Tribe



# Thomas Fire – Southern California



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| Fire Name<br>(County)                    | FMAG #<br>(Approved Date) | Acres<br>Burned | Percent<br>Contained | Evacuations<br>(Residents) | Structures |                    |                      | Fatalities<br>/ Injuries |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
|  |                           |                 |                      |                            | Threatened | Damaged            | Destroyed            |                          |
| Thomas<br>(Ventura and<br>Santa Barbara) | 5224-FM-CA<br>Dec 5, 2017 | 272,000         | 60%<br>(+5%)         | Mandatory &<br>Voluntary   | 18,000     | 280<br>(210 homes) | 1,063<br>(779 homes) | 2 / 0                    |

**Situation:** The Thomas Fire continues to burn across multiple counties. Currently the second largest fire in CA recorded history (#1 – 2003 Cedar Fire, 273,246 acres).

## Impacts

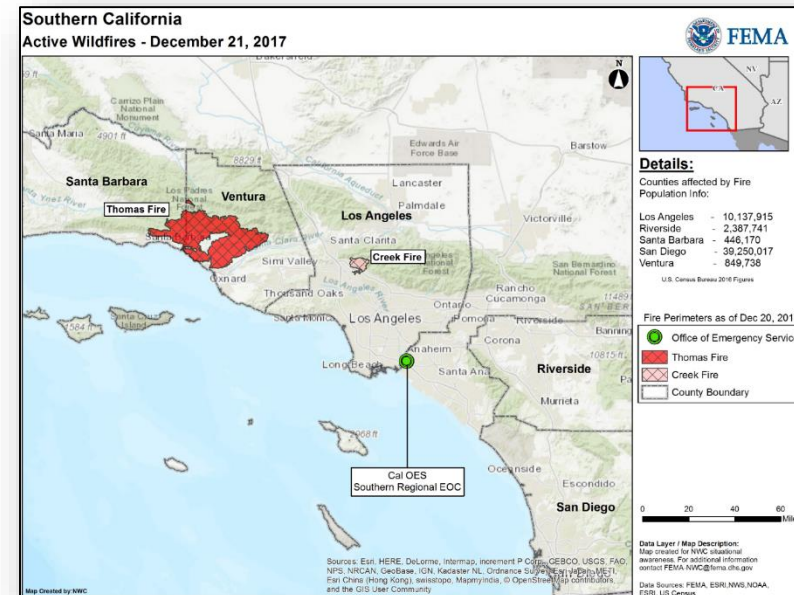
- Shelters: 2 open / **310 (-83)** occupants (ARC Shelter Count as of 5:37 a.m. EST)
- A boil water advisory remains in effect for both counties

## State/Local Response

- Governor declared a State of Emergency; CA National Guard deployed
- EOCs: CA – Partial Activation; NV – Partial Activation; UT – Monitoring

## FEMA Response

- FEMA-3396-EM-CA approved on December 8, 2017
- Region IX RWC at Steady State; RRCC not activated
- Region IX IMAT-2 providing support from region HQ; LNO remains deployed to CA EOC**
- LNO at Southern Region EOC and Defense Coordinating Element demobilized**
- IA Joint PDAs complete; PA PDAs scheduled to begin today

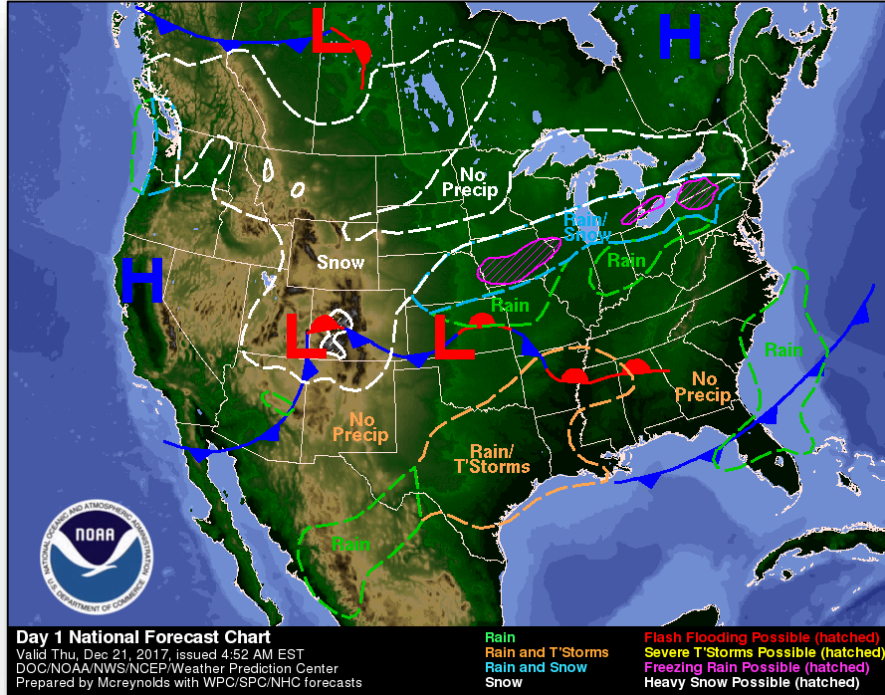




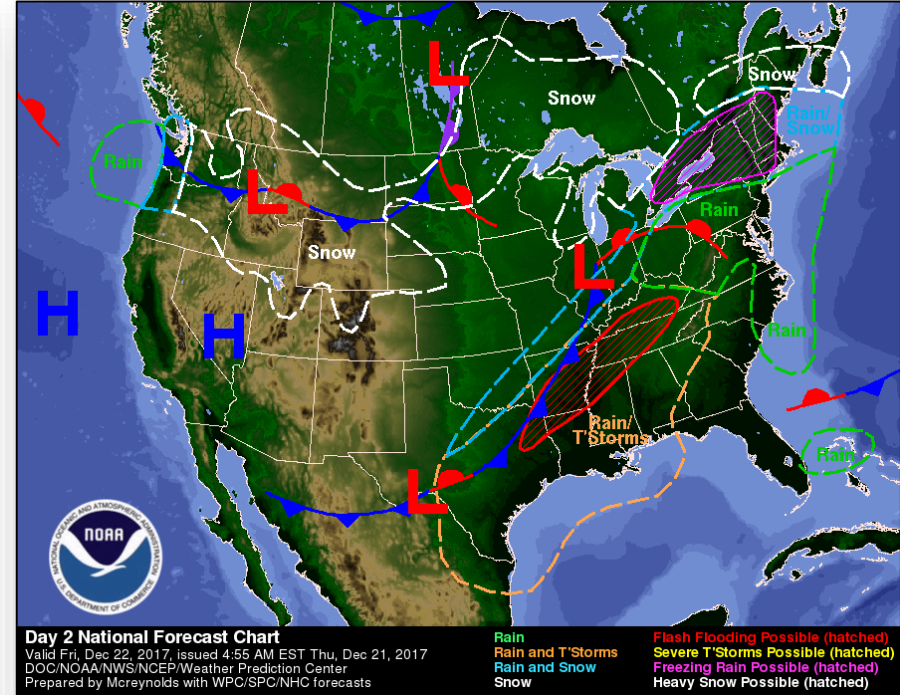
# National Weather Forecast



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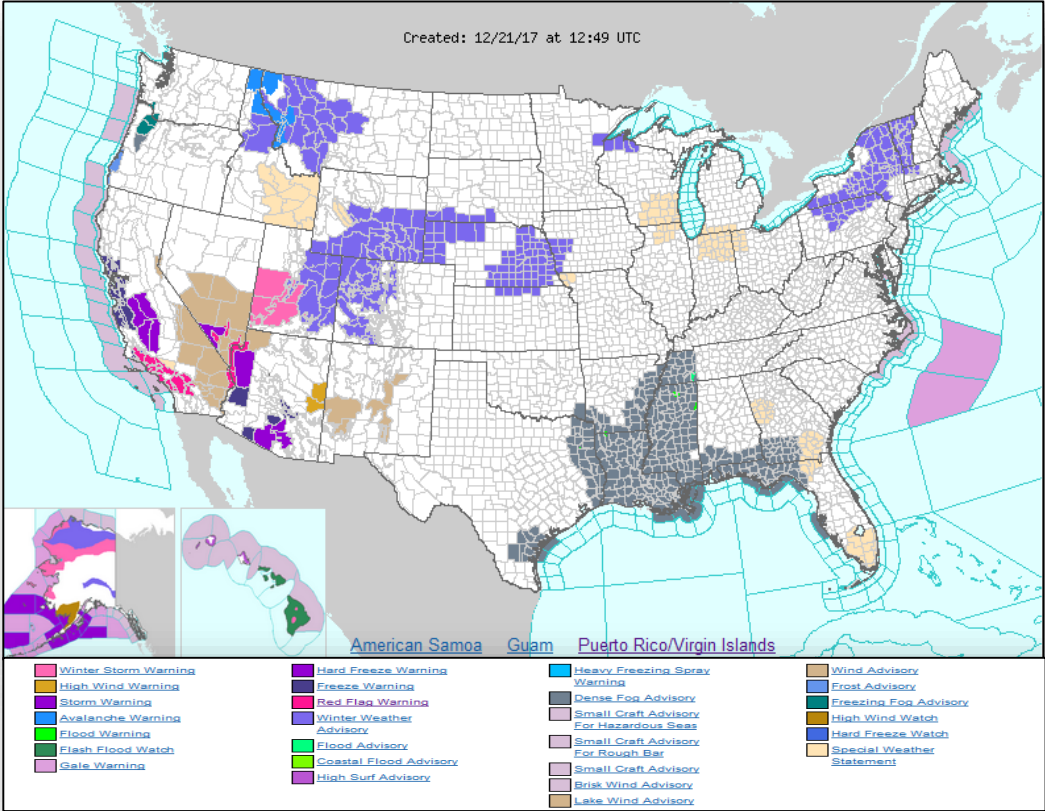
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# Active Watches and Warnings



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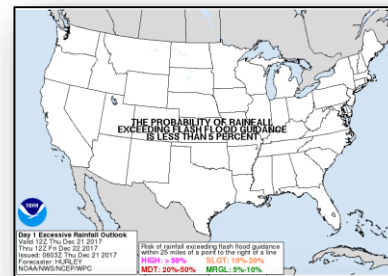
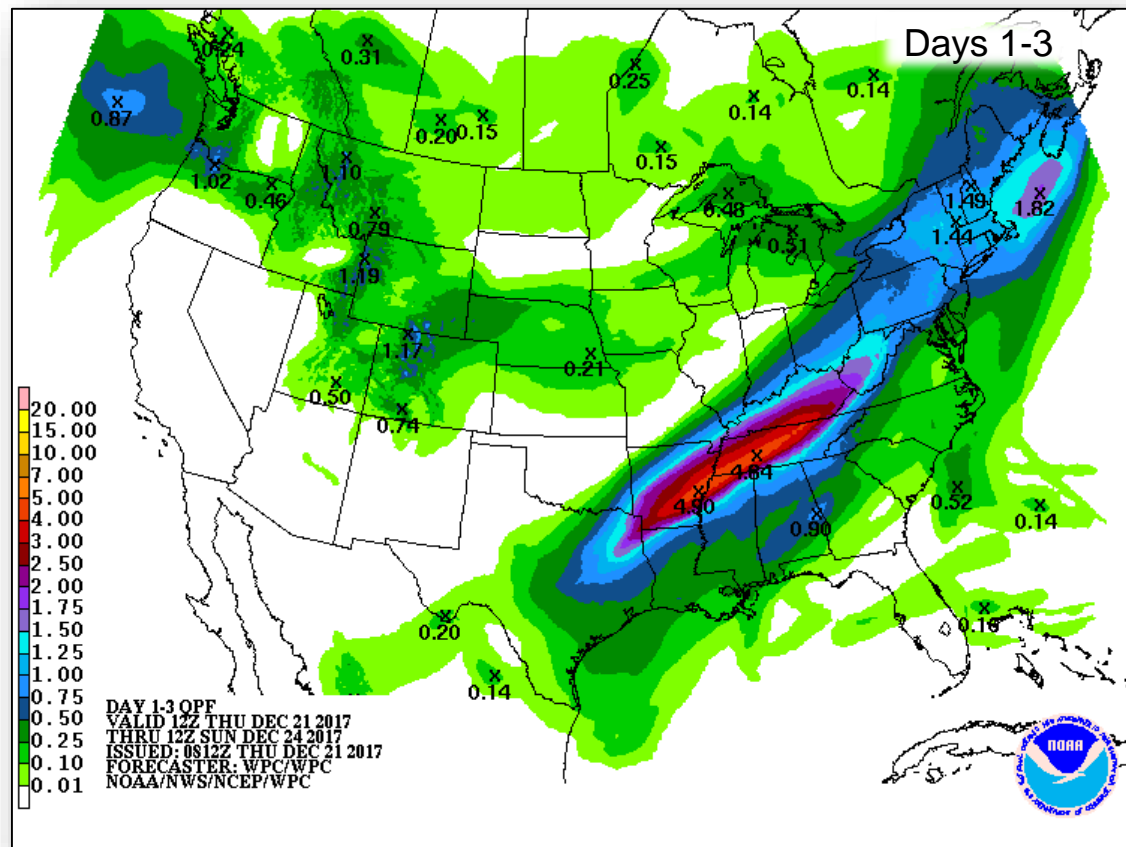




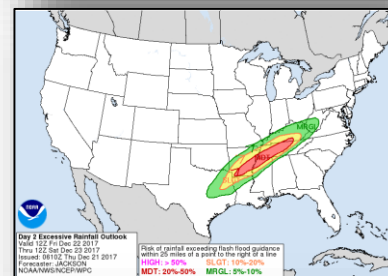
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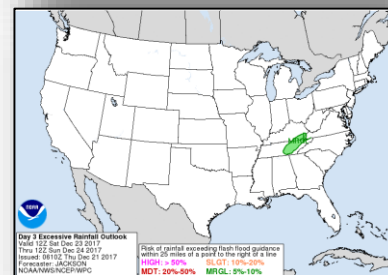
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Day 1



Day 2



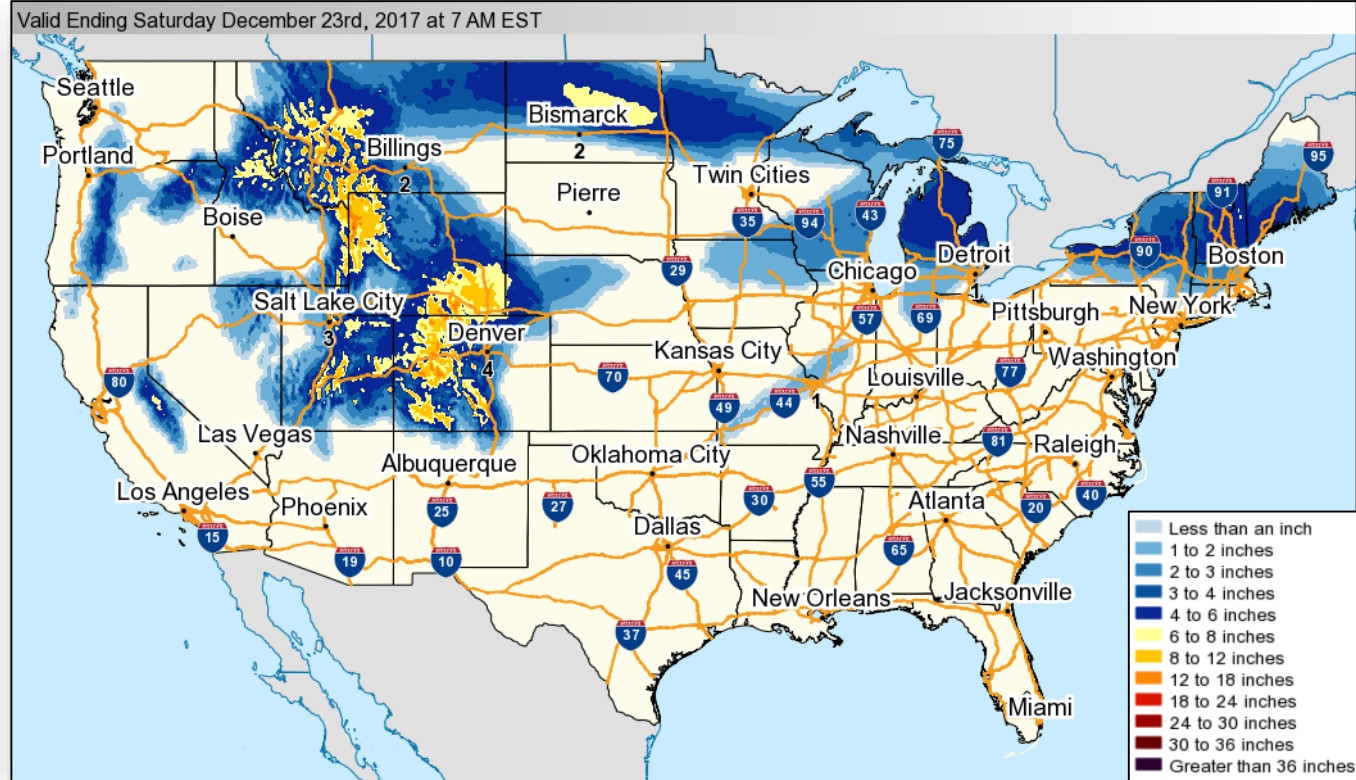
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# Forecast Snowfall



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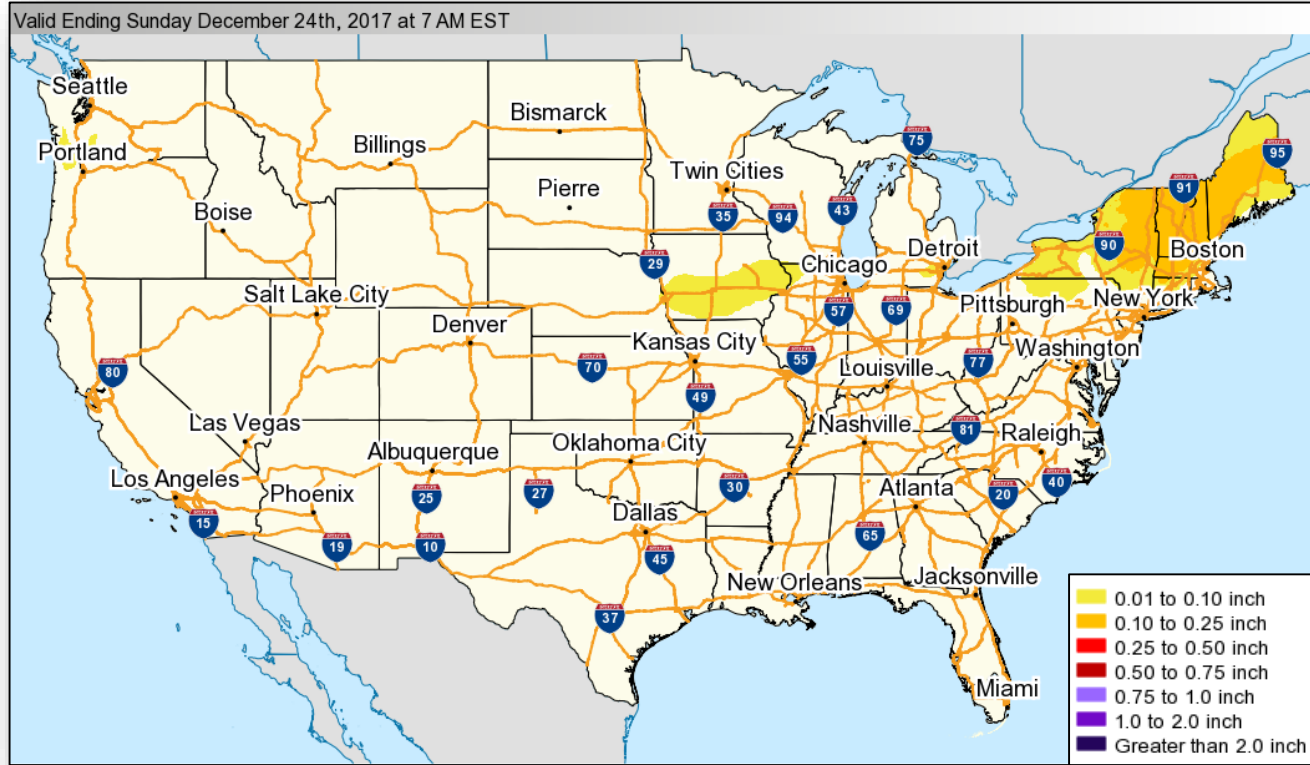




# Forecast Ice Accumulation



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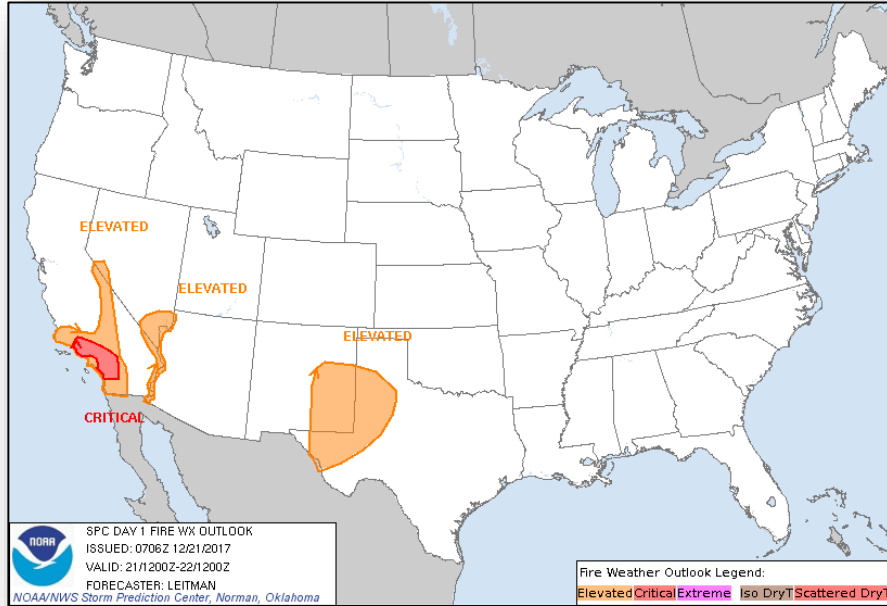




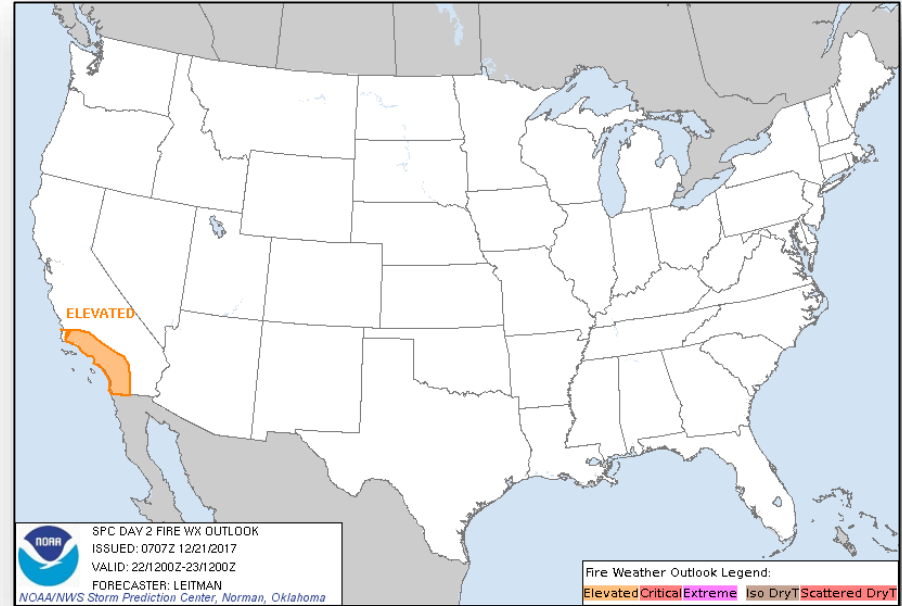
# Fire Weather Outlook



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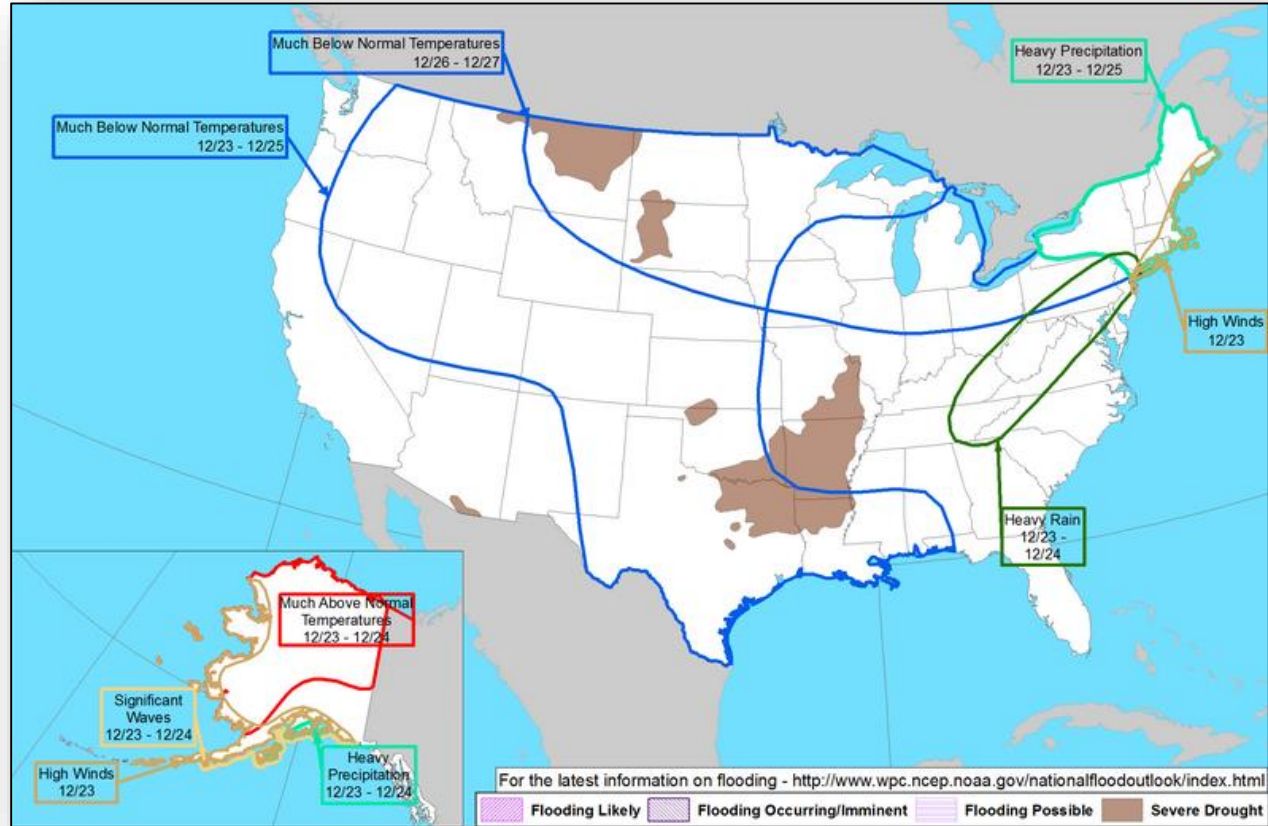
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# Hazards Outlook – Dec 23-27



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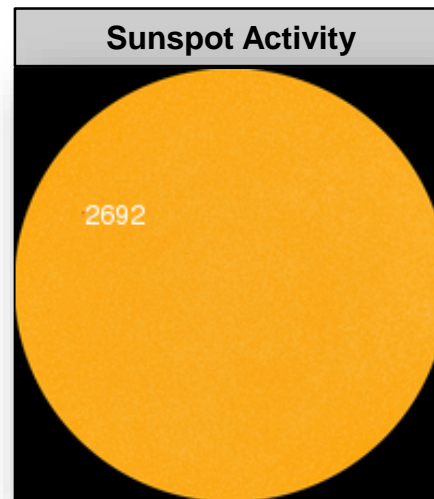
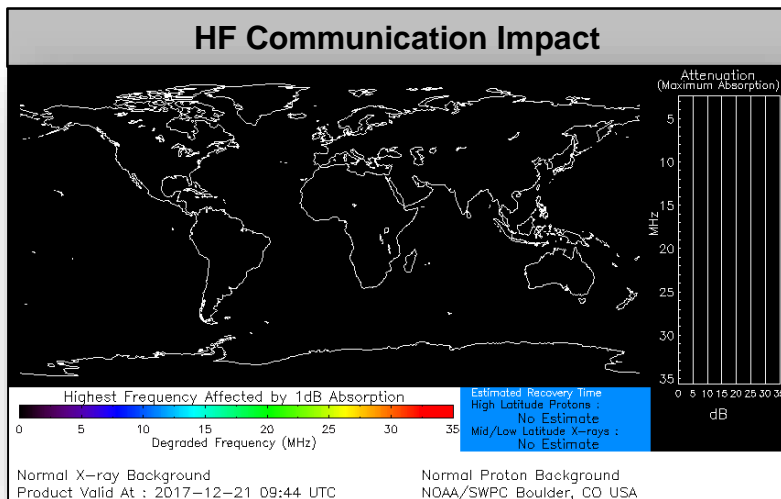


# Space Weather



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





# Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



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| Region | State / Location | Event  | IA / PA | Number of Counties |           | Start – End   |
|--------|------------------|--|---------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|
|        |                  |  |         | Requested          | Completed |               |
| IX     | CA               | Wildfires<br>December 4, 2017 and continuing | IA      | 4                  | 4         | 12/15 – 12/19 |
|        |                  |  | PA      | 4                  | 0         | 12/21 – TBD   |



# Declaration Approved



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## **FEMA-4351-DR-AK**

- Major Disaster Declaration approved December 20, 2017 for the state of Alaska
- For severe storms that occurred September 28-30, 2017
- Provides:
  - Public Assistance for one Borough
  - Hazard Mitigation statewide
- FCO is Thomas J. Dargan



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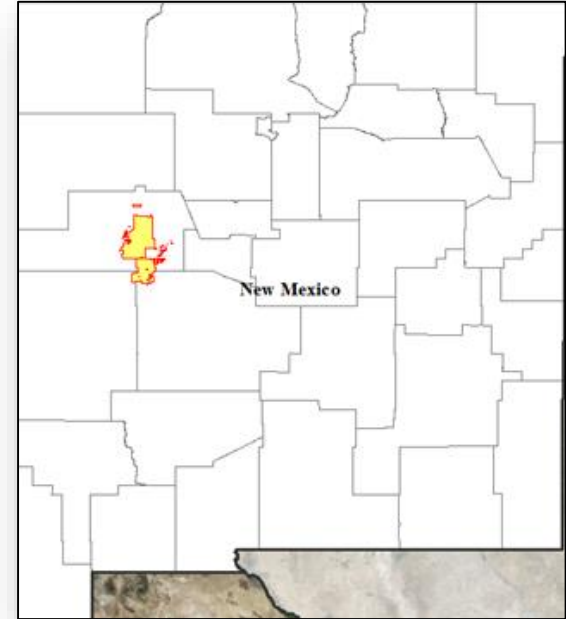
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## **FEMA-4352-DR-Pueblo of Acoma**

- Major Disaster Declaration approved on December 20, 2017 for the Pueblo of Acoma Tribe
- For severe storms and flooding that occurred October 4 – 6, 2017
- Provides:
  - Public Assistance
  - Hazard Mitigation
- FCO is Gerard M. Stolar



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# Disaster Requests & Declarations



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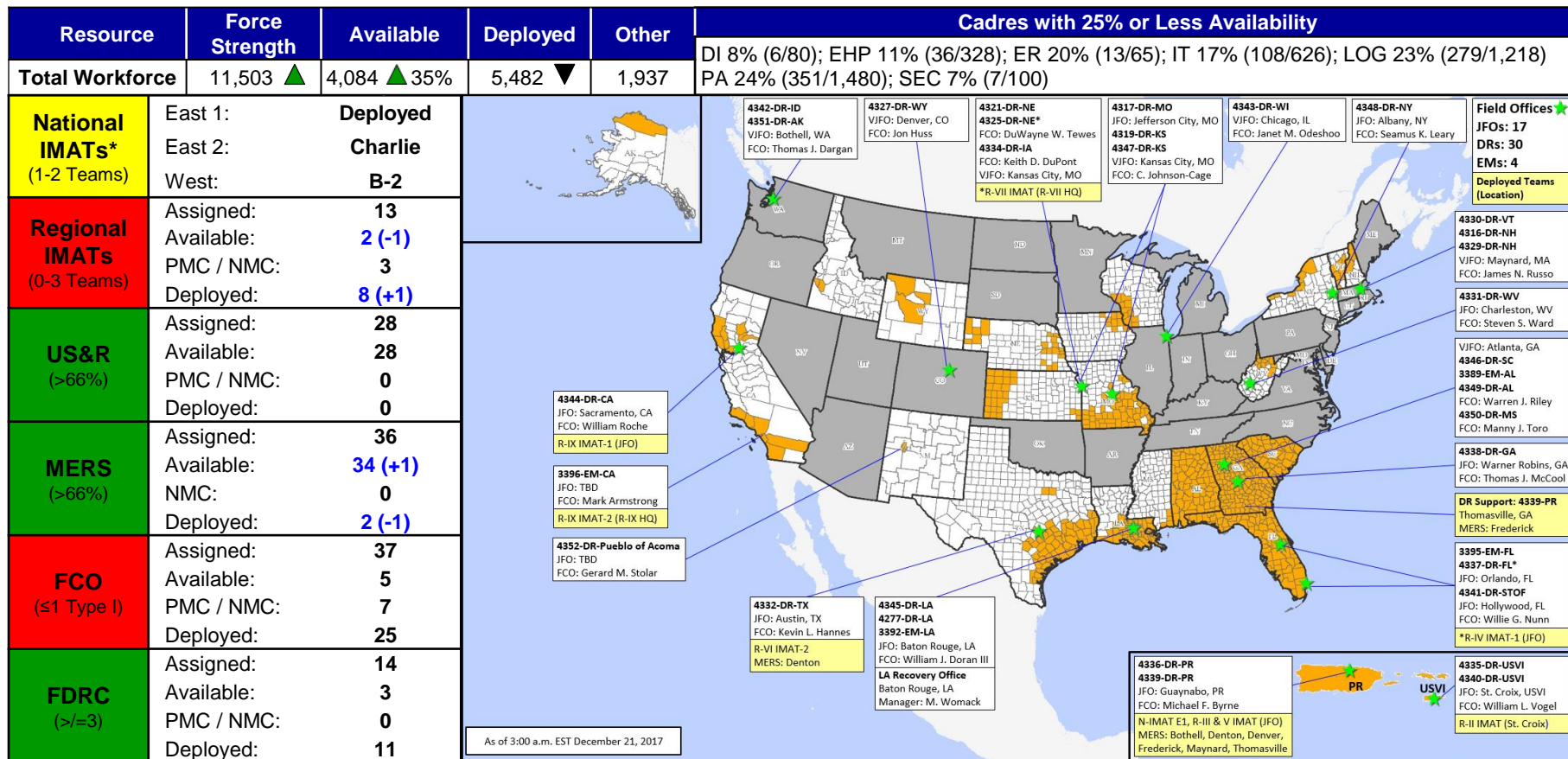
| Declaration Requests in Process                 |    |    |    |                   | Requests APPROVED<br>(since last report) | Requests DENIED<br>(since last report) |
|---|----|----|----|-------------------|--|--|
| 4   | IA | PA | HM | Date Requested    | 2  | 0                                      |
| MT – DR Wildfires                               |    | X  | X  | November 15, 2017 |  |  |
| NH – DR Severe Storms and Flooding              |    | X  | X  | November 27, 2017 |  |  |
| AK – DR Severe Storm                            |    | X  | X  | November 27, 2017 | Declared<br>December 20, 2017            |  |
| VT – DR Severe Storms and Flooding              |    | X  | X  | November 28, 2017 |  |  |
| ME – DR Severe Storms and Flooding              |    | X  | X  | November 29, 2017 |  |  |
| Pueblo of Acoma – DR Severe Storms and Flooding |    | X  | X  | November 30, 2017 | Declared<br>December 20, 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: III, V, and VIII





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