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Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, December 22, 2017

8:30 a.m. EST

Significant Activity – Dec 21-22



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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
- Freezing Rain – Upper Mississippi Valley, Great Lakes, and Northeast
- Moderate Risk of Flash Flooding – Lower Mississippi Valley to the Ohio Valley
- Bitterly cold temperatures expected across the Northern Rockies and Plains
- Space Weather:
 - Past 24 hours: None
 - Next 24 hours: None

Earthquake Activity: No significant activity

Declaration Activity:

- Major Disaster Declaration Request for CA

Thomas Fire – Southern California



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Fire Name (County)	FMAG # (Approved Date)	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations (Residents)	Structures			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Thomas - FINAL (Ventura and Santa Barbara)	5224-FM-CA Dec 5, 2017	272,600 (+600)	65% (+5)	Lifted	0	280 (210 homes)	1,063 (779 homes)	2 / 0

Situation: The Thomas Fire continues to burn across multiple counties, although as containment percentage increases, evacuations have been lifted.

Impacts

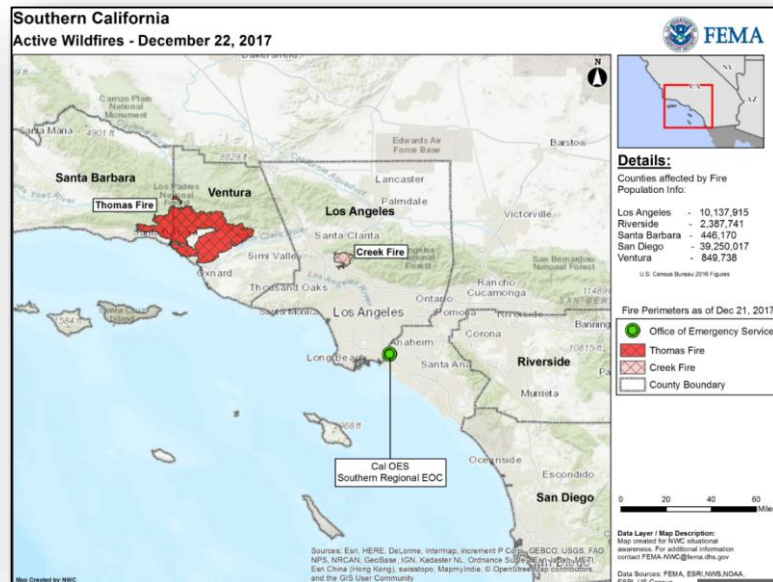
- **Shelters: 2 open / 203 (-107) occupants (ARC Shelter Count as of 6:50 a.m. EST)**
- **The boil water advisory has been lifted for Ventura County**

State/Local Response

- Governor declared a State of Emergency
- **Governor requested a Major Disaster Declaration on December 20, 2017**
- The CA National Guard remains deployed
- **CA EOC returned to Normal Operations**

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
- **The LNO to the CA EOC demobilized**



Declaration Request



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California

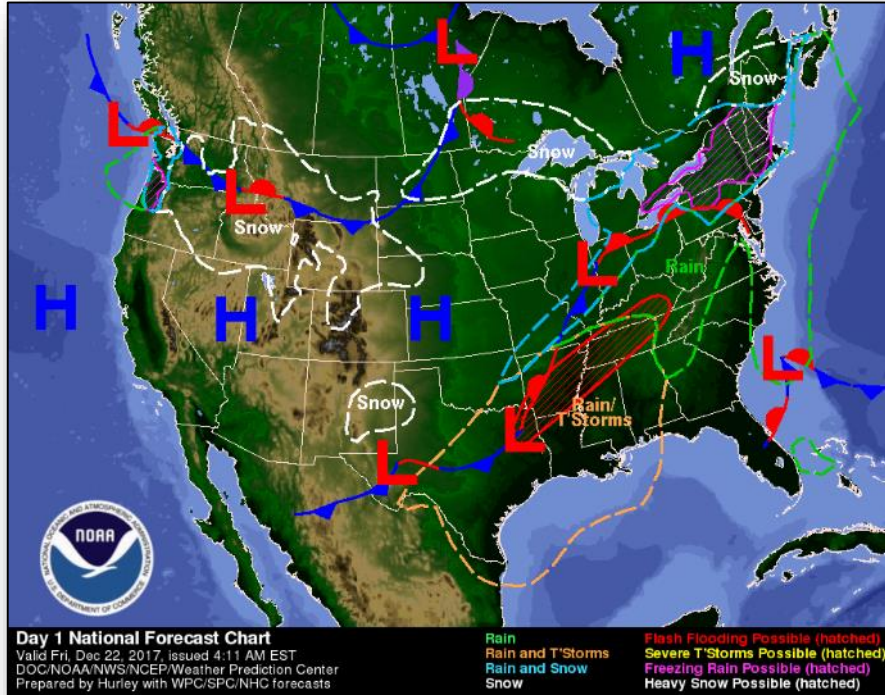
- The Governor requested a Major Disaster Declaration on December 20, 2017
- For wildfires beginning on December 4, 2017 and continuing
- Requesting:
 - Individual and Public Assistance, including direct federal assistance for 4 counties
 - Hazard Mitigation Statewide



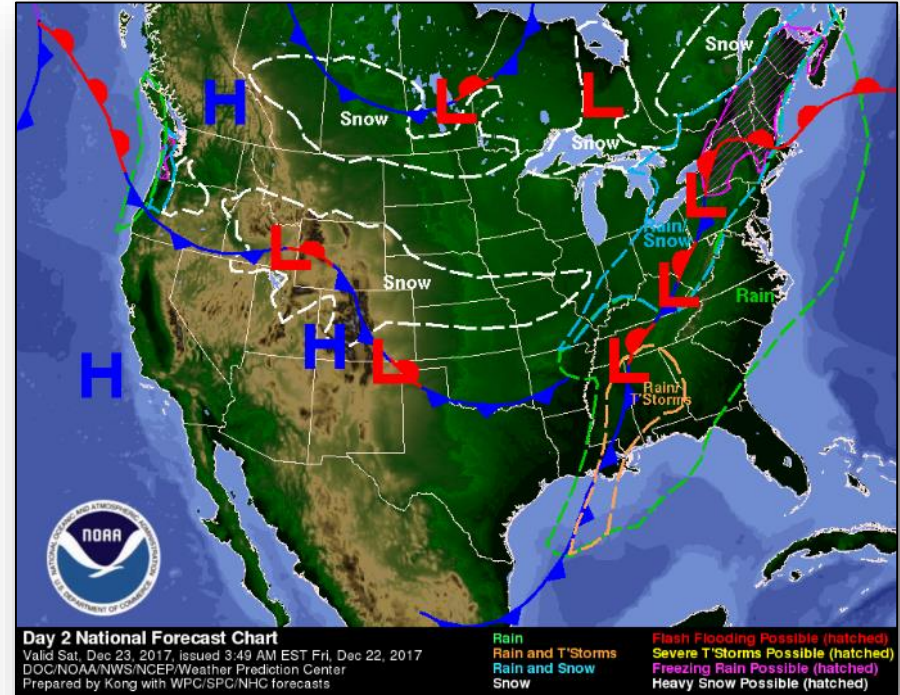
National Weather Forecast



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Today

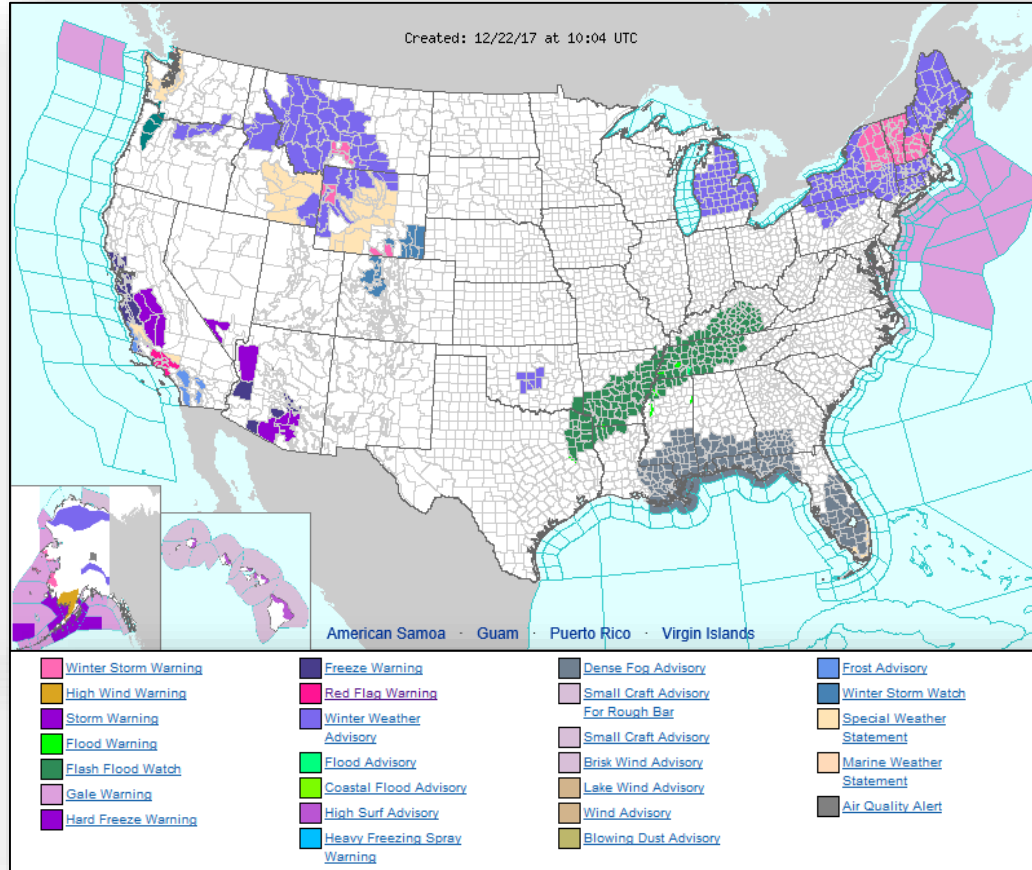


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Active Watches and Warnings



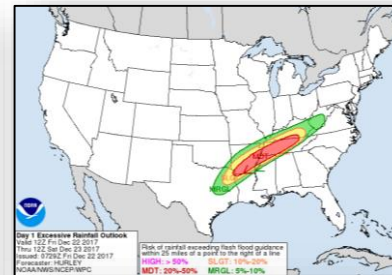
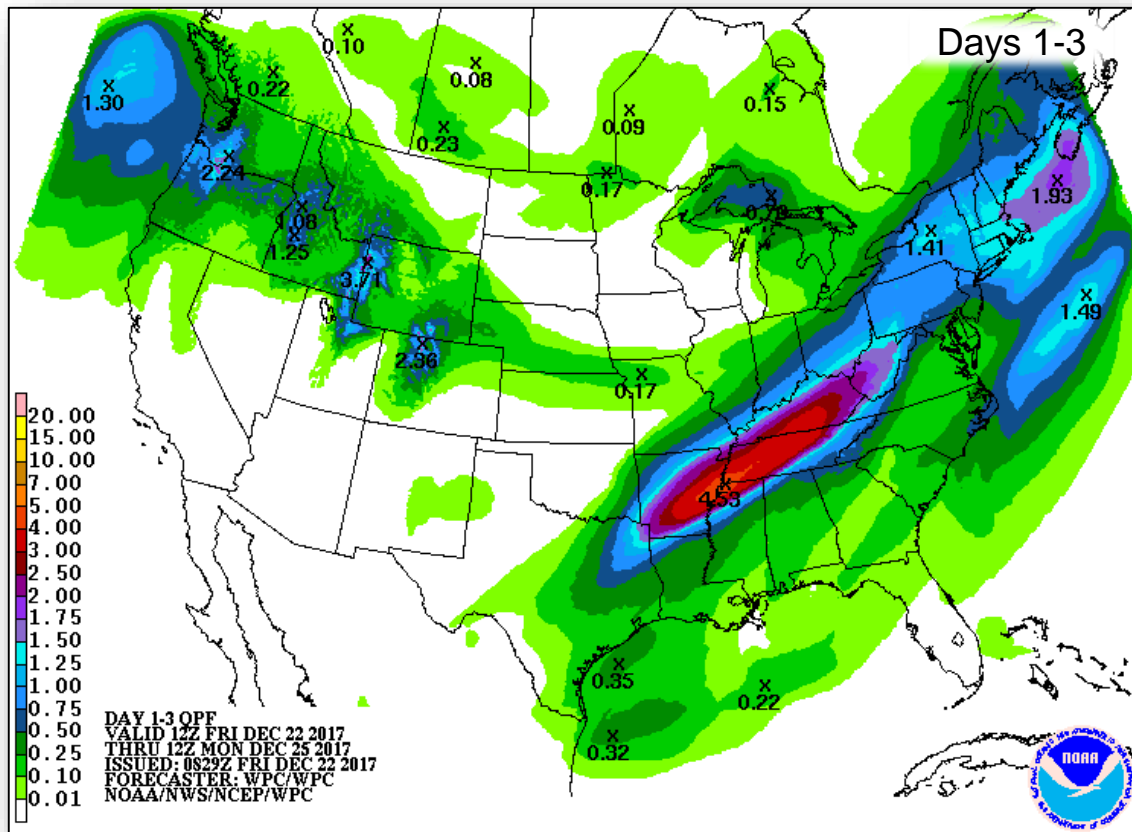
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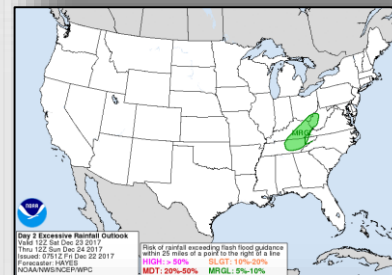
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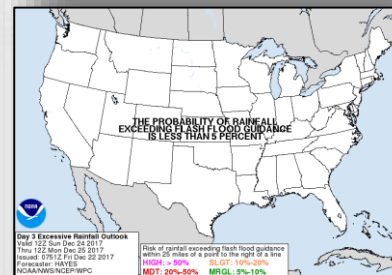
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Day 1



Day 2

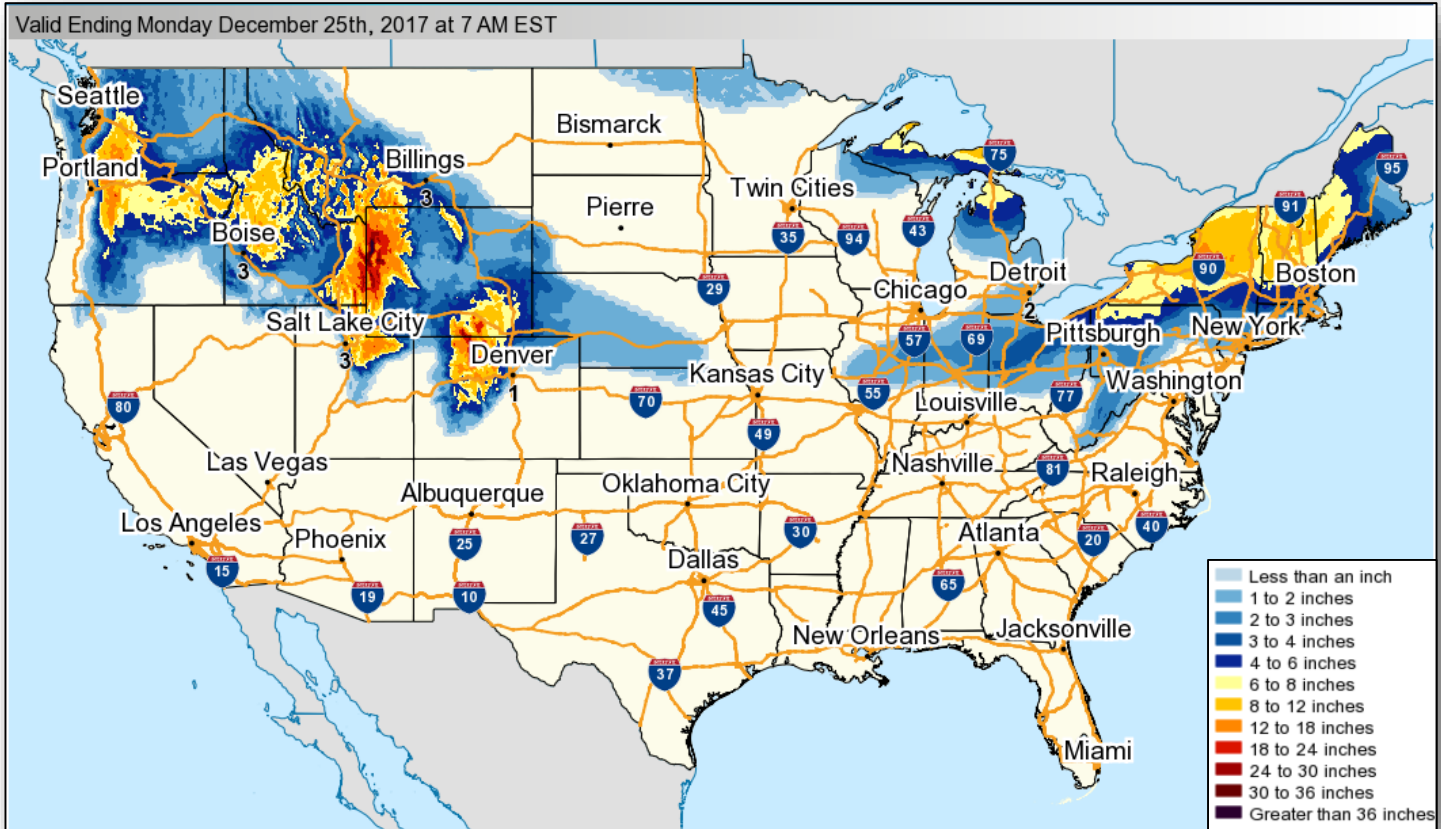


Day 3

Forecast Snowfall



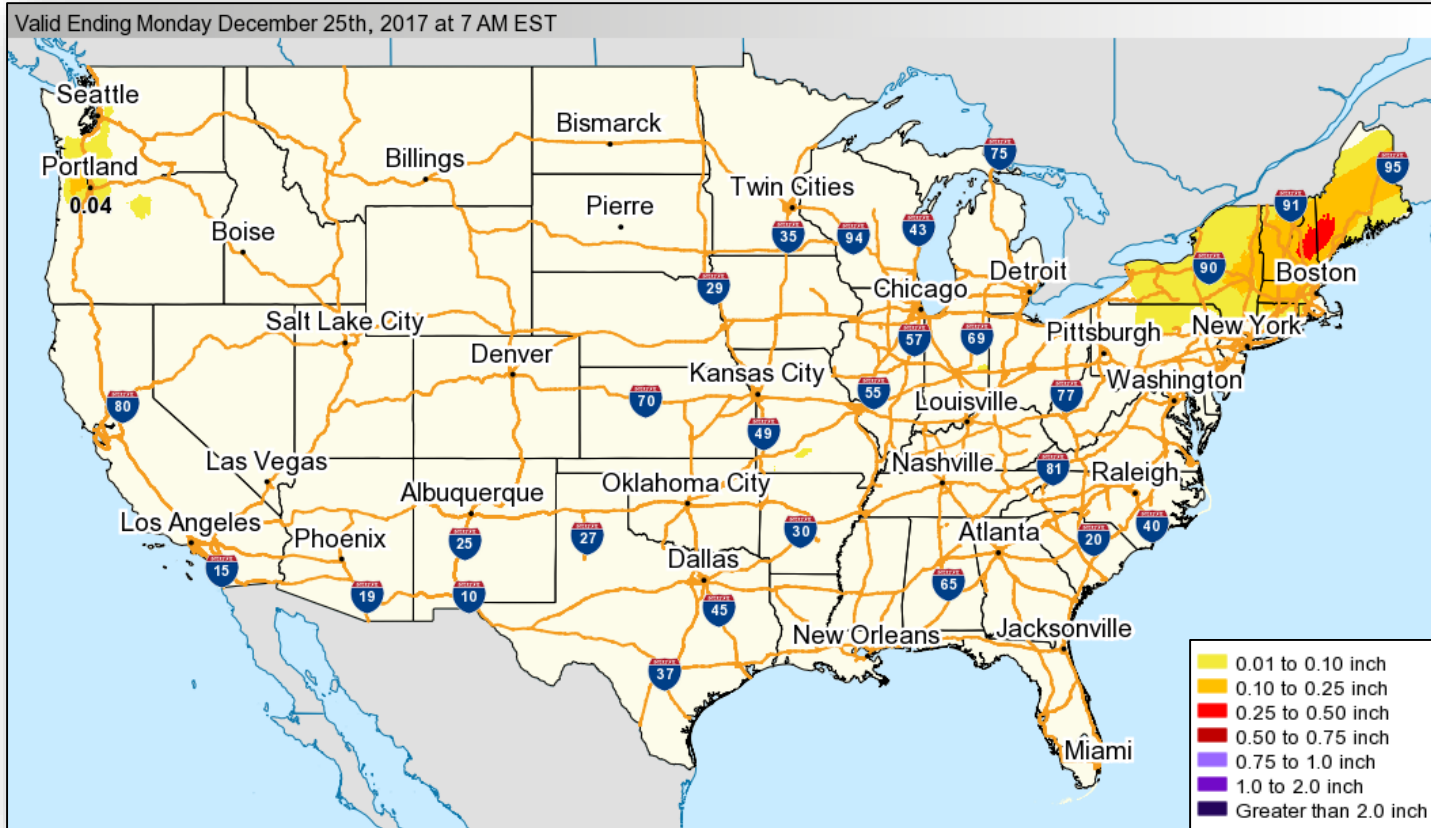
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Forecast Ice Accumulation



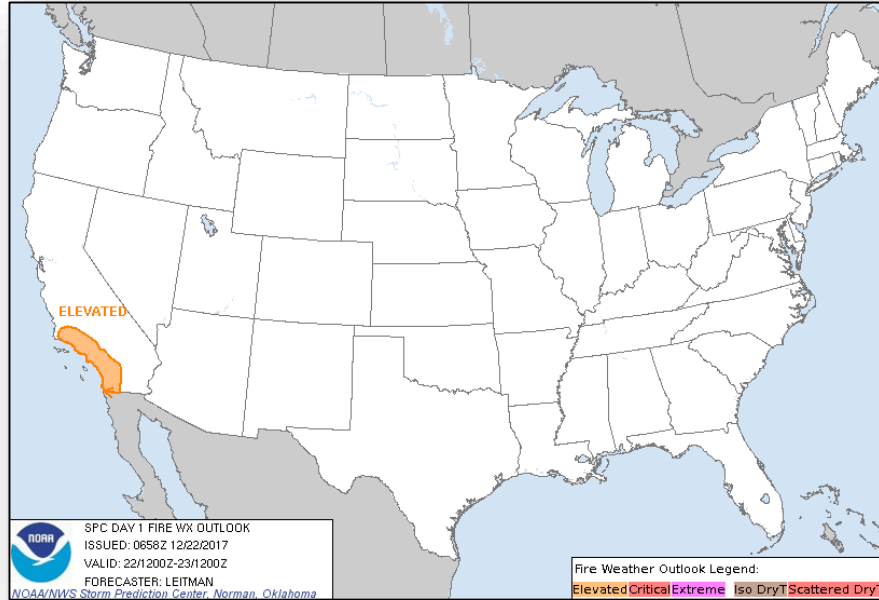
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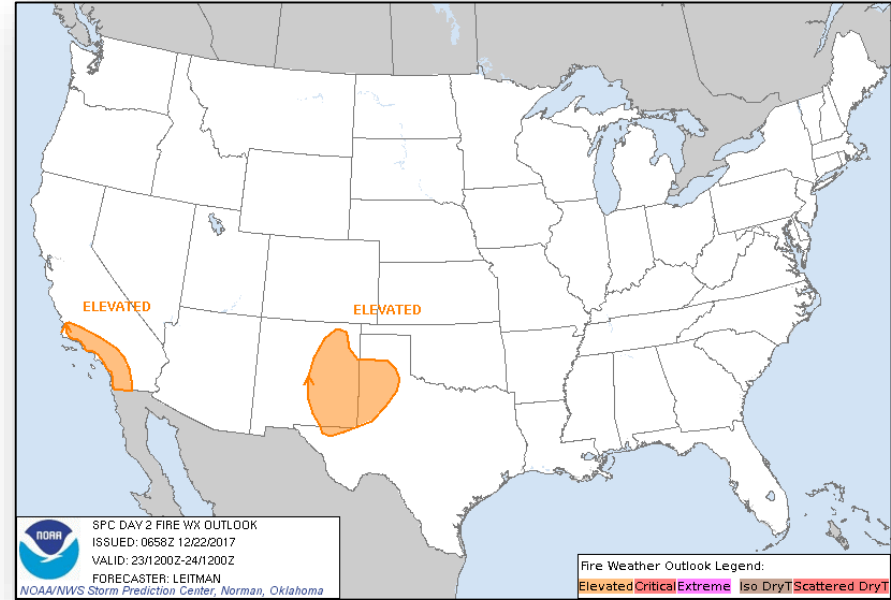
Fire Weather Outlook



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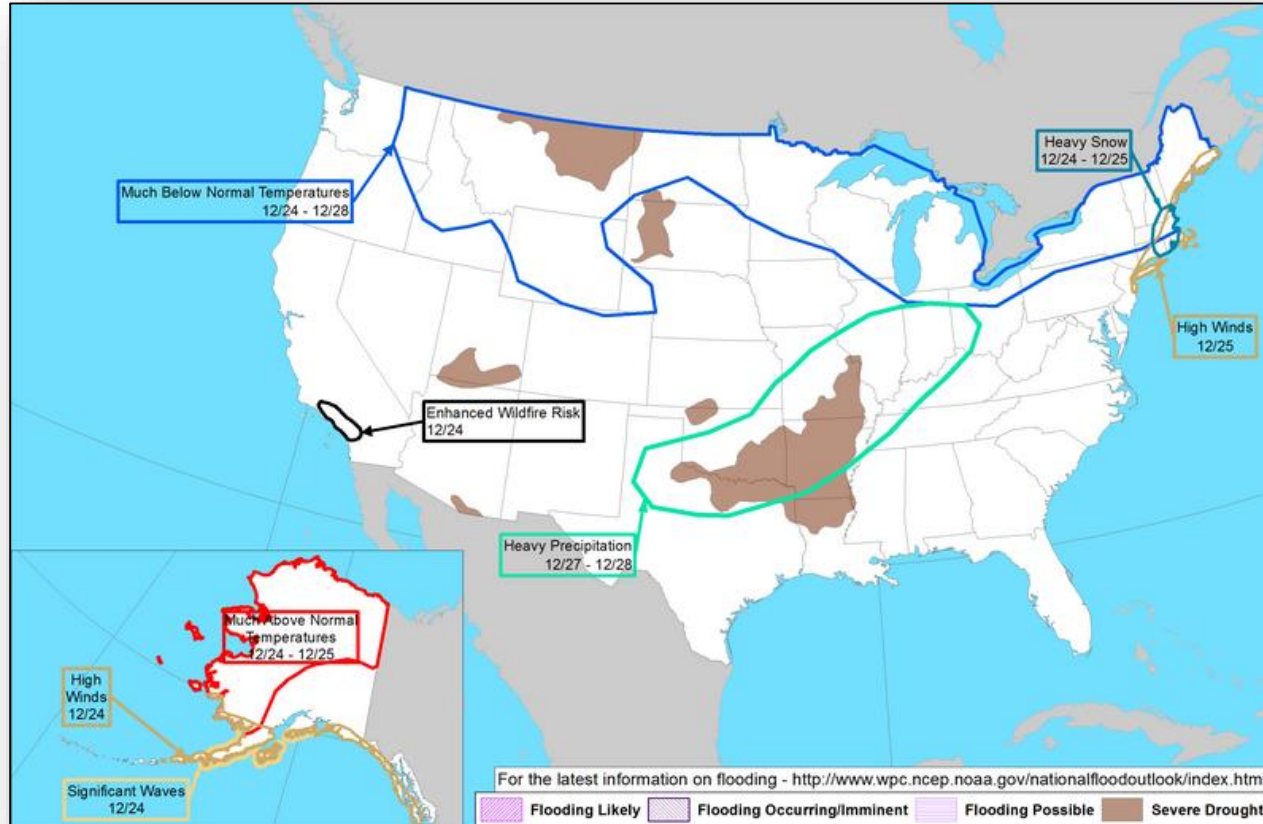


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Hazards Outlook – Dec 24-28



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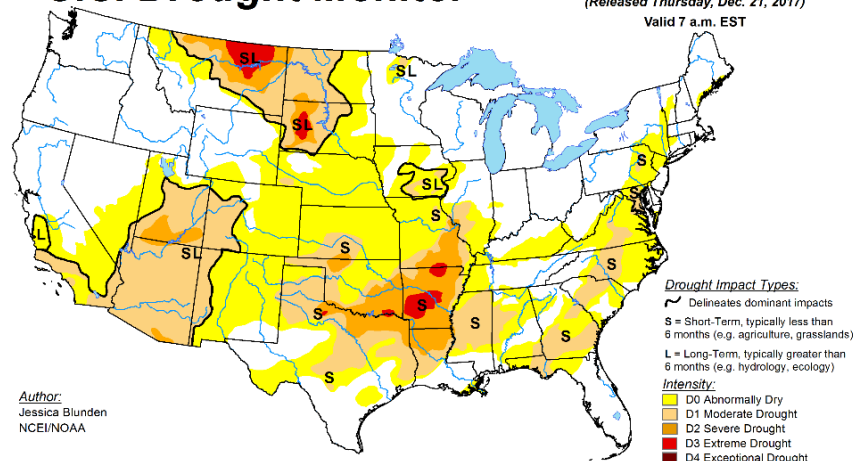
U.S. Drought Monitor



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U.S. Drought Monitor

December 19, 2017
(Released Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



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Drought Impact Types:

~ Delineates dominant impacts
S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

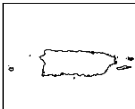
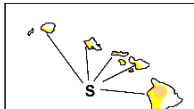
Intensity:

Yellow D0 Abnormally Dry
Orange D1 Moderate Drought
Dark Orange D2 Severe Drought
Red D3 Extreme Drought
Dark Red D4 Exceptional Drought

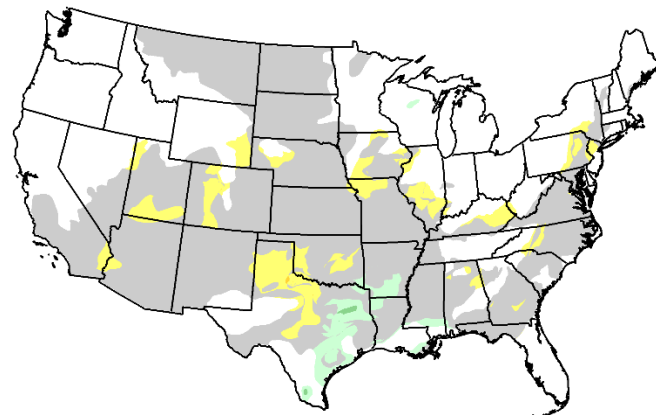
The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.



<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>



U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change - CONUS 1 Week



5 Class Degradation
4 Class Degradation
3 Class Degradation
2 Class Degradation
1 Class Degradation
No Change
1 Class Improvement
2 Class Improvement
3 Class Improvement
4 Class Improvement
5 Class Improvement

December 19, 2017
compared to
December 12, 2017

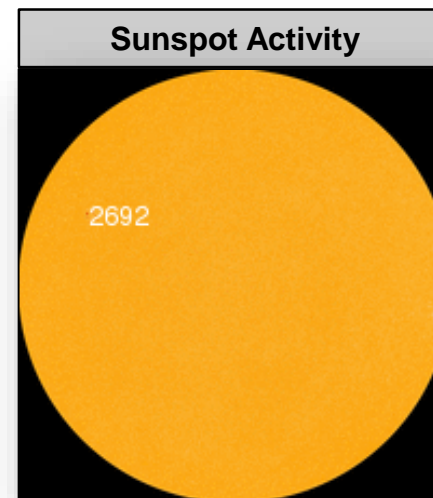
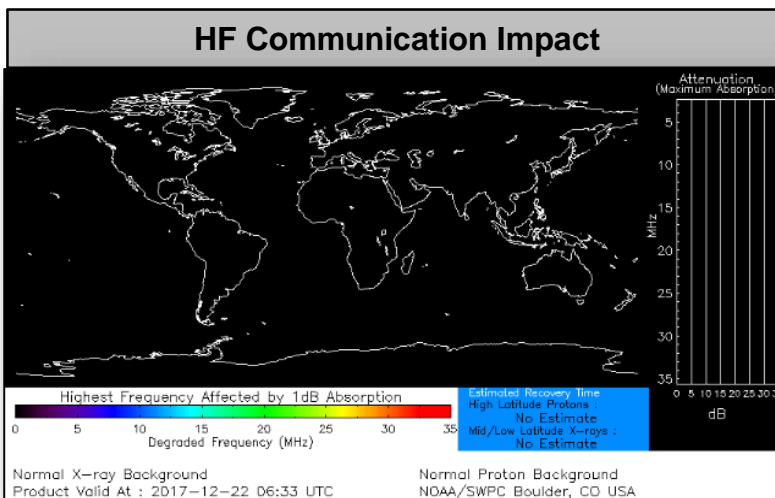
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Space Weather



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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				



Disaster Requests & Declarations



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Declaration Requests in Process					Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
5	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 28, 2017		
ME – DR Severe Storms and Flooding		X	X	November 29, 2017		
CA – DR Wildfires	X	X	X	December 20, 2017		

Readiness – Deployable Teams and Assets



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Resource	Force Strength	Available	Deployed	Other	Cadres with 25% or Less Availability	
Total Workforce	11,511 ▲	4,101 ▲ 35%	5,439 ▼	1,971	DI 9% (7/80); EHP 13% (44/328); ER 22% (14/65); IT 17% (104/626); LOG 23% (284/1,224) PA 24% (360/1,485); SEC 8% (8/100)	
National IMATs* (1-2 Teams)	East 1: East 2: West:	Deployed Charlie B-2	<div>4342-DR-ID 4351-DR-AK JFO: Bothell, WA FCO: Thomas J. Dargan</div> <div>4327-DR-WY JFO: Denver, CO FCO: Jon Huss</div> <div>4321-DR-NE 4325-DR-NE* FCO: DuWayne W. Tewes</div> <div>4334-DR-IA FCO: Keith D. DuPont JFO: Kansas City, MO *R-VII IMAT (R-VII HQ)</div> <div>4317-DR-MO JFO: Jefferson City, MO</div> <div>4319-DR-KS 4347-DR-KS JFO: Kansas City, MO FCO: C. Johnson-Cage</div> <div>4343-DR-WI JFO: Chicago, IL FCO: Janet M. Odesho</div> <div>4348-DR-NY JFO: Albany, NY FCO: Seamus K. Leary</div> <div>Field Offices ★ JFOs: 17 DRs: 30 EMs: 4 Deployed Teams (Location)</div> <div>4330-DR-VT 4316-DR-NH 4329-DR-NH JFO: Maynard, MA FCO: James N. Russo</div> <div>4331-DR-WV JFO: Charleston, WV FCO: Steven S. Ward</div> <div>VJFO: Atlanta, GA 4346-DR-SC 3389-EM-AL 4349-DR-AL FCO: Warren J. Riley 4350-DR-MS FCO: Manny J. Toro</div> <div>4338-DR-GA JFO: Warner Robins, GA FCO: Thomas J. McCool</div> <div>DR Support: 4339-PR Thomasville, GA MERS: Frederick</div> <div>3395-EM-FL 4337-DR-FL* JFO: Orlando, FL</div> <div>4341-DR-STOF JFO: Hollywood, FL FCO: Willie G. Nunn *R-IV IMAT-1 (JFO)</div> <div>4336-DR-PR 4339-DR-PR JFO: Guaynabo, PR FCO: Michael F. Byrne</div> <div>N-IMAT E1, R-III & V IMAT (JFO) MERS: Bothell, Denton, Denver, Frederick, Maynard, Thomasville</div> <div>4332-DR-TX 4277-DR-LA 3392-EM-LA JFO: Austin, TX FCO: Kevin L. Hannes R-VI IMAT-2 MERS: Denton</div> <div>4345-DR-LA 4277-DR-LA 3392-EM-LA JFO: Baton Rouge, LA FCO: William J. Doran III LA Recovery Office Baton Rouge, LA Manager: M. Womack</div> <div>4352-DR-Pueblo of Acoma JFO: TBD FCO: Gerard M. Stolar</div> <div>4344-DR-CA JFO: Sacramento, CA FCO: William Roche R-IX IMAT-1 (JFO)</div> <div>3396-EM-CA JFO: TBD FCO: Mark Armstrong R-IX IMAT-2 (R-IX HQ)</div> <div>4333-DR-CA JFO: Bothell, WA FCO: Thomas J. Dargan</div> <div>4330-DR-VT 4316-DR-NH 4329-DR-NH JFO: Maynard, MA FCO: James N. Russo</div> <div>4331-DR-WV JFO: Charleston, WV FCO: Steven S. Ward</div> <div>VJFO: Atlanta, GA 4346-DR-SC 3389-EM-AL 4349-DR-AL FCO: Warren J. Riley 4350-DR-MS FCO: Manny J. Toro</div> <div>4338-DR-GA JFO: Warner Robins, GA FCO: Thomas J. McCool</div> <div>DR Support: 4339-PR Thomasville, GA MERS: Frederick</div> <div>3395-EM-FL 4337-DR-FL* JFO: Orlando, FL</div> <div>4341-DR-STOF JFO: Hollywood, FL FCO: Willie G. Nunn *R-IV IMAT-1 (JFO)</div> <div>4336-DR-PR 4339-DR-PR JFO: Guaynabo, PR FCO: Michael F. Byrne</div> <div>N-IMAT E1, R-III & V IMAT (JFO) MERS: Bothell, Denton, Denver, Frederick, Maynard, Thomasville</div> <div>4332-DR-TX 4277-DR-LA 3392-EM-LA JFO: Austin, TX FCO: Kevin L. Hannes R-VI IMAT-2 MERS: Denton</div> <div>4345-DR-LA 4277-DR-LA 3392-EM-LA JFO: Baton Rouge, LA FCO: William J. Doran III LA Recovery Office Baton Rouge, LA Manager: M. Womack</div> <div>4352-DR-Pueblo of Acoma JFO: TBD FCO: Gerard M. Stolar</div> <div>4344-DR-CA JFO: Sacramento, CA FCO: William Roche R-IX IMAT-1 (JFO)</div> <div>3396-EM-CA JFO: TBD FCO: Mark Armstrong R-IX IMAT-2 (R-IX HQ)</div> <div>4333-DR-CA JFO: Bothell, WA FCO: Thomas J. Dargan</div>			
Regional IMATs (0-3 Teams)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	13 2 3 8				
US&R (>66%)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	28 28 0 0				
MERS (>66%)	Assigned: Available: NMC: Deployed:	36 34 0 2				
FCO (≤1 Type I)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	37 5 7 25				
FDRC (≥3)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	14 3 0 11				
As of 3:00 a.m. EST December 22, 2017						

*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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