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Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, December 24, 2014

8:30 a.m. EST

Significant Activity: Dec 23-24



Significant Events: Severe Weather – Southeast (Dec 23)

Significant Weather:

- Widespread rain: Eastern U.S.
- Flooding and Flash flooding possible: Southeast and New England
- Heavy snow possible: Great Basin and Rocky Mountains
- Heavy rain and mountain snow: Hawaii
- Critical Fire Weather Areas/Red Flag Warnings: none
- Space Weather: Past 24 hours – none; next 24 hours – minor: R1/radio blackouts and G1/geomagnetic storms expected

Disaster Activity: None

FEMA Readiness: No significant changes

Severe Weather - Southeast



Situation:

- Tuesday, strong to severe thunderstorms moved across Southeastern U.S.
- Today, isolated storms remain possible from FL to Mid-Atlantic
- Flood/Flash Flood Watches remain in effect for portions of GA, AL & FL
- 11 preliminary tornado reports (8 in MS; 2 in LA; 1 in GA)

Mississippi Impacts:

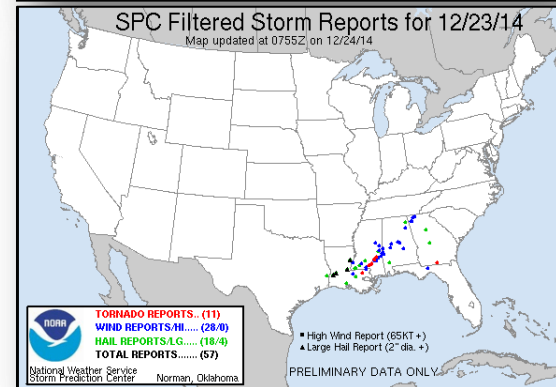
- 4 confirmed fatalities (2 in Jones Co.; 2 in Marion Co.); 20 injuries
- In Columbia, MS (pop. 6k), homes/commercial buildings were damaged
- Statewide: 1 shelter open with 0 occupants (ARC*, 5:30 am EST)
- No wide-spread power outages reported; 4k in MS (DOE EAGLE-I*, 5:30 am EST)

State/Local Response:

- MS SEOC is Partially Activated; local/State PDAs planned for today
- MS Governor issued state of emergency for Marion & Jones Counties
- All other states at Normal Operations

FEMA Response:

- FEMA Regions IV and VI remain at Watch/Steady State
- Region IV LNO deploying to MS SEOC
- No requests for FEMA assistance

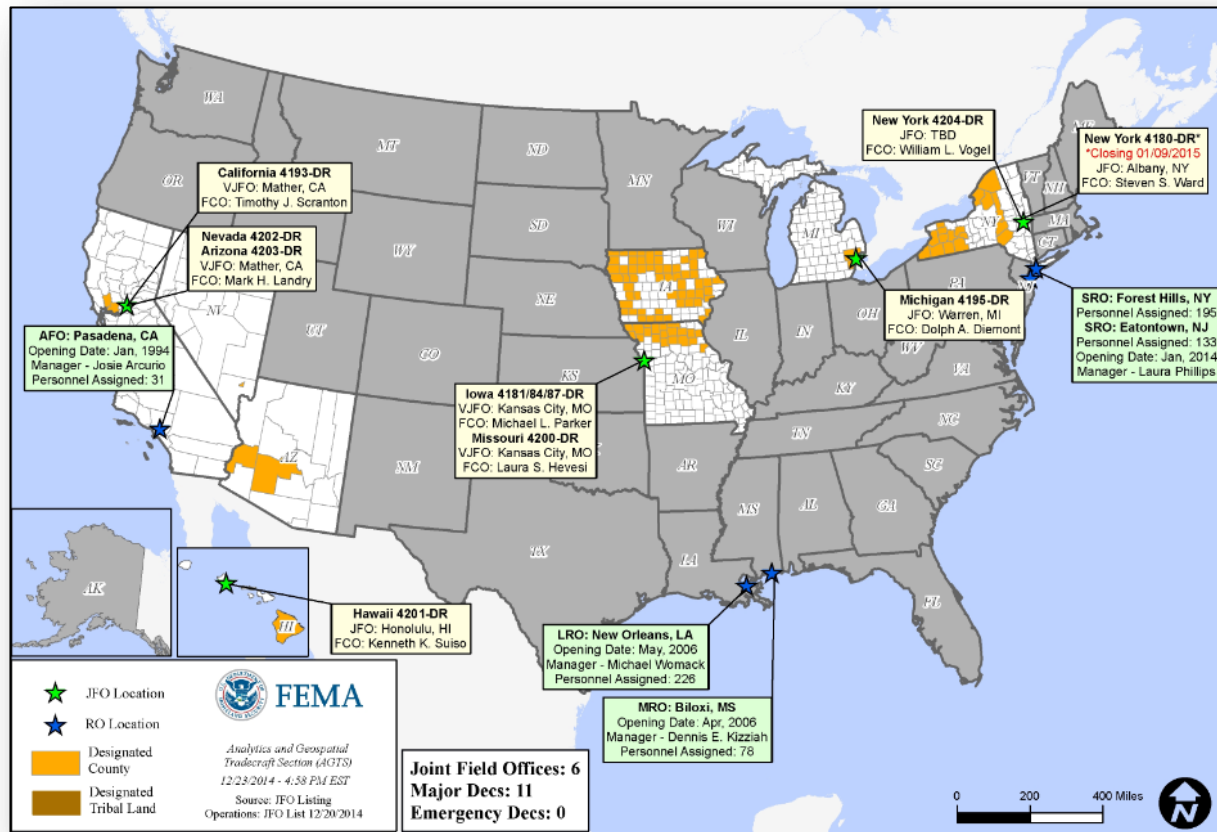


*Note: Customer outage data is provided by the Department of Energy's EAGLE-I system. Comprehensive National coverage of all electrical service providers is not available.

Open Field Offices as of Dec 24



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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

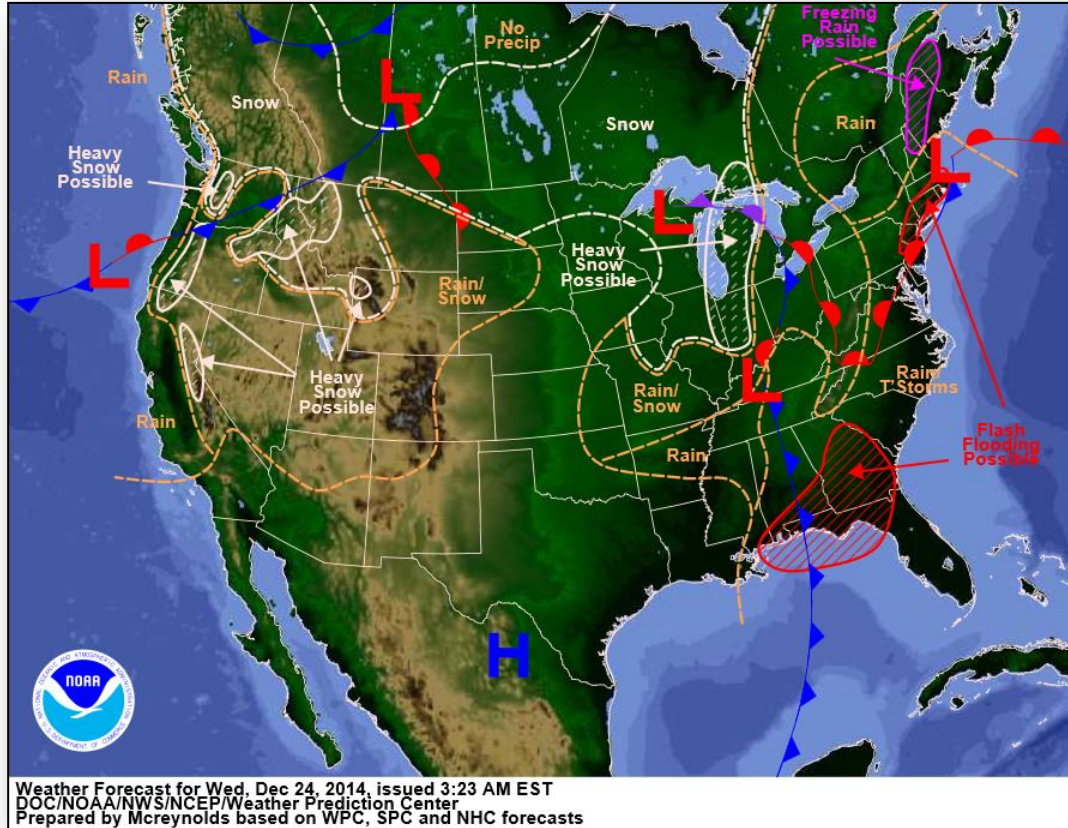


Region	State / Location	Event	IA/PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Complete	
I	VT	Severe Winter Storm Dec 9, 2014	PA	12	0	12/17/14 - TBD
IX	Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians (Riverside County, CA)	Severe Storms Dec 4-7, 2014	PA	1 tribe	0	12/22/14 -TBD

National Weather Forecast



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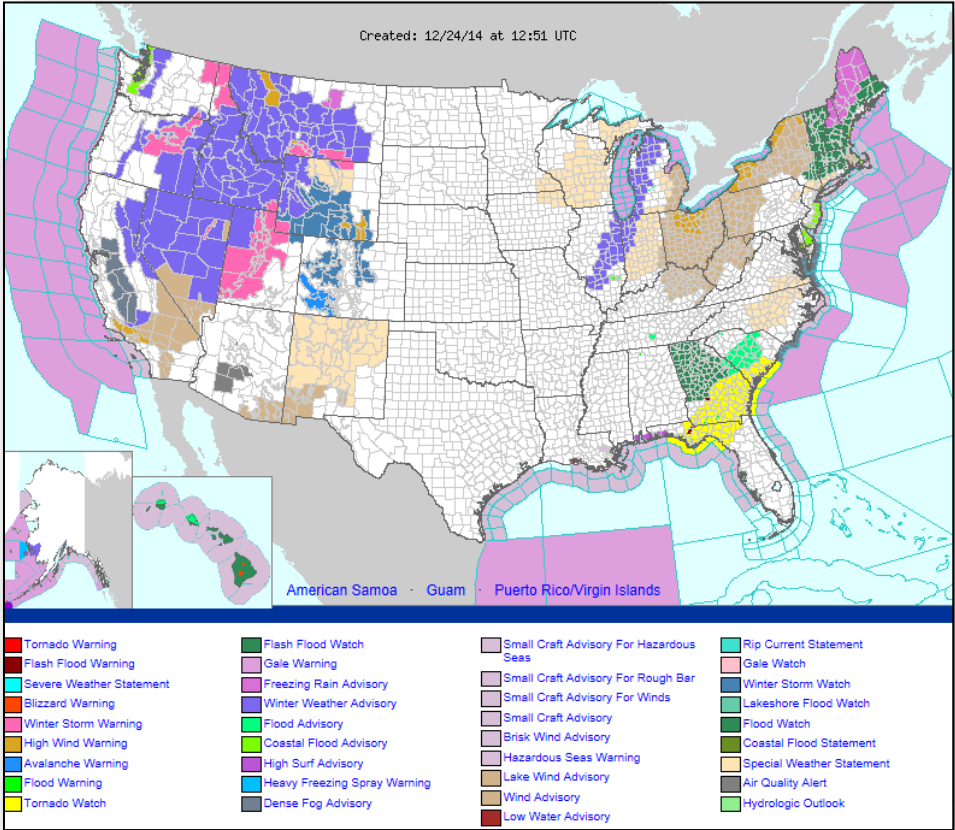


Weather Forecast for Wed, Dec 24, 2014, issued 3:23 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Active Watches/Warnings



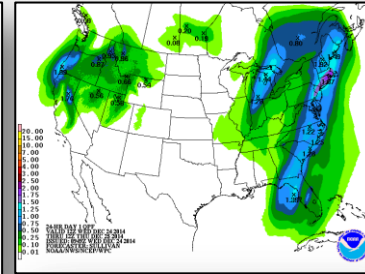
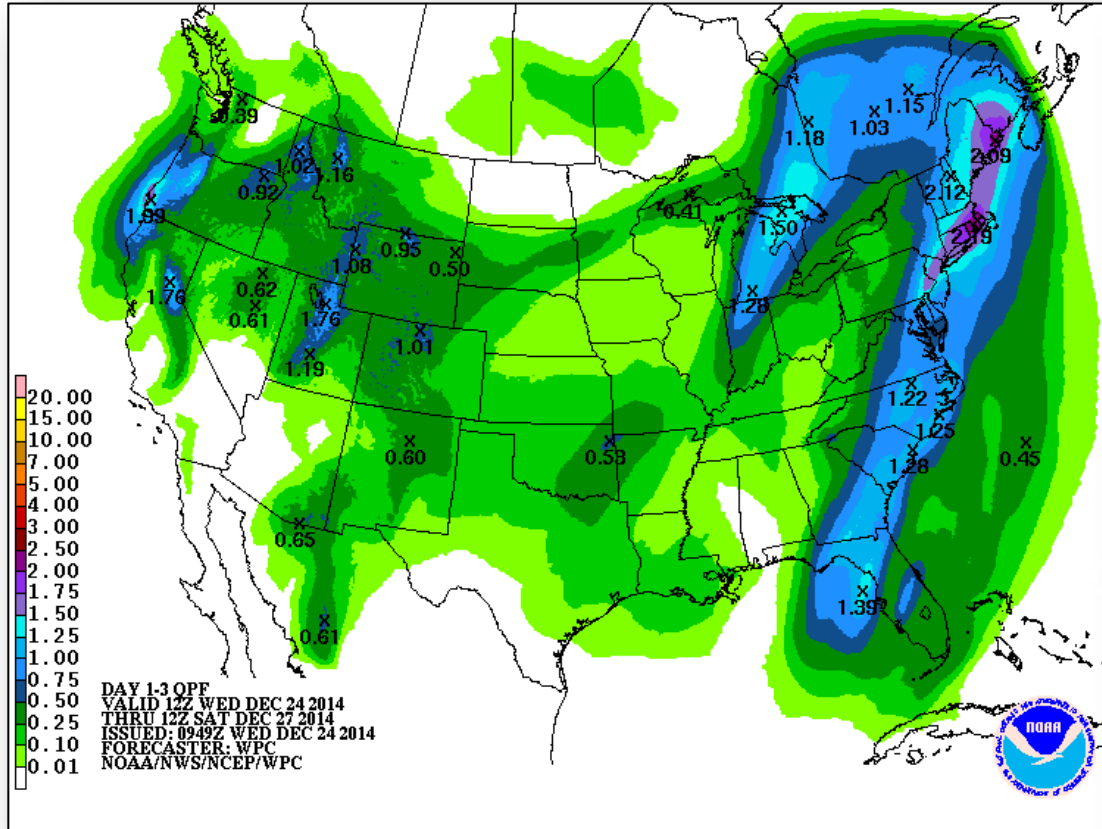
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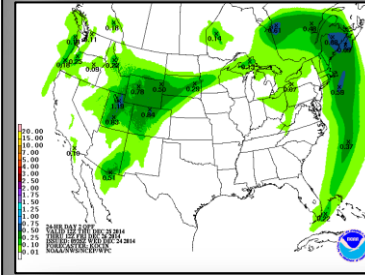
Precipitation Forecast – 3 Day



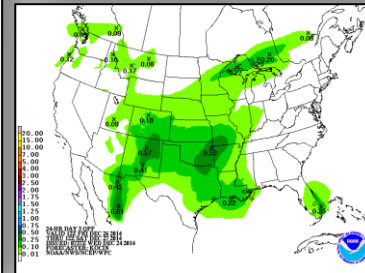
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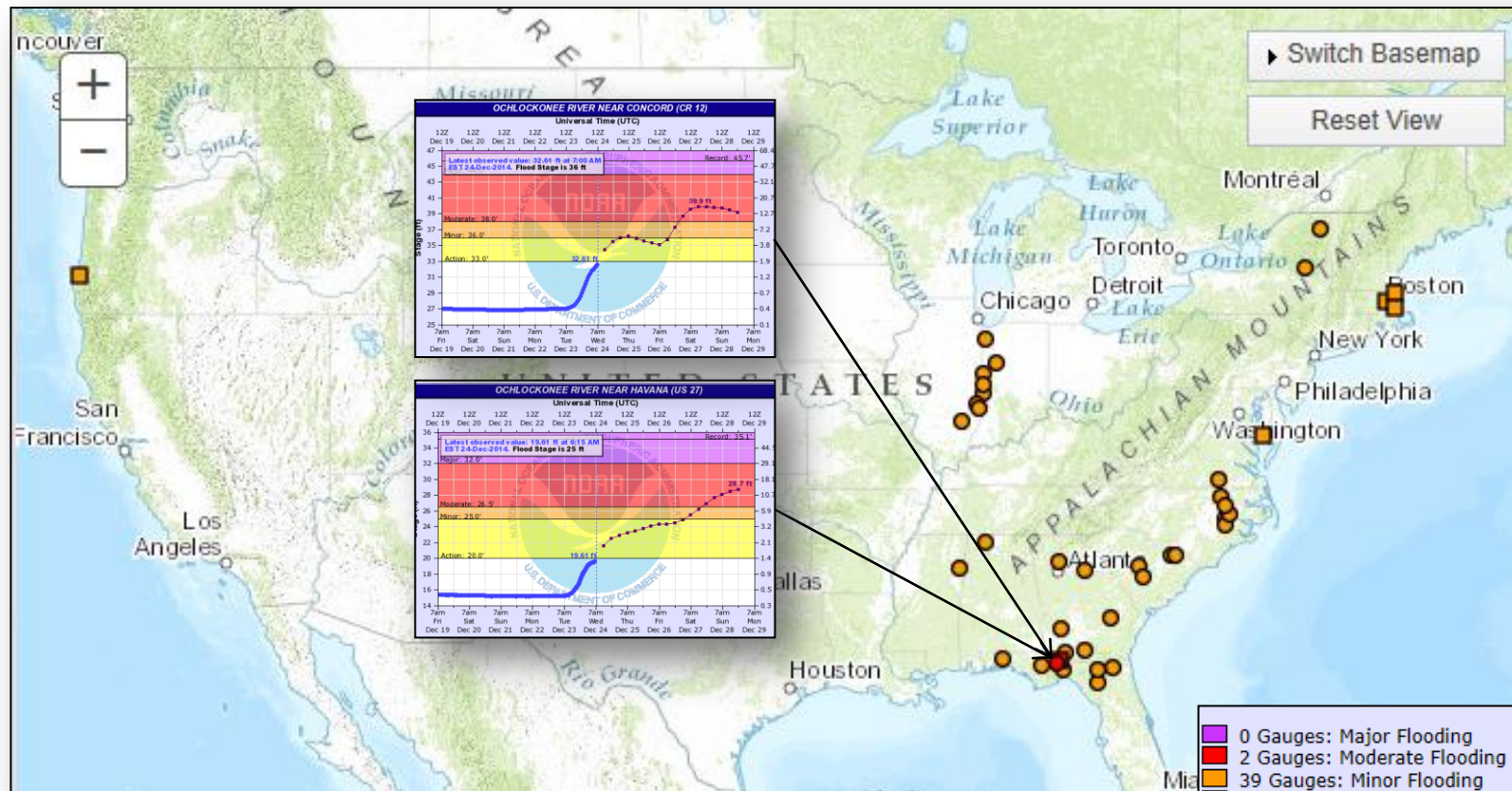


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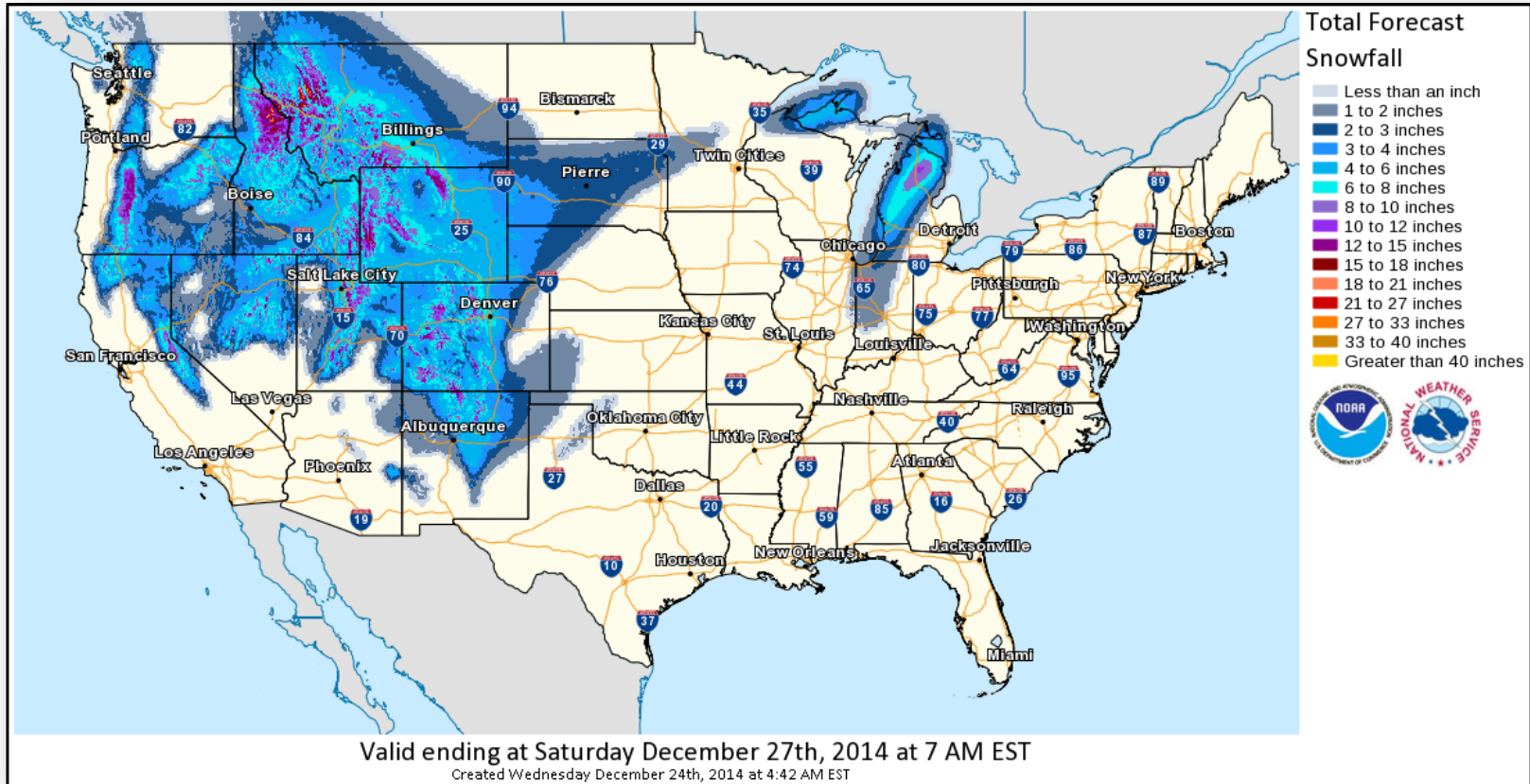


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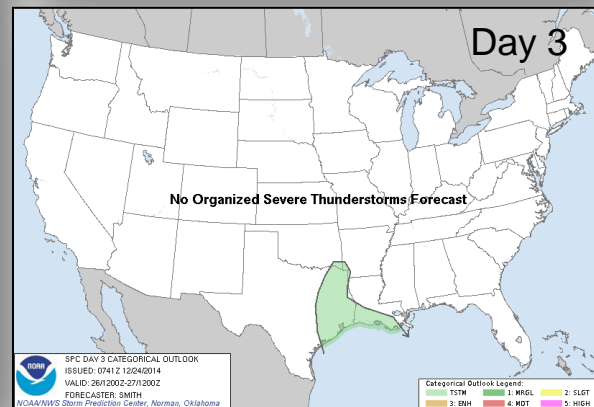
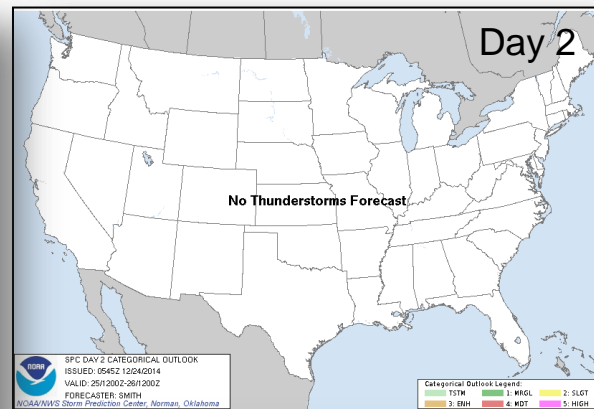
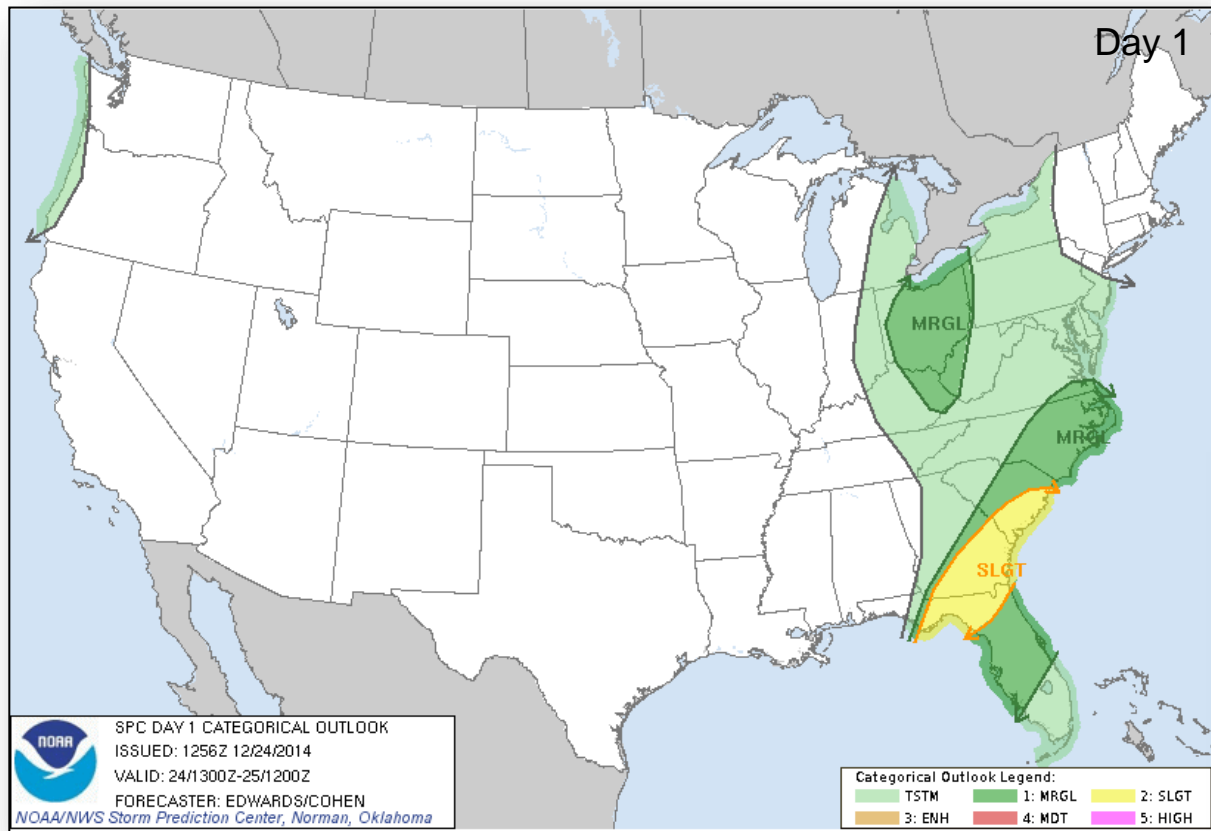
River Forecast



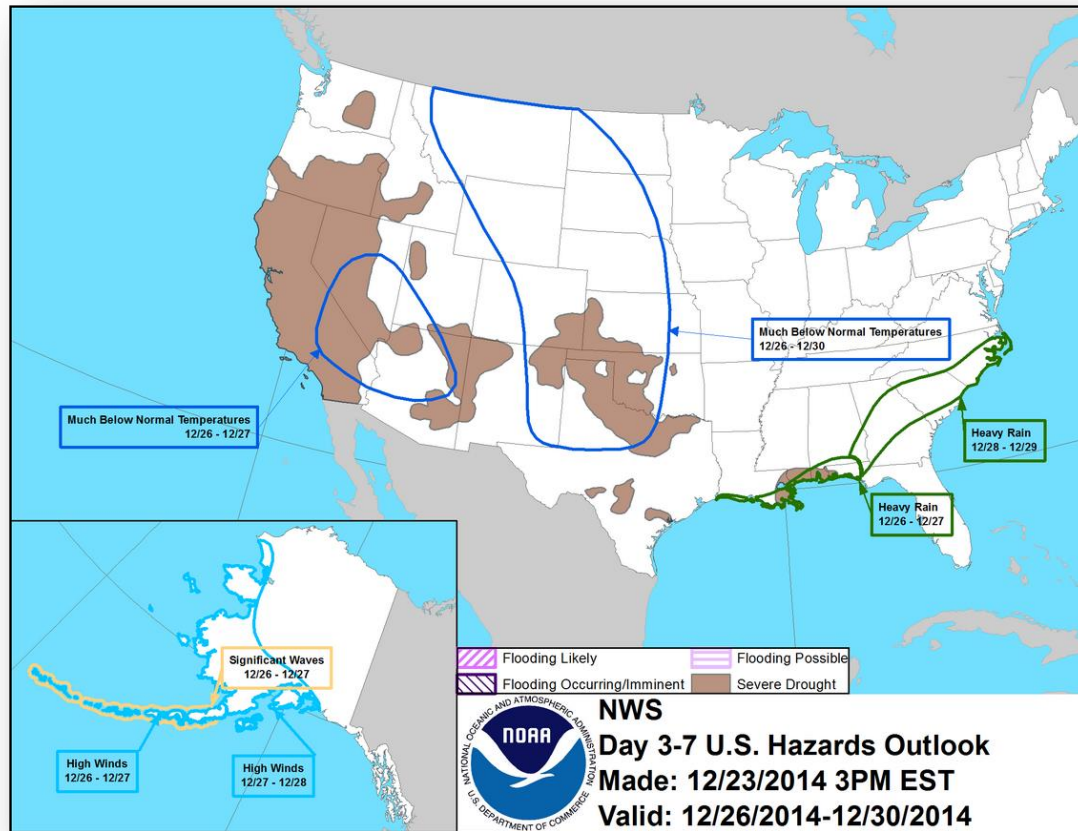
Total Forecast Snowfall



Convective Outlook, Days 1-3



Hazard Outlook: Dec 26-30

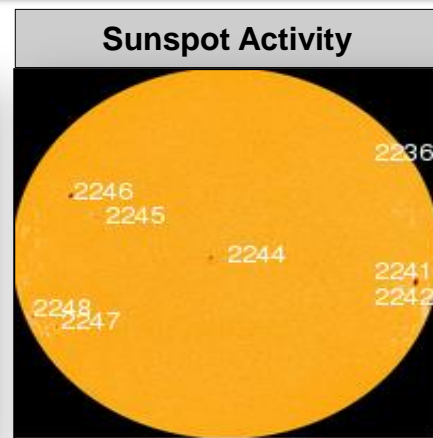
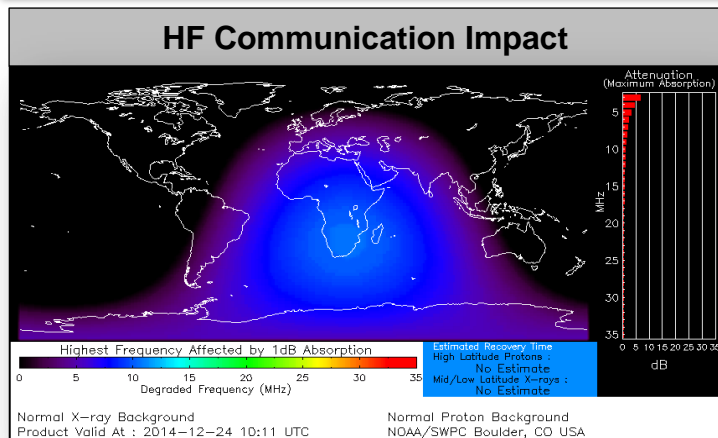


Space Weather



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NOAA Scales Activity (Range: 1/minor to 5/extreme)	Past 24 Hours	Current	Next 24 Hours
Space Weather Activity:	None	None	Minor
• Geomagnetic Storms	None	None	G1
• Solar Radiation Storms	None	None	None
• Radio Blackouts	None	None	R1



FEMA Readiness – Deployable Teams /Assets



Deployable Teams/Assets									
Resource	Status	Total	FMC Available		Partially Available	Not Available	Detailed Deployed Activated	Comments	Rating Criterion
FCO		40	18	45%	0	2	20		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		10	7	70%	0	0	3		
US&R		28	27	96%	0	1	0	NM-TF1 (Red – Personnel shortages)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green = Available/FMC • Yellow = Available/PMC • Red = Out-of-Service • Blue = Assigned/Deployed
National IMAT		3	1	33%	0	0	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMAT East 1 – Deployed to FEMA HQ • IMAT West – Deployed to GA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green: 3 avail • Yellow: 1-2 avail • Red: 0 avail (<i>Individual N-IMAT red if 50% of Section Chiefs and/or Team Leader is unavailable for deployment.</i>)
Regional IMAT		13	8	62%	0	4	1	<u>Not Mission Capable (NMC):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regions IV-3, V, VI-1 & IX-1 (personnel shortages) <u>Deployed</u> • Region IX-2 to CA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green: 7 or more avail • Yellow: 4 - 6 teams available • Red: > 8 teams deployed/unavailable <p><i>R-IMAT also red if TL Ops/Log Chief is unavailable and has no qualified replacement.</i></p>
MCOV		60	59	98%	0	1	0		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green = 80 – 100% avail • Yellow = 60 – 79% avail • Red = 59% or below avail • Readiness remains 95%

FEMA Readiness – National/Regional Teams



National/Regional Teams									
Resource	Status	Total	FMC Available		Partially Available	Not Available	Deployed/ Activated	Comments	Rating Criterion
NWC		5	5	100%	0	0	Activated	Enhanced Watch (day only)	• 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		

Deployment Tracking System



On December 29, 2014, FEMA will transition from the Automated Deployment Database to the Deployment Tracking System (DTS)

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