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Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, December 8, 2017

8:30 a.m. EST

Significant Activity – Dec 7 - 8



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Significant Events: Wildfires Southern California

Tropical Activity:

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

Significant Weather:

- Critical/Elevated Fire Weather conditions and Red Flag Warnings – CA and Central/Southern Plains
- Heavy Snow possible – Southern TX and Lower Mississippi Valley up through the Mid-Atlantic
- Severe Thunderstorms possible – FL
- Space Weather: Past 24 hours: none; next 24 hours: none

Earthquake Activity: No significant activity

Declaration Activity:

- FMAG Approved – Lilac 5 Fire, CA
- Emergency Declaration Request – California

Wildfires – Southern California



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Current Situation

Region IX continues to monitor **seven** large fires in southern California, **five of which have FMAGs**. The Thomas Fire is the largest with over **115k** acres burned. Critical to extreme fire weather conditions expected to persist into the weekend.

Impacts

- Shelters statewide: 13 open / **617 occupants** (ARC as of 5:36 a.m. EST)
- Widespread mandatory evacuations are in effect: **203.7k**

State/Local Response

- Governor declared a State of Emergency; **Emergency Declaration request for five counties received on December 7, 2017**
- **CA National Guard deployed**
- CA EOC remains at Full Activation

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- Region IX RWC at Steady State; RRCC not activated
- Region IX IMAT-2 deployed CA EOC in Sacramento, CA
- Region IX LNO deployed to Southern Regional EOC in Los Alamitos, CA; **Defense Coordinating Element activated**
- **FMAG approved for the Lilac 5 Fire on December 7, 2017**



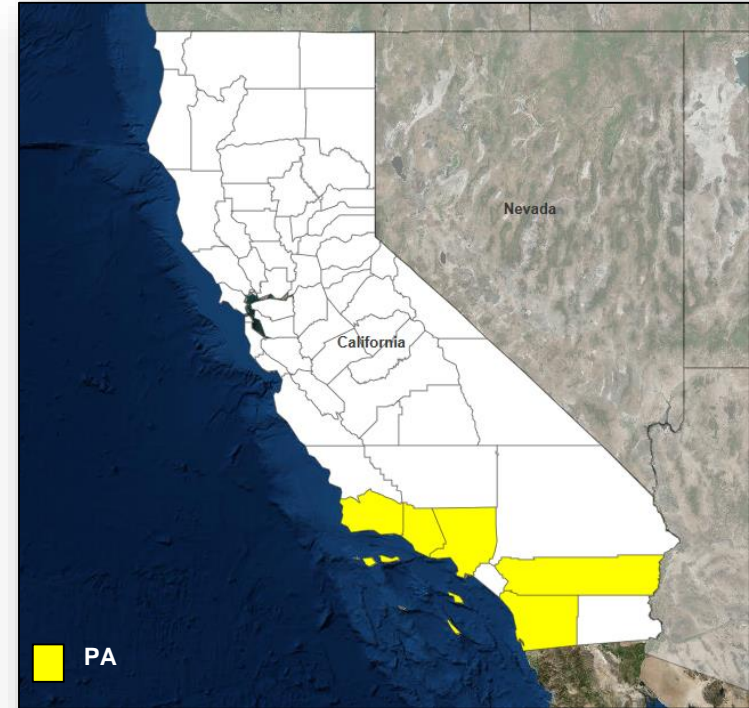
Emergency Declaration Request



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California

- Governor requested an Emergency Declaration on December 7, 2017
- For wildfires beginning on December 4, 2017, and continuing
- Requesting:
 - Emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct federal assistance under the Public Assistance program for five counties



Wildfire Summary



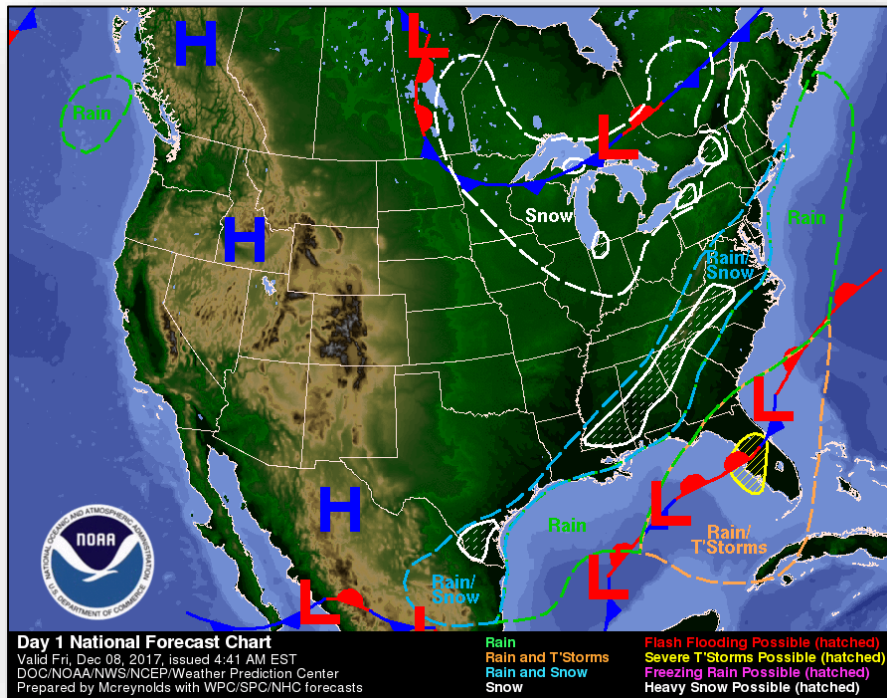
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Fire Name (County)	FMAG # (Approved Date)	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations (Residents)	Structures			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
California (5)								
Thomas (Ventura and Santa Barbara)	5224-FM-CA Dec 5, 2017	115,000 (+19k)	5%	Mandatory (87k)	15,000 homes	81 homes	401 homes 38 other	0 / 0
Creek (Los Angeles)	5225-FM-CA Dec 5, 2017	12,605	10% (+5)	Mandatory (99k)	2,500 homes	8 homes 7 other	5 homes 10 other	0 / 2
Rye (Los Angeles)	5226-FM-CA Dec 5, 2017	7,000	25% (+15)	Mandatory (2k)	5,090 homes	0	1 other	0 / 1
Skirball (Los Angeles)	5227-FM-CA Dec 6, 2017	475	19% (+9)	Mandatory (2k)	1,000 homes	11 homes	4 homes	0 / 1
Lilac 5 (San Diego)	5228-FM-CA Dec 7, 2017	3,000	0%	Mandatory (5.5k)	1,500	17 homes	5 homes	0 / 2

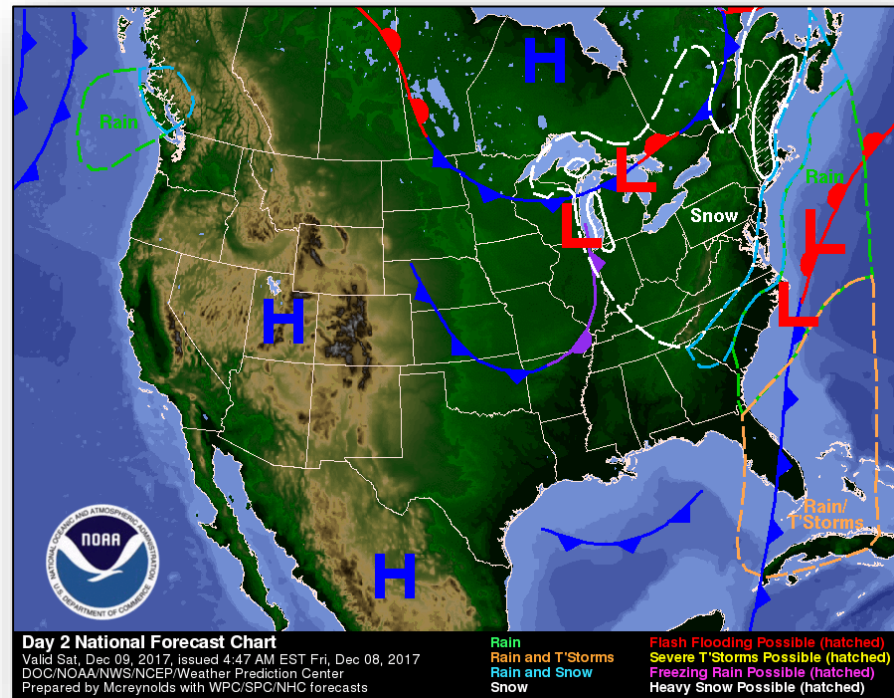
National Weather Forecast



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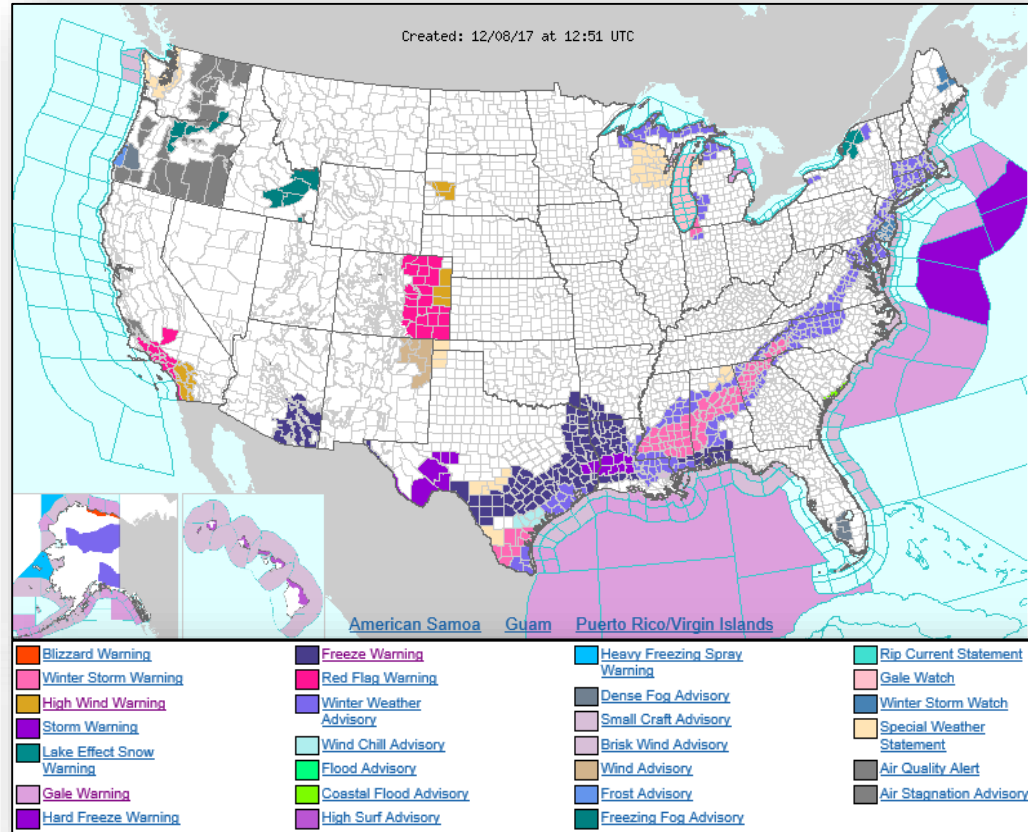


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Active Watches and Warnings



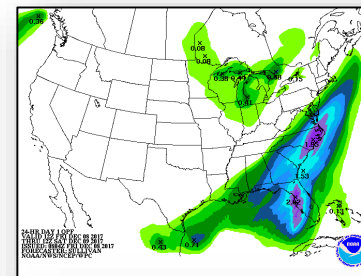
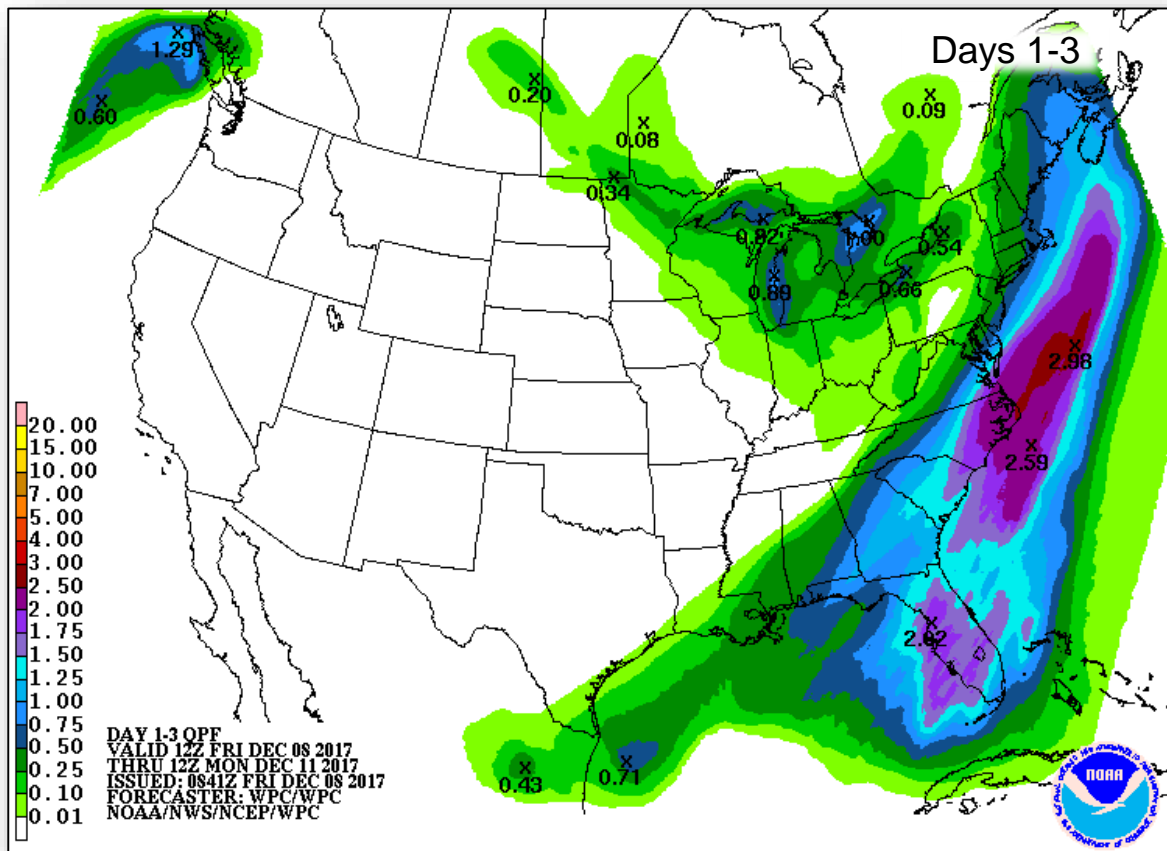
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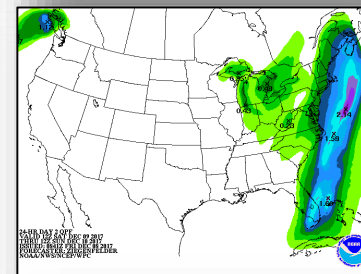
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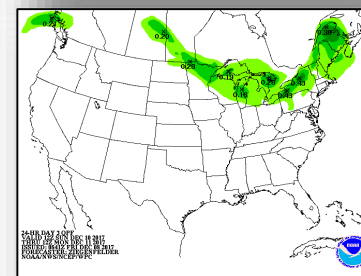
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Day 1



Day 2

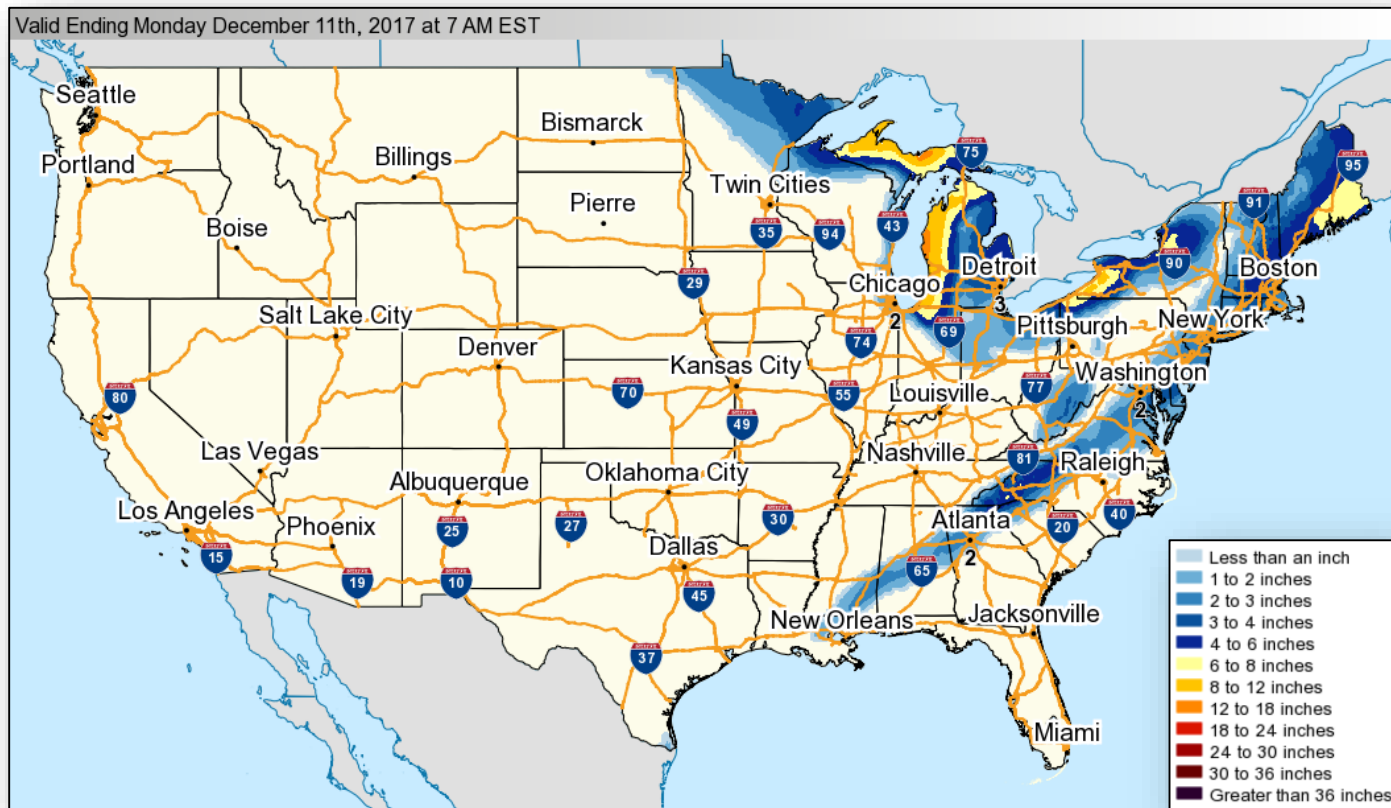


Day 3

Forecast Snowfall



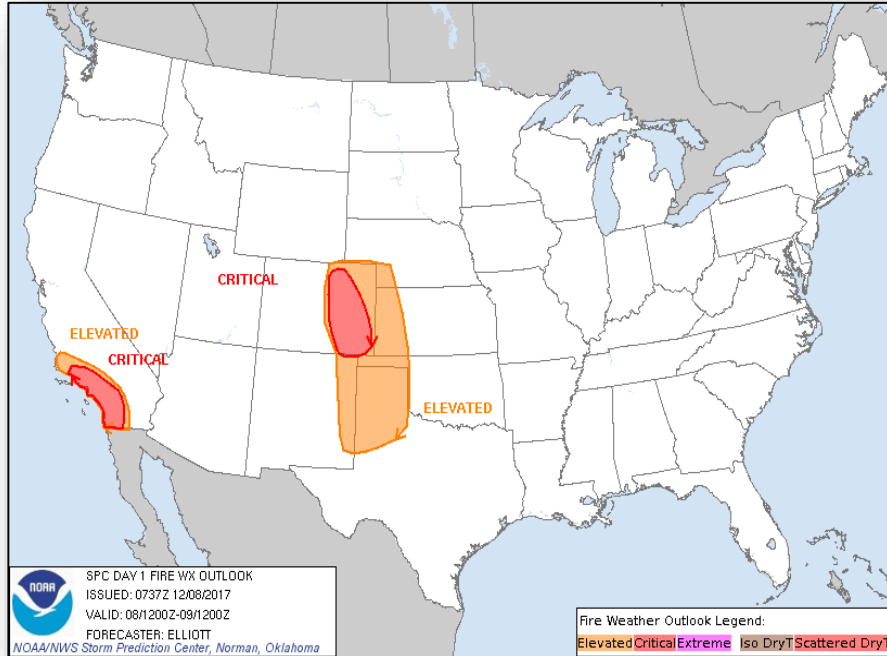
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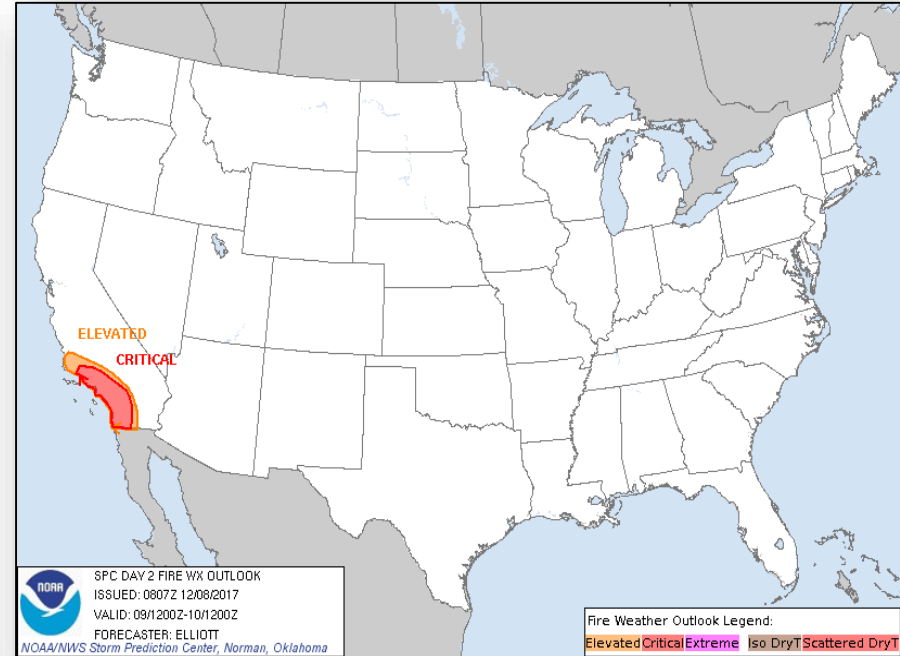
Fire Weather Outlook



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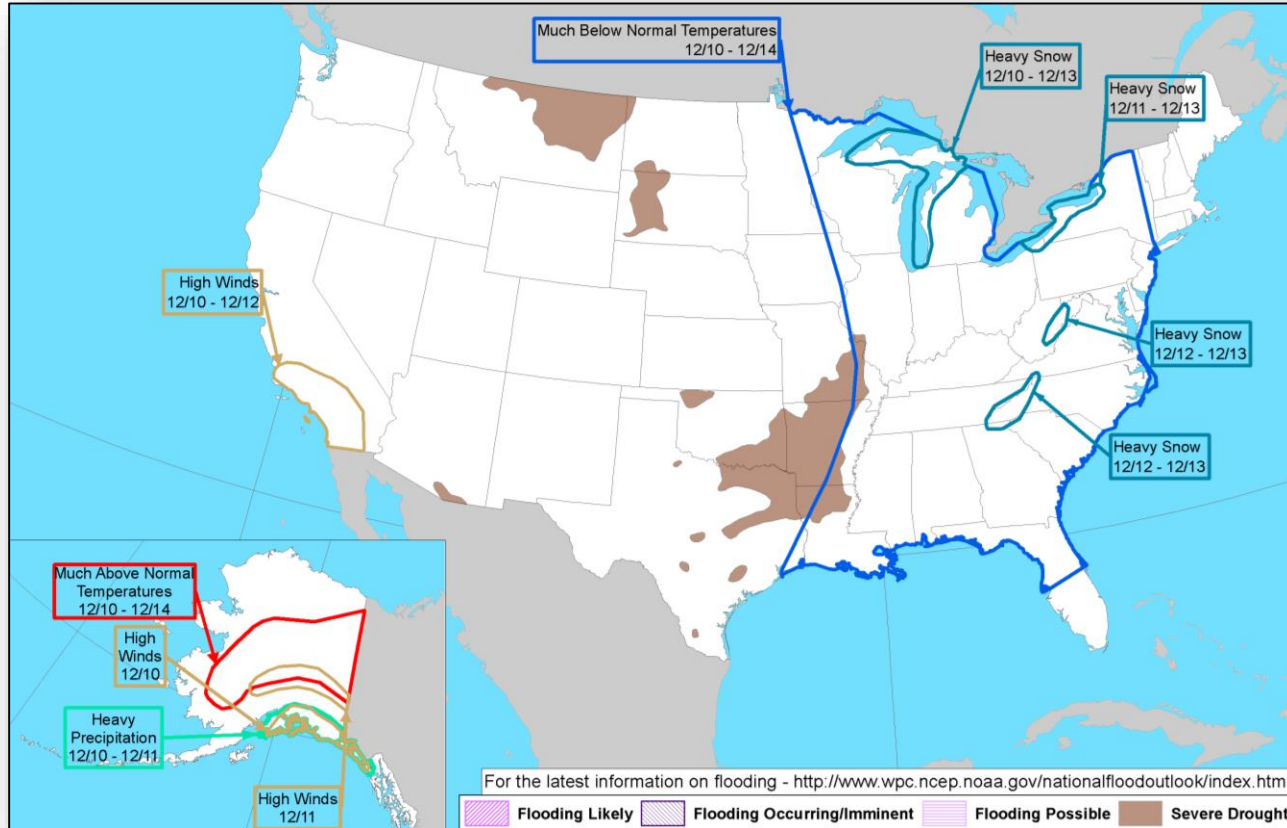


Tomorrow

Hazards Outlook – Dec 10-14



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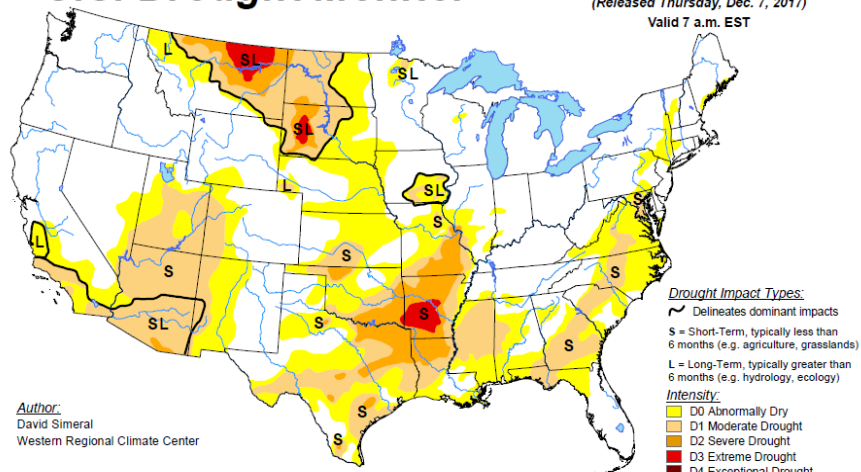
U.S. Drought Monitor



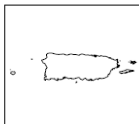
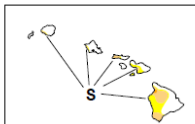
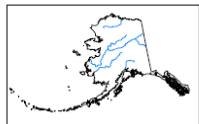
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U.S. Drought Monitor

December 5, 2017
(Released Thursday, Dec. 7, 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:

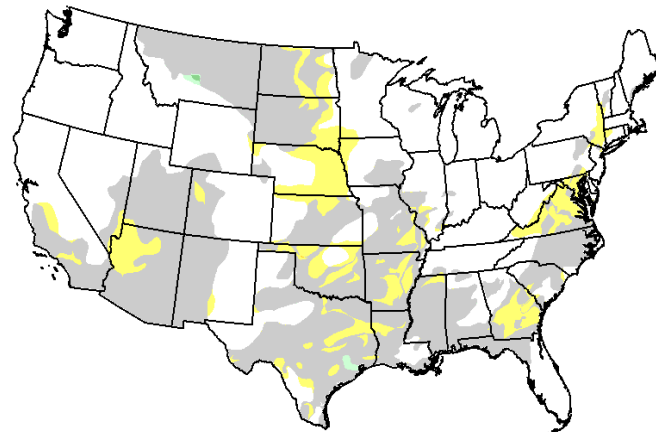
D0 Abnormally Dry
D1 Moderate Drought
D2 Severe Drought
D3 Extreme Drought
D4 Exceptional Drought

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



December 5, 2017
compared to
November 28, 2017

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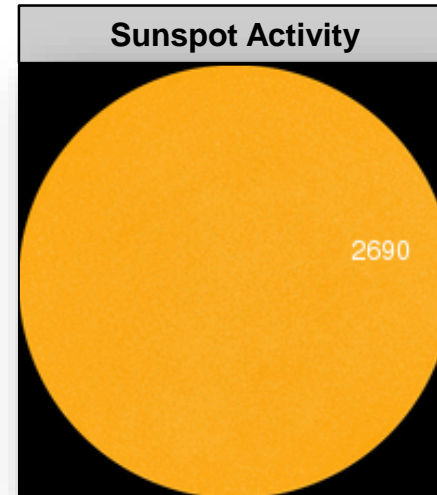
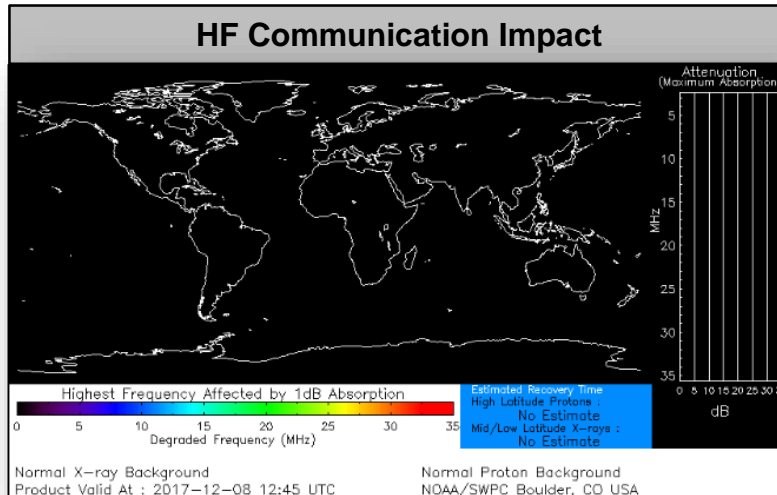
5 Class Degradation
4 Class Degradation
3 Class Degradation
2 Class Degradation
1 Class Degradation
No Change
1 Class Improvement
2 Class Improvement
3 Class Improvement
4 Class Improvement
5 Class Improvement

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



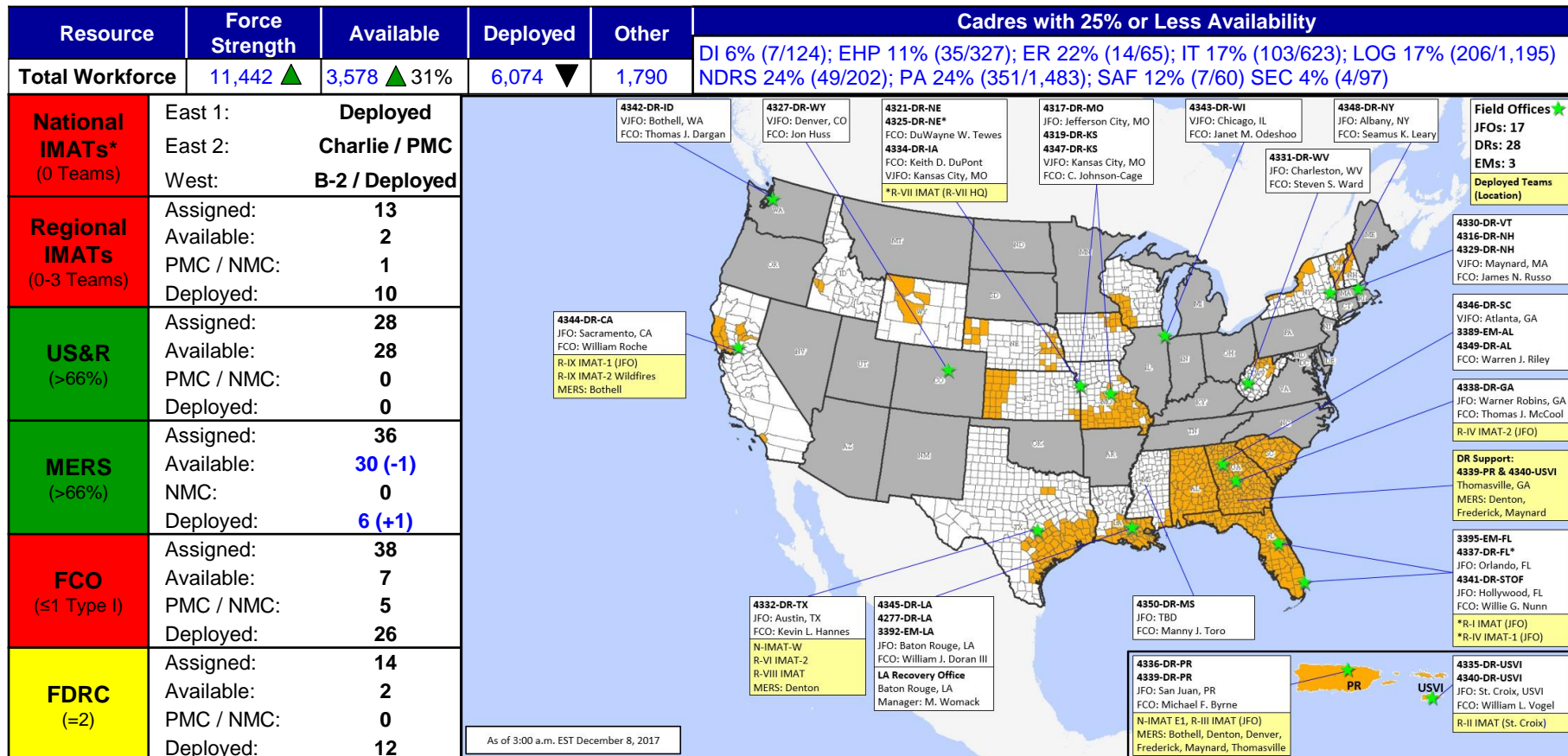
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Declaration Requests in Process					Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
7	IA	PA	HM	Date Requested	0	0
NH – DR Severe Storms and Flooding		X	X	November 27, 2017		
VT – DR Severe Storms and Flooding		X	X	November 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		
MT – DR Wildfires		X	X	November 15, 2017		
CA – EM Wildfires		X		December 7, 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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