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Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, December 9, 2017

8:30 a.m. EST

Significant Activity – Dec 8 - 9



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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 – southern CA and Central Plains
- Heavy snow possible – Southern Appalachians, Mid-Atlantic, Northeast, and lower Great Lakes
- Rain and thunderstorms possible – FL
- Space Weather: Past 24 hours: none; next 24 hours: none

Earthquake Activity: No significant activity

Declaration Activity:

- Emergency Declaration approved - CA

Wildfires – Southern California



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Current Situation

Six active fires are burning in southern California, five of which have FMAGs. The Thomas Fire is the largest with over **143k** acres burned. Critical to extreme fire weather conditions expected to persist through Sunday.

Impacts

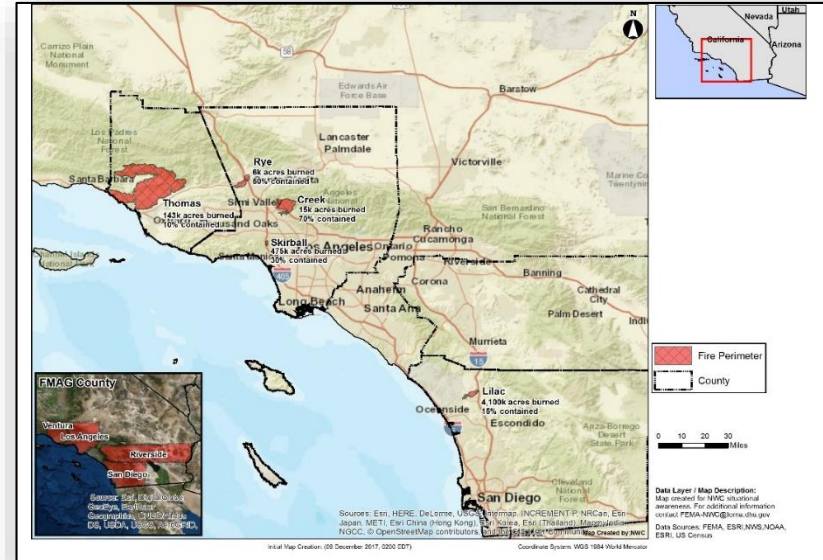
- Shelters statewide: **12 (-1)** open / **647 (+30)** occupants (ARC Midnight Shelter Count as of 5:46 a.m. EST)
- Widespread mandatory evacuations remain in effect for over 200k
- **One confirmed fatality reported as a result of the Thomas Fire**

State/Local Response

- Governor declared a State of Emergency
- CA National Guard deployed
- CA EOC at Full Activation

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- **Emergency Disaster Declaration approved for five counties on December 8, 2017**
- Region IX RWC at Steady State; RRCC not activated
- Region IX IMAT-2 deployed to CA EOC in Sacramento, CA
- Region IX LNO deployed to Southern Regional EOC in Los Alamitos, CA
- Defense Coordinating Element activated



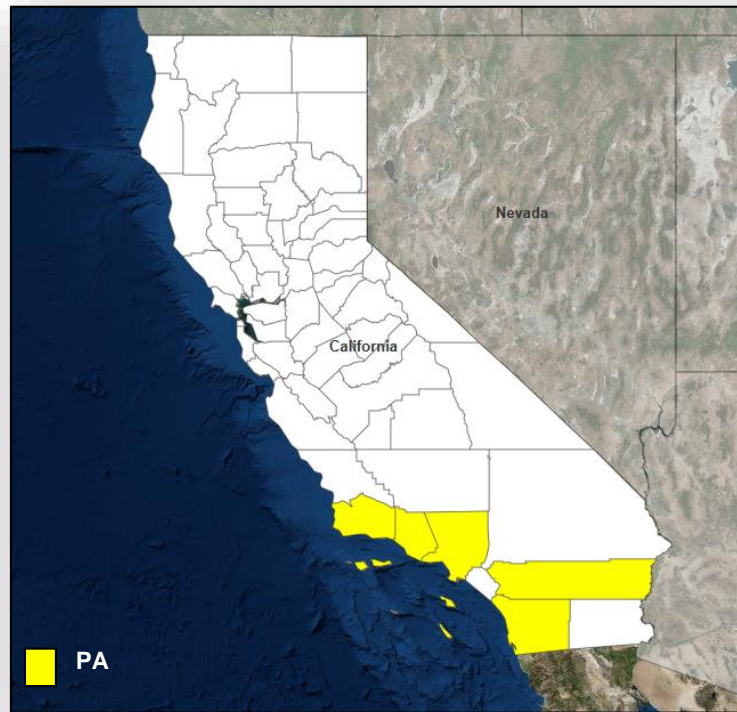
Emergency Declaration Approved



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FEMA-3396-EM-CA

- Emergency Declaration approved December 8, 2017
- For wildfires beginning on December 4, 2017, and continuing
- Provides:
 - Emergency protective measures (Category B), limited to direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program at 75 percent federal funding for five counties
- FCO is Mark Armstrong



Wildfire Summary



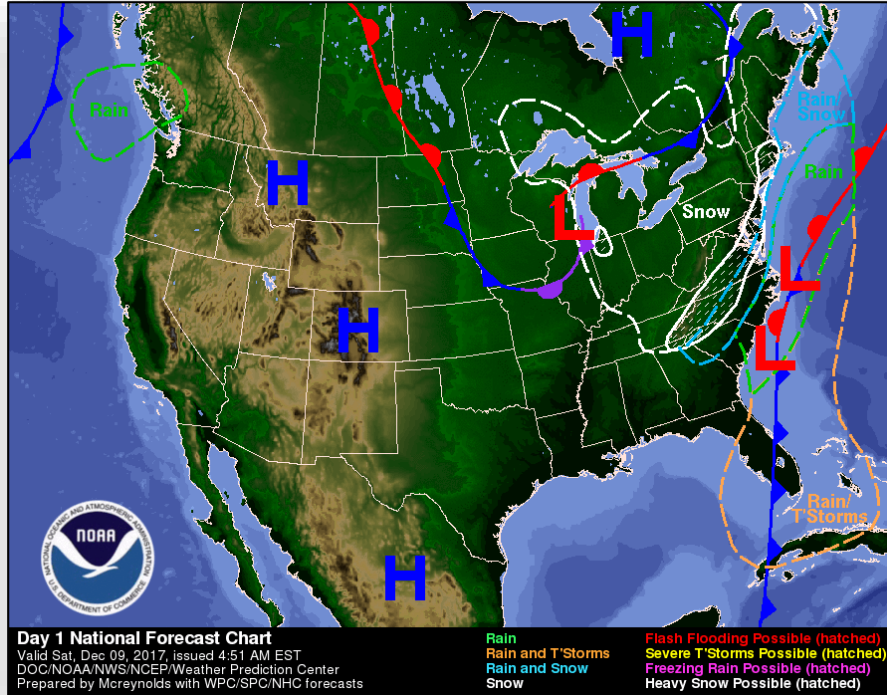
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Fire Name (County)	FMAG # (Approved Date)	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations (Residents)	Structures			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
California (5)								
Thomas (Ventura and Santa Barbara)	5224-FM-CA Dec 5, 2017	143,000 (+28,000)	10% (+5)	Mandatory (87,043)	15,000	108 (+27) Homes 10 (+6) Other	478 (+77) Homes 59 (+21) Other	1 / 0
Creek (Los Angeles)	5225-FM-CA Dec 5, 2017	15,619 (+3,014)	70% (+60)	Lifted	2,500	45 (+37) Homes 25 (+18) Other	56 (+51) Homes 49 (+39) Other	0 / 2
Rye (Los Angeles)	5226-FM-CA Dec 5, 2017	6,049 (-951)	50% (+15%)	Lifted	5,460	0	1 Other	0 / 1
Skirball (Los Angeles)	5227-FM-CA Dec 6, 2017	475	30% (+11)	Mandatory (10,000)	1,000	12 (+1) Homes	7 (+3) Homes	0 / 1
Lilac 5 (San Diego)	5228-FM-CA Dec 7, 2017	4,100 (+1,100)	15% (+15%)	Mandatory (10,282)	1,500	10 Homes 5 Other	90 (+85) Homes 15 (+15) Other	0 / 2

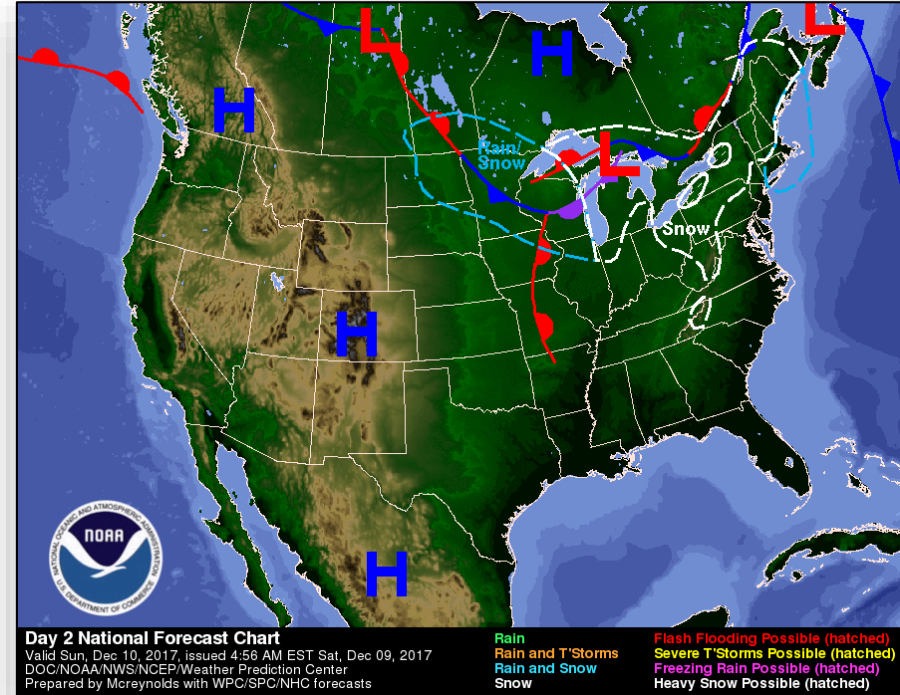
National Weather Forecast



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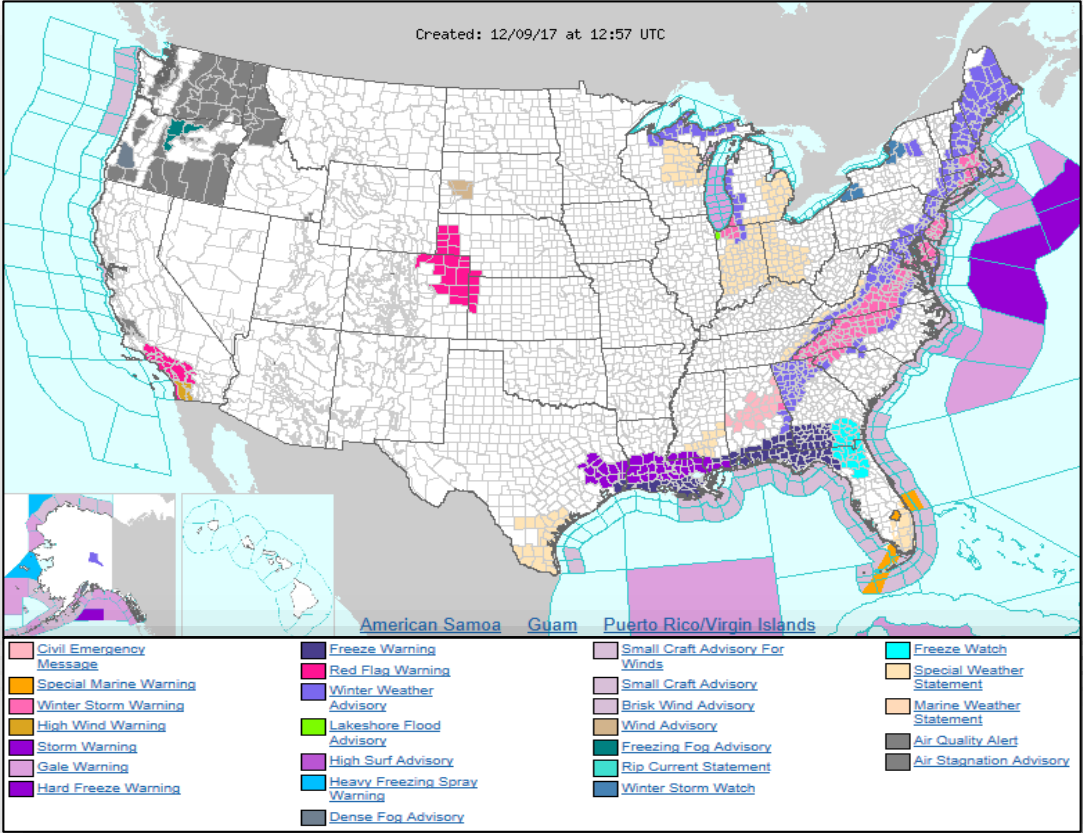


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Active Watches and Warnings



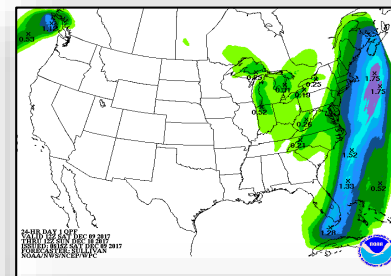
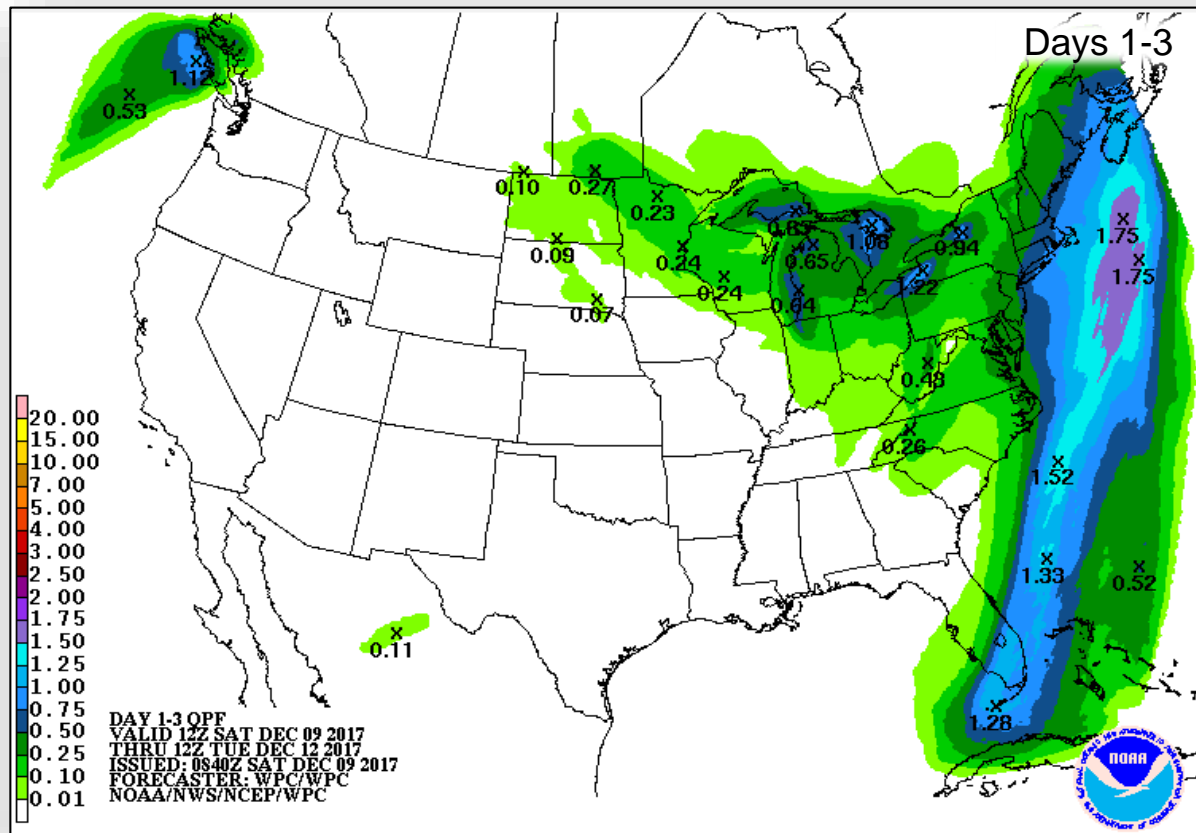
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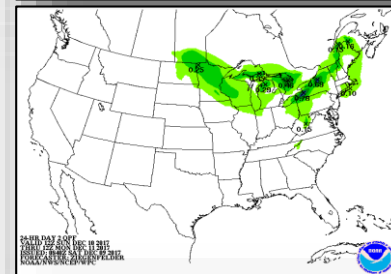
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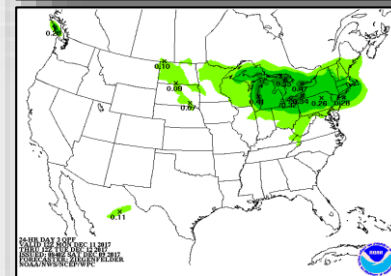
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Day 1



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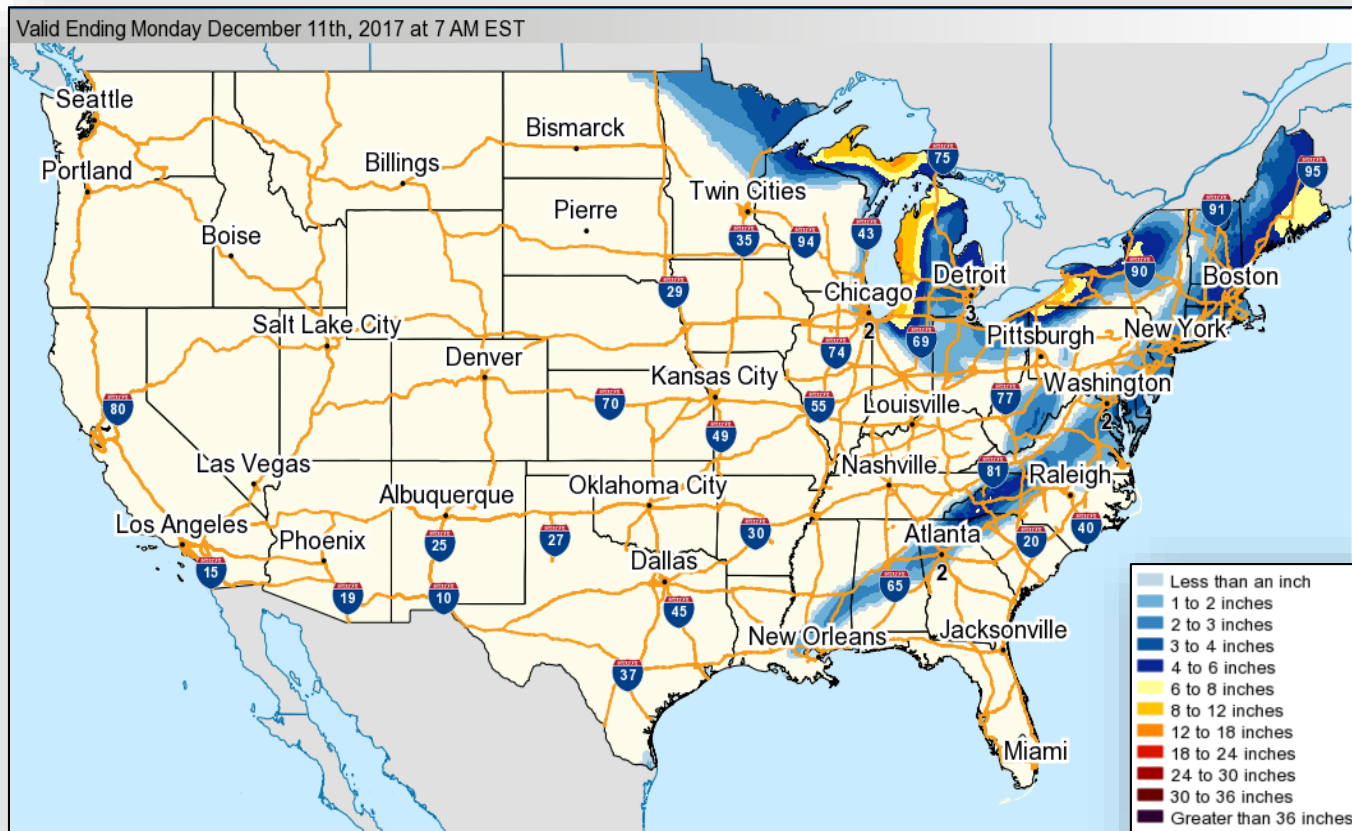


Day 3

Forecast Snowfall



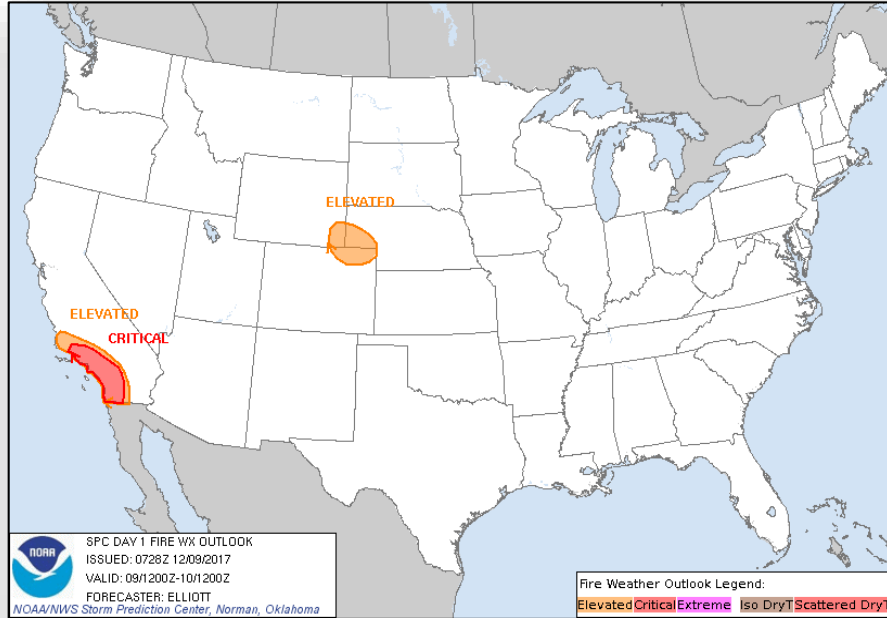
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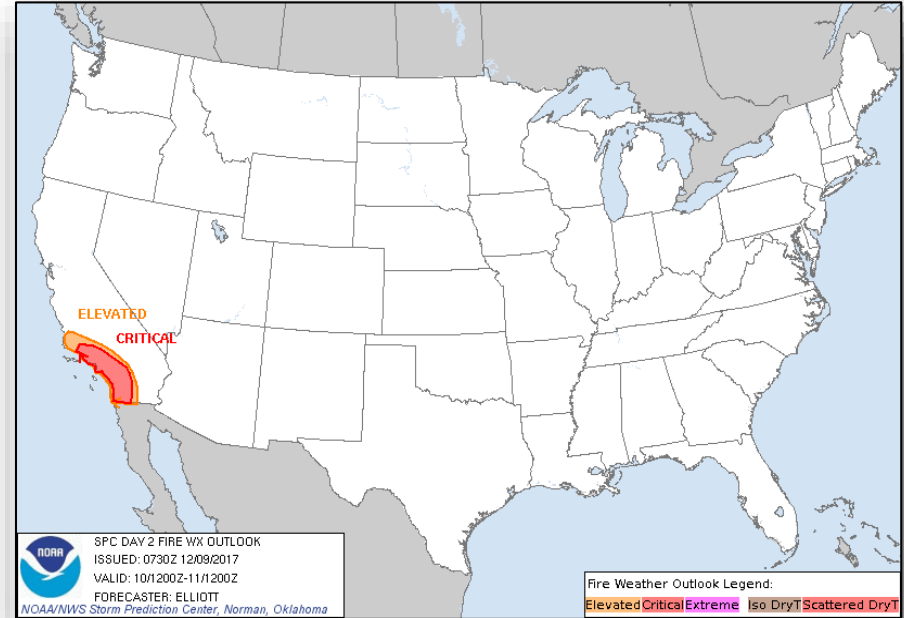
Fire Weather Outlook



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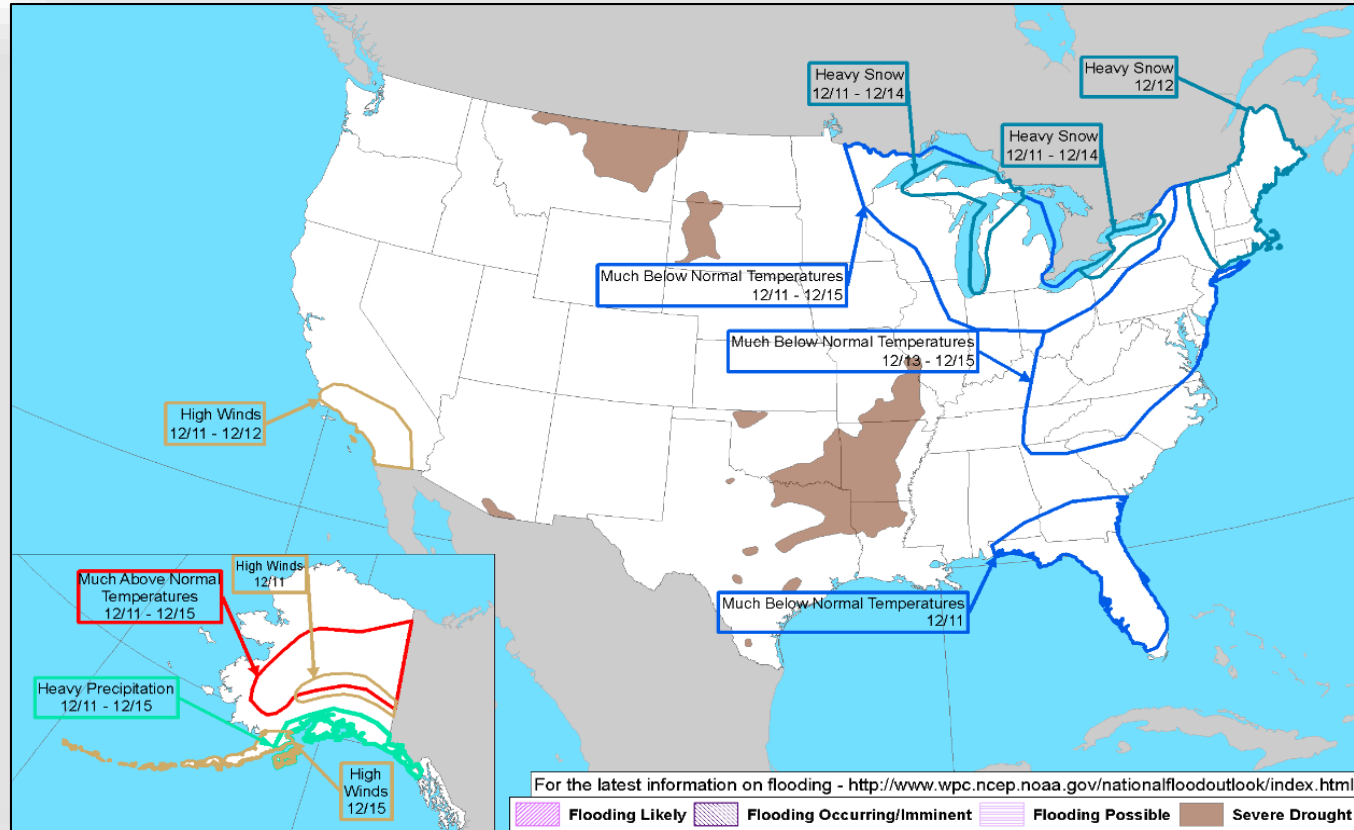


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Hazards Outlook – Dec 11-15



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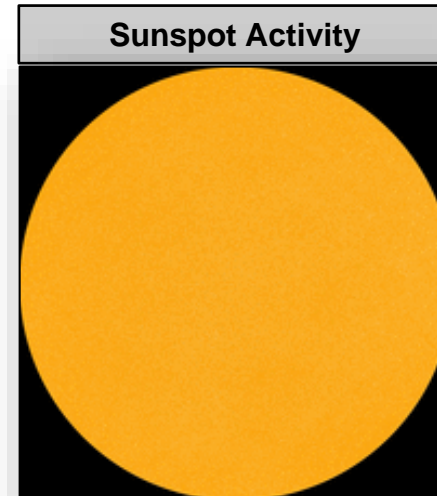
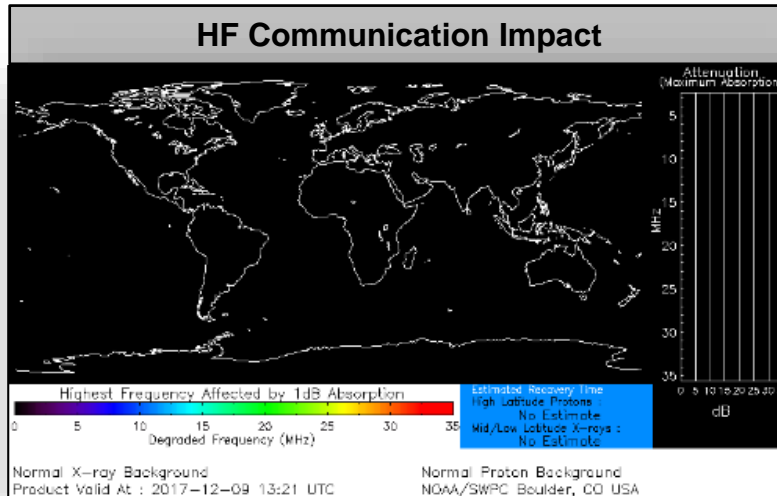


Space Weather



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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



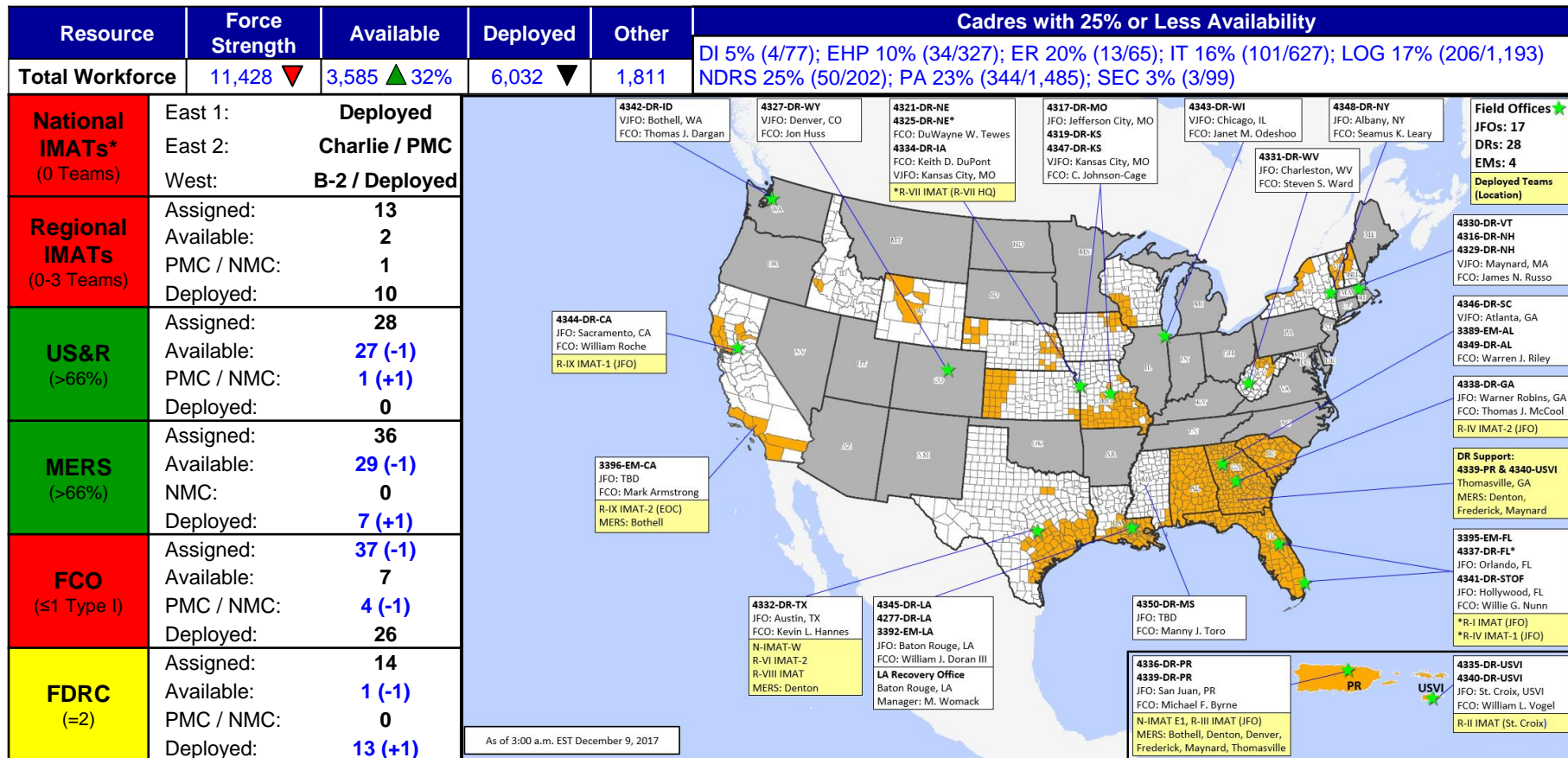
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Declaration Requests in Process					Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
6	IA	PA	HM	Date Requested	1	0
NH – DR Severe Storms and Flooding		X	X	November 27, 2017		
VT – DR Severe Storms and Flooding		X	X	November 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	Declared December 8, 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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