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Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, February 25, 2016

8:30 a.m. EST

Significant Activity: February 24-25



Significant Events: Severe Weather – Southeast to Mid-Atlantic

Significant Weather:

- Snow – Great Lakes & Ohio Valley
- Heavy snow – Central Appalachians & Lower Great Lakes
- Rain/snow – Tennessee/Ohio valleys to Mid-Atlantic & Northeast
- Rain/thunderstorms – New England
- Red Flag Warnings: None
- Critical/Elevated Fire Weather Areas: None
- Space Weather: None observed past 24 hours; none expected next 24 hours

Tropical Activity: No activity affecting U.S. territories

Earthquake Activity: No significant activity

Declaration Activity: No activity

Severe Weather Outbreak: Feb 23-24, 2016



Summary:

- The threat of severe thunderstorms ended early this morning. Damage assessments are ongoing

Impacts:

- 64 preliminary tornadoes reported: LA (17); MS (10); AL (8), FL (10), GA (3), NC (7), VA (9)
- Downed trees and power lines reported across the affected areas
- Fatalities/Injuries: 9 - MS (1), LA (3), SC (1) and VA (4) unconfirmed / unknown injuries

Louisiana:

- Damage: Assumption & St. James Parish reported greatest amount of damage

Mississippi:

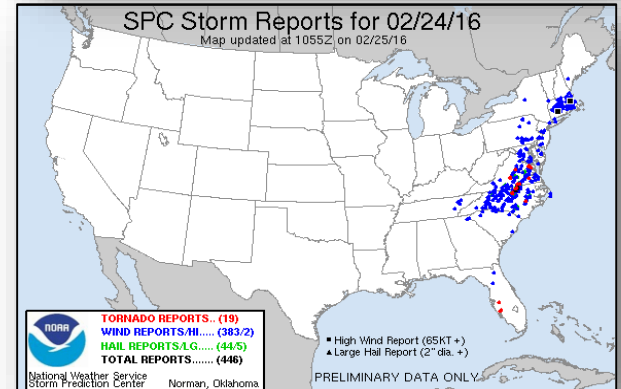
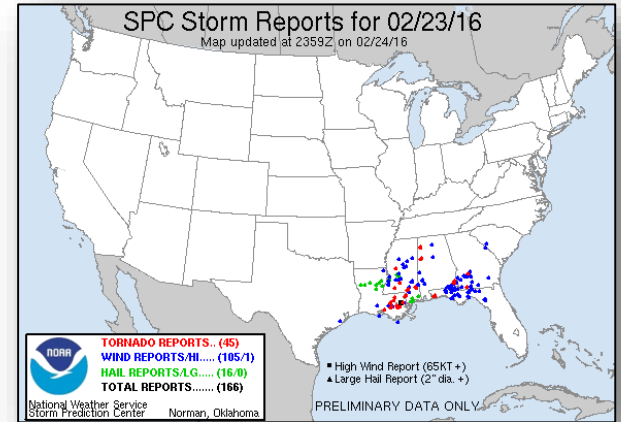
- NWS confirms preliminary EF-2 tornado occurred on Tuesday (Feb 23) in Lamar County

Florida:

- Escambia County: three apartment buildings damaged (additional evacuations due to gas leak) and an industrial building collapsed in Pensacola (pop 53,068)

Virginia:

- State EOC at Partial Activation; Governor declared State of Emergency
- Preliminary tornado report for Waverly (pop. 2K) in Sussex County indicates buildings sustained heavy damage
- Unconfirmed tornadoes in Appomattox, Fluvanna, Sussex, and Mecklenburg Counties
- 100 homes damaged statewide; 25-50 homes destroyed/not safe
- Rail: Damage to Norfolk Southern track; Amtrak canceled and track out of service



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State and Federal Response:

Region VI

- RRCC is not activated; RWC Enhanced Watch (Daytime Only)
- LA: State of Emergency Declared for 7 Parishes; GOHSEP is monitoring
- 1 shelter open with 22 occupants (ARC as of 7:00 am)

Region IV

- RRCC is not activated: RWC is at Enhanced Watch (24/7)
- LNO is deployed MS
- States of Emergency Declared: AL & MS
- FL is at normal operations with Enhanced Staffing; State of Emergency is in effect for 2 counties
- MS EOC at Partially Activated
- AL, NC & GA returned to normal operations
- 1 shelter open with no occupants (ARC as of 7:00 am)

FEMA Region III

- RRCC is not activated: RWC is at Watch Steady State
- LNO deployed to VA
- VA State EOC at Partial Activation; Governor declared State of Emergency
 - National Guard on alert for assistance
- PA: media reports possible tornadoes in Bradford, Lancaster & Perry counties
- 2 shelters open with 2 occupants (ARC as of 7:00 am)

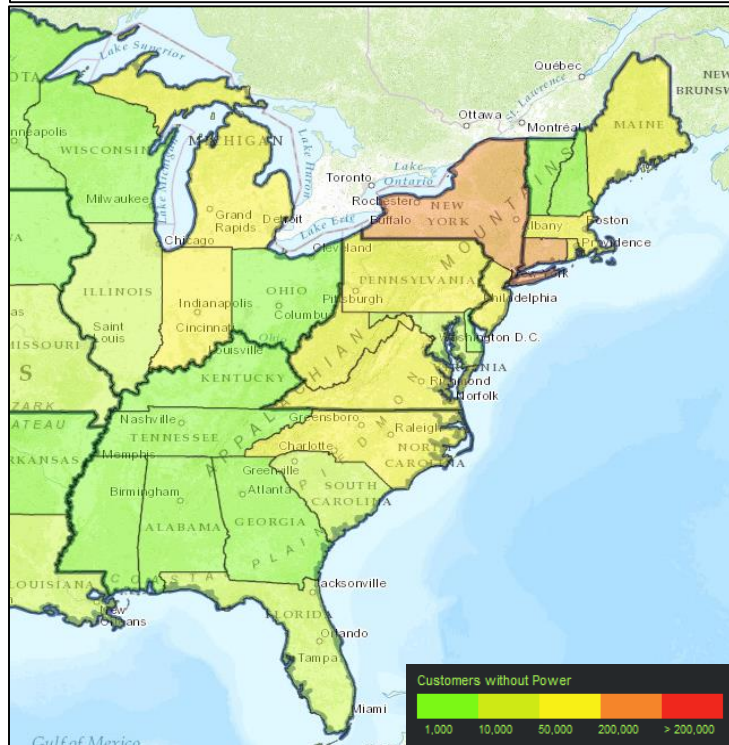
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- NRCC is not activated; NWC is at Watch/Steady State
- No requests for FEMA assistance

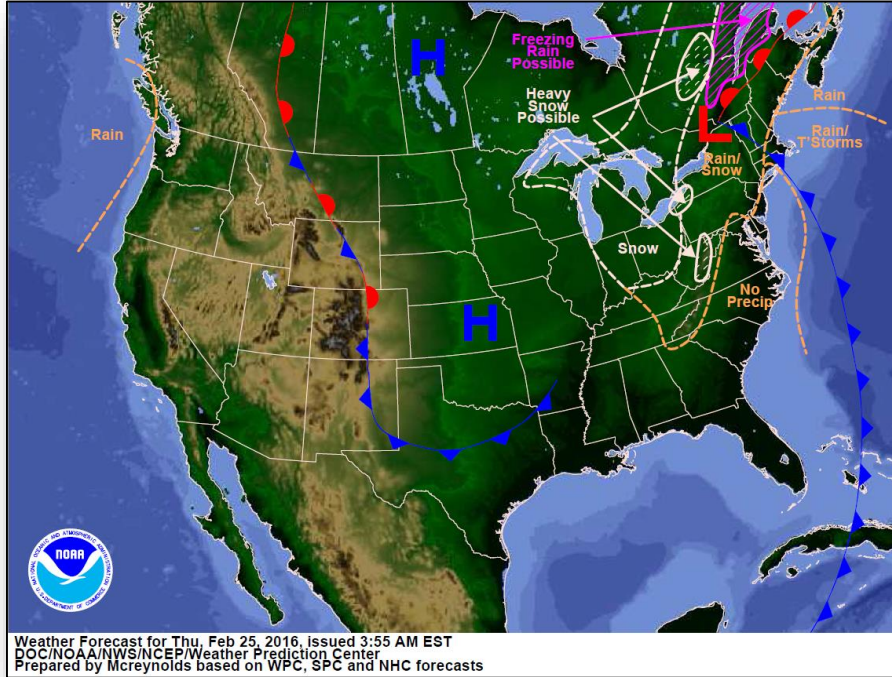
Customer Power Outages*

- 166,000 across affected regions; restoration is ongoing

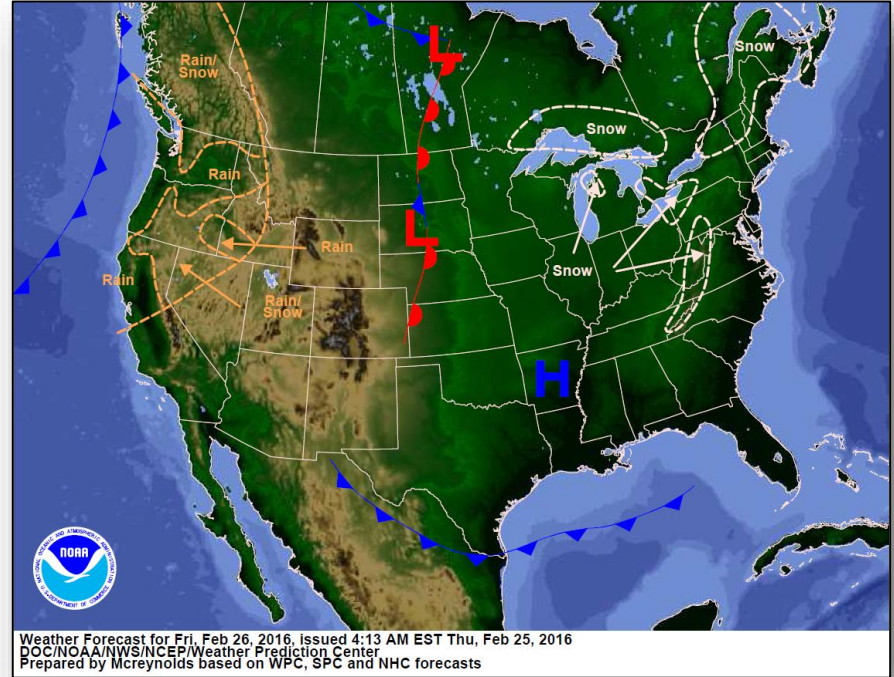
*Note: Customer outage data is provided by the Department of Energy's EAGLE-I system. Comprehensive National coverage of all electrical service providers is not available



National Weather Forecast

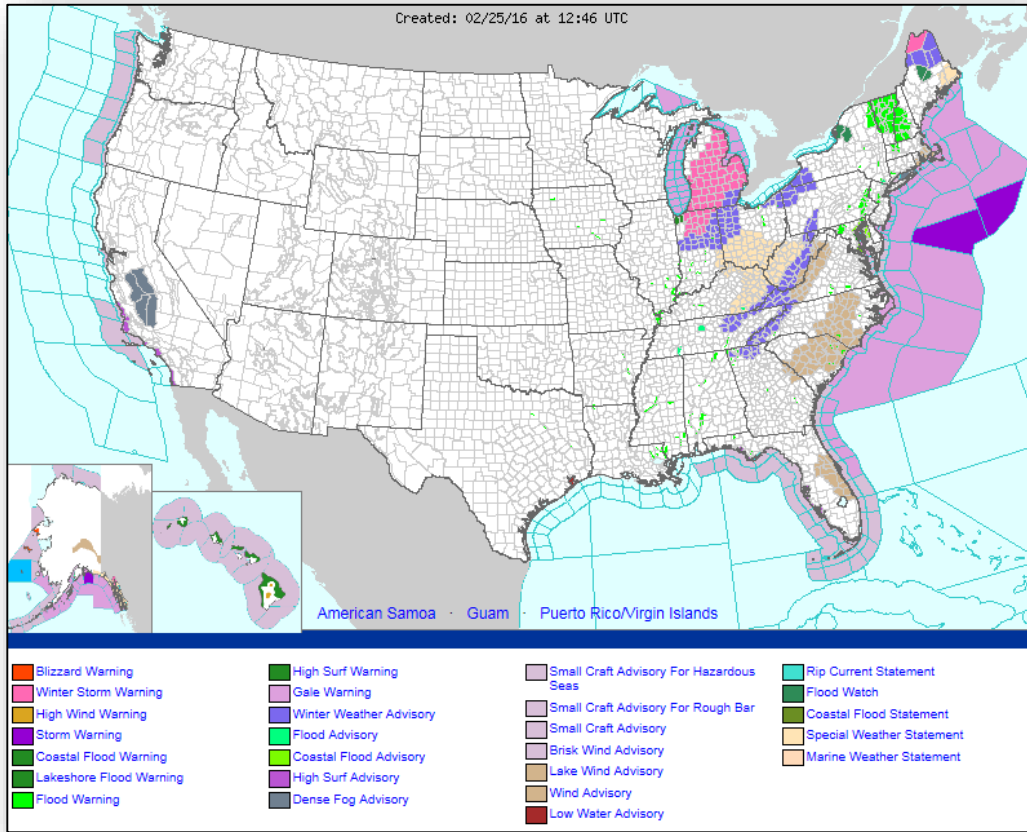


Today



Tomorrow

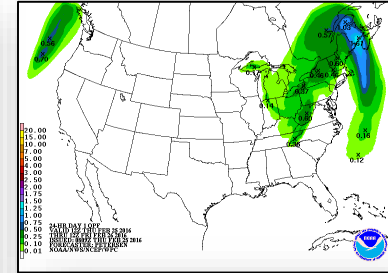
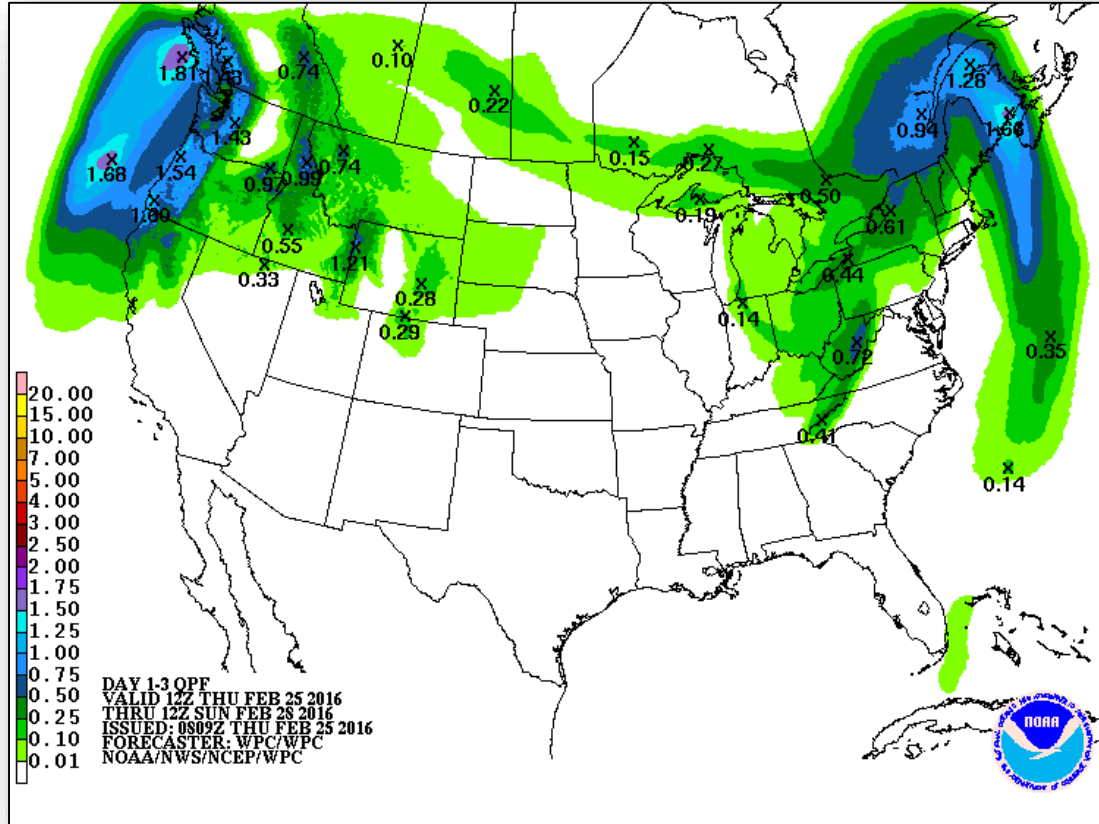
Active Watches/Warnings



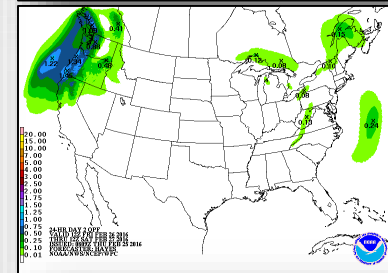
Precipitation Forecast, 1-3 Day



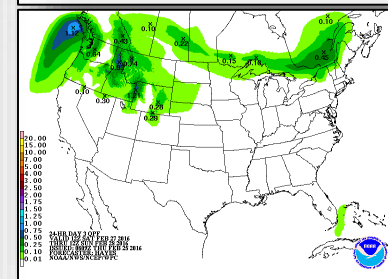
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Day 1

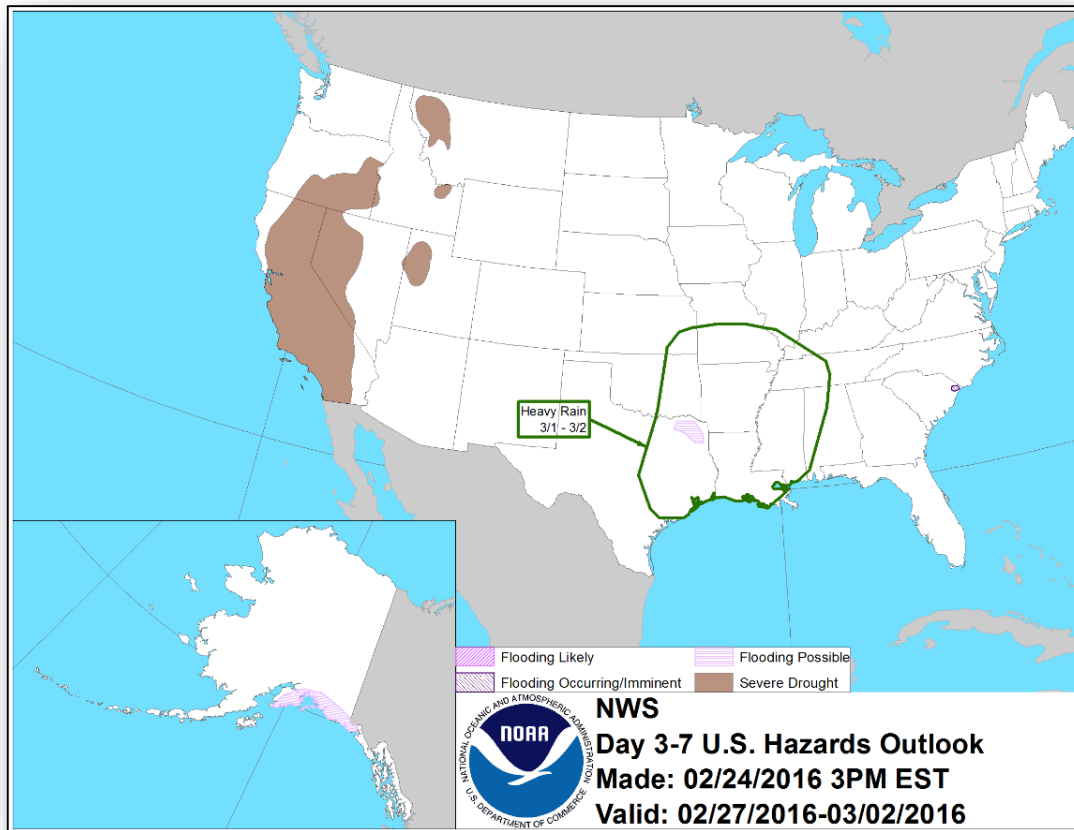


Day 2



Day 3

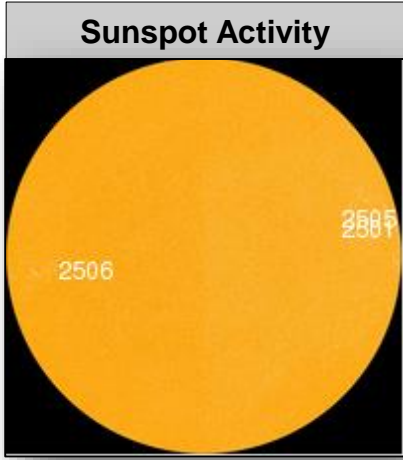
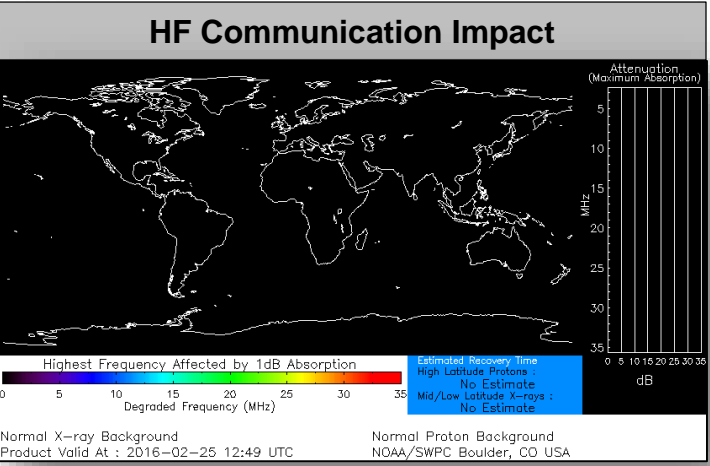
Hazard Outlook February 27 - March 2



Space Weather



	Past 24 Hours	Current	Next 24 Hours
Space Weather Activity	None	None	None
Geomagnetic Storms	None	None	None
Solar Radiation Storms	None	None	None
Radio Blackouts	None	None	None

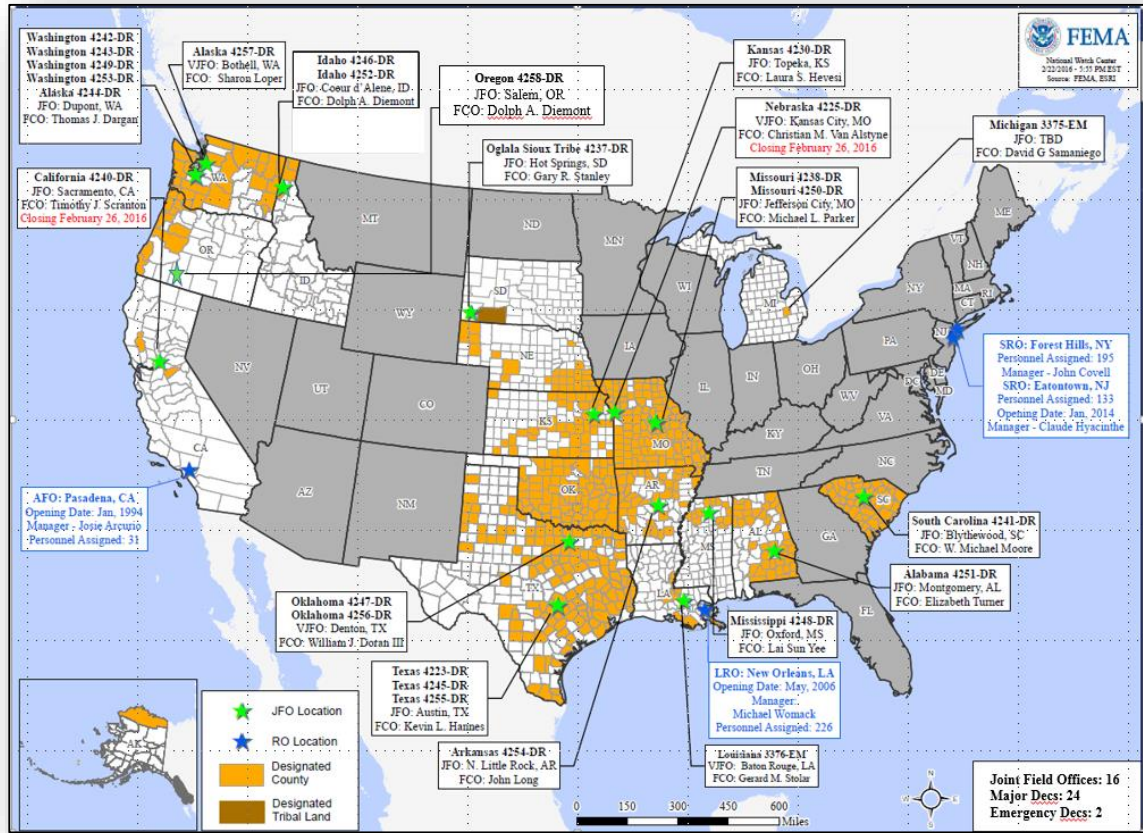


Disaster Requests & Declarations



Declaration Requests in Process		Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
8	Date Requested	0	0
DC – DR Snowstorm	January 29, 2016		
NJ – DR Severe Winter Storms, Snowstorm	February 11, 2016		
GA – DR Severe Thunderstorms, Flash Flooding, Flooding	February 10, 2016		
NM – DR Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	February 16, 2016		
DE – DR Severe Winter Storm and Flooding	February 18, 2016		
PA – DR Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	February 19, 2016		
MD – DR Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	February 19, 2016		
VA – DR Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	February 19, 2016		

Open Field Offices as of February 25



Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



Region	State / Location	Event	IA/PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Complete	
III	WV	Severe Winter Storm/Snowstorm January 22-23, 2016	PA	33	0	2/17 – TBD
	PA	Severe Winter Storm/Snowstorm January 22-23, 2016	PA	31	0	2/23 – TBD
IV	FL	Severe Storms & Tornadoes February 23-24, 2016	IA	2	0	2/26 – TBD

FEMA Readiness – Deployable Teams /Assets



Deployable Teams/Assets									
Resource	Status	Total	FMC Available		Partially Available	Not Available	Detailed, Deployed, Activated	Comments	Rating Criterion
FCO		33	16	48%	0	1	16	Only 2 Type 1 FCOs available	OFDC Readiness: FCO Green Yellow Red Type 1 3+ 2 1 Type 2 4+ 3 2 Type 3 4 3 2
FDRC		8	3	38%	0	0	5		FDRC 3 2 1
US&R		27	27	100%	0	0	0		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green = Available/FMC • Yellow = Available/PMC • Red = Out-of-Service • Blue = Assigned/Deployed
National IMAT		3	3	100%	0	0	0		<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	7	50%	0	0	7*	<u>Deployed:</u> RIV (Team 1) Deployed to AL RV (Team 1) Deployed to MI RVI (Team 1) Deployed to AR; (Team 2) Deployed to TX RVII Deployed to MO RIX (Team 2) Deployed to OR RX Deployed to WA <u>*Deployed but Available to re-deploy:</u> RII (Deployed in place for Regional Relocation Taskforce)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green: 7 or more avail • Yellow: 4 - 6 teams available • Red: > 8 teams deployed/unavailable <i>R-IMAT also red if TL Ops/Log Chief is unavailable & has no qualified replacement</i>
MERS Teams		18	17	94%	0	0	1	<u>Deployed:</u> Bothell (deployed to OR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green = >66% available • Yellow = 33% to 66% available • Red = <33% available

FEMA Readiness – National/Regional Teams



National/Regional Teams									
Resource	Status	Total	FMC Available		Partially Available	Not Available	Status	Comments	Rating Criterion
NWC		5	5	100%	0	0	Not Activated		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	Severe Weather: Region III – LNO deployed to VA Region IV RWC Enhanced Watch – LNO deployed to MS Region VI RWC Enhanced Watch (dayshift only)	



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