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Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, March 24, 2016

8:30 a.m. EDT

Significant Activity: March 23- 24



Significant Events: None

Significant Weather:

- Severe thunderstorms possible – Southeast, Tennessee and Ohio valleys
- Rain and thunderstorms – Middle & Lower Mississippi valleys, and Southern Plains across the Southeast, Tennessee and Ohio valleys to the Mid-Atlantic
- Freezing Rain – Great Lakes to the Northeast
- Heavy Snow – Northern Intermountain, Rockies, Great Lakes and Northeast
- Snow – Upper/Middle Mississippi Valley to the Great Lakes
- Rain and snow – Northern Intermountain to the Central Great Basin, Northern/Central Rockies, Northern Plains and from the Middle Mississippi Valley across the Ohio Valley stretching into the Northeast
- Elevated Fire Weather – PA, WV, VA, MD, OK, TX
- Red Flag warnings – WV, VA, MD
- Space weather – No storms observed for the past 24 hours; no space weather storms predicted for the next 24 hours

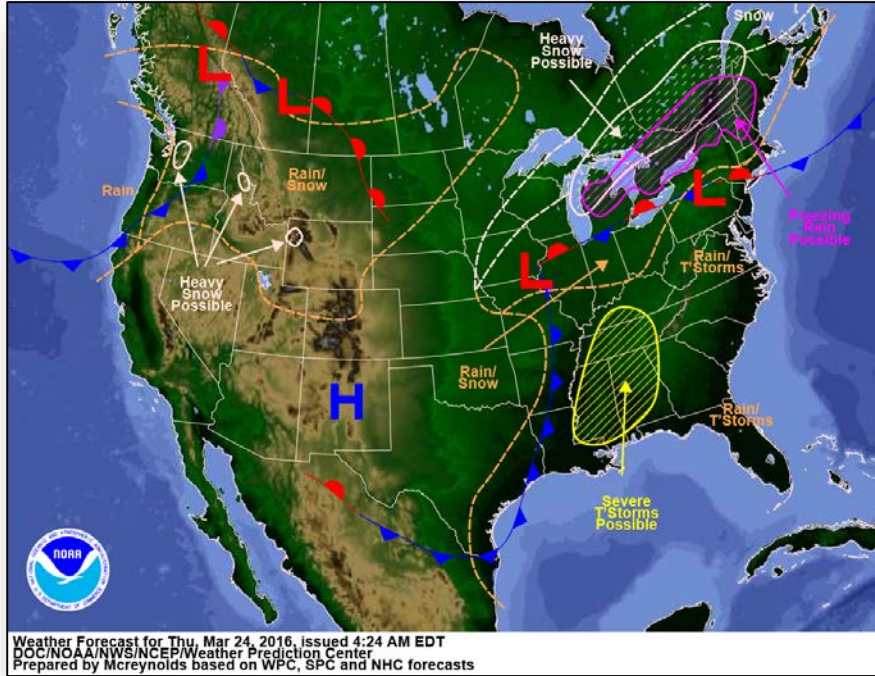
Tropical Activity: No activity affecting U.S. territories

Earthquake Activity: No significant activity

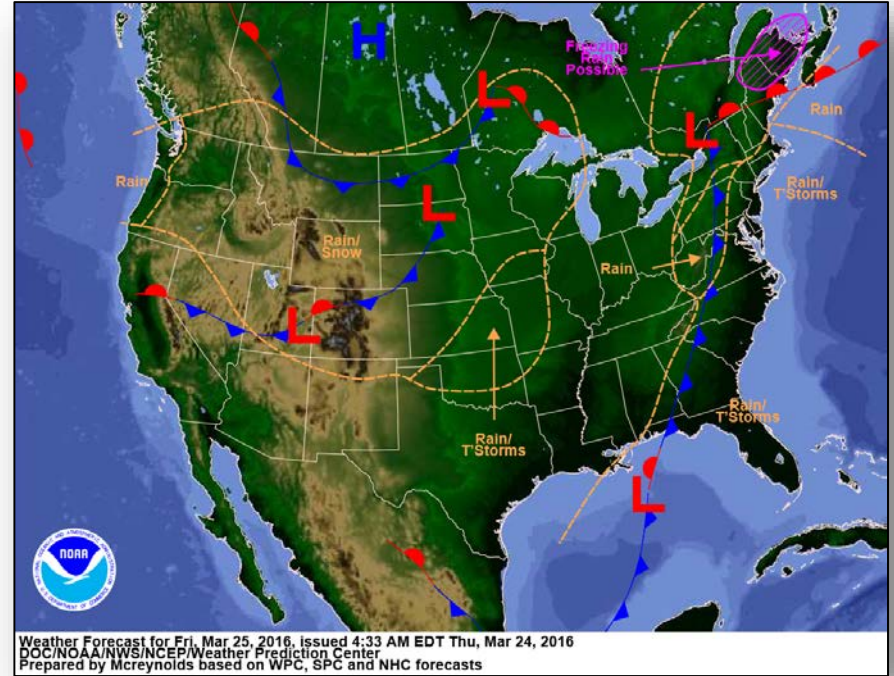
Declaration Activity:

- FMAG (FEMA-5120-FM-KS) approved for the Anderson Creek Fire in Barber/Comanche County, Kansas
- Major Disaster Declaration Approved for Pennsylvania

National Weather Forecast



Today

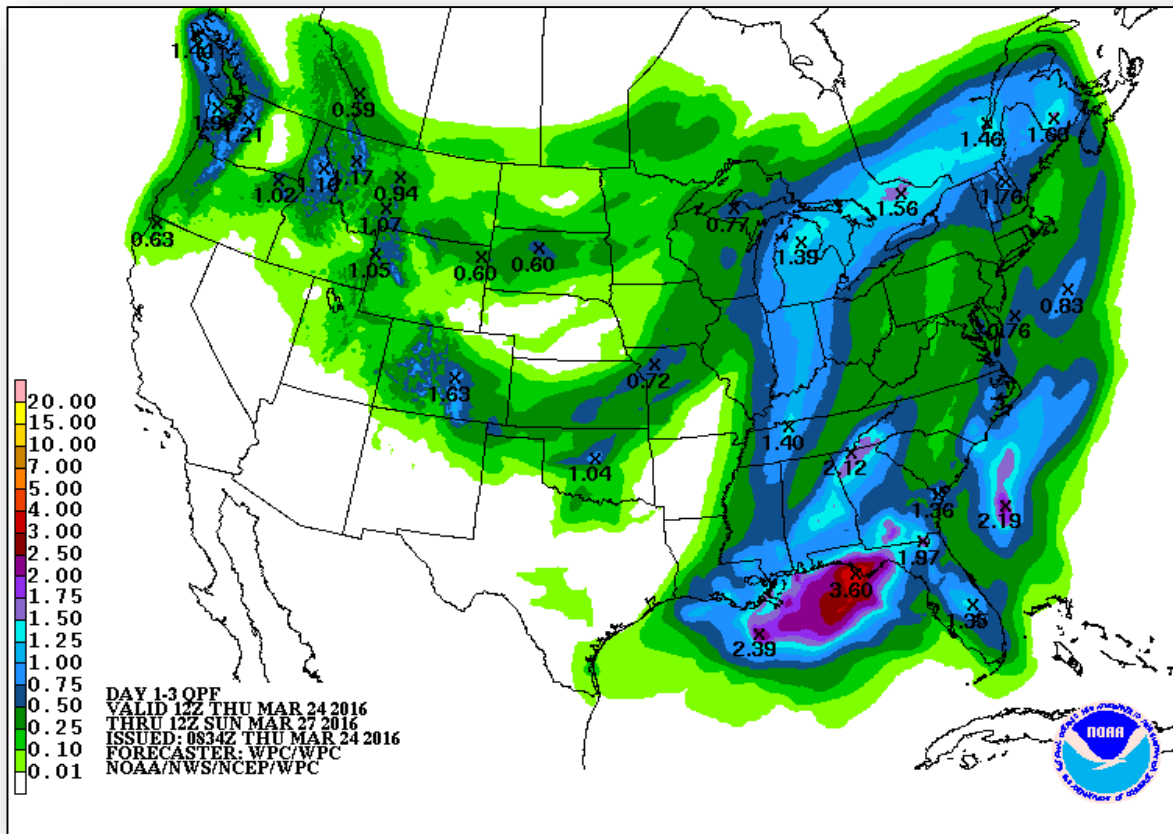


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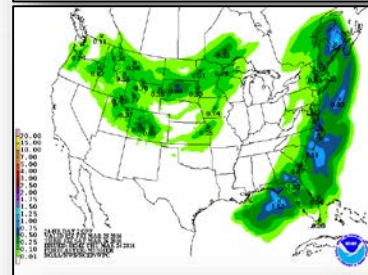
Precipitation Forecast, 1-3 Day



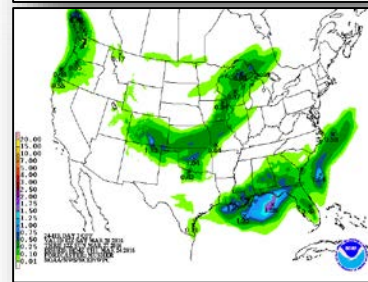
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Day 1

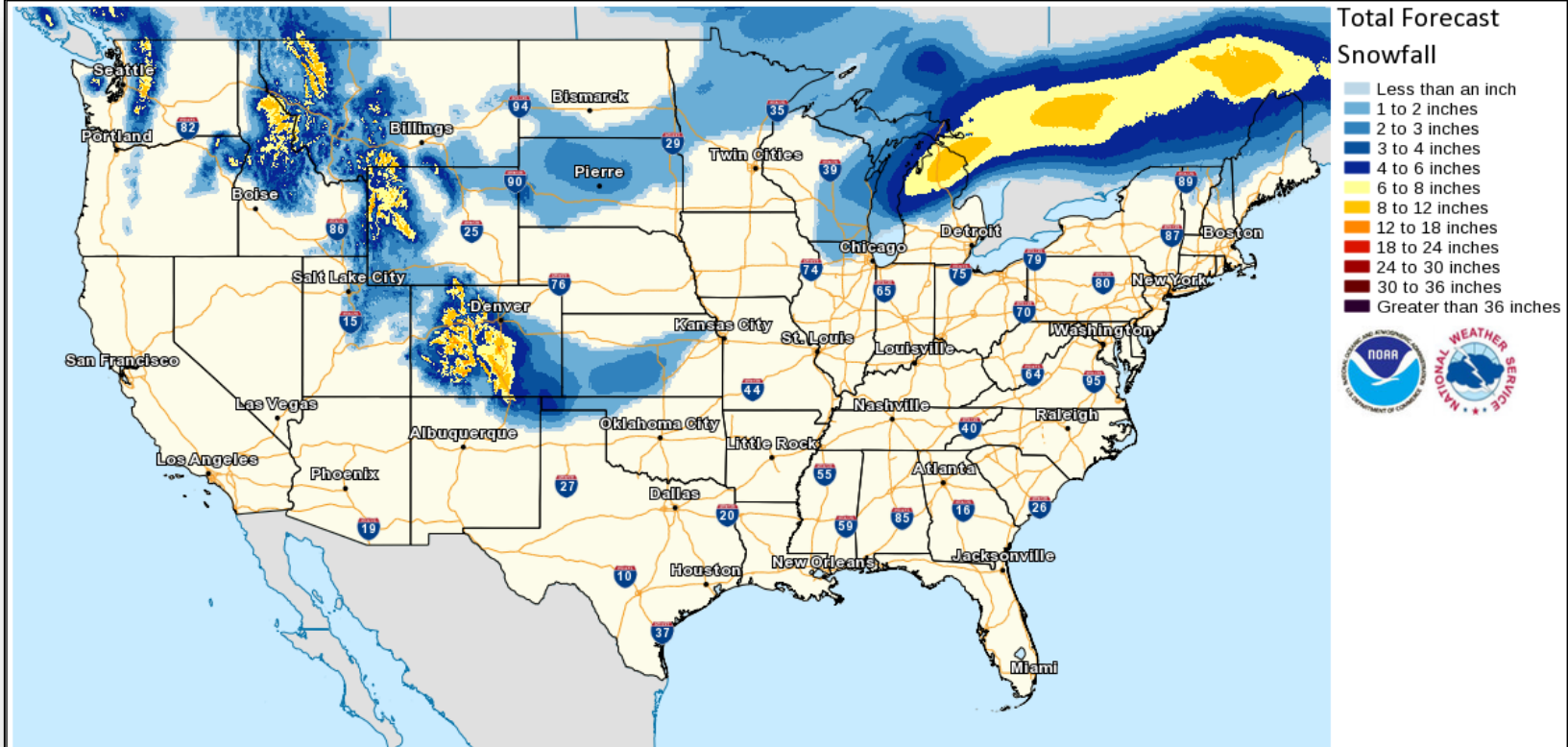


Day 2



Day 3

Snowfall Forecast

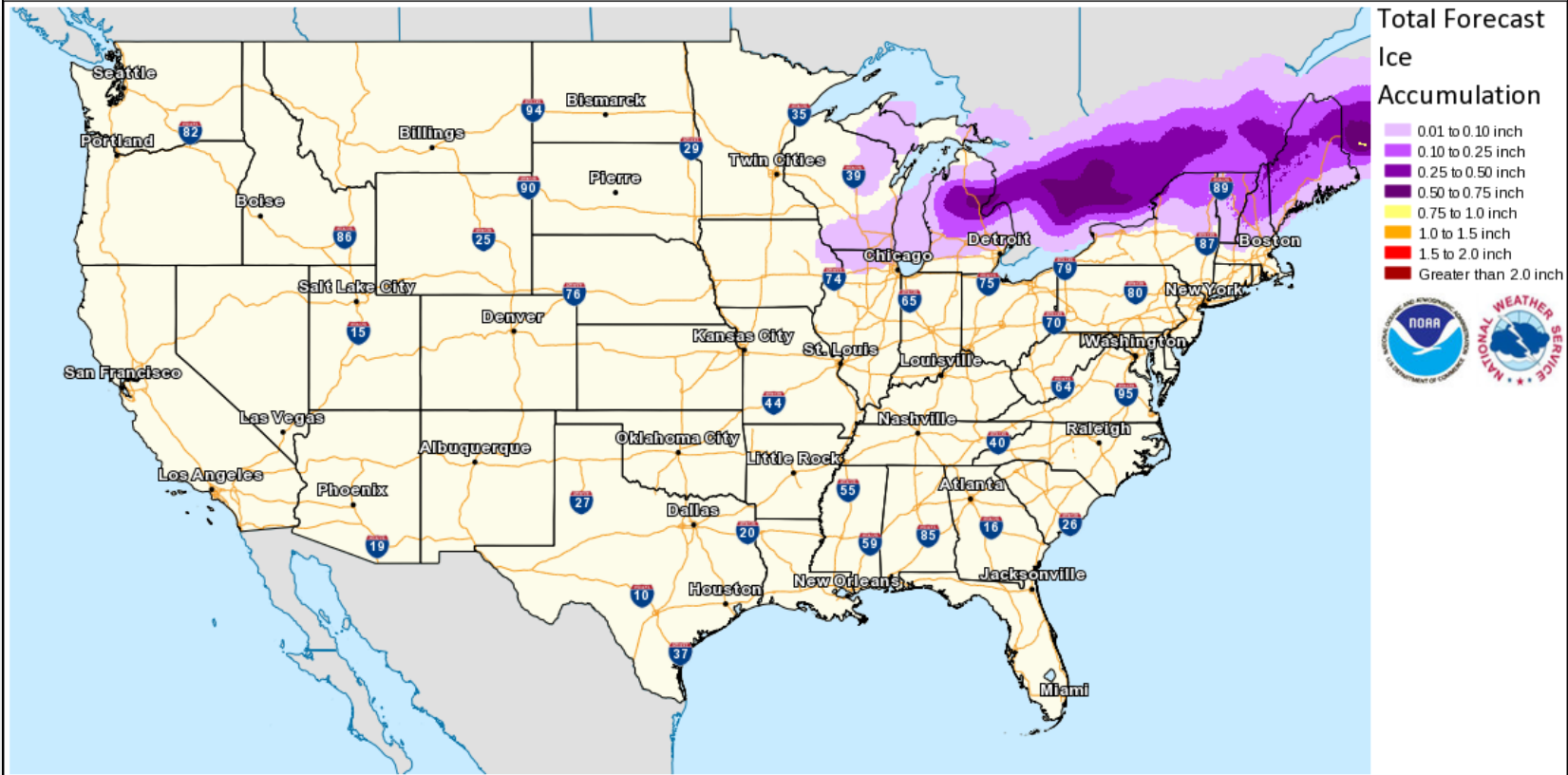


Total Forecast Snowfall

- Less than an inch
- 1 to 2 inches
- 2 to 3 inches
- 3 to 4 inches
- 4 to 6 inches
- 6 to 8 inches
- 8 to 12 inches
- 12 to 18 inches
- 18 to 24 inches
- 24 to 30 inches
- 30 to 36 inches
- Greater than 36 inches

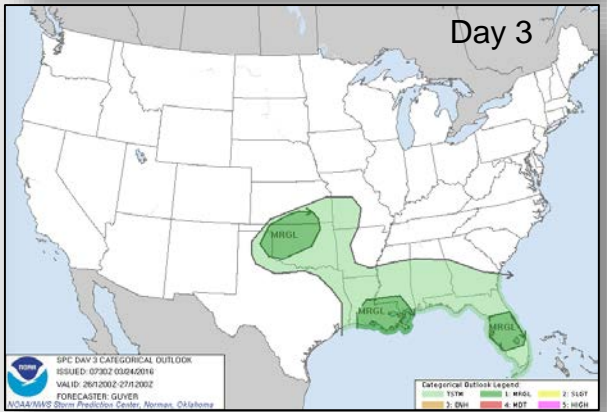
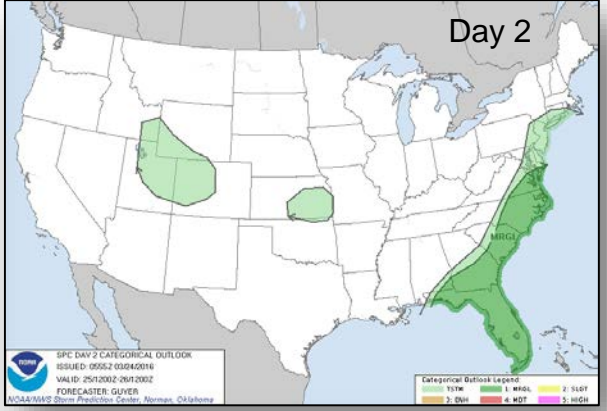
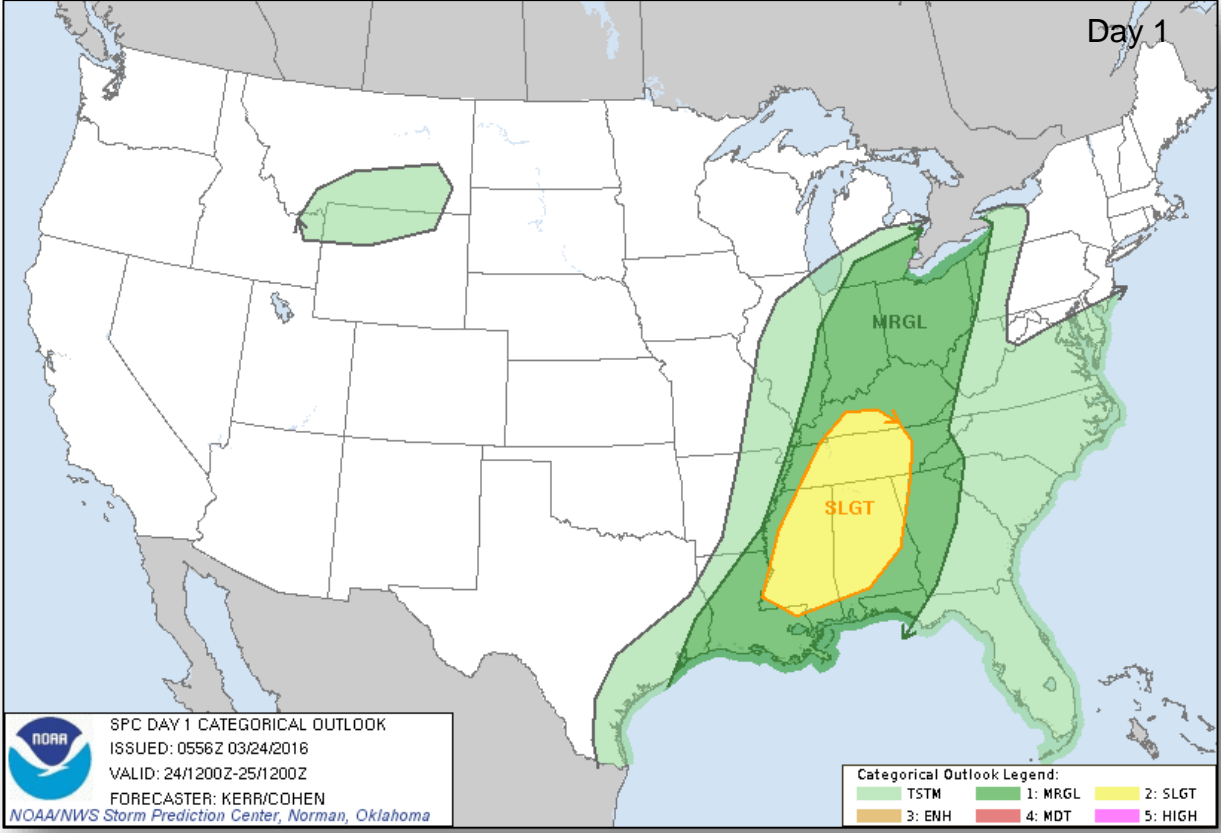
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Ice Accumulation Forecast

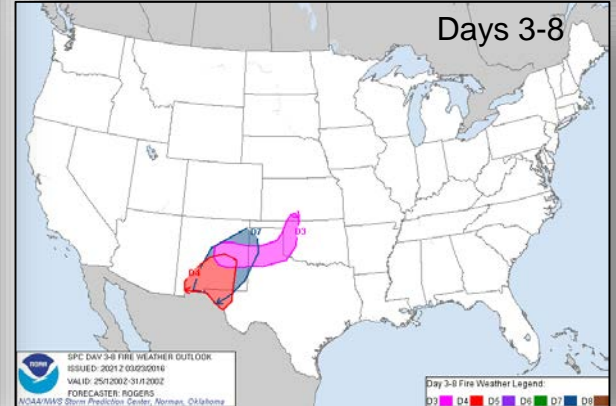
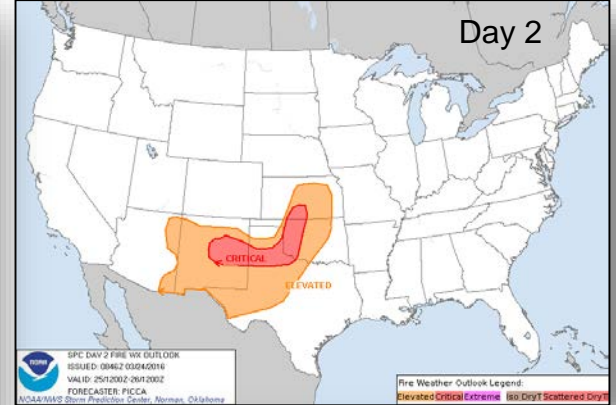
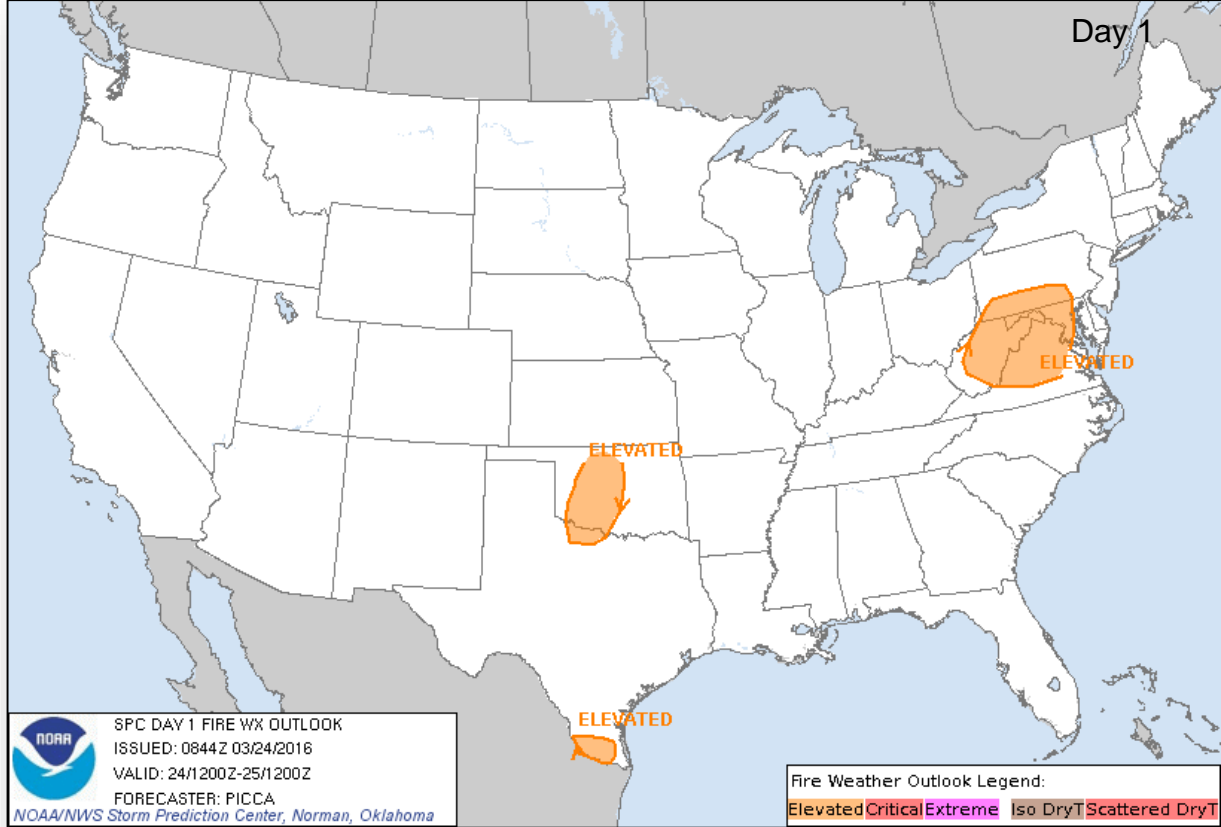


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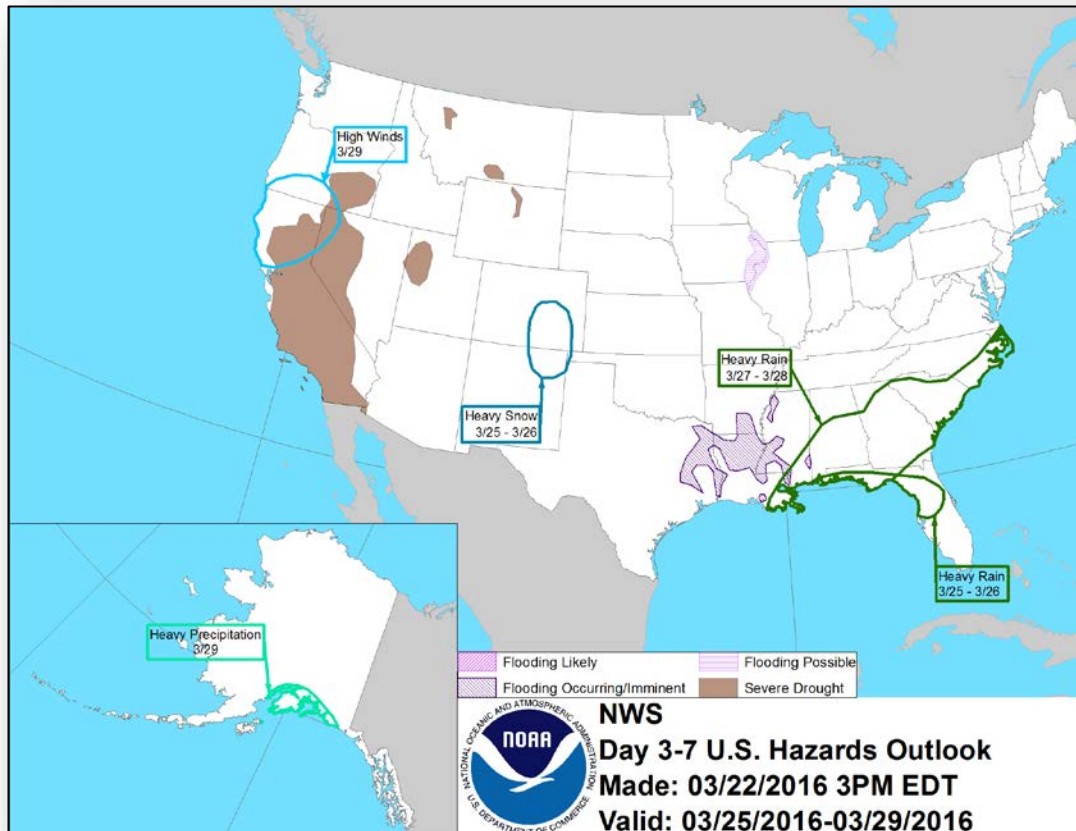
Convective Outlook



Fire Weather Outlook



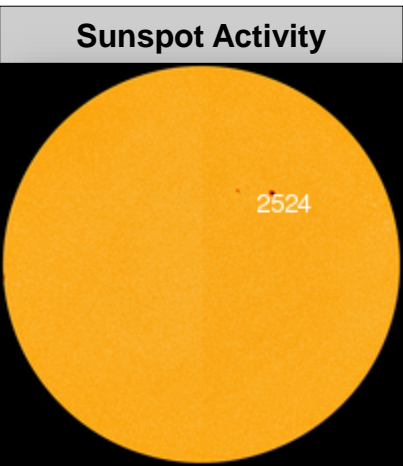
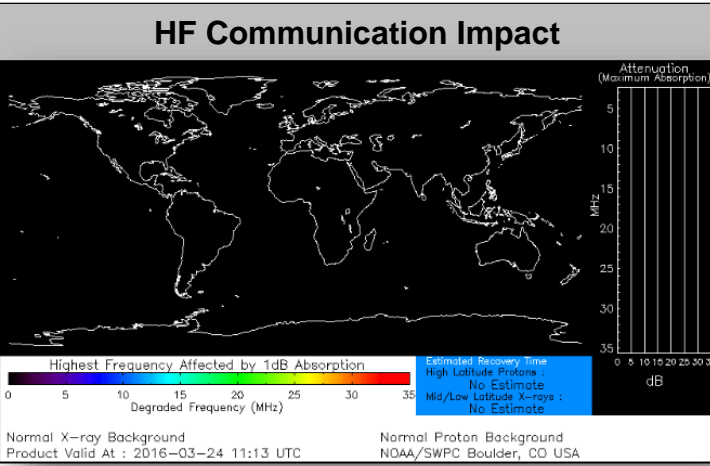
Hazard Outlook March 25-29



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



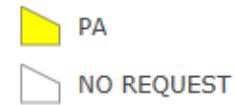
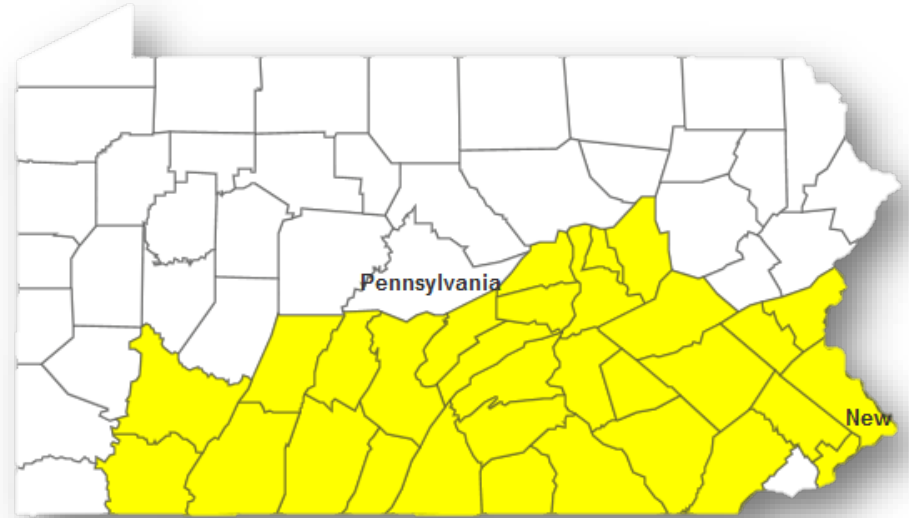
Declaration Requests in Process		Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
4	Date Requested	1	0
PA – DR Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	February 19, 2016	Declared March 23, 2016	
LA – DR Flooding	March 2, 2016		
FL – DR Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes	March 16, 2016		
LA – DR Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes	March 18, 2016		
MS – DR Severe Storms & Flooding	March 22, 2016		

Major Disaster Declaration Approved – Pennsylvania

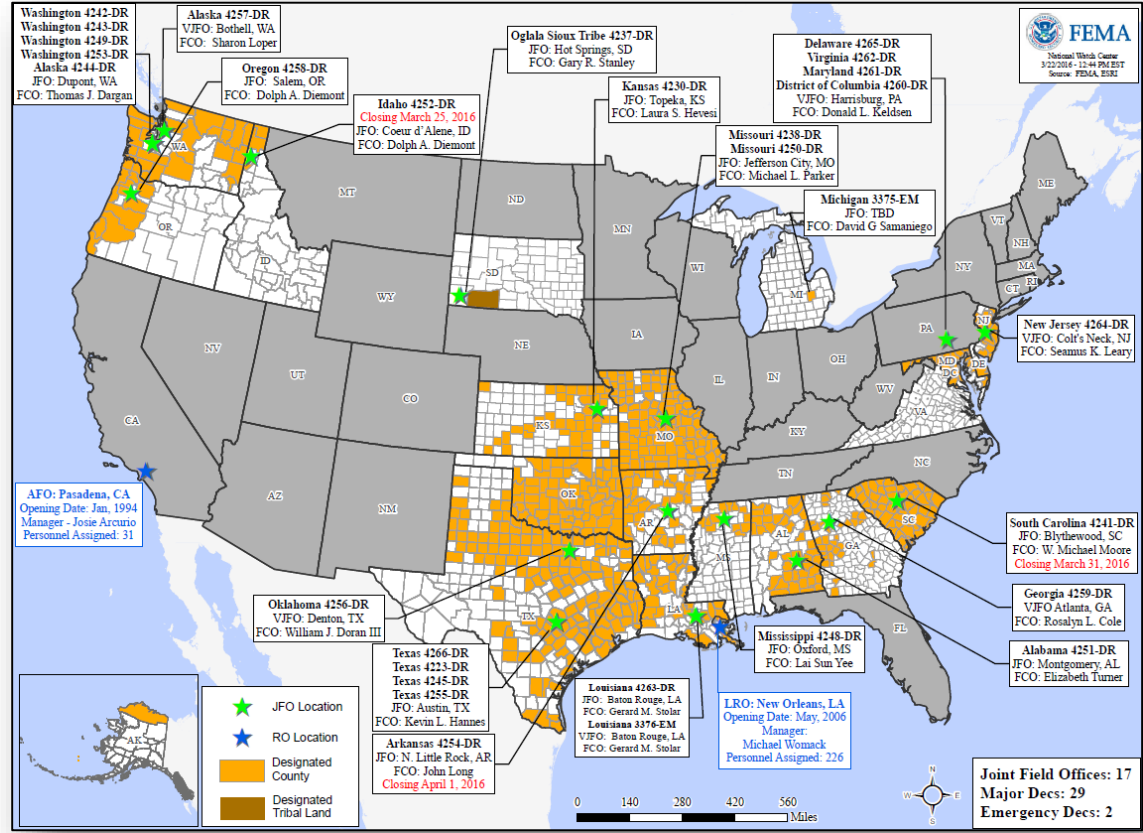


FEMA-4267-DR-PA

- On March 23, 2016, a Major Disaster Declaration was declared for Pennsylvania
- For a severe winter storm & snowstorm during the period of January 22-23, 2016
- Provides:
 - Public Assistance (including snow assistance) for 23 counties
 - Hazard Mitigation for the entire Commonwealth
- FCO is Donald L. Keldsen



Open Field Offices as of March 23, 2016



Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



Region	State / Location	Event	IA/PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Complete	
IV	MS	Severe Weather & Flooding March 9, 2016 – continuing	IA	12	4	3/18 – TBD
			PA	7	0	TBD
VI	AR	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, & Flooding March 8, 2016 – continuing	IA	10	0	3/23 – TBD
IX	Republic of Marshall Islands	Drought October 2015 – continuing	IA	1	0	3/17 – TBD

FMAG Requests and Declarations



Action (since last report)		Total	FMAG No. and State		
Requests DENIED		0			
Requests APPROVED		1	(FEMA-5120-FM-KS) Barber/Comanche County, Kansas		
Approved FMAG Data					
Year	Current YTD	MTD	Monthly Average	Cumulative Acres Burned YTD	Cumulative Denied FMAGs YTD
2016	6	1	1	97,012	1
Year	Total Previous FY	++ Yearly Average		Total Acres Burned Previous Year	Total Denied FMAGs Previous Year
2015	33	36		250,658	2
* Reflects the 3-year average for current month/ ** Reflects 3-year total average					

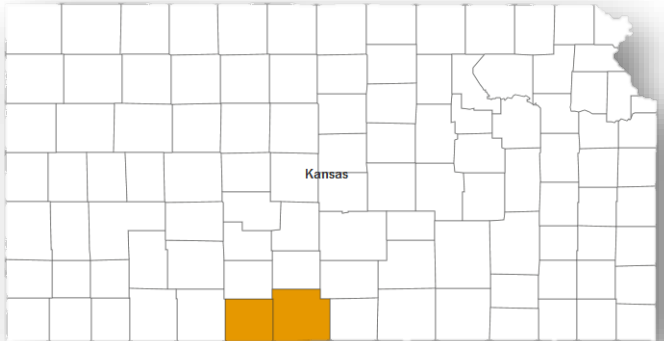
Barber/Comanche County Fire, Kansas



Fire Name	Location	Acres burned	% Contained	Est. Full Containment	FMAG	Structures Lost / Threatened	Fatalities / Injuries
Anderson Creek	Medicine Lodge, KS	72,000	Unknown	Unknown	FEMA-5120-FM-KS Approved March 23, 2016	2 / 1000	0 / 0

Situation

- Fire began March 22, 2016, near the city of Medicine Lodge, KS (pop. 2k) in Barber and Comanche Counties
- Approximately 72,000 acres burned / unk containment
- Approximately 800-1000 structures (residences & businesses) are threatened
- Fire not expected to threaten Medicine Lodge
 - One (1) home and one (1) outbuilding destroyed
 - Voluntary evacuations in effect for the city
 - One (1) American Red Cross shelter established; 4 occupants
 - US-160 and US-281 closed south of Medicine Lodge
- The Governor of Kansas declared a State of Disaster Emergency
- KS EOC activated to Monitoring



Barber/Comanche County

FEMA Readiness – Deployable Teams/Assets



Deployable Teams/Assets									
Resource	Status	Total	FMC Available		Partially Available	Not Available	Detailed, Deployed, Activated	Comments	Rating Criterion
FCO	Yellow	32	11	34%	0	1	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	Green	8	6	75%	0	0	2		
US&R	Green	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	Yellow	3	2	67%	0	0	1	National IMAT West deployed to LA (4263-LA)	<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	Red	13	3	23%	0	0	10	<p>Deployed: RI to LA (4263-LA) RII to TX (4266-TX) RIII to PA (4260-DC; 4261-MD; 4262-VA; 4265-DE) RV to MI (3375-MI) RVI Team 1 to TX (4266-TX); Team 2 to LA (4263-LA) RVII to MO (4238/4250-MO) RVIII to LA (4263-LA) RIX Team 2 to OR (4258-OR) RX to WA (4244/4257-AK; 4252-ID; 4242/4243/4249/4253-WA)</p> <p>Available: RIV Team 1 & Team 2 RIX Team 1</p>	<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 & has no qualified replacement</i></p>
MERS Teams	Green	18	12	67%	0	0	6	<p>Deployed: Denton MERS 3 teams to LA; 1 team to TX Denver MERS 1 team to TX Bothell MERS 1 team to ID</p>	<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		



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