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Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

8:30 a.m. EST

Significant Activity – Dec 19-20



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Significant Events:

- Wildfires – southern California

Tropical Activity:

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

Significant Weather:

- Elevated fire weather conditions – CA, NV, NM, & TX
- Severe Thunderstorms – AL, AR, LA, & MS
- Space Weather:
 - Past 24 hours: None
 - Next 24 hours: None

Earthquake Activity: No significant activity

Declaration Activity: None

Thomas Fire – Southern California



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Fire Name (County)	FMAG # (Approved Date)	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations (Residents)	Structures			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Thomas (Ventura and Santa Barbara)	5224-FM-CA Dec 5, 2017	272,000 (+1,000)	55% (+5%)	Mandatory & Voluntary	18,000	270 (209 homes)	1,045 (772 homes)	2 / 0

Situation: The Thomas Fire continues to burn across multiple counties. Currently the **second** largest fire in CA recorded history (#1 – 2003 Cedar Fire, 273,246 acres).

Impacts

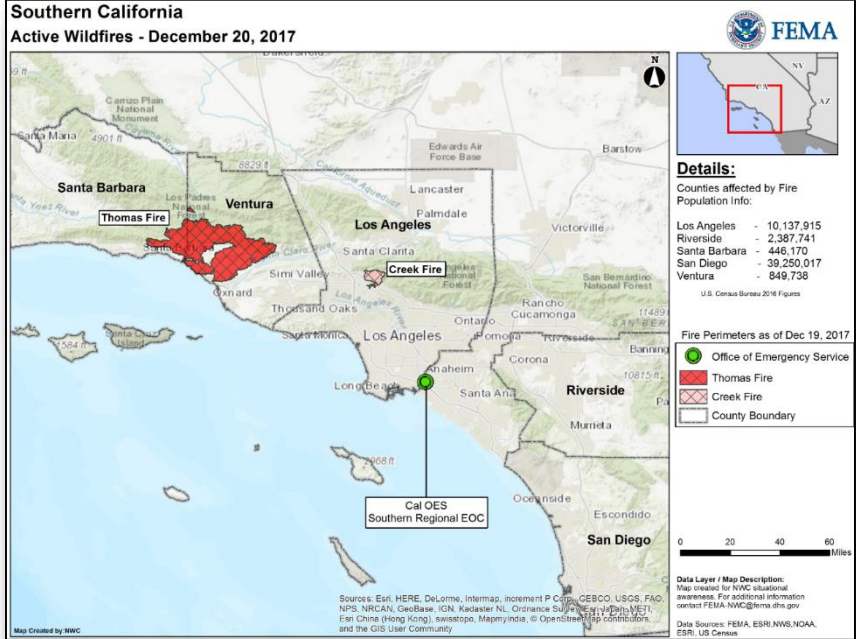
- Shelters: 2 open / **393 (-39)** occupants (ARC Shelter Count as of 5:31 a.m. EST)
- A boil water advisory remains in effect for both counties

State/Local Response

- Governor declared a State of Emergency; CA National Guard deployed
- EOCs: CA – **Partial Activation**; NV – Partial Activation; UT – Monitoring

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- FEMA-3396-EM-CA approved on December 8, 2017
- Region IX RWC at Steady State; RRCC not activated
- Region IX IMAT-2 deployed to CA EOC
- Region IX LNO deployed to CA and Southern Regional EOC
- Defense Coordinating Element activated
- **IA Joint PDAs complete; PA PDAs scheduled to begin after December 21, 2017**



Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



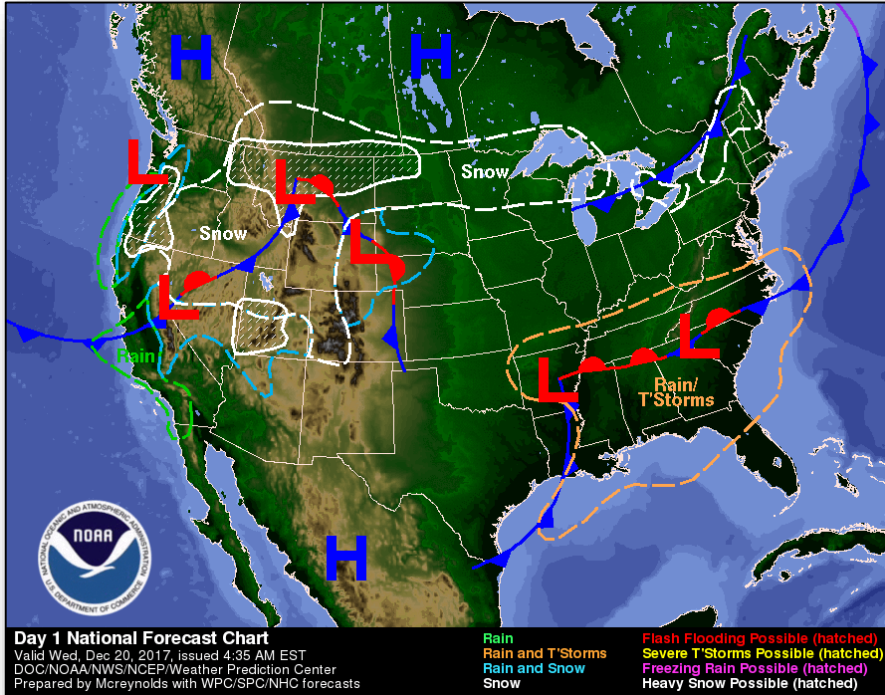
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Region	State / Location	Event	IA / PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Completed	
IX	CA	Wildfires December 4, 2017 and continuing	IA	4	4	12/15 – 12/19
			PA	4	0	12/21 – TBD

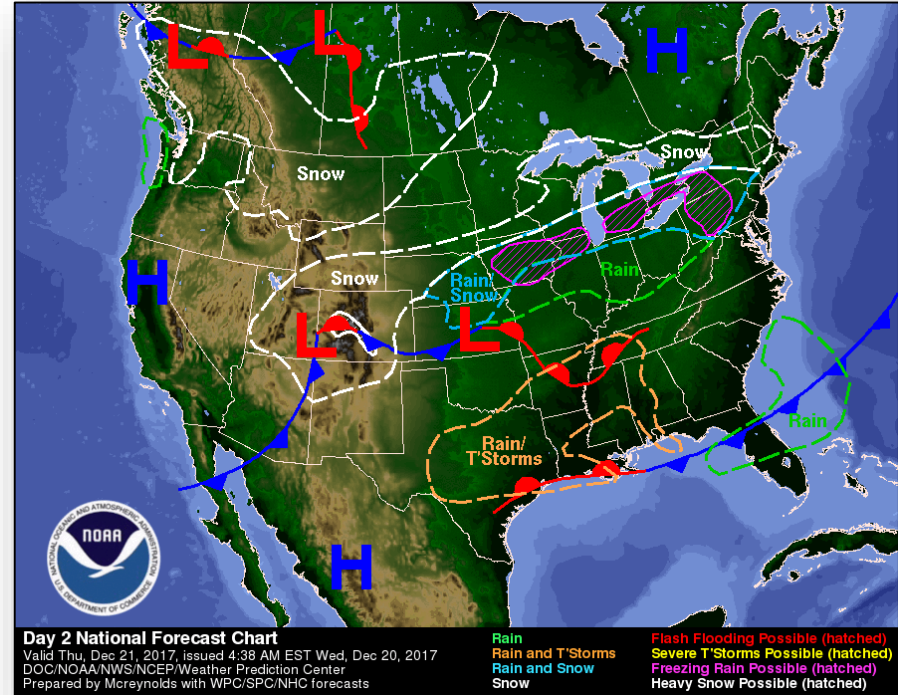
National Weather Forecast



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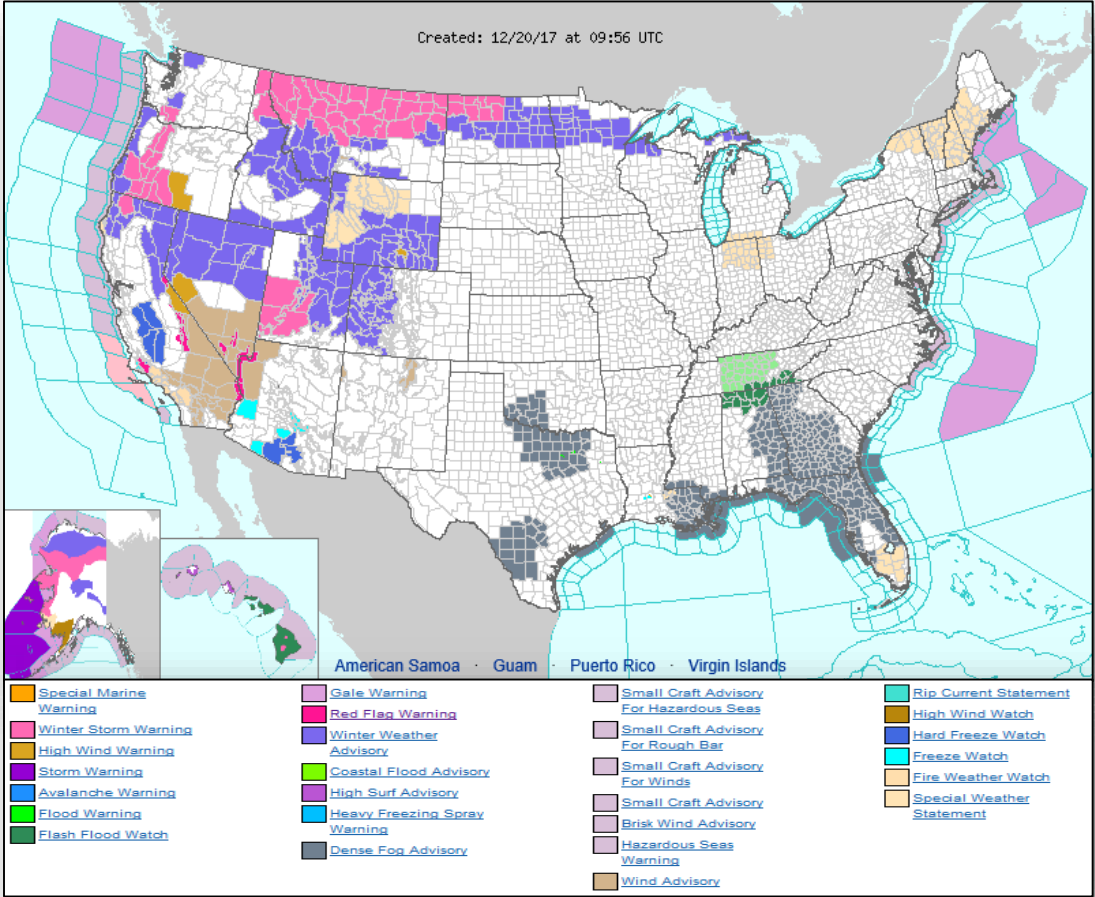


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Active Watches and Warnings



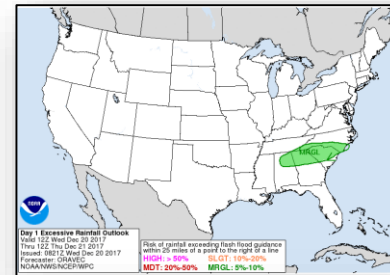
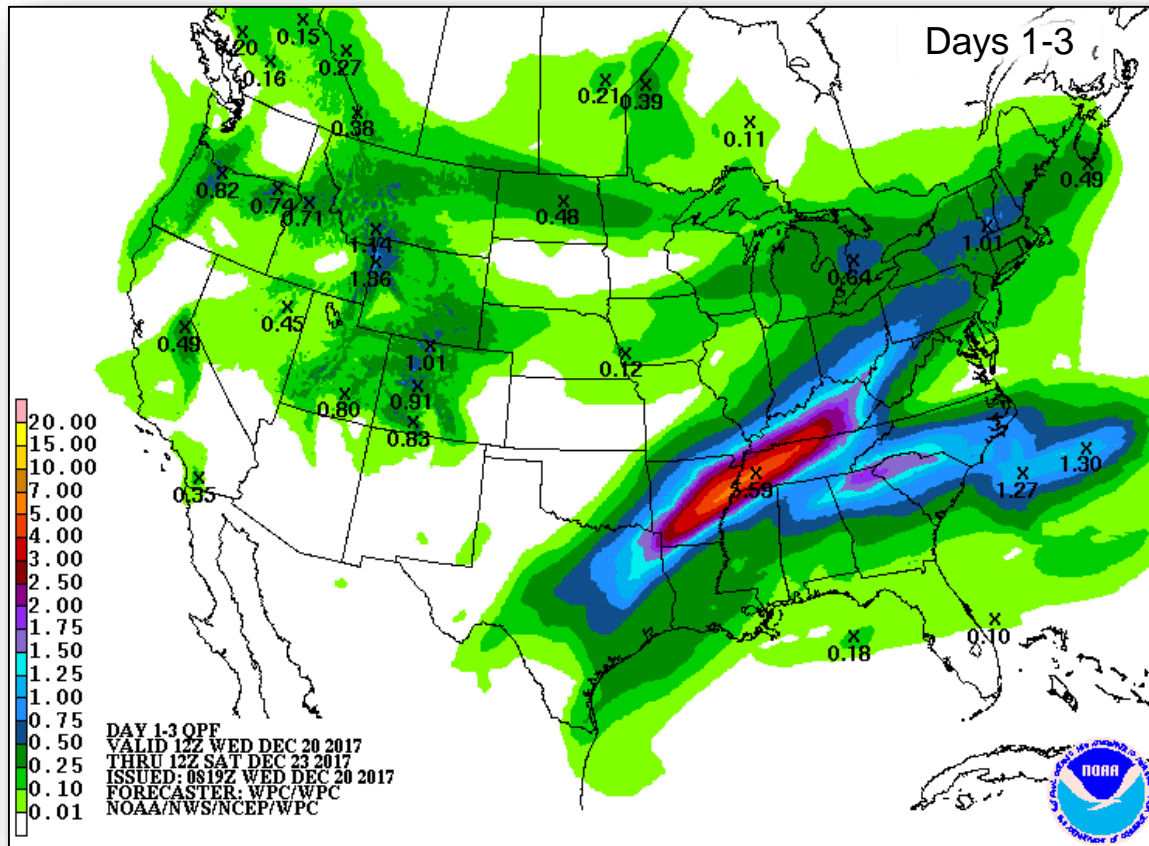
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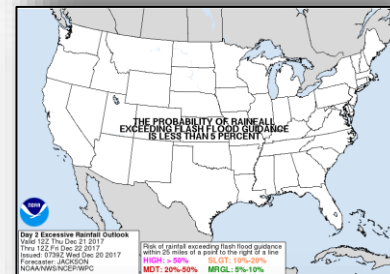
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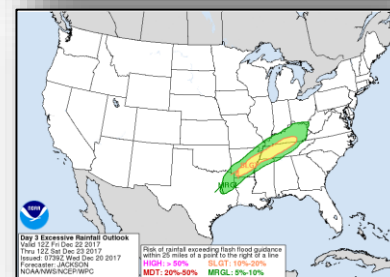
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Day 1



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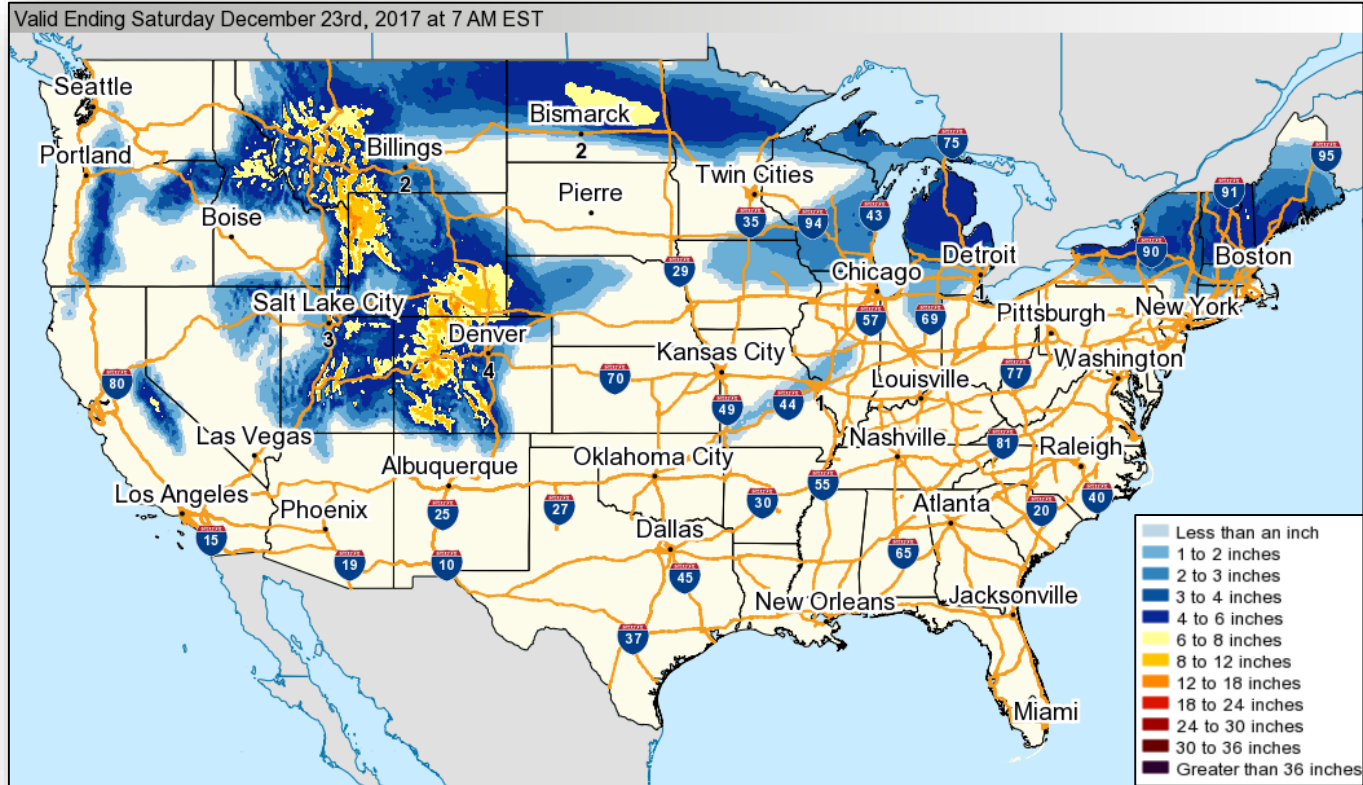


Day 3

Forecast Snowfall



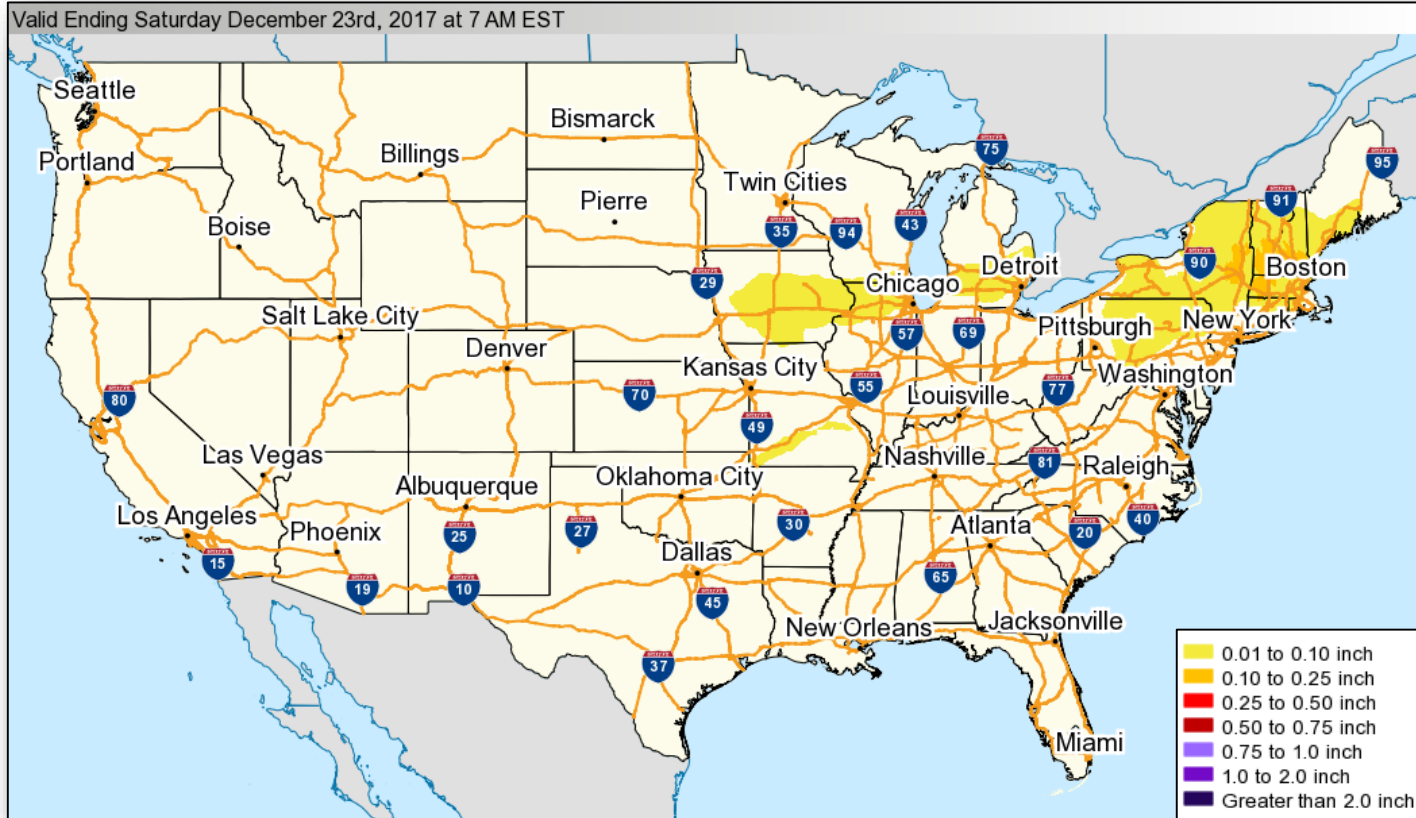
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Forecast Ice Accumulation



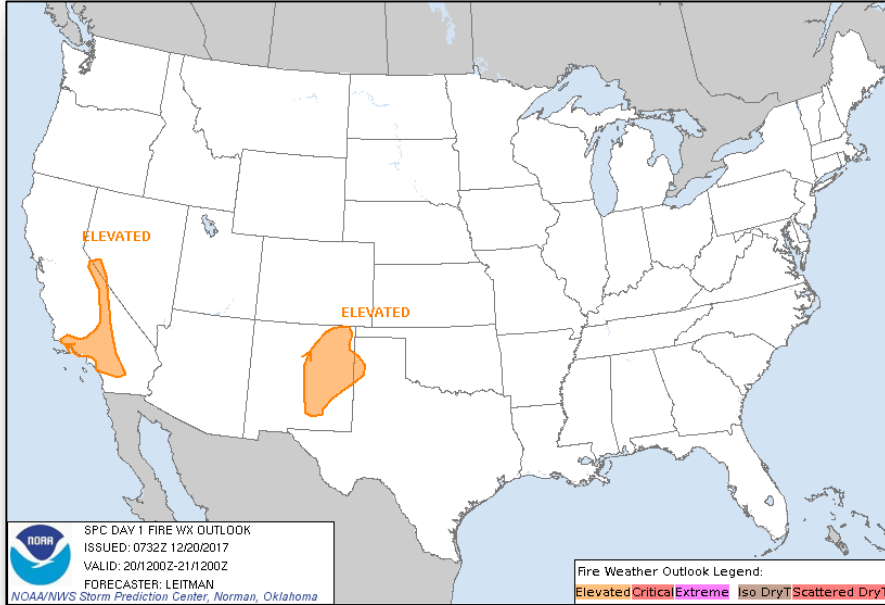
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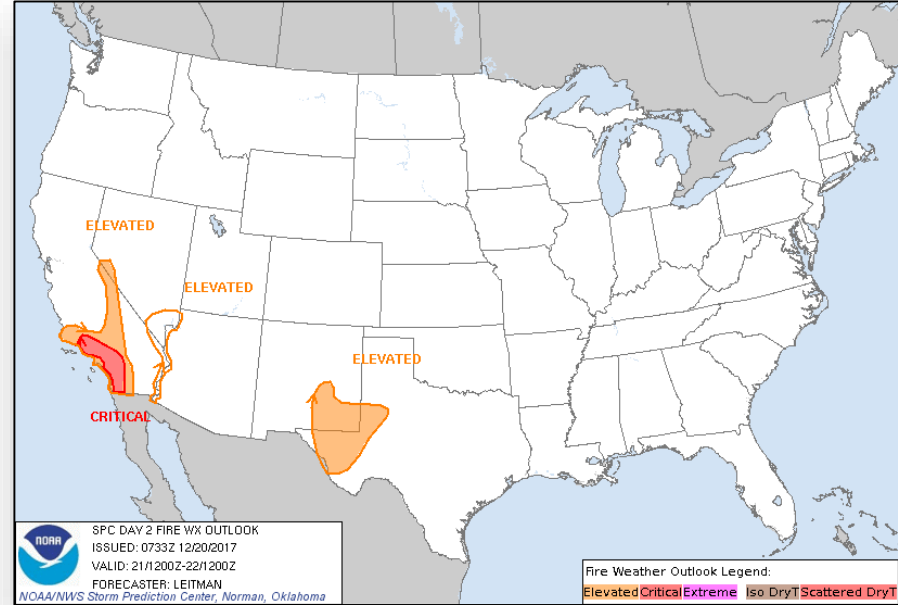
Fire Weather Outlook



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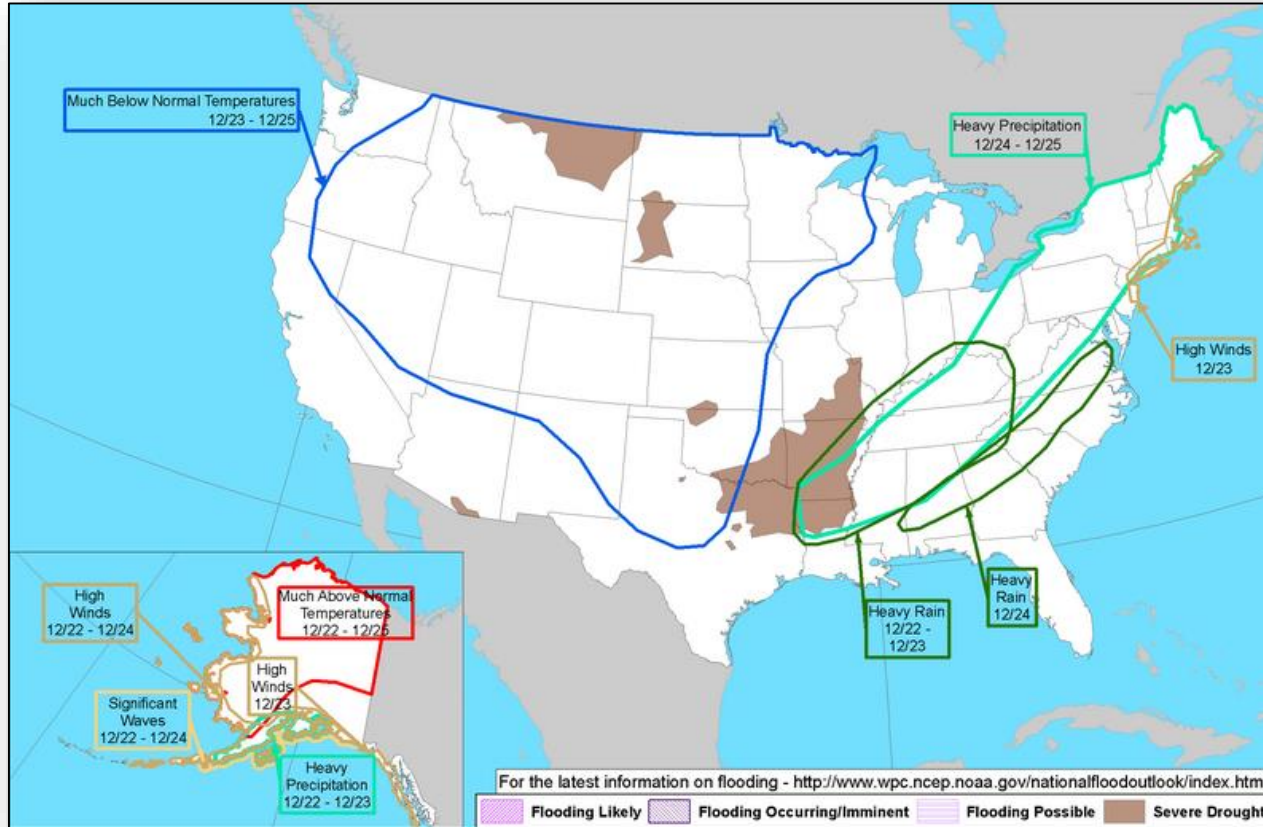


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Hazards Outlook – Dec 22-26



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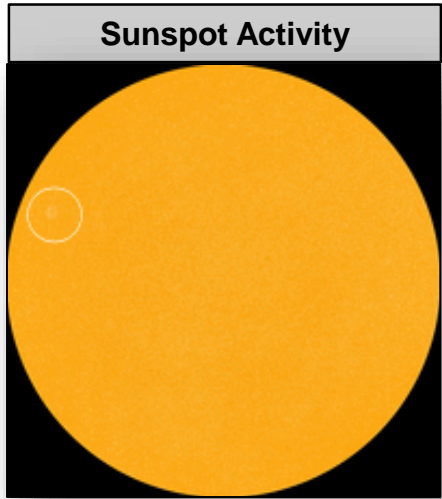
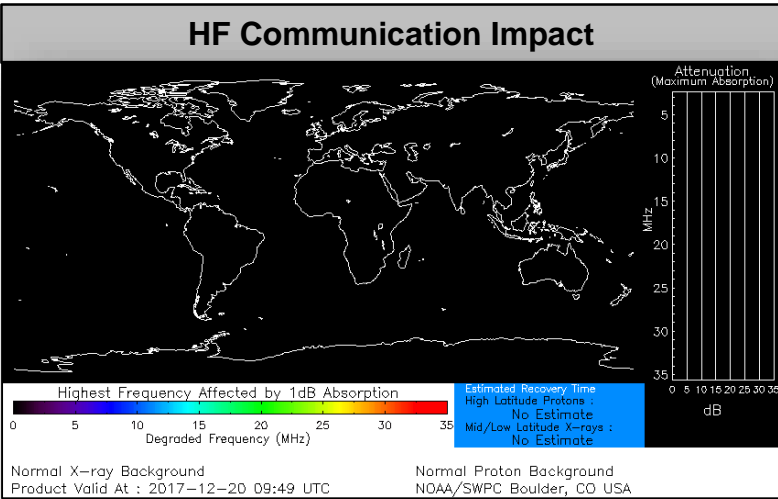
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	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	None	None	None	None
Next 24 Hours	None	None	None	None

For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation>



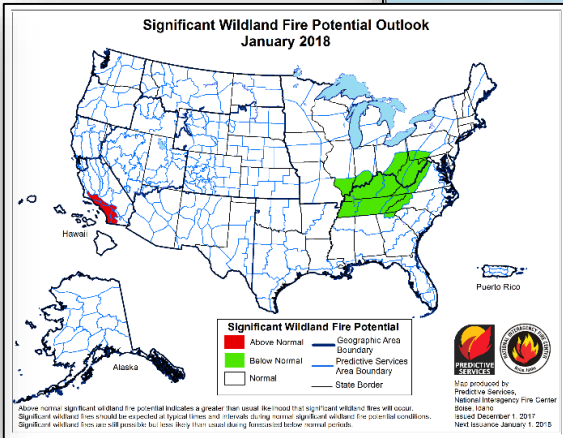
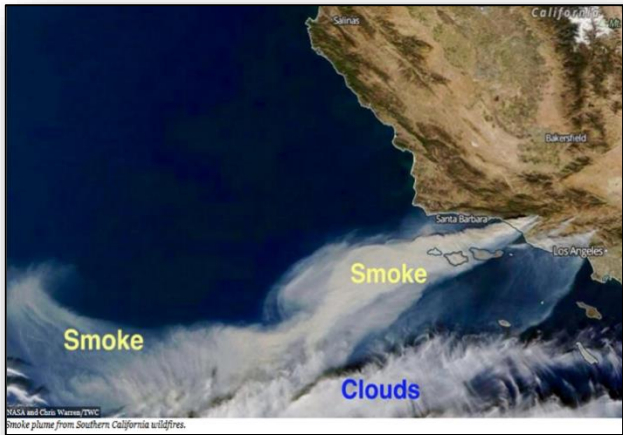
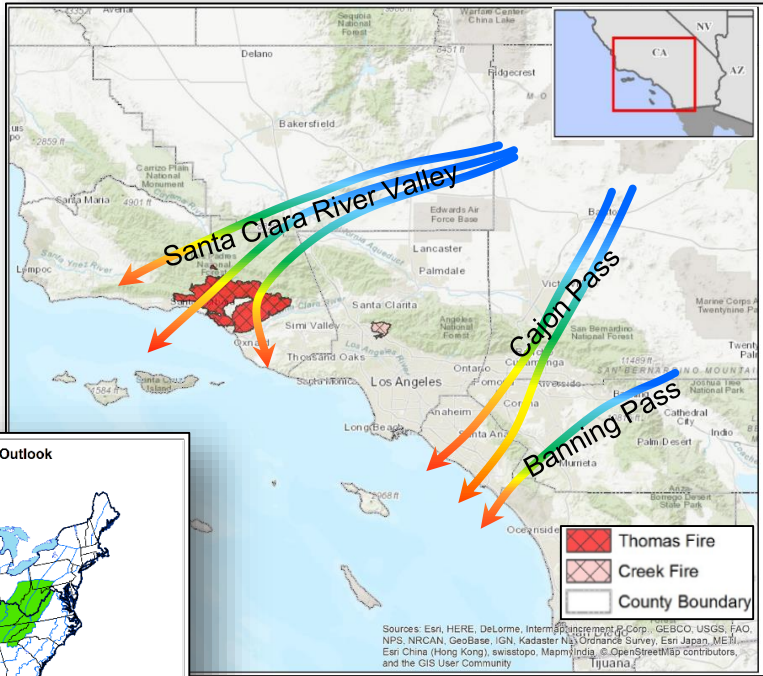
Understanding the Santa Ana Winds



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Santa Ana Winds occur when air from a region of high pressure over the dry, desert region of the southwestern U.S. flows eastward towards low pressure located off the California coast.

- Increased wildfire risk due to the dryness of the winds and the speed at which they can spread a flame across the landscape
- Typically peak in Fall and Winter, but strong events have occurred in the springtime
- Fall events tend to have higher fire danger due to warm temperatures & very dry fuels
- Winds peak during late night to early afternoon
- Typically focused over Ventura County southward to San Diego County



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	0	0
MT – DR Wildfires		X	X	November 15, 2017		
NH – DR Severe Storms and Flooding		X	X	November 27, 2017		
AK – DR Severe Storm		X	X	November 27, 2017		
VT – DR Severe Storms and Flooding		X	X	November 28, 2017		
ME – DR Severe Storms and Flooding		X	X	November 29, 2017		
Pueblo of Acoma – DR Severe Storms and Flooding		X	X	November 30, 2017		

Readiness – Deployable Teams and Assets



Resource	Force Strength	Available	Deployed	Other	Cadres with 25% or Less Availability	
					DI 5% (4/80); EHP 10% (32/328); ER 20% (13/65); IT 17% (108/623); LOG 22% (260/1,209)	PA 24% (354/1,478); SEC 7% (7/100)
Total Workforce	11,482 (MC)	4,028 ▲ 35%	5,550 ▼	1,904		
National IMATs* (1-2 Teams)	East 1:	Deployed				
	East 2:	Charlie				
	West:	B-2				
Regional IMATs (0-3 Teams)	Assigned:	13				
	Available:	3 (+1)				
	PMC / NMC:	3 (-1)				
US&R (>66%)	Assigned:	28				
	Available:	28				
	PMC / NMC:	0				
MERS (>66%)	Assigned:	36				
	Available:	33				
	NMC:	0				
FCO (≤1 Type I)	Assigned:	37				
	Available:	5				
	PMC / NMC:	7				
FDRC (>=3)	Assigned:	14				
	Available:	3				
	PMC / NMC:	0				
		Deployed:	11			

As of 3:00 a.m. EST December 20, 2017

*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: III, V, and VIII



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