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National Operations Brief Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018

National Response Coordination Center: Steady State

National Watch Center: Steady State

National Preparedness Level: 1 (<http://www.nifc.gov/fireInfo/nfn.htm>)

Joint Field Offices: 18 active; **Major Declarations:** 51; **Emergency Declarations:** one

Red Flag Warnings: South Texas

Elevated Fire Weather: surrounds the Critical area extending further up Rio Grande Valley then north into Texas/Oklahoma Panhandles

Critical Fire Weather: portions of South Texas/Lower Rio Grande Valley

Space Weather: past 24 hours none observed; next 24 hours none predicted (<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/communities/space-weather-enthusiasts>)

Tropical Activity: <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/gtwo.php?basin=atlc&fdays=5>

- Tropical cyclone formation is not expected during the next 5 days

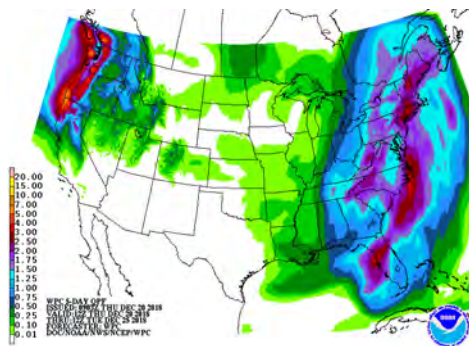
Disaster Declarations:

- none

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Outlook

Today December 20: <https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/qpf/p120i.gif?1545305853>

- Widespread rain and thunderstorms from the Southeast to the Mid-Atlantic: Enhanced risk of severe thunderstorms across central Florida Peninsula; Slight to marginal risk of severe thunderstorms will surround enhanced area covering remainder of Florida Peninsula up coast to southeast Virginia; Flood watches for much of the East
- Severe thunderstorms, damaging winds and tornado threat across much of Florida Peninsula and later in eastern portions of the Carolinas
- Widespread precipitation in Northwest along with breezy/windy conditions along coast
- Rough seas offshore of Washington and Oregon
- Rain from San Francisco to Vancouver Island
- Rain and snow northern Great Basin and northern Sierras, heavy snow for the higher elevations



Tomorrow December 21: <http://www.spc.noaa.gov/>

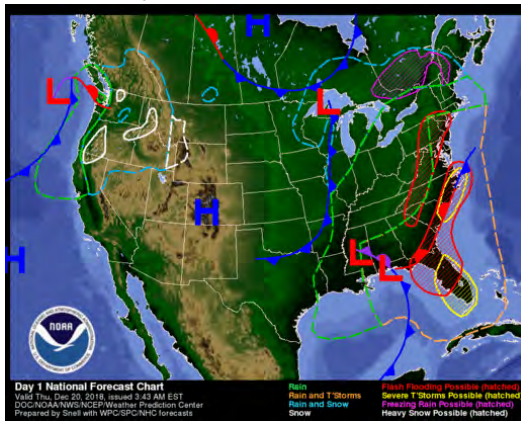
- Rain/thunderstorms from Cape Cod/Long Island south along coast to Florida Peninsula
- Rain for portions of the Southeast, Carolinas, Mid-Atlantic and New England
- Heavy rain for New England where flooding and flash flooding will be a concern
- Rain and snow from southern Appalachians north across Ohio Valley/Northeast/eastern Great Lakes, freezing rain from eastern Great Lakes to southern Quebec
- Rain and snow for northern and western High Plains
- Snow scattered across central and northern Rockies

- Rain and higher elevation snow for mountains of northern Great Basin, northern Sierras and Cascades
- Rain continues over coastal regions of Washington and Oregon

Saturday December 22:

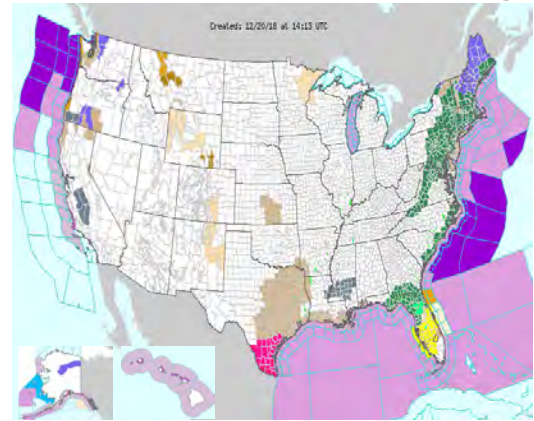
- Rain along the New England coast, rain/snow will blanket remainder of New England
- Rain and snow for central Appalachians
- Snow portions of Upper Midwest, more snow across central/northern Rockies
- Area of rain and snow will extend from Colorado plains east into Kansas
- Rain along the coast from Vancouver Island to central California; Rain and higher elevation snow from western British Columbia south to the northern Sierras

Today's Weather Outlook



http://www.nws.noaa.gov/outlook_tab.php

Current Watches and Warnings



<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/largemap.php>



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National Terrorism Advisory System provides information on homeland security issues, distributed by Department of Homeland Security. More information available: www.dhs.gov/advisories. To receive mobile updates: <https://twitter.com/dhsgov>

Health Information:

- Seasonal Influenza - <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>
- 2018-19 number of pediatric deaths reported as of December 8, 2018 – six (week 49)
- [CIDRAP News and Perspective](#) (hyperlink - Center for Infectious Disease Research & Policy)
- [Global Alert and Response Disease Outbreak News](#) (hyperlink World Health Organization)
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration - [Listing of latest FDA's Recalls, Market Withdrawals & Safety Alerts](#) provides "Sign up to receive Recalls, Market Withdrawals and Safety Alerts"
- [Wegmans Issues Voluntary Recall of Fresh Cauliflower Rice, Veggie/Cauliflower Rice Blend and Stir-Fry Mix with Cauliflower](#)
- U.S. Dept. Agriculture - [Food Safety/Inspection Service current recalls/alerts](#)
- Food Safety News: [Foodborne Illness Outbreaks](#) and [Food Safety News](#)