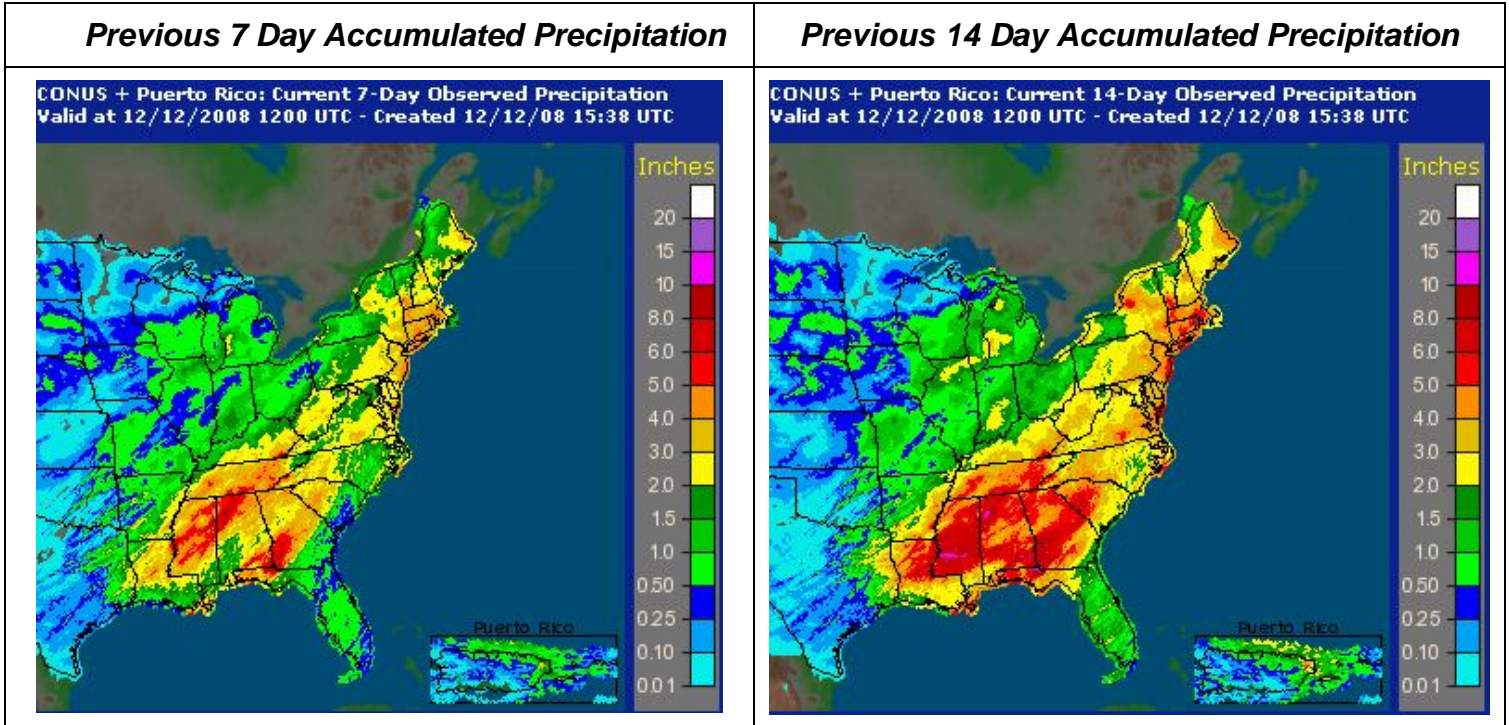


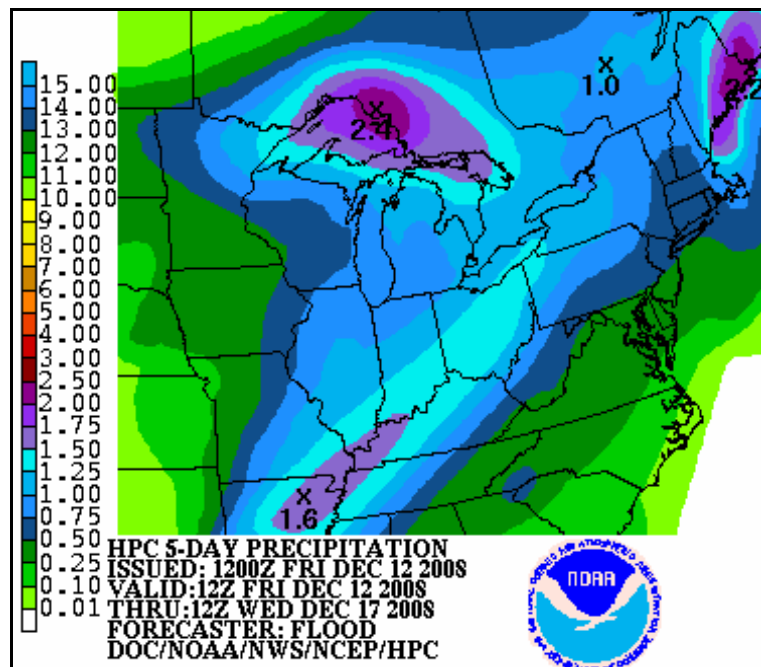
Eastern Area Fire Weather/Fire Danger Outlook 12-13-08 to 12-17-08

The following outlook is made with the most recent weather data available on December 12, 2008. It is a general report intended to provide fire management personnel with an area wide outlook for December 13, 2008 to December 17, 2008. Due to the variability in the data and weather computer model limitations beyond this time period, it is important for the local fire manager to know their own area of responsibility.

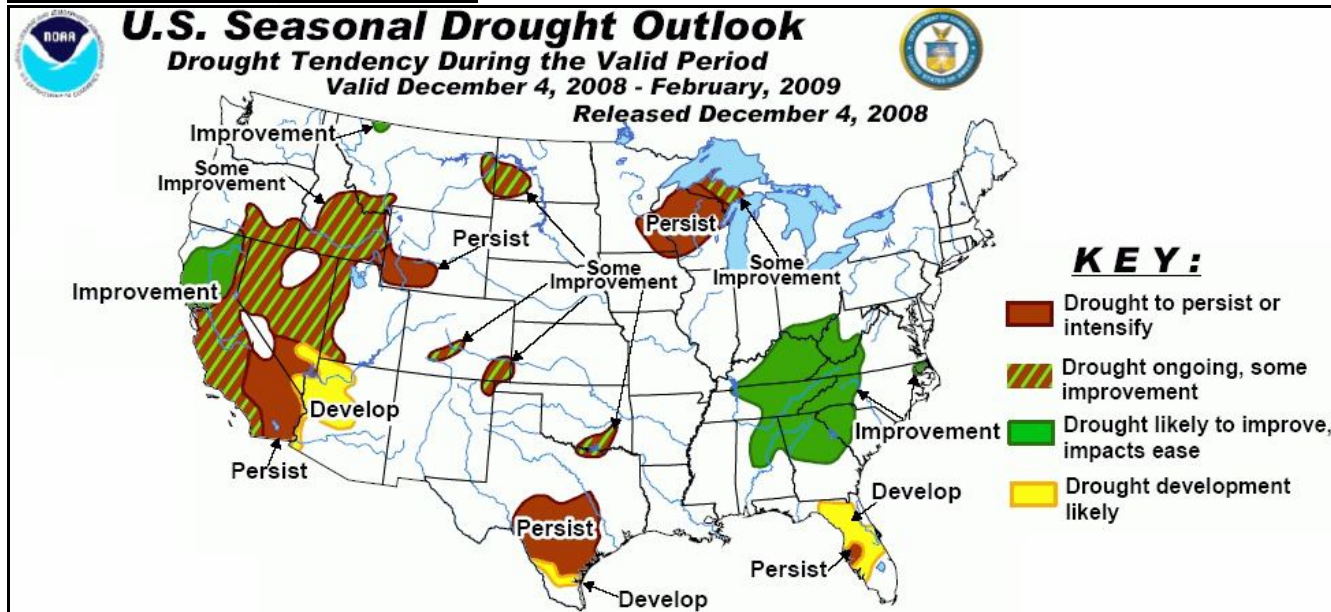
The graphic below displays the accumulated precipitation data over the preceding 7 and 14 days leading up to the morning of December 9, 2008. To the right of each graphic is a key displaying the color corresponding to precipitation amounts in inches. The 5 day total precipitation amount forecast from the morning of December 12 into the morning of December 17 is shown at the bottom of this page.



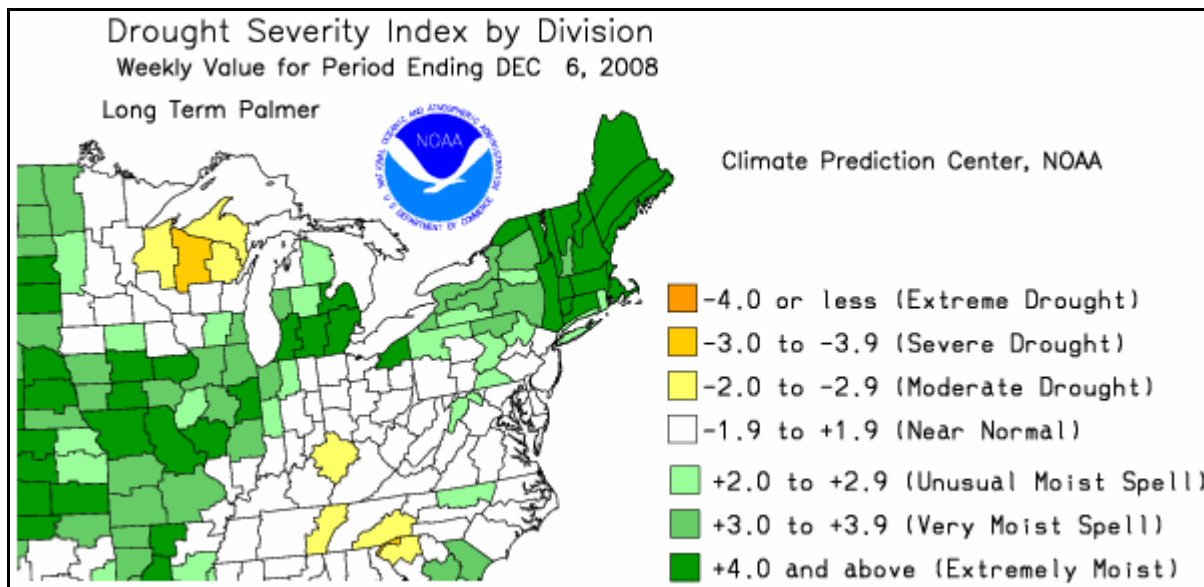
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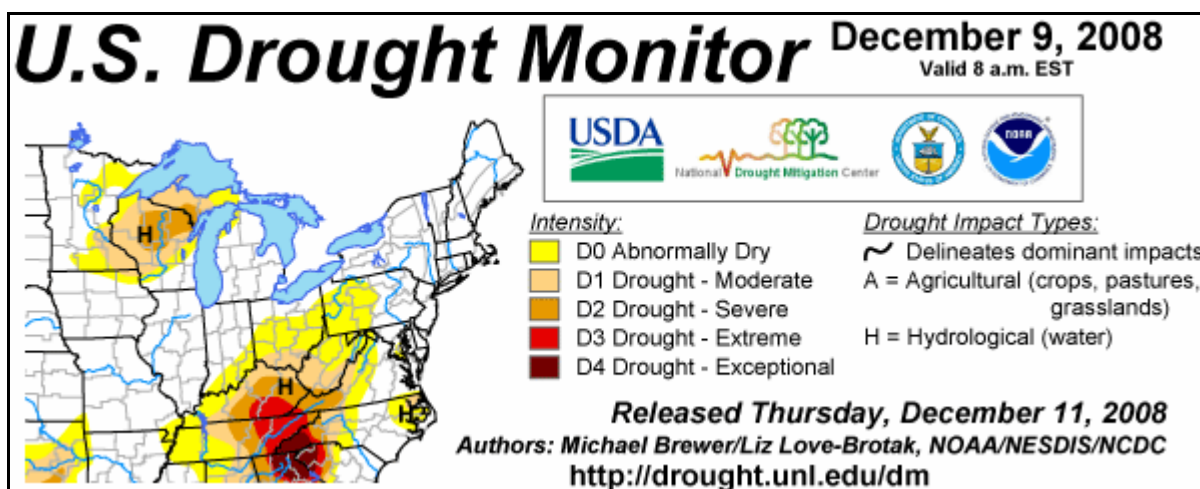
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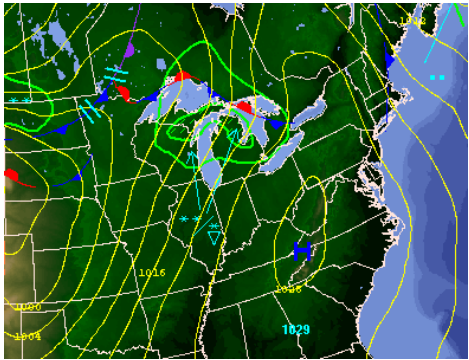



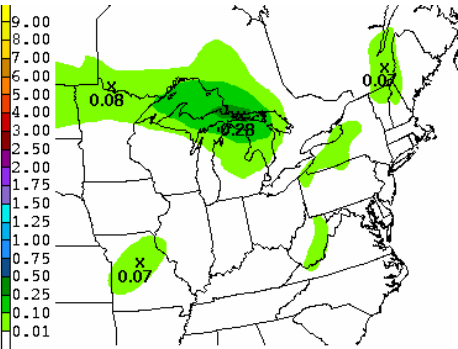
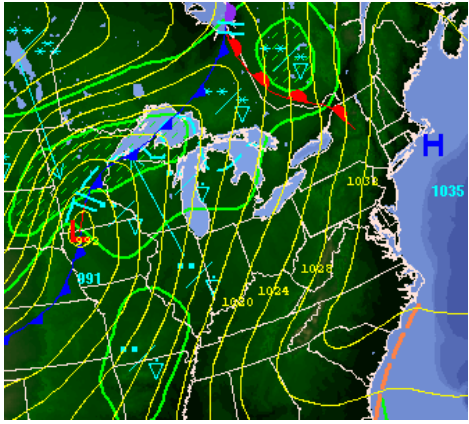



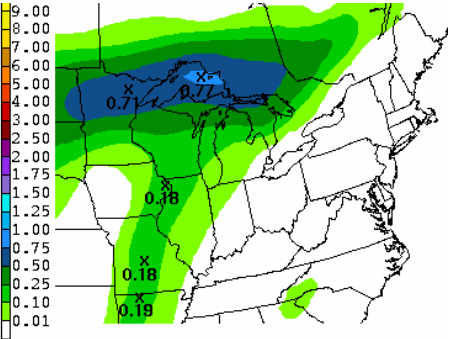
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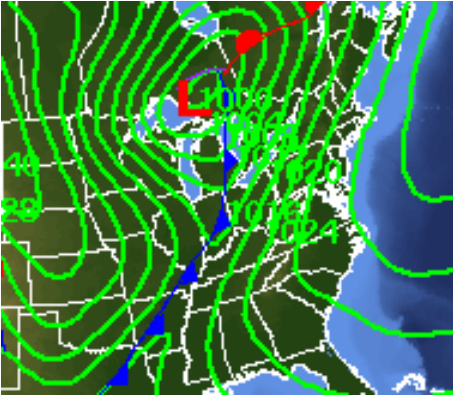



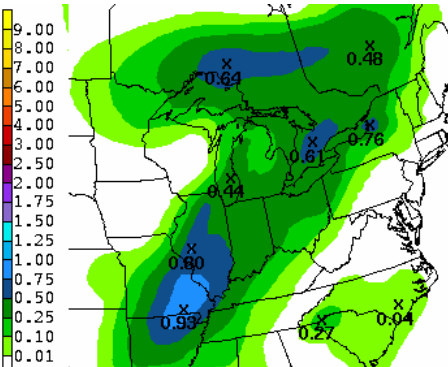


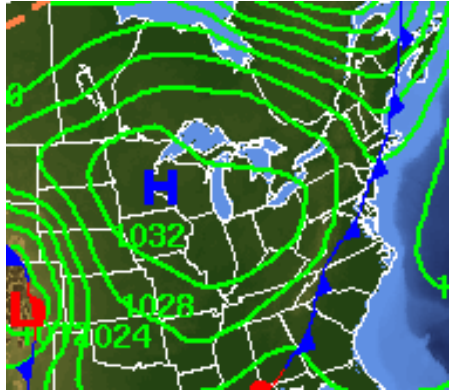




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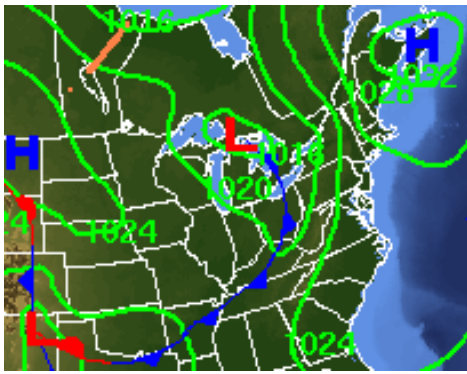






Fire Weather/Fire Danger Forecast

Saturday, December 13	Weather	
Surface Map, 7 AM CT or 8 AM ET	Large Fire Potential Areas	High Wind Areas
		
Critical Low Afternoon RH Areas	Precipitation Areas	Comments
		A strong storm is forecast to develop over the Central Plains Saturday night and advance through the Great Lakes and northwest Big Rivers Sunday into Monday. Areas of snow will develop out ahead of the low on Saturday across the northern Great Lakes as moisture begins to be pulled northward into the system. Strong south to southwest winds will affect the Big Rivers and southern Great Lakes ahead of the low.
Sunday, December 14	Weather	
Surface Map, 7 AM CT or 8 AM ET	Large Fire Potential Areas	High Wind Areas
		
Critical Low Afternoon RH Areas	Precipitation Areas	Comments
		The strong surface low will push into the southwest Great Lakes Sunday morning with areas of snow and blowing snow ongoing across the Upper Mississippi Valley. Areas of rain will change over to snow across the southern and central Great Lakes in the low's warm sector. Strong and mild south winds will persist over the Big Rivers and southern Great Lakes until the low's cold front makes its way east through these areas in the afternoon.

Monday, December 15	Weather	
Surface Map, 7 AM CT or 8 AM ET	Large Fire Potential Areas	High Wind Areas
		
Critical Low Afternoon RH Areas	Precipitation Areas	Comments
		

Tuesday, November 16	Weather	
Surface Map, 7 AM CT or 8 AM ET	Large Fire Potential Areas	High Wind Areas
		
Critical Low Afternoon RH Areas	Precipitation Areas	Comments
		

Wednesday, December 17	Weather	
Surface Map, 7 AM CT or 8 AM ET	Large Fire Potential Areas	High Wind Areas
		
Critical Low Afternoon RH Areas	Precipitation Areas	Comments
		
<p>Resources: Resources are expected to be adequate within the Eastern Area during this forecast period.</p>		

6 to 10 Day Climate Prediction Center Forecasts for December 18 – December 22, 2008

