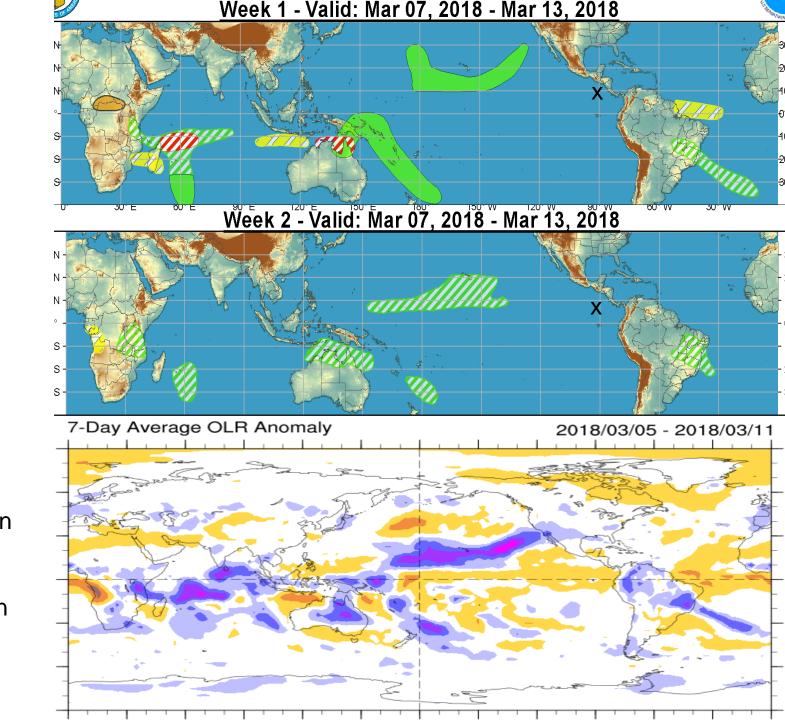
# Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook 03/13/2018

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### <u>Outline</u>

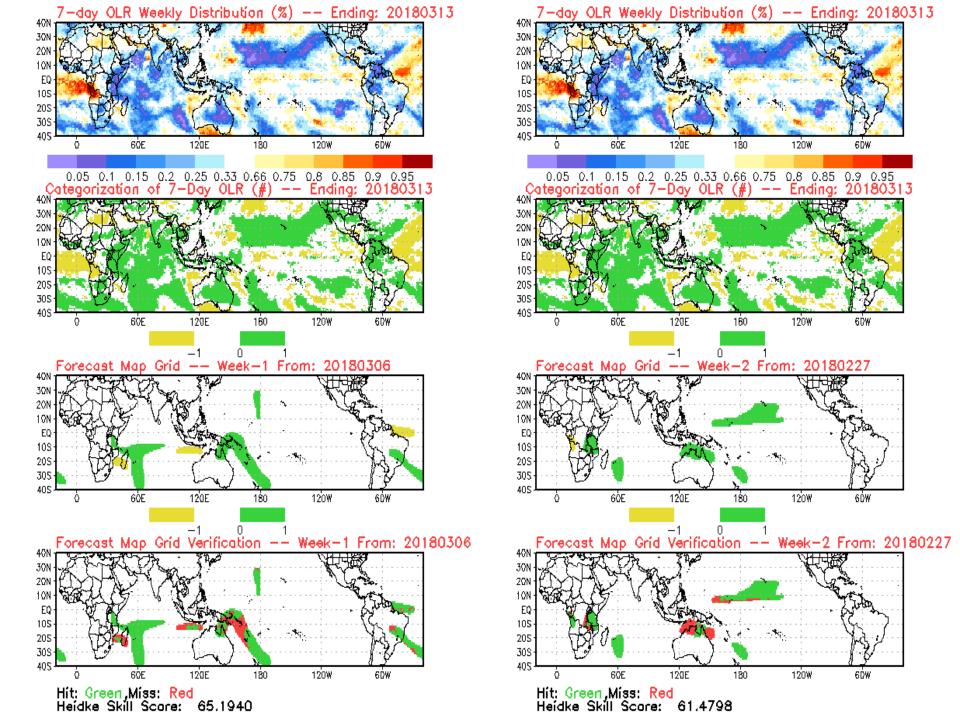
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# Outlook Review



Cool shading More clouds/rain

Warm shading Less clouds/rain



## Synopsis of Climate Modes

#### **ENSO:**

- ENSO Alert System Status: <u>La Niña Advisory</u>
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Update: A transition from La Niña to ENSO-neutral is most likely (~55% chance) during the March-May season, with neutral conditions likely to continue into the second half of the year.

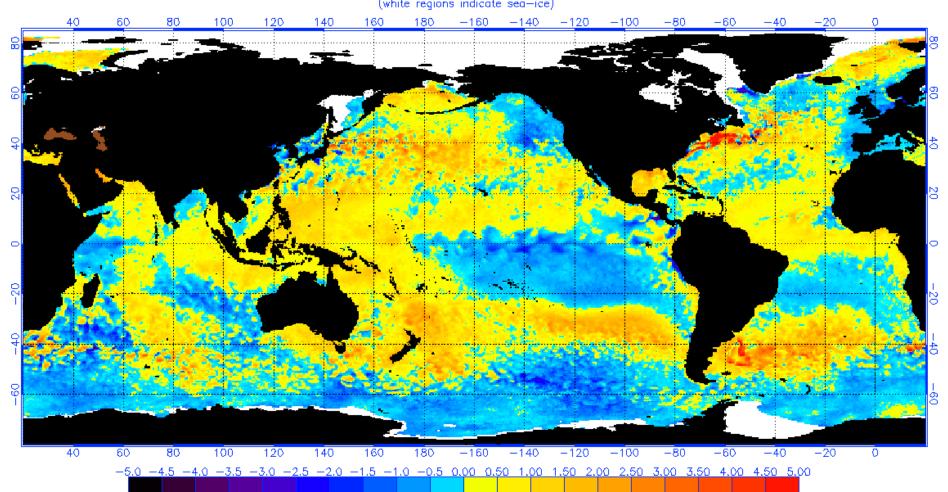
#### MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

- The MJO is over the Indian Ocean and has weakened to an RMM amplitude of ~1.
- Dynamical and statistical models continue to forecast a weakening MJO through the forecast period, but some models suggest it will re-emerge around the end of March.
- •The MJO's OLR and wind fields remain stronger than the RMM index implies and contribute to the large-scale convection over the Indian Ocean.
- Equatorial Rossby wave activity over the Indian Ocean and Central Pacific is likely to continue. Some of the gyres associated with these waves may form into tropical cyclones.

#### **Extratropics:**

- The extratropical circulation is highly amplified and not driven primarily by the tropics. This is expected to continue as the MJO weakens.
- The NAO is near neutral and forecast to turn slightly negative over the forecast period. The AO is negative and forecast to stay negative but weaken.

## NOAA/NESDIS 50 KM GLOBAL ANALYSIS: SST Anomaly (degrees C), 3/12/2018 (white regions indicate sea-ice)

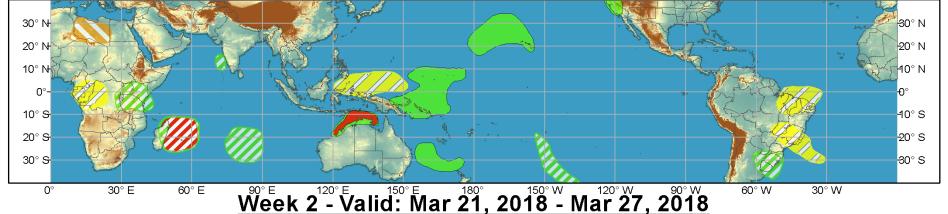


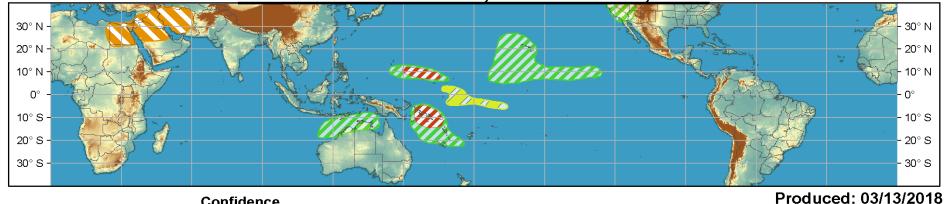


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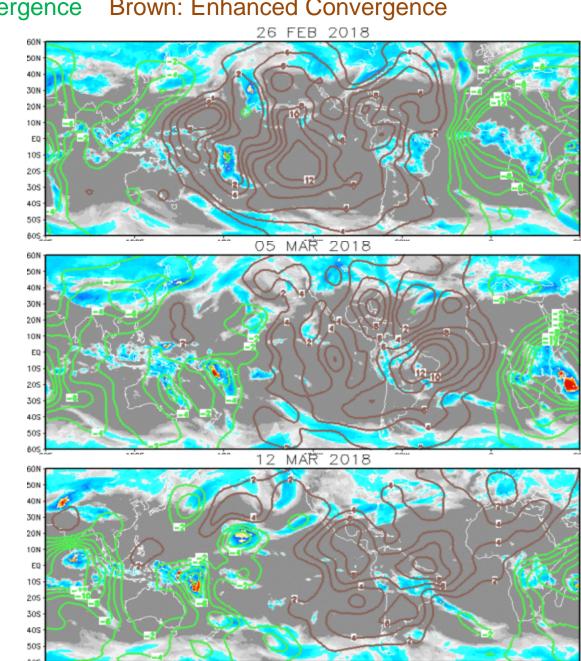
#### IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies

Green: Enhanced Divergence Brown: Enhanced Convergence

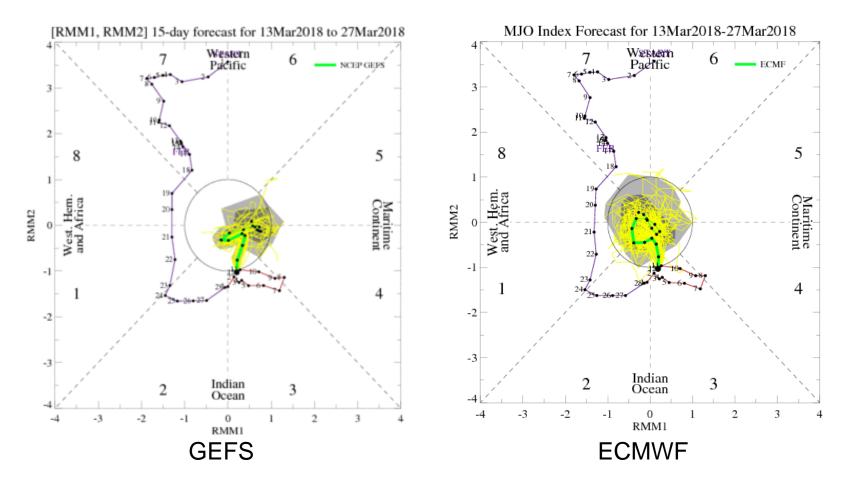
Generally suppressed convection over the Pacific and Americas; enhanced convection over Africa and the Indian Ocean.

Wave-1 pattern weakens along with the MJO but generally broad convection lingers over the Indian Ocean.

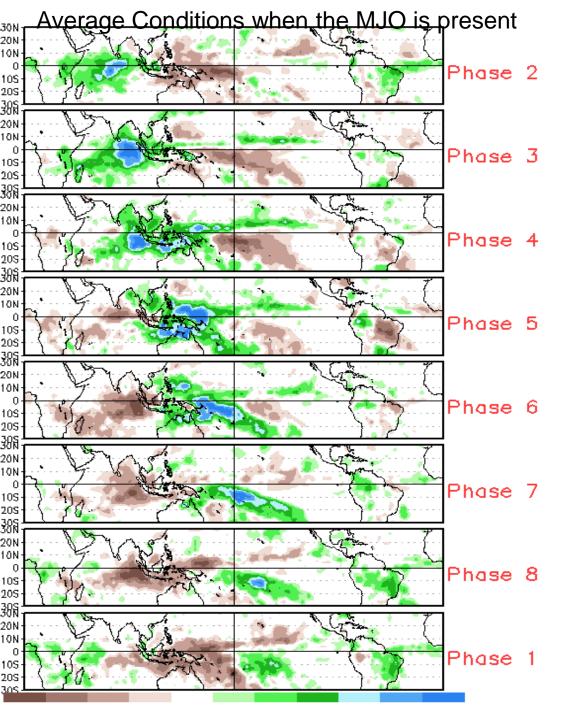
Wave-1 pattern continues to weaken. Large-scale convection over Indian Ocean and Maritime Continent driven by MJO and equatorial Rossby waves.



## MJO Observation/Forecast



Wheeler-Hendon based analyses of model forecasts indicate a weakening MJO. GEFS suggests that it may strengthen again around the end of March.

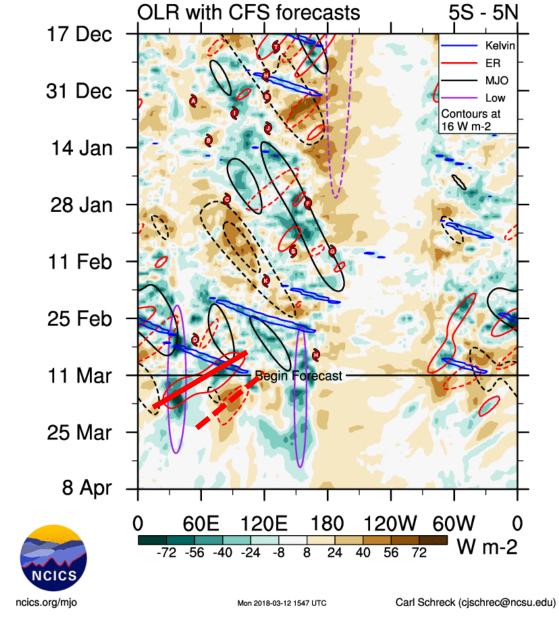


CAVEAT: These panels are representative of robust MJO events.

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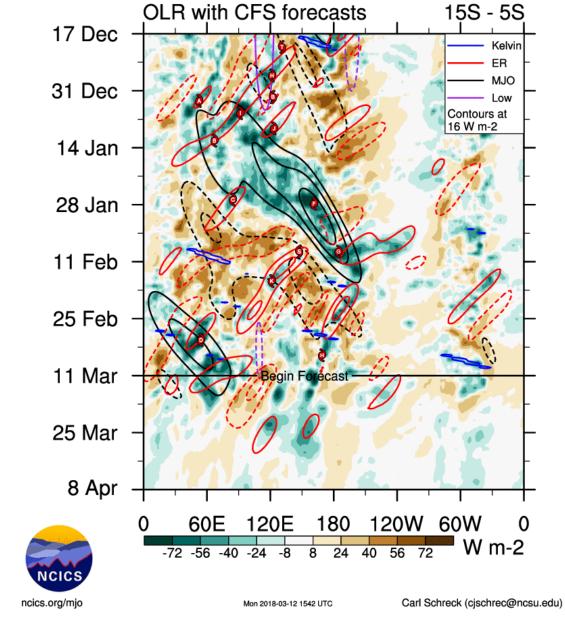
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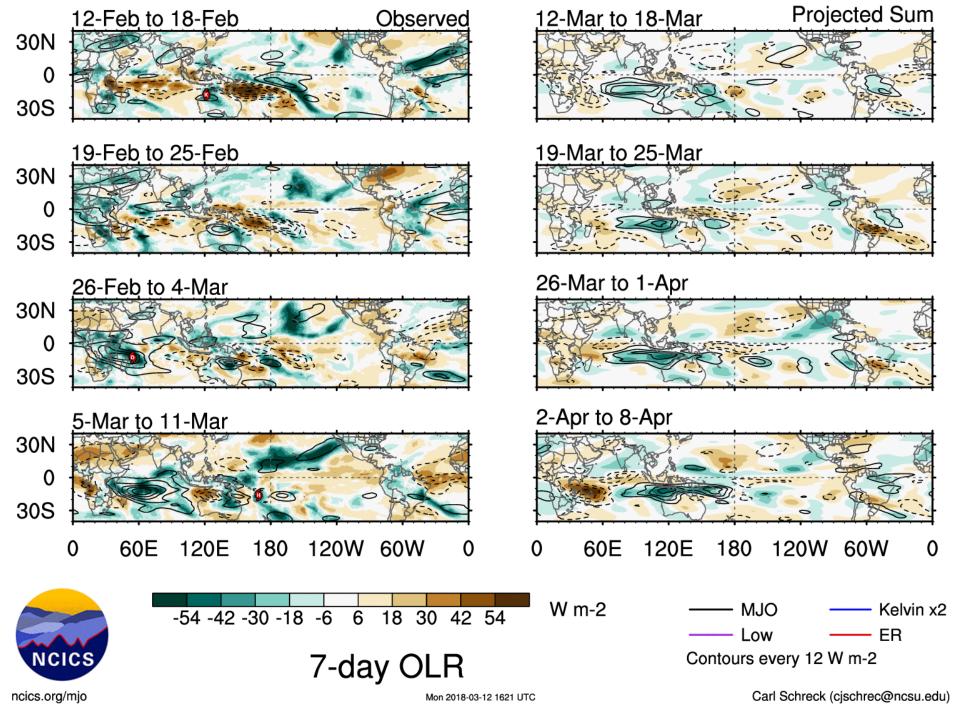


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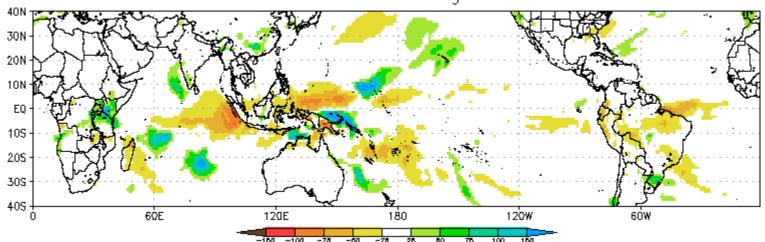
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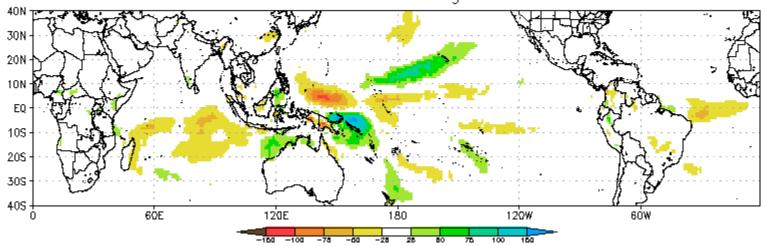




#### CFS Precipitation Anomalies (mm) Issued 12Mar2018 Week-1 Forecast Ending 20Mar2018



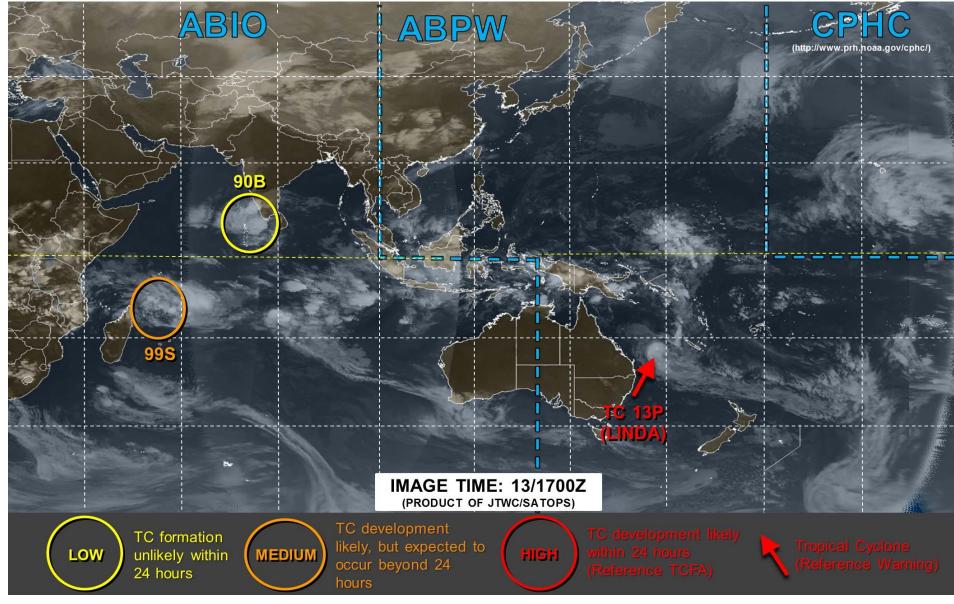
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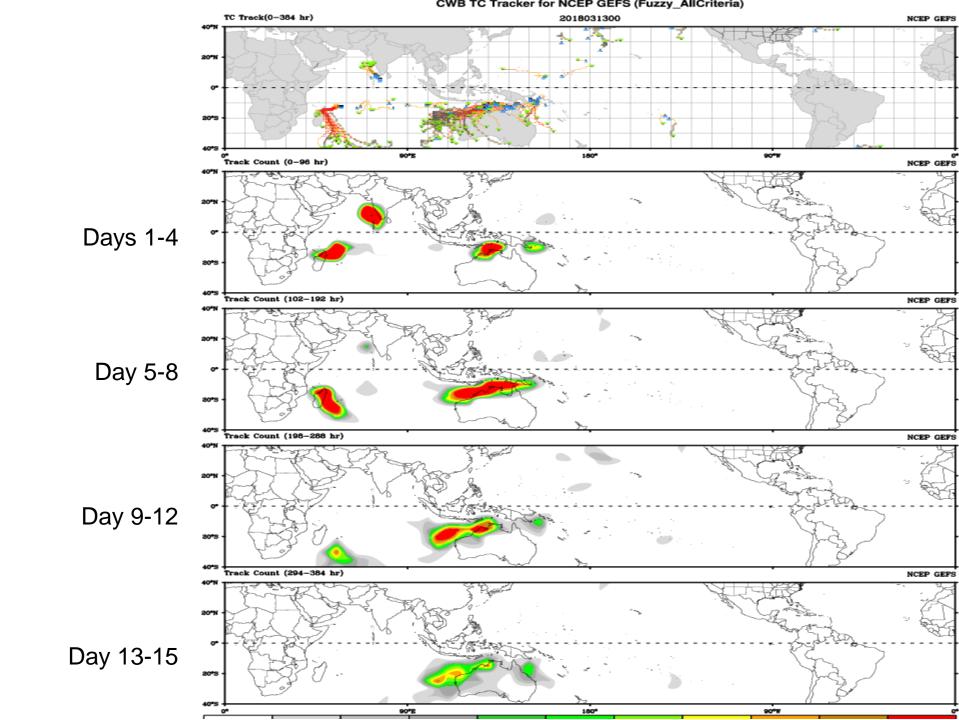




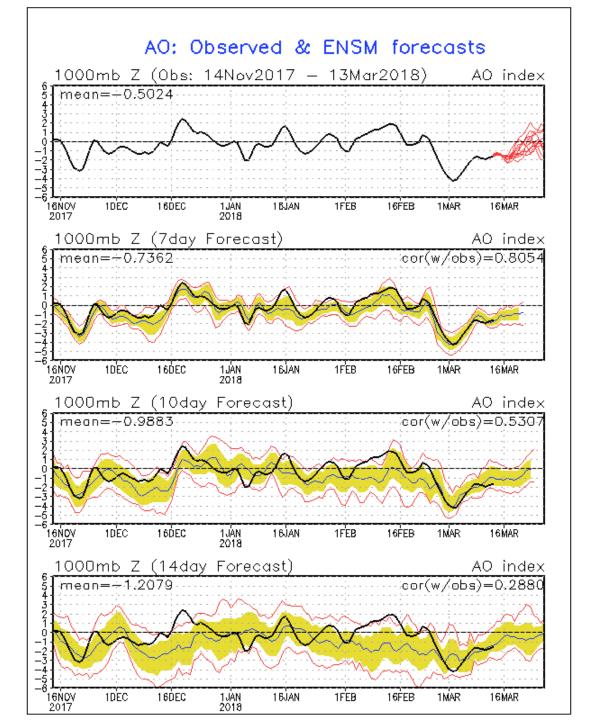
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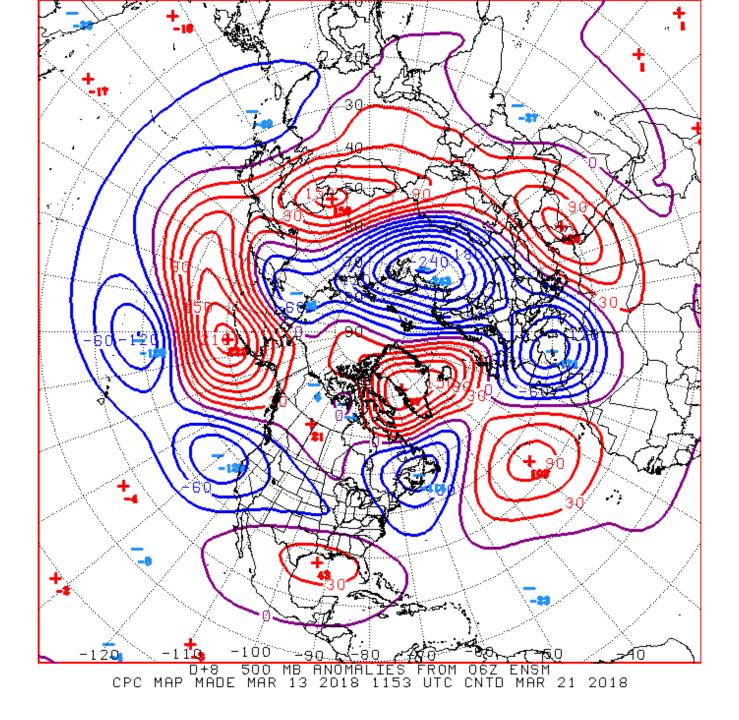




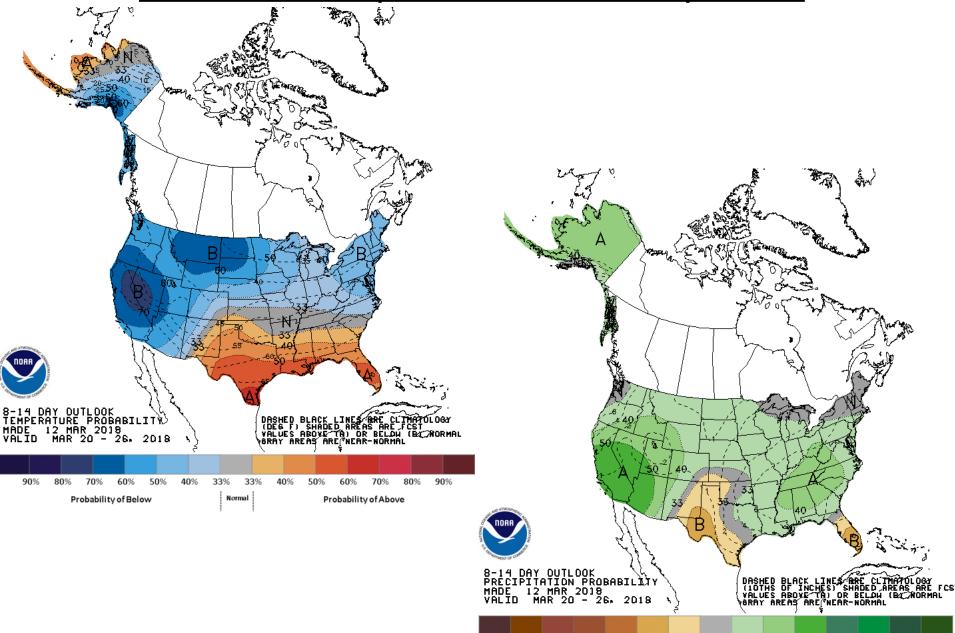


# Connections to U.S. Impacts





Week 2 - Temperature and Precipitation



70%

Probability of Below

33%

Normal

Probability of Above



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