

Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook

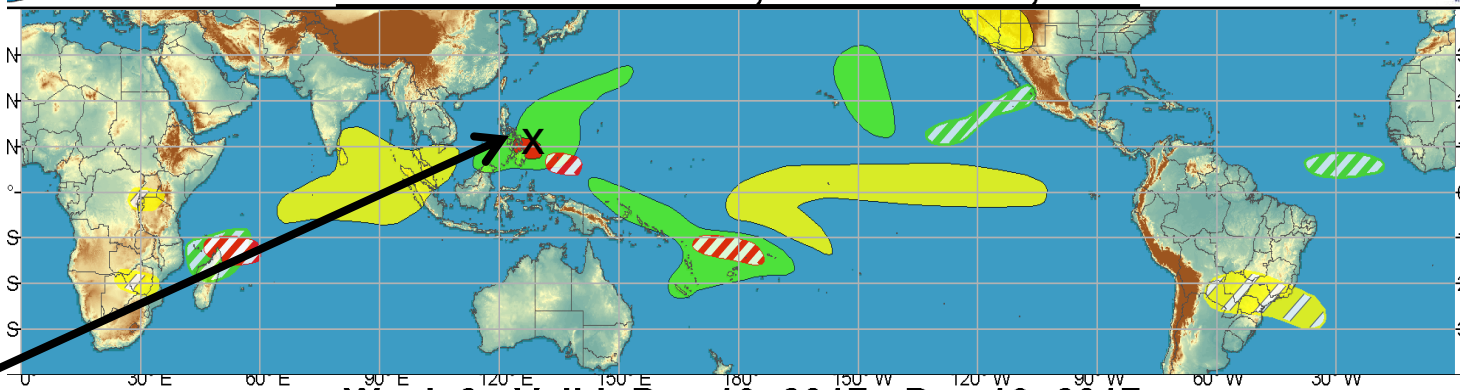
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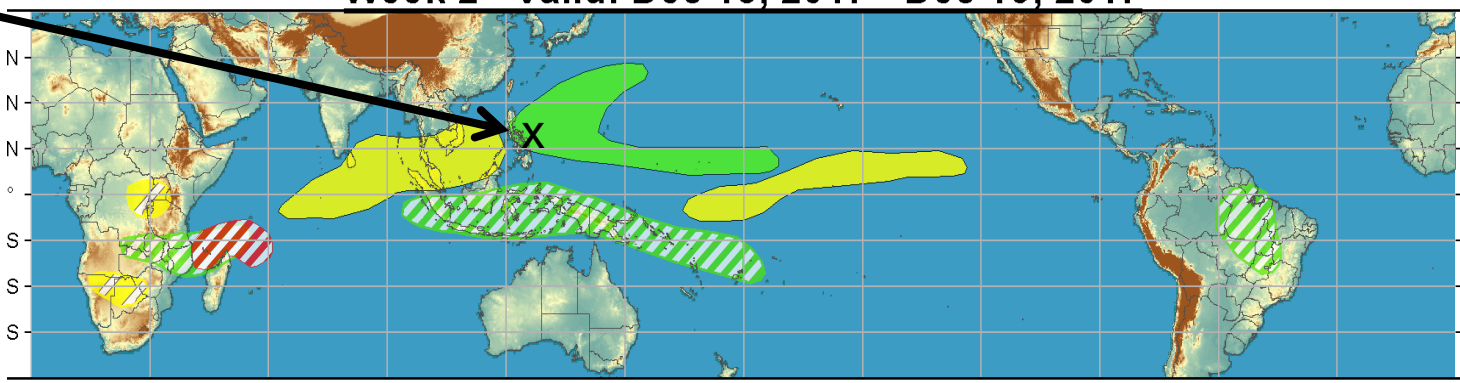
Outline

1. Review of Recent Conditions
2. Synopsis of Climate Modes
3. GTH Outlook and Forecast Discussion
4. Connections to U.S. Impacts

Week 1 - Valid: Dec 13, 2017 - Dec 19, 2017



Week 2 - Valid: Dec 13, 2017 - Dec 19, 2017

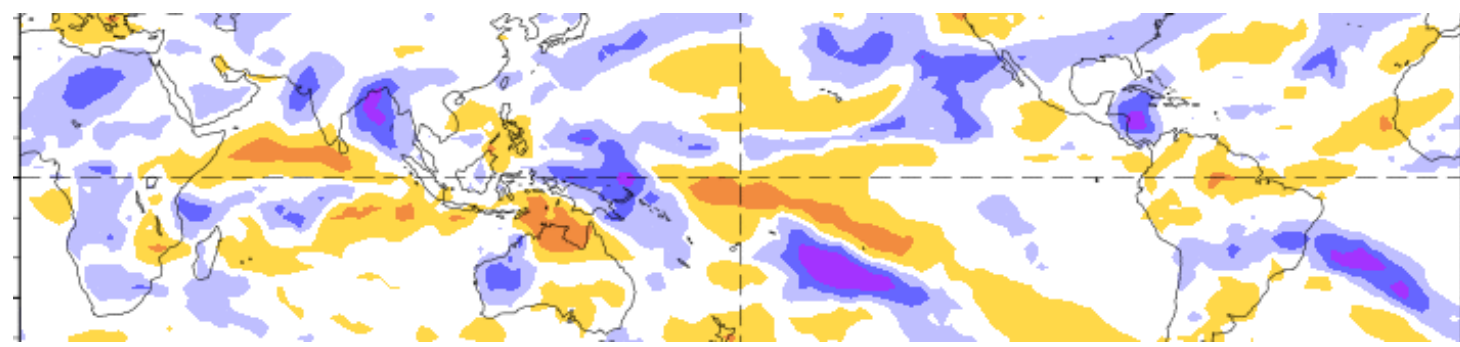


Outlook Review

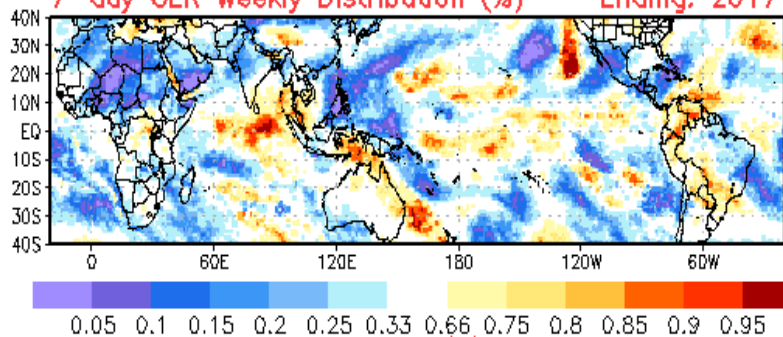
T.S. Kai-Tak
12/13-present
Peak: 50 kt

Cool shading
More clouds/rain

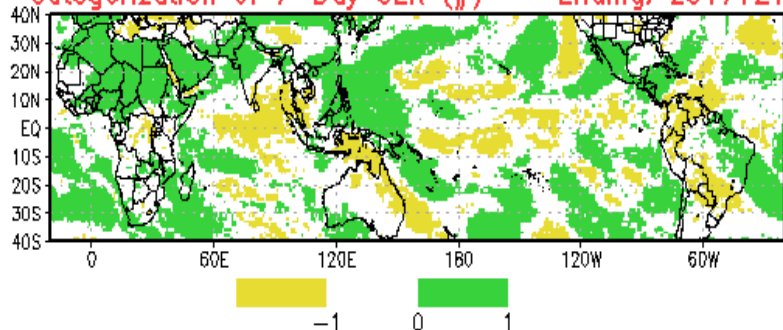
Warm shading
Less clouds/rain



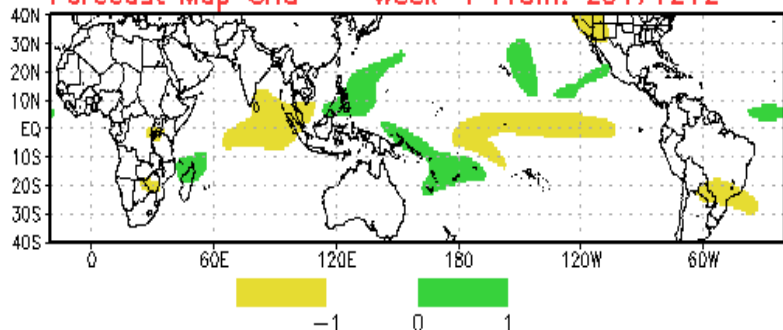
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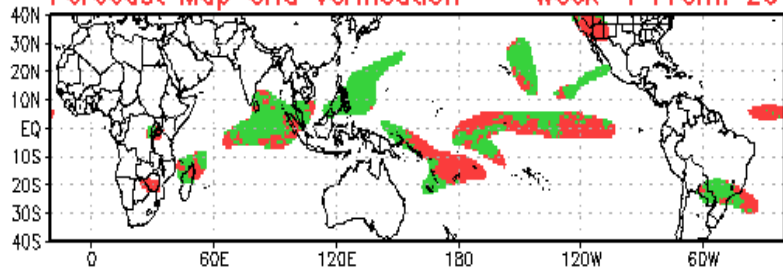
Categorization of 7-Day OLR (#) -- Ending: 20171219



Forecast Map Grid -- Week-1 From: 20171212

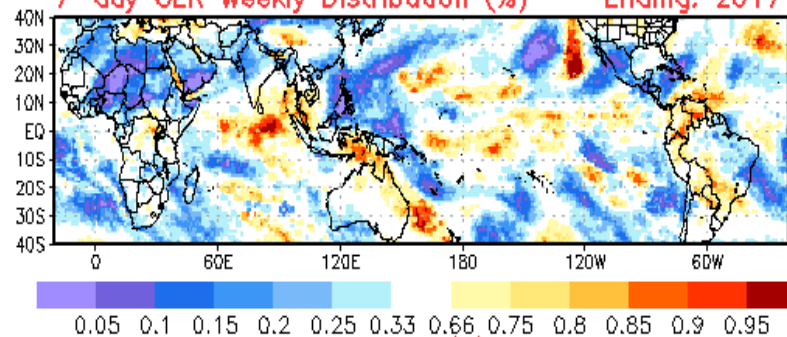


Forecast Map Grid Verification -- Week-1 From: 20171212

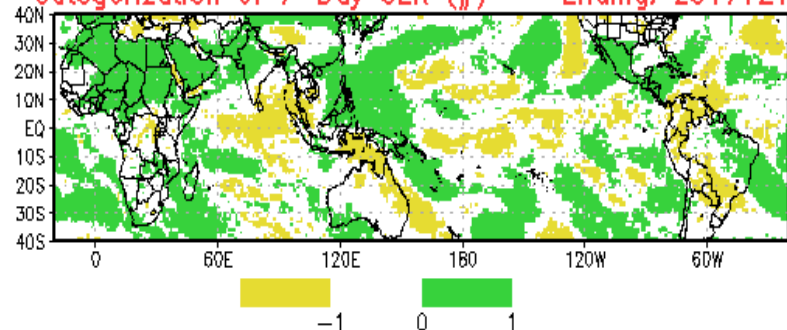


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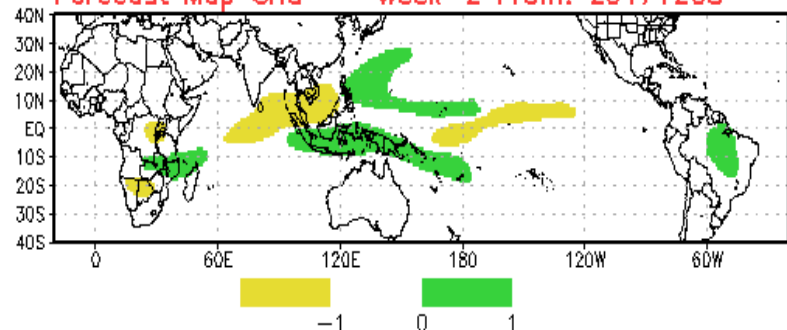
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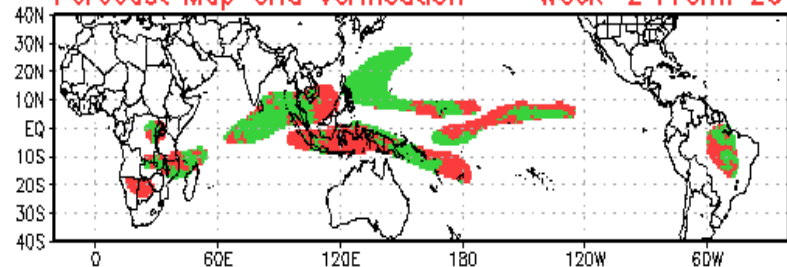
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Forecast Map Grid -- Week-2 From: 20171205



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Synopsis of Climate Modes

ENSO:

- ENSO Alert System Status: **La Niña Advisory**
- La Niña conditions are predicted to continue (exceeding 80% chance) through the Northern Hemisphere winter 2017-18, with a transition to ENSO-neutral most likely in mid-to-late spring.

MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

- An active MJO continues near the Date Line.
- The RMM index has been interfered with by multiple modes of variability over the past week, including equatorial Rossby wave activity and the building La Niña event.
- The GEFS weakens the MJO signal over the next two weeks while crossing the Western Hemisphere, while ECMWF ensemble members are split between an active/inactive MJO. All models hint at the MJO re-emerging over the Indian Ocean beyond the outlook period.

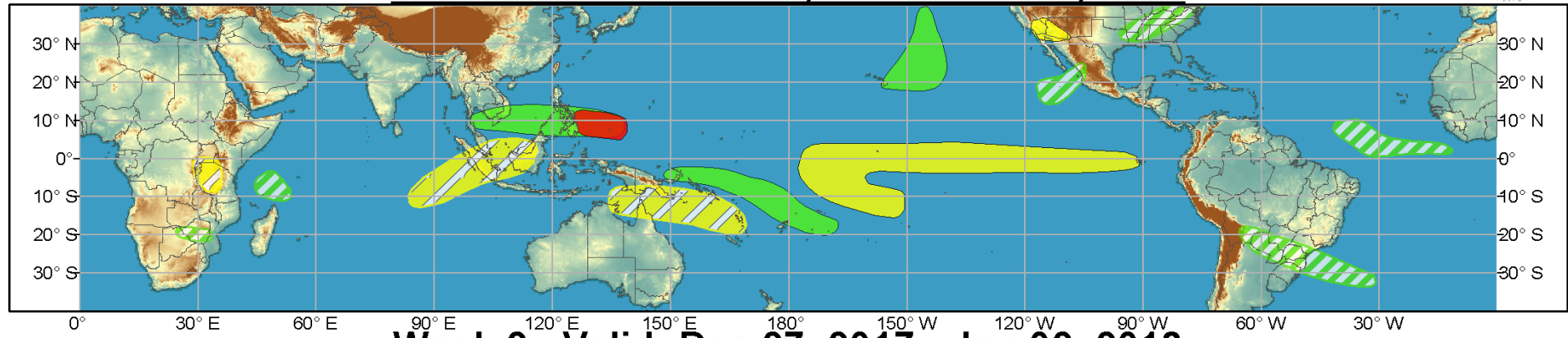
Extratropics:

- Lagged MJO forcing from Phase-7 (from last week) favors a surge of cold air down the Great Plains over the next 2-weeks that appears consistent with dynamical model forecasts.
- Impacts as the MJO gets into Phase-8 or 1 are more muted over North America.

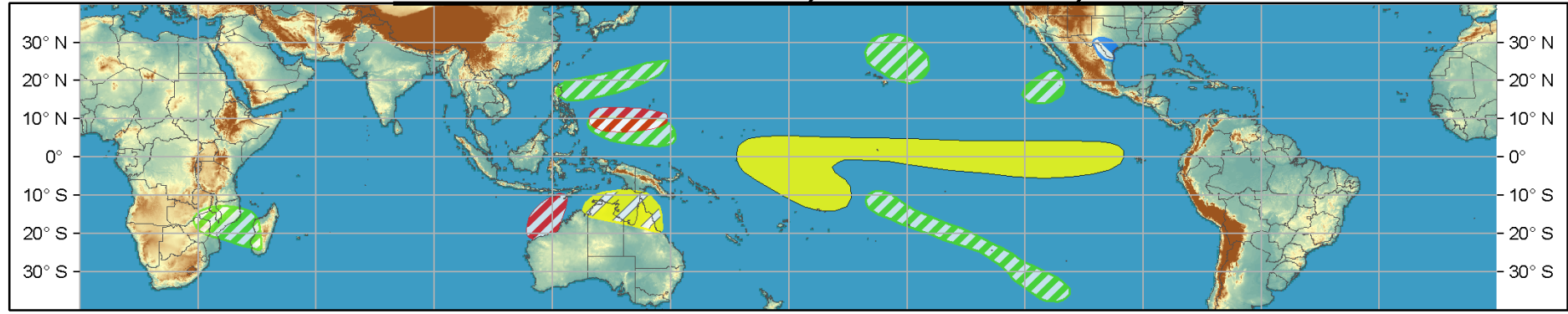


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IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies

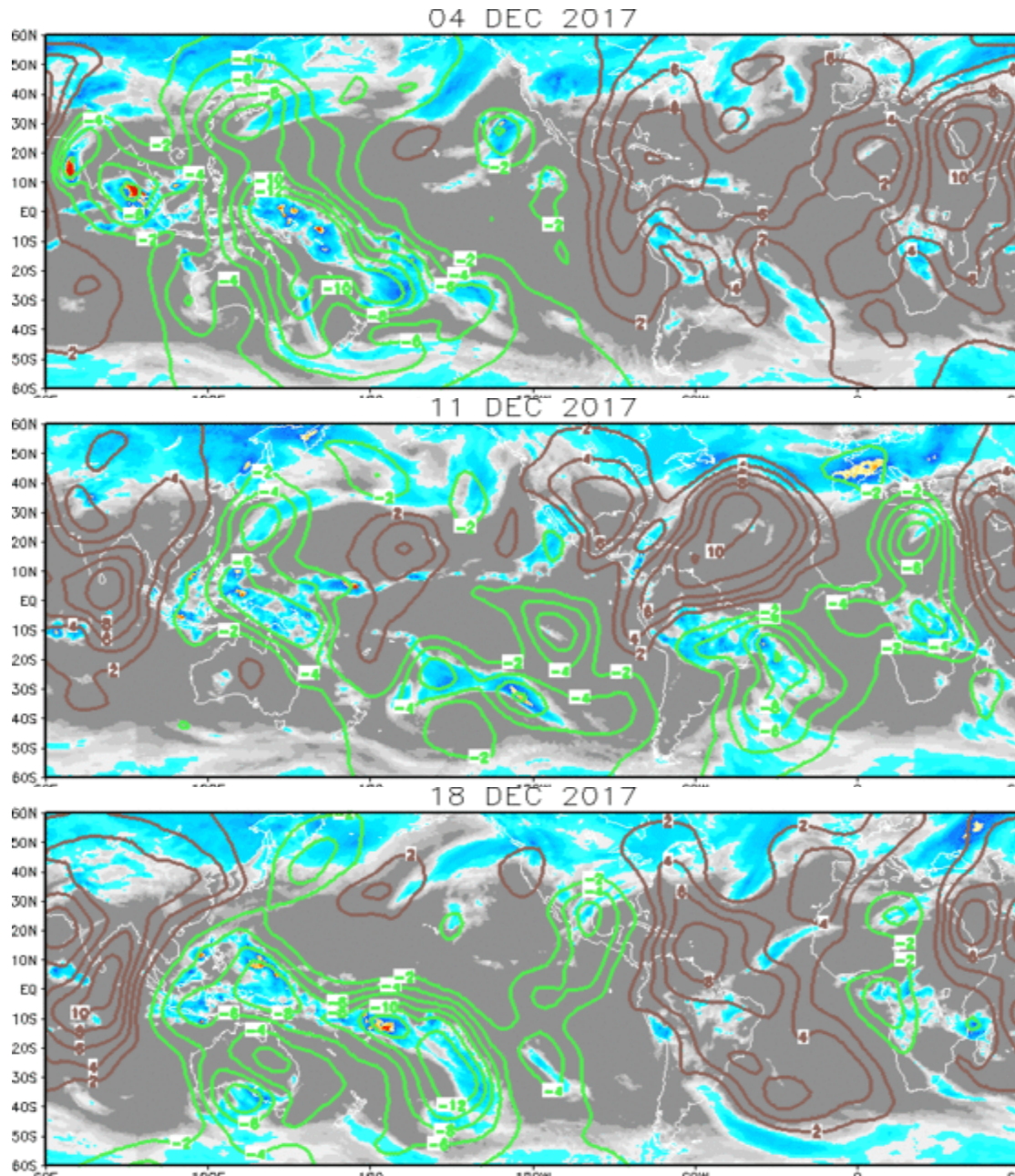
Green: Enhanced Divergence

Brown: Enhanced Convergence

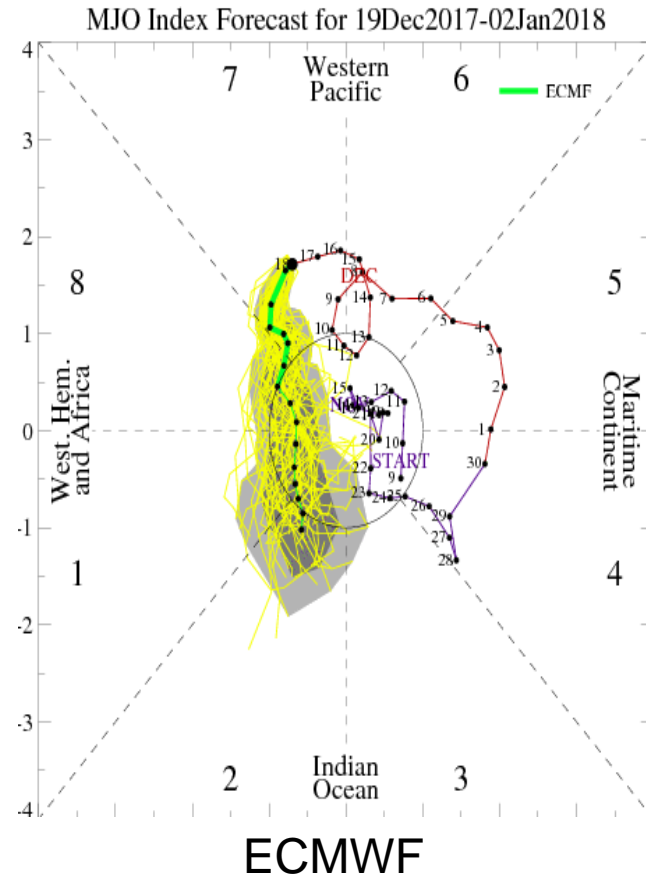
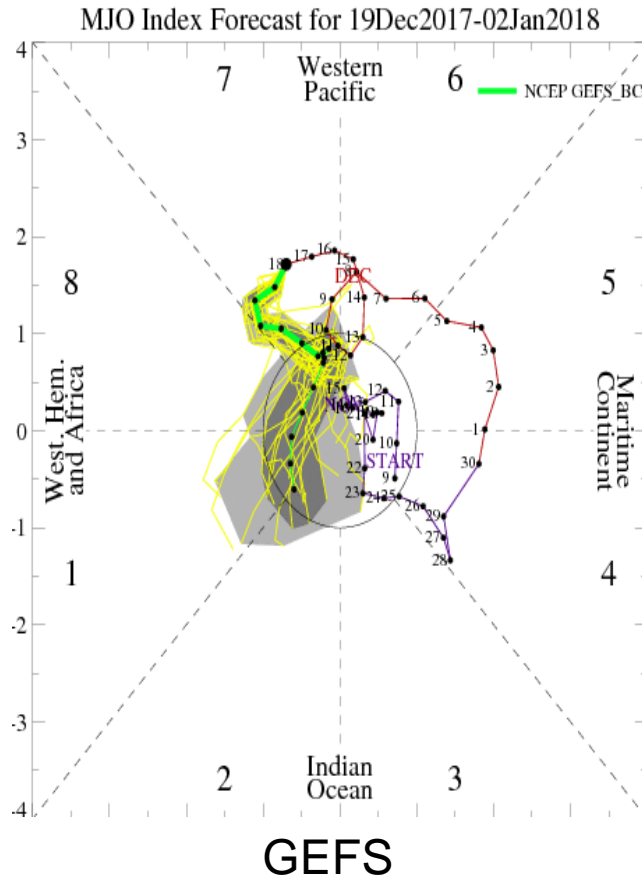
Strong Wave-1 pattern indicative of enhanced MJO phase over the Maritime Continent.

Destructive interference evident with low-frequency state, as convection is suppressed near the Date Line.

Generally a wave-1 pattern with enhanced (supressed) convection in the Pacific (Atlantic and Indian Ocean).



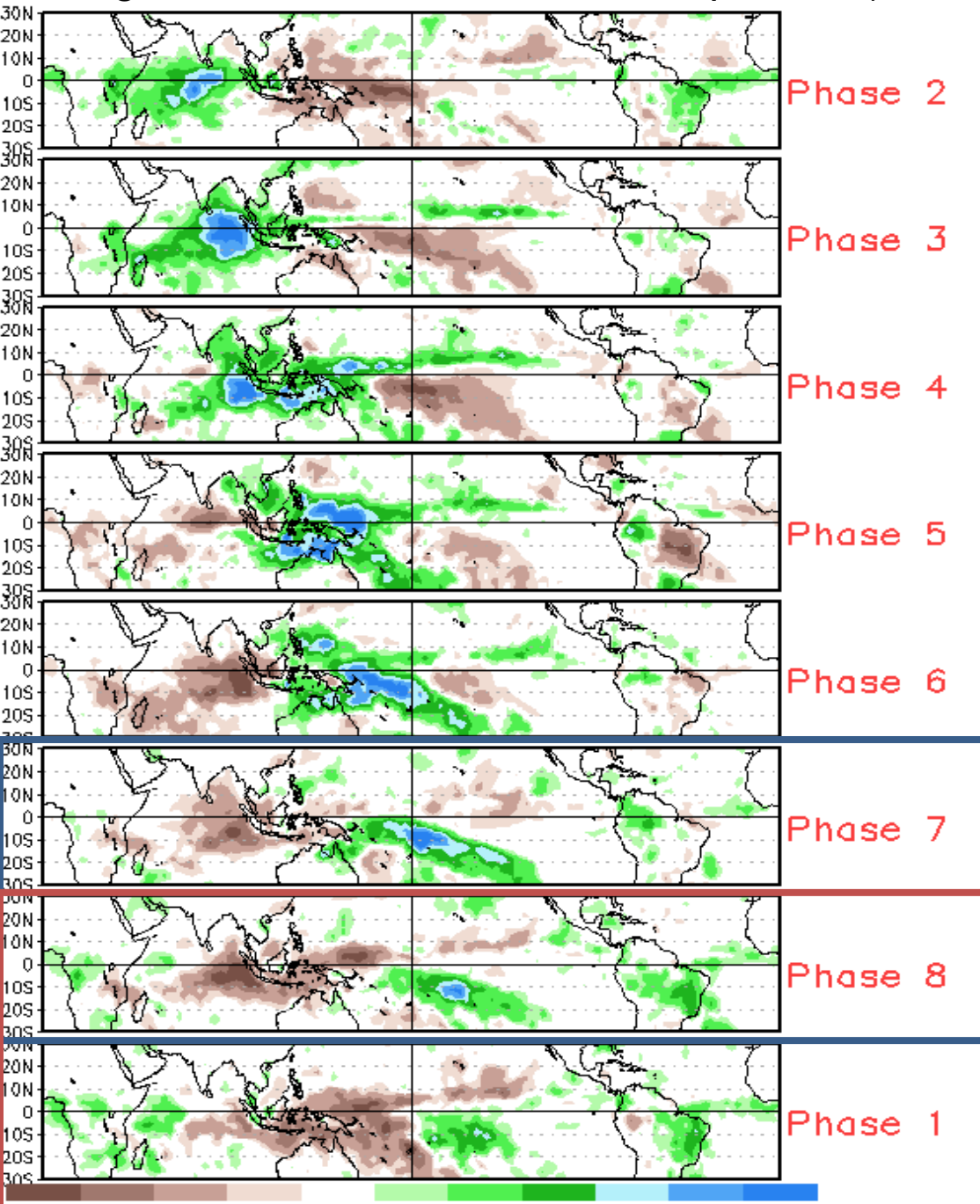
MJO Observation/Forecast



The two ensemble forecasts are fairly similar with the GEFS being weaker and slower than the ECMWF forecast.

Some caution has to be taken given the low-frequency state impact, with enhanced convection over the Maritime Continent from La Niña potentially biasing the signal towards Phases 4/5 (away from 8/1).

Average Conditions when the MJO is present (Nov-Mar)

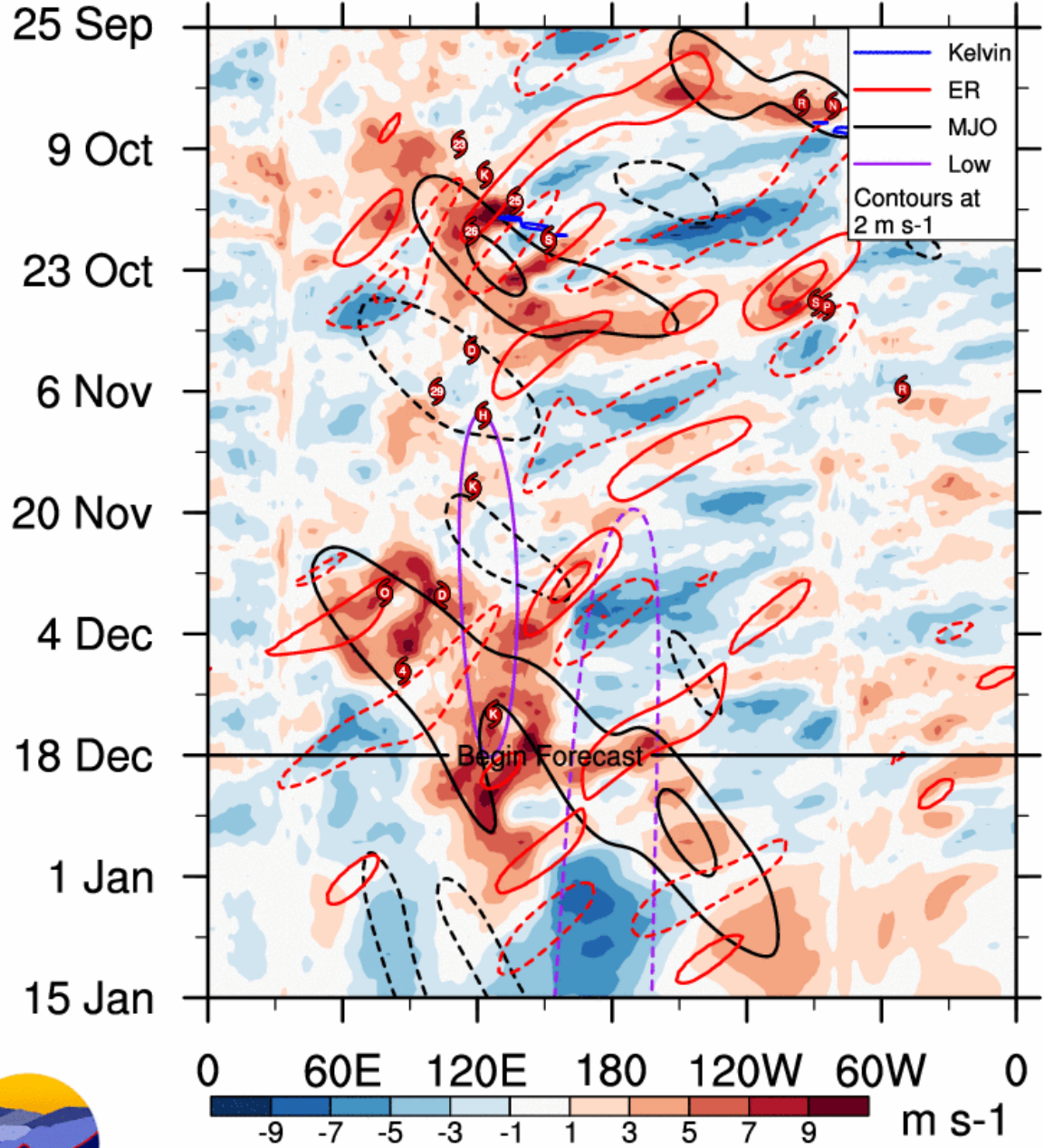


Week-1

Week-2

CAVEAT: These panels are representative of robust MJO events.

UWND850 with CFS forecasts 5S - 5N

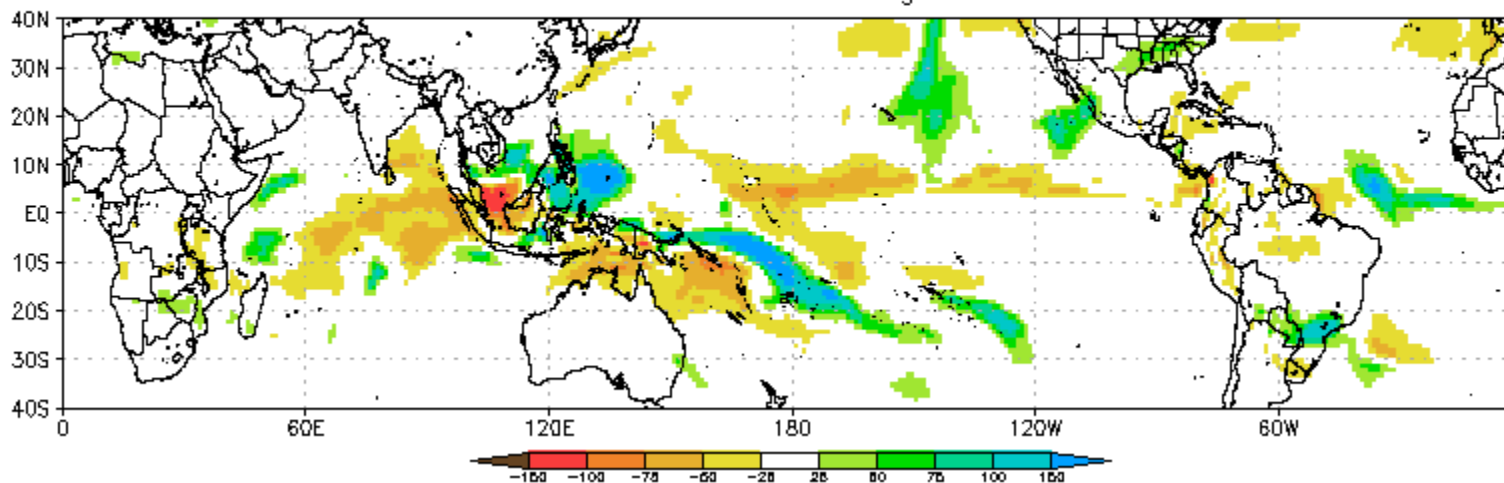


The active **MJO** is present near the Date Line, in vicinity of **low frequency** La Niña region of anomalous easterlies. Also present here is an active **equatorial Rossby wave**.

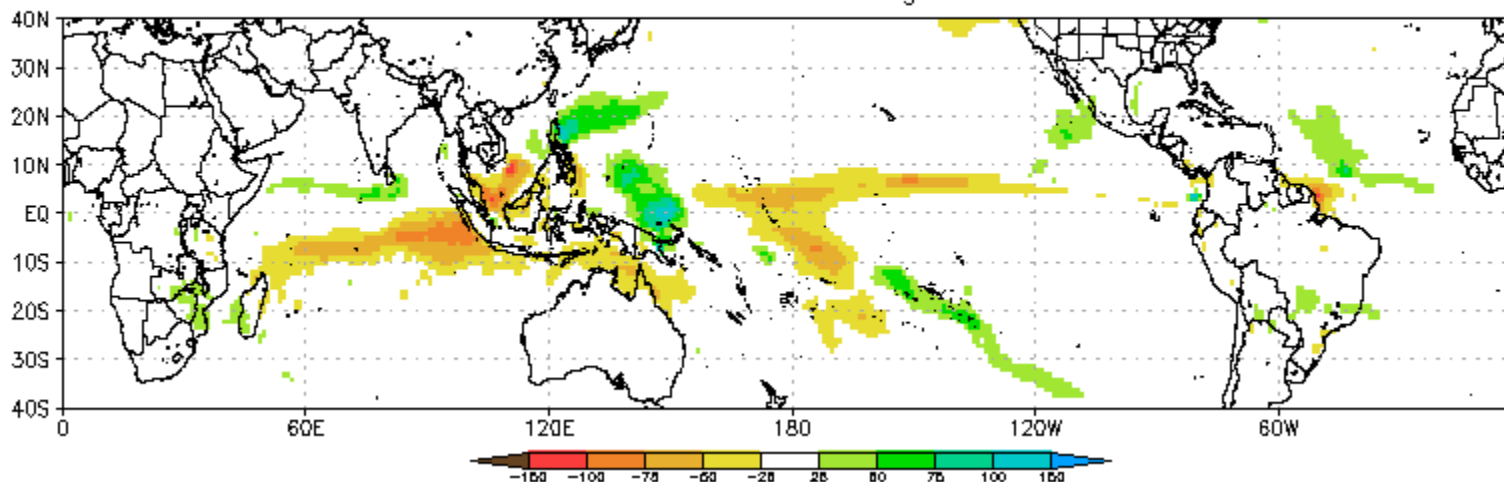
The **MJO** is anticipated to continue into the Western Hemisphere over the course of the outlook.



CFS Precipitation Anomalies (mm) Issued 18Dec2017
Week-1 Forecast Ending 26Dec2017

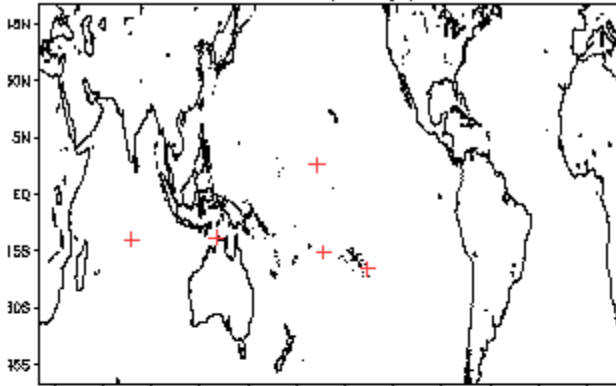


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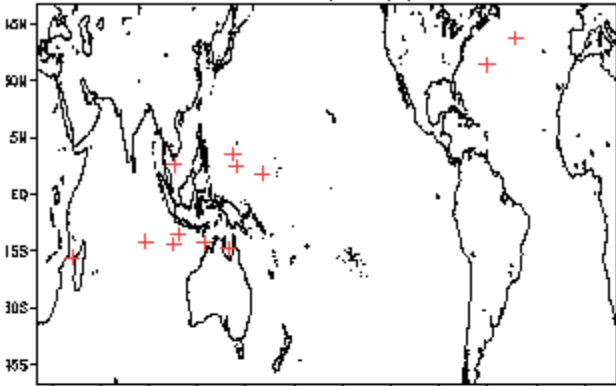


December Tropical Storm Formation by MJO phase

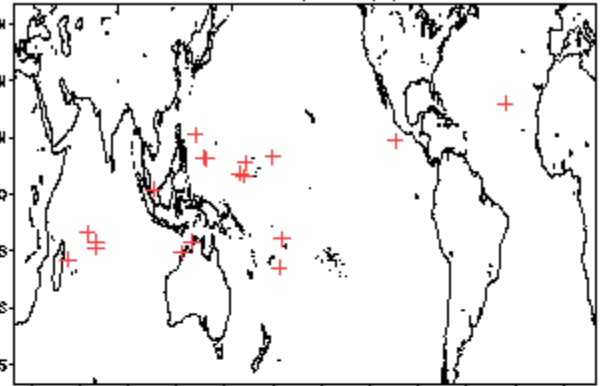
Phase 1 (48 days) 7 storms



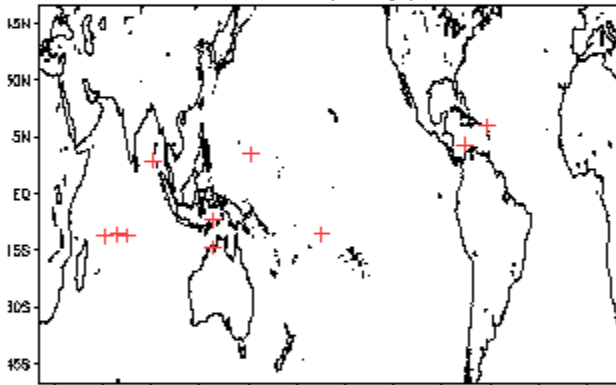
Phase 4 (72 days) 13 storms



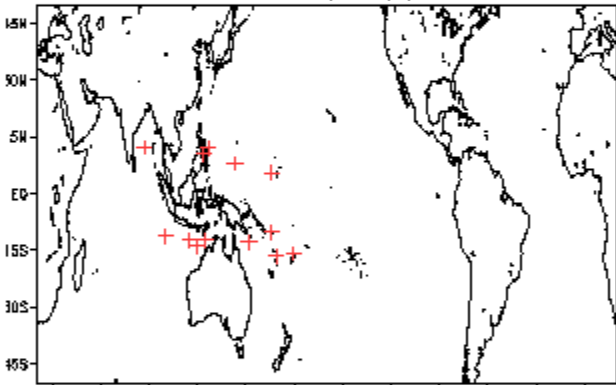
Phase 7 (103 days) 19 storms



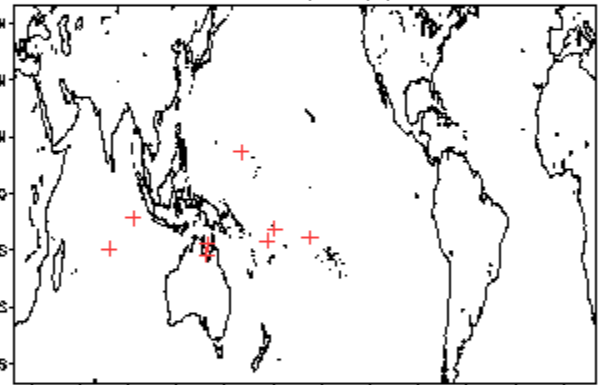
Phase 2 (67 days) 11 storms



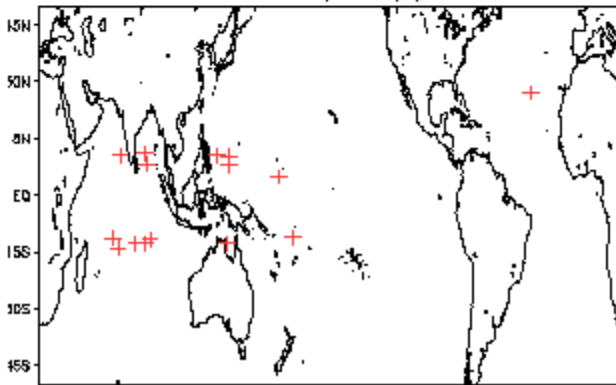
Phase 5 (73 days) 14 storms



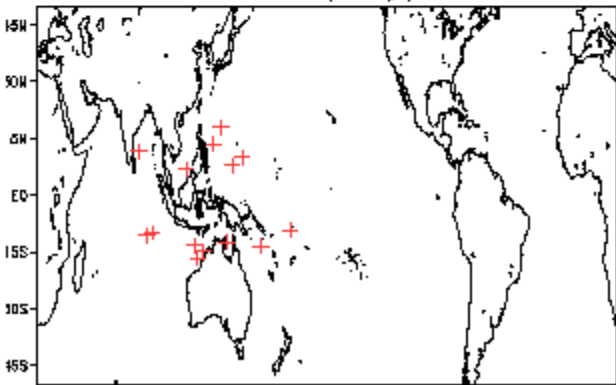
Phase 8 (76 days) 9 storms



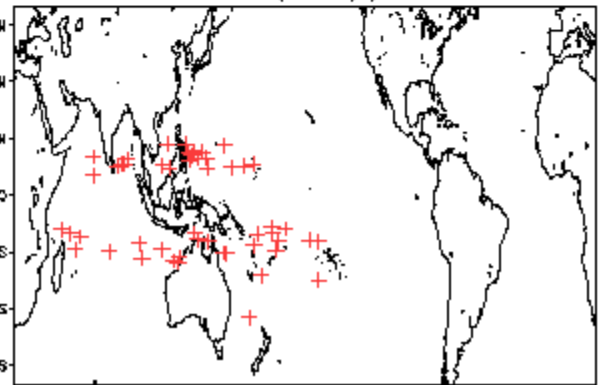
Phase 3 (101 days) 16 storms



Phase 6 (69 days) 15 storms



Null (416 days) 52 storms





Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



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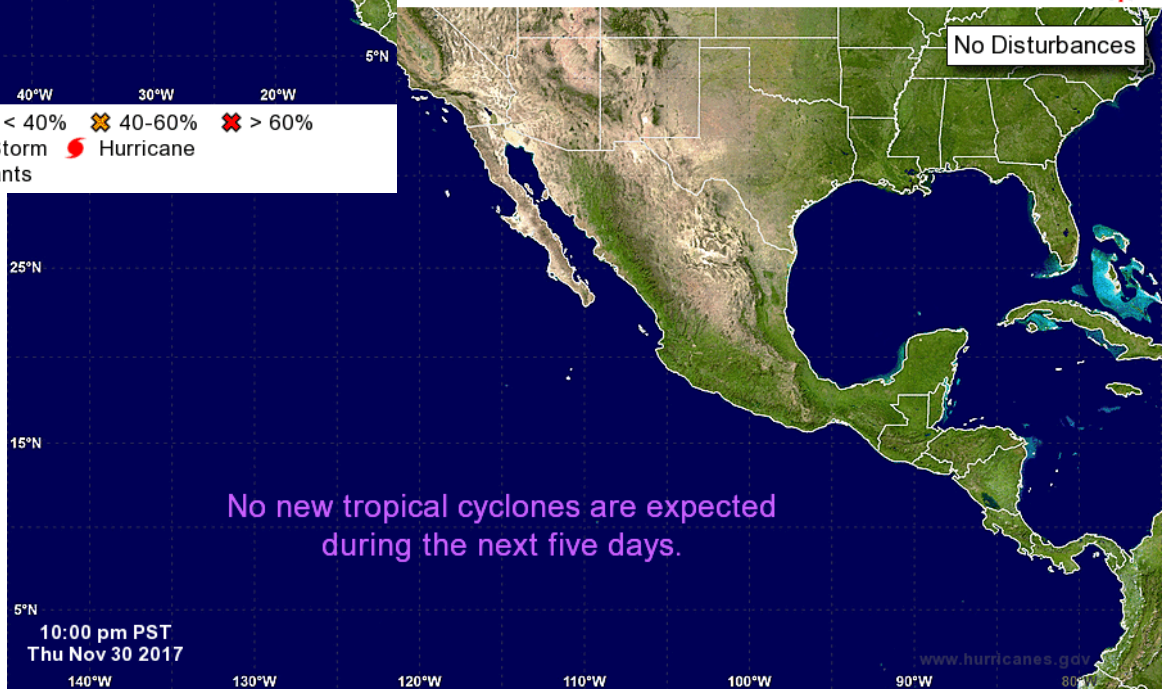
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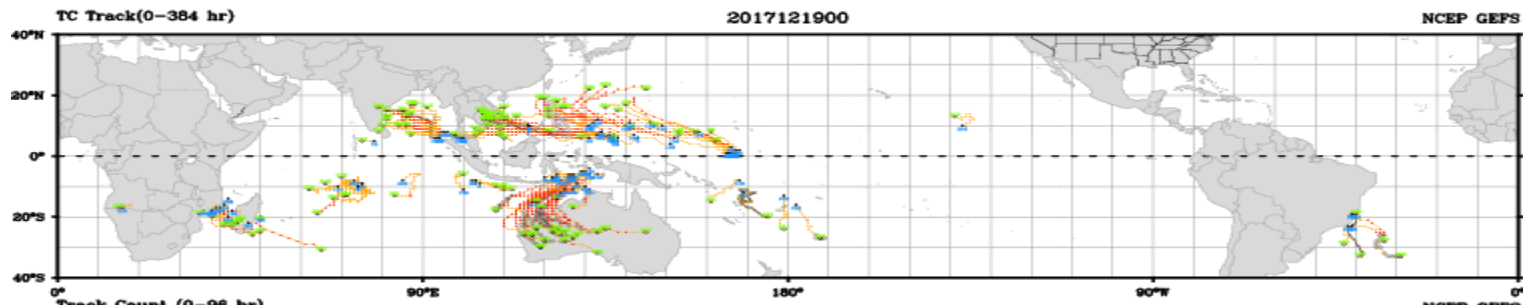


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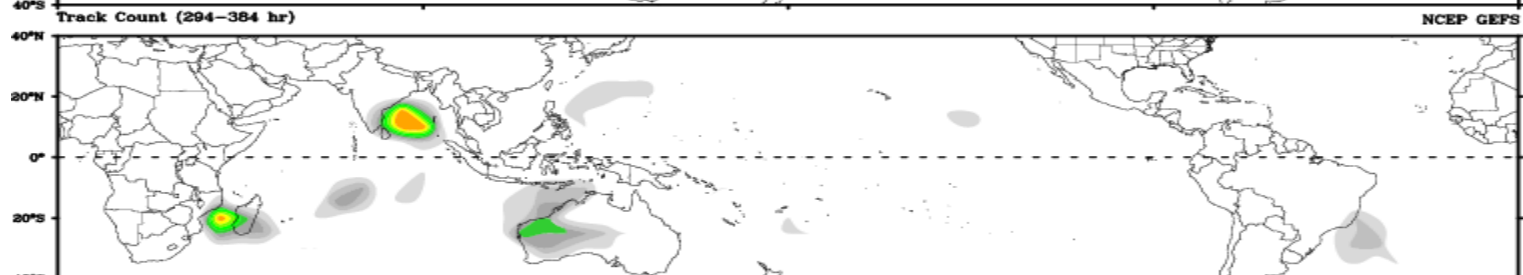
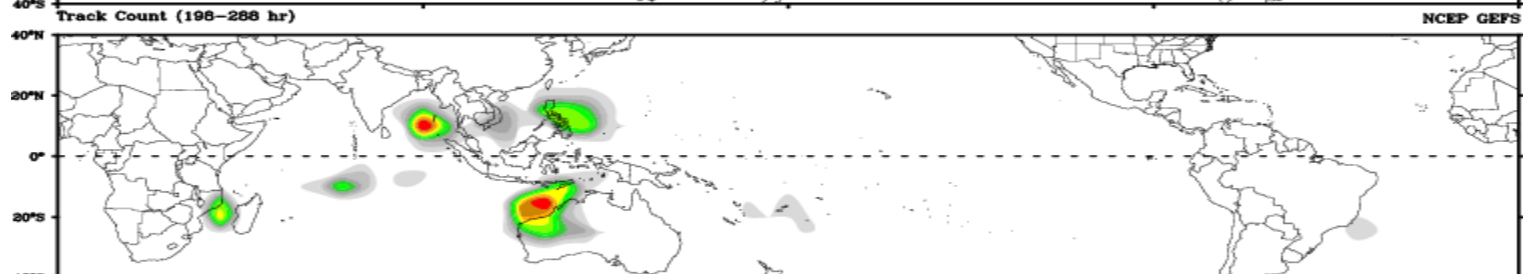
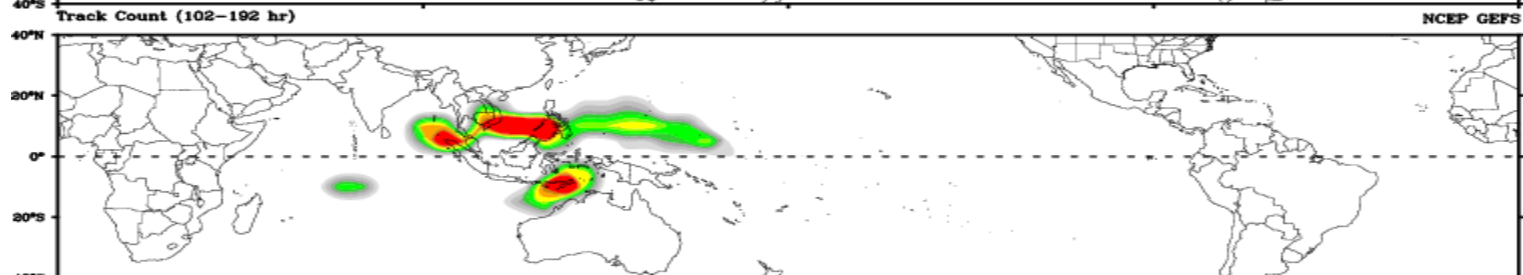
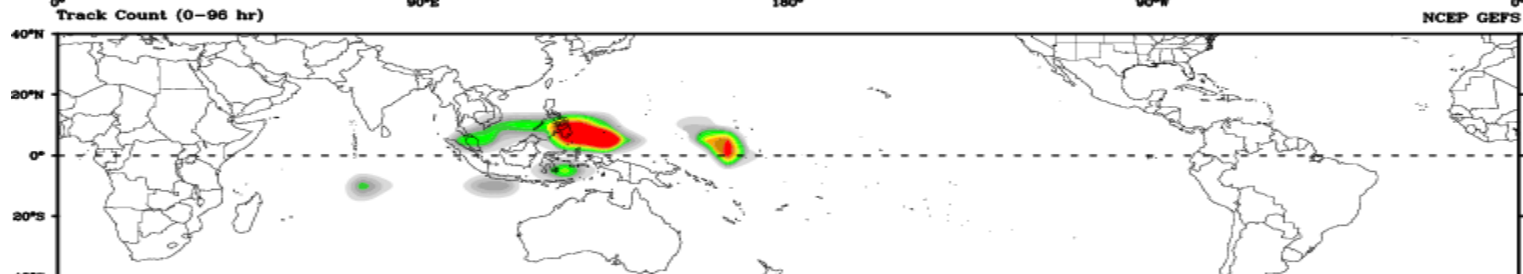


Days 1-4

Day 5-8

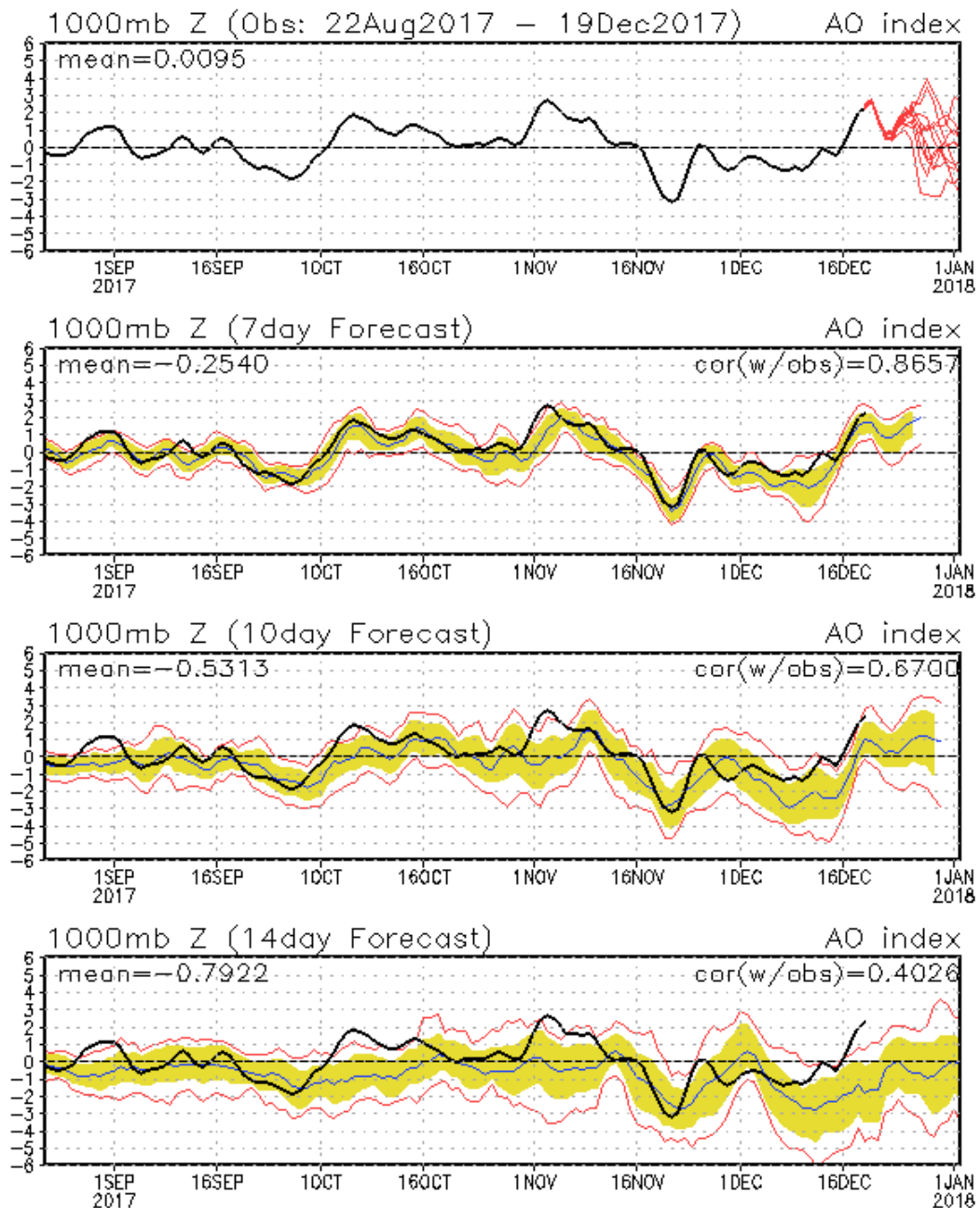
Day 9-12

Day 13-15



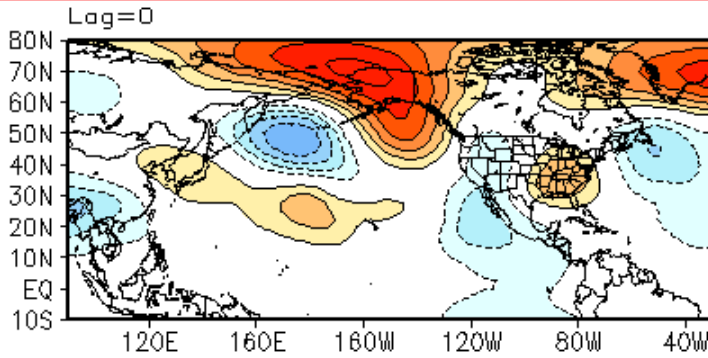
Connections to U.S. Impacts

AO: Observed & ENSM forecasts

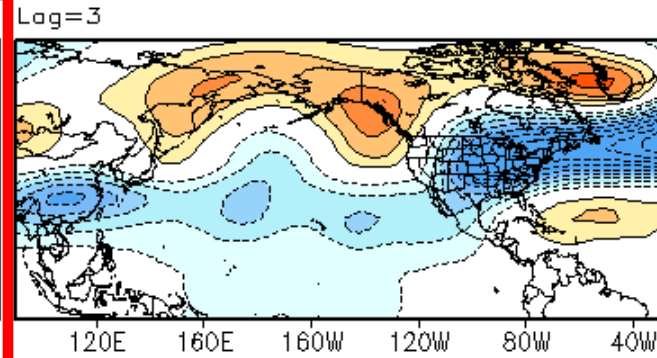


RMM Phase 7 200-hPa Height Lagged Composite (ndj)

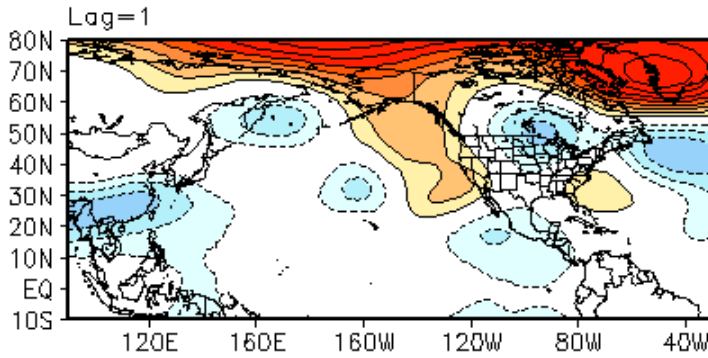
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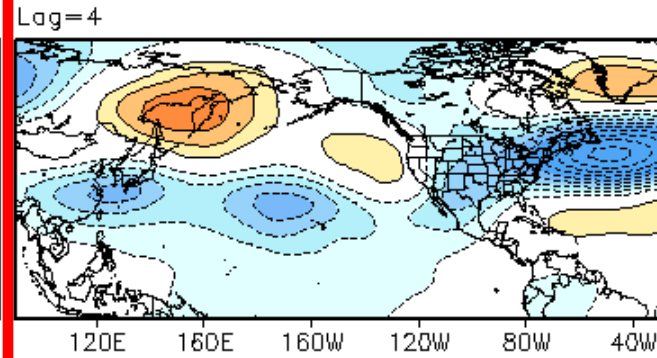
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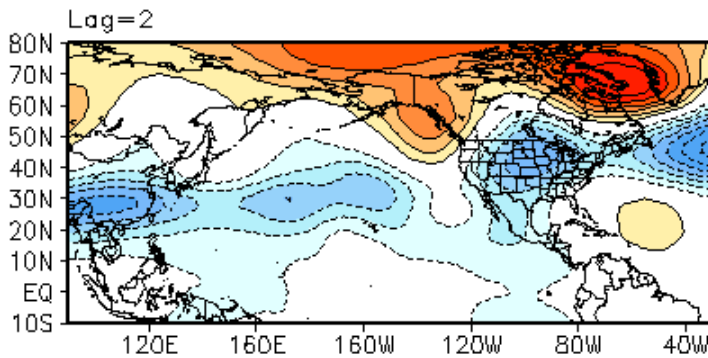
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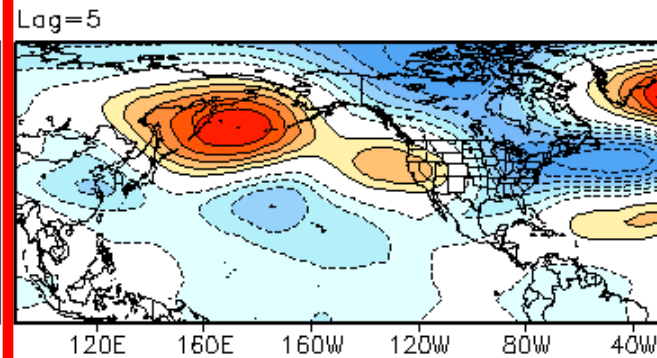
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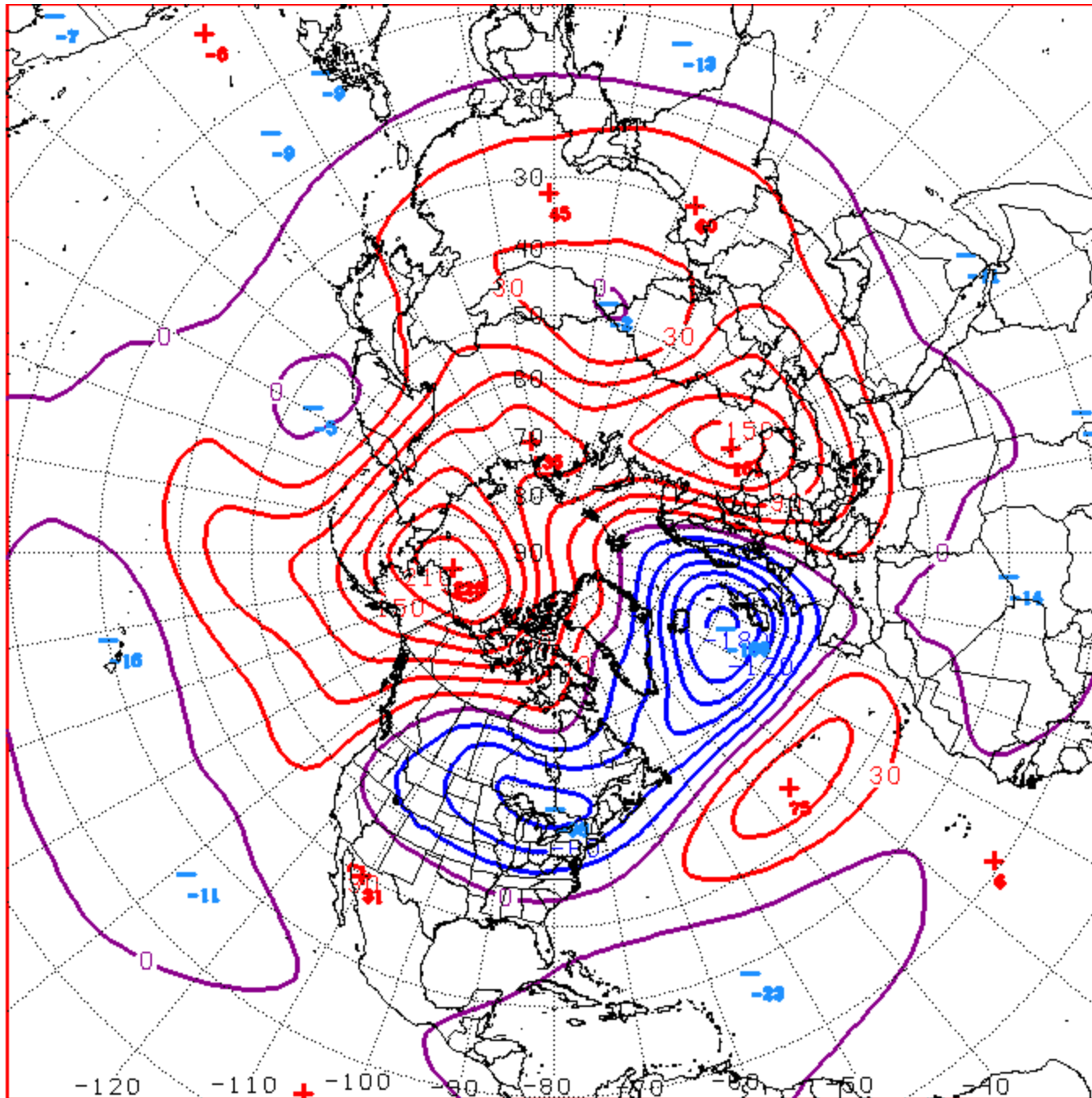
Days
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Days
25-29

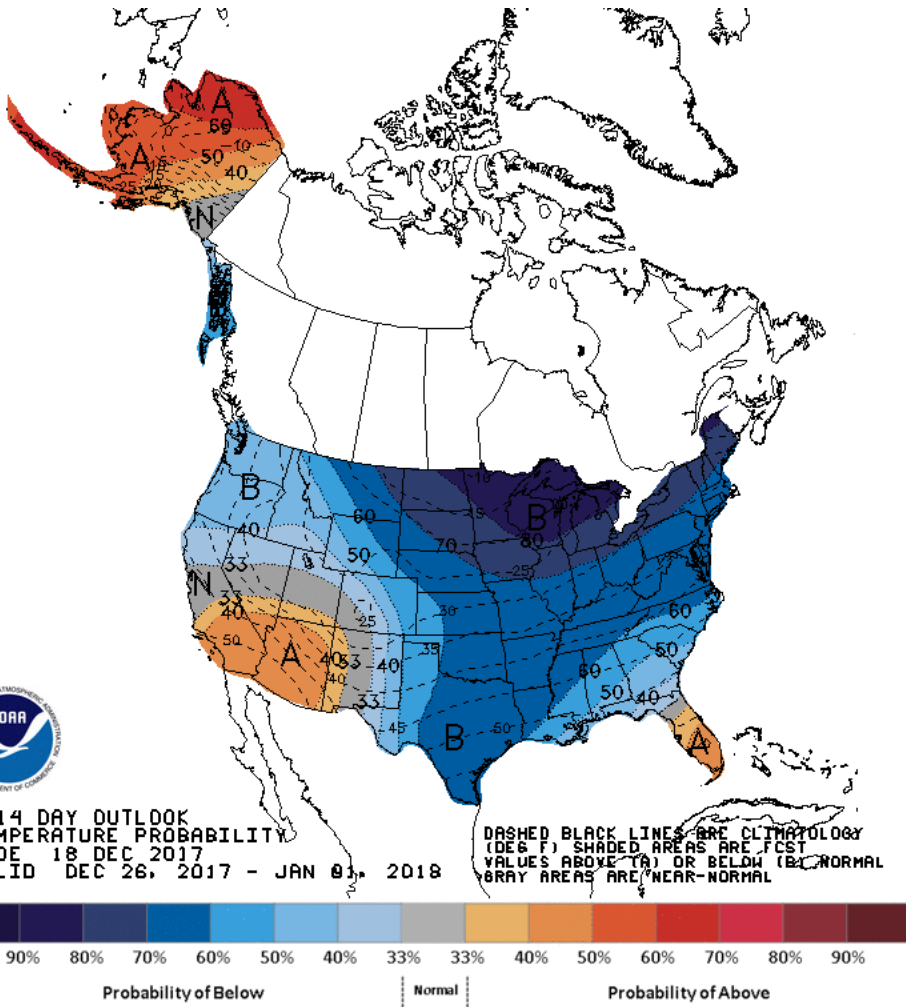


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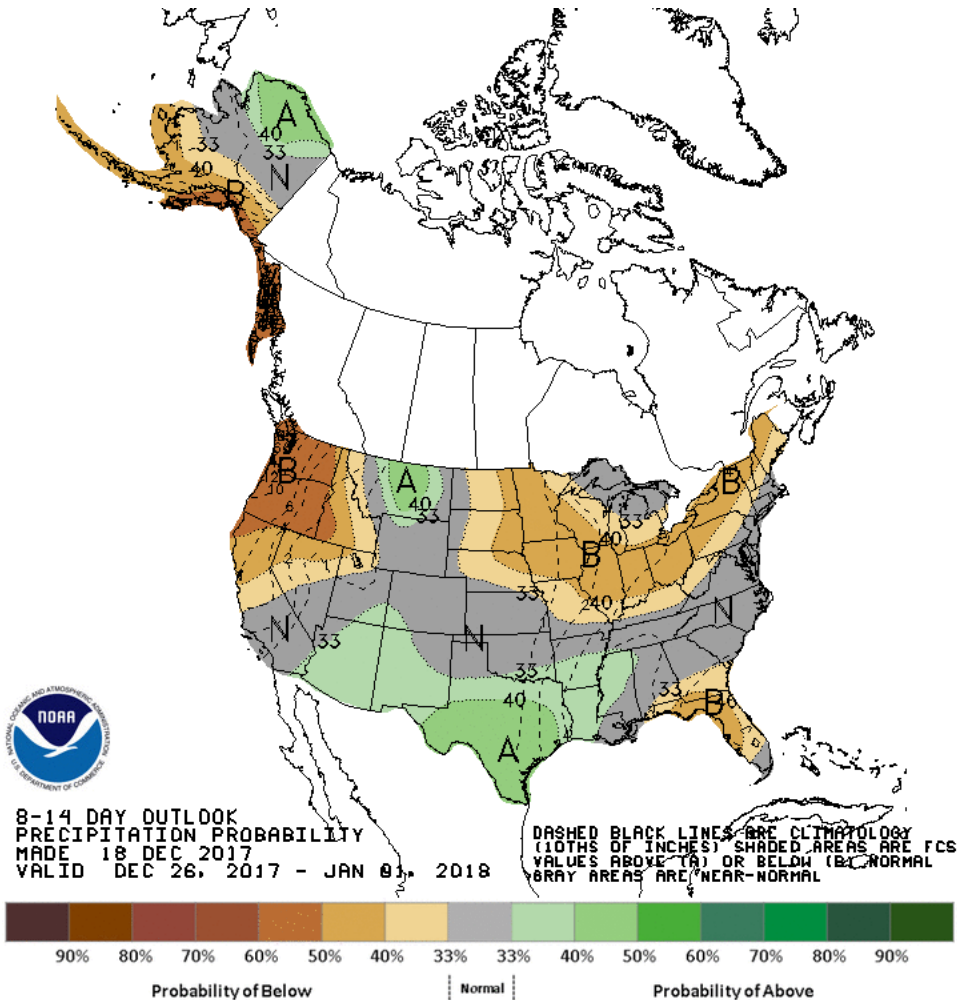


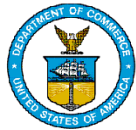
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Week 2 – Temperature and Precipitation



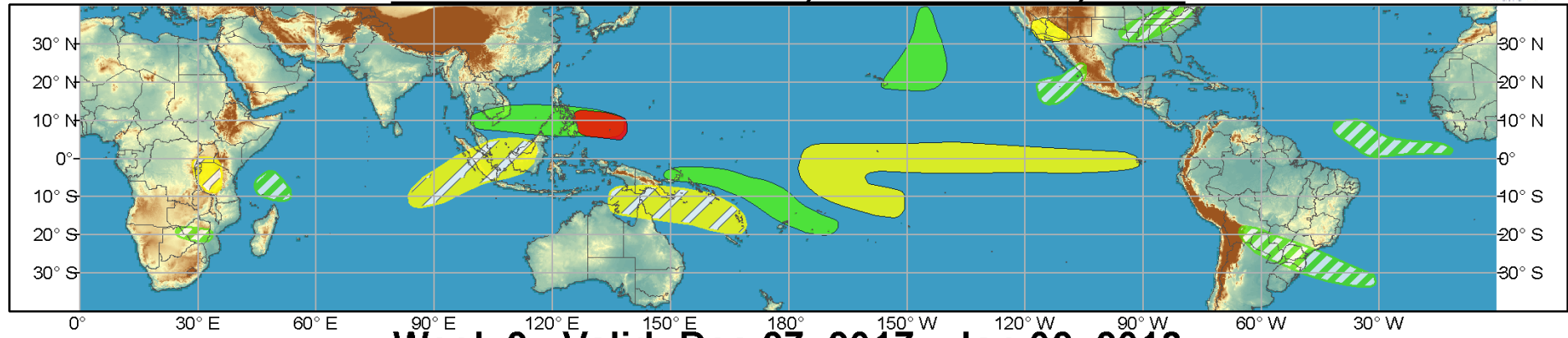
Today: likely to be slightly wetter in the Rockies and across the East; temperature likely to remain similar to yesterday.



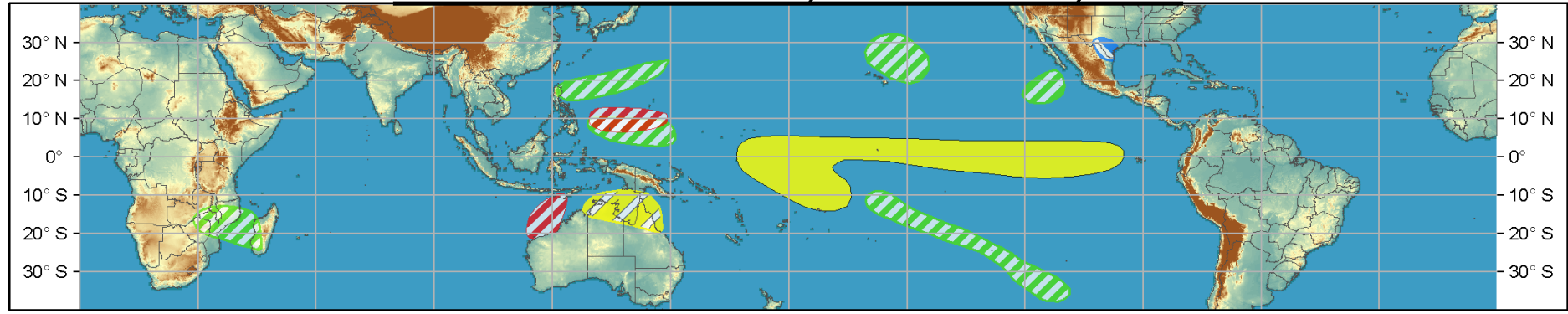


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