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River Forecast Center  
Briefing

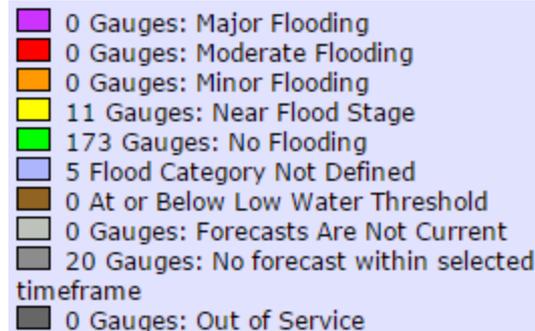
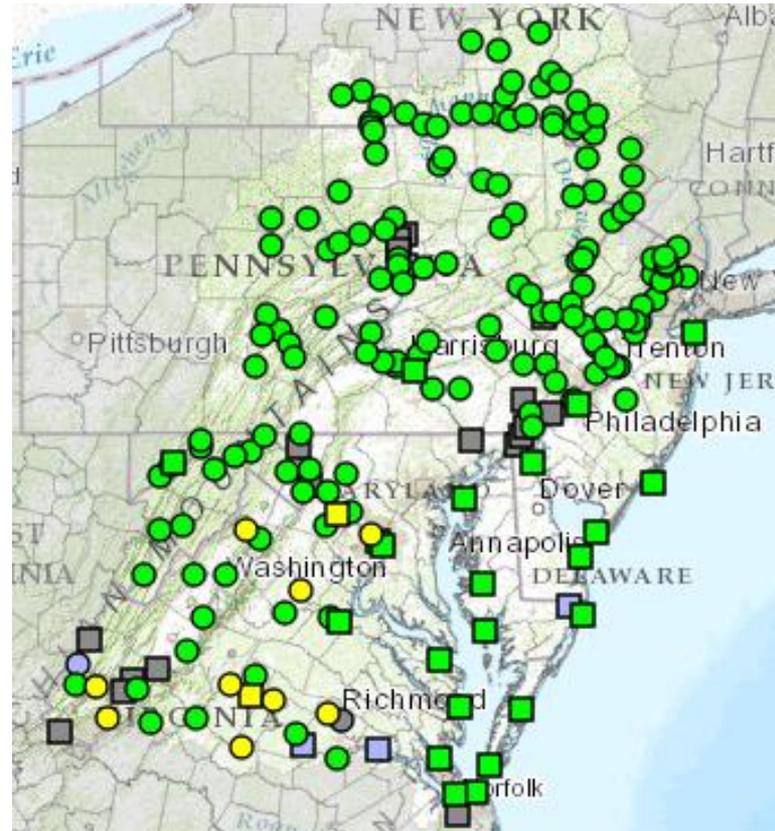
**3:00 pm March 4, 2015**

# Key Messages

- The risk of river flooding associated with the current winter weather event has greatly diminished over most of the MARFC service area.
- Risk of minor river flooding due to rainfall and snowmelt remains for the James, Appomattox , and Rappahannock Rivers. Current forecasts indicate stages below flood stage; however, there is **still moderate uncertainty** because forecast rather than observed rain during next 24 hours is the main driver.
- Changeover to snow Wednesday night and Thursday, which will gradually overspread Virginia from North to South, diminishes the runoff threat for this event.
- River ice cover, the potential movement of ice with increased river flow, and formation of ice jams downstream also bears watching in upper portions of the Potomac River basin. We will continue to monitor this.

# River Forecasts

- We are currently not forecasting river flooding in our area, although 11 gauges are forecast to exceed caution stage.
- These forecasts account for forecast precipitation and snow melt.
- Possible Rivers Impacted: James, Appomattox, Potomac, Shenandoah, Rappahannock.
- For the latest river forecasts go to our web page at: [www.weather.gov/marfc](http://www.weather.gov/marfc)



As of 3:00 EST  
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- **This will be the last briefing for this event unless conditions change dramatically overnight.**