



Winter and Spring Bi-Weekly Flood Potential Outlook

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Valid Period: Through mid April 2026

OVERVIEW:

Northern Basins and Mountains: **Normal Flood Risk**

- The assessment of the current frost depth, soil saturation levels, snowpack, current streamflow, and projected spring weather suggests that widespread major flooding is not expected across Maine and New Hampshire
- However, minor to moderate flooding is possible where ripe snow conditions remain.
- Any warm-ups or rain events could trigger a rapid release of the stored water equivalent (SWE) directly into the river systems, and because the ground is still frozen from the foothills northward, it cannot absorb the meltwater, increasing the flood potential

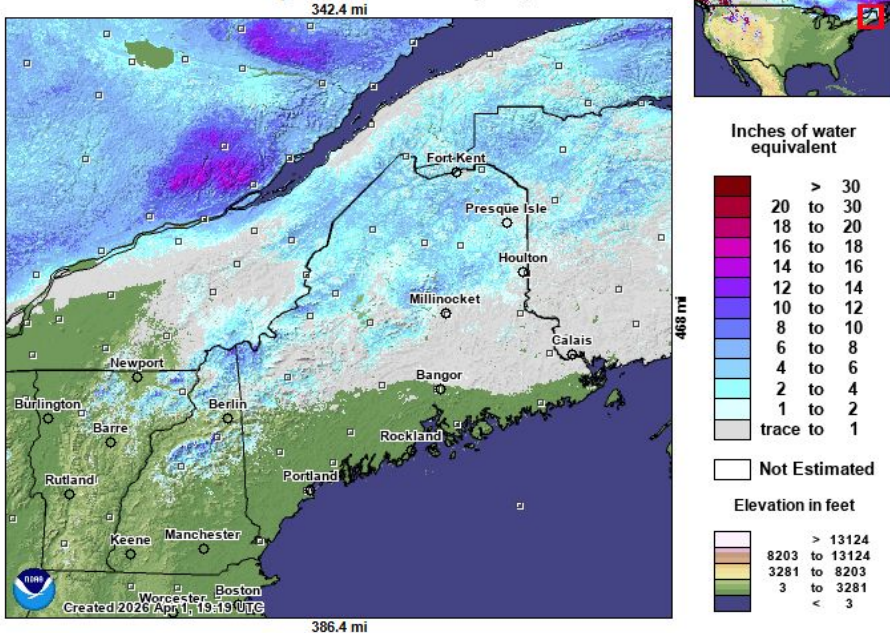
Coastal & Southern Interior Regions: **Below Normal Flood Risk**

- The flood risk for the coastal and southern interior regions is below normal due to loss of a snowpack and gradually thawing ground frost

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| SNOWPACK | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snow remains in the northern watersheds into the mountains, mainly north facing slopes • Snow conditions are close to isothermal and ripe with densities >35% • Snow water equivalents (SWE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mountains from 1,000-4,000 ft: Depths were 1 to 8 inches, SWE 1-3 inches • Above 4,000 ft: Depths 6-18 inches, SWE 3 to 8 inches |
| RIVER ICE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ice jam threat has ended for the season. Residual ice in the north is expected to gradually decay and not pose a risk for flooding. |
| RAIN/SNOW FORECAST | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A dry stretch is expected the first week of April, possibly extending into the second week. • A pattern shift halfway through the month could reintroduce wettern conditions • The lateness of the season will limit opportunities for accumulating snow |
| TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daytime highs average around 50F in early April, to the low 60s by the end of the month • Outlooks favor below normal temperatures for the first week, with near normal to warming conditions later in the month • Ground frost and residual snow will continue to melt |

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Modeled Snow Water Equivalent for 2026 April 1, 11:00 UTC



Snow Water Equivalent
Percent of Normal by HUC8 Basin April 1, 2026

