The Mississippi River has crested at Osceola, AR upstream of Memphis, TN. The river is cresting at Memphis, TN.
At the confluence of the Mississippi and the Ohio River, the Ohio River at Cairo, IL, remains above major flood stage and continues to fall this morning of January 8, 2016

The river stage on the Ohio at Paducah will remain steady today as the USACE Lakes and Rivers Division (LRD) increases discharges from Kentucky and Barkley reservoirs to recover storage in each of the reservoirs

Crest heights on the Mississippi River for Helena and Arkansas City are lowered 0.50 as the Mississippi River is at crest at Memphis at a lower height than the Jan 7 prediction
Talking Points and Jan 8 Forecasts For Mainstem of Red River In Louisiana

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- **The river crested at Grand Ecore on (Jan 6) and continues to fall**
- **The river is at crest above action stage at Alexandria**

**Grand Ecore:** Impacts  
33 ft = Minor flooding of lowlands in the Red River floodplain between levees take place

**Alexandria:** Impacts  
28 ft = Overflow occurs on floodway side of levee from gauge to Acme. Recreational boaters should use extreme caution due to high river flows.

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Mississippi Mainstem and Atchafalaya Forecast for Jan 8, 2016

NWS AHPS Status Map of Jan 8 River Level and Predicted Crest Height. Colors represent flood categories

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Impacts for Mississippi River at Red River Landing From NWS Weather Forecast Office New Orleans Web Page (www.srh.noaa.gov/lix)

**Red River Landing:**
9A Jan 8 River Stage = 55.49 Feet
Jan 8 LMRFC Morning Forecast: Crest of 62 Feet On Jan 18

51 feet = All river islands along the reach from Red River Landing to Baton Rouge will be inundated. Recreational camps and river bottom farm land will be under water

54 Feet = All river islands along the reach from Red River Landing to Baton Rouge will be inundated. Recreational camps and river bottom land will be under water. Water approaches Angola farm land

58 Feet = Angola farmland on the left bank becomes inundated (Jan 8 forecast has a stage of 58.2 feet on Jan 12 climbing to 58.8 feet on Jan 13)

59 Feet = The east bank levee will be topped and the prison farm land between the two levees will be inundated. Angola Landing will be under water closing the ferry there. All river islands along the reach from Red River Landing to Baton Rouge will remain inundated with recreational camps and river bottom farm land under water

61.61 Feet = Flood of March 24, 1997

62 Feet = Angola Landing will remain under water and all ferry service will be terminated. All river islands along the reach from Red River Landing to Baton Rouge will remain inundated with recreational camps and river bottom farm land under water (Jan 8 forecast predicts a crest of 62 feet on Jan 18)

63.39 Feet = Flood of Record occurred on May 18, 2011

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Impacts for Mississippi River at Baton Rouge From NWS Weather Forecast Office New Orleans Web Page (www.srh.noaa.gov/lix)

**Baton Rouge:**
11A Jan 8 River Stage = 38.31 Feet
Jan 8 LMRFC Morning Forecast: Crest of 43.5 Feet On Jan 18

35 Feet = River islands from Red River Landing downstream to Baton Rouge will be inundated

36 Feet = River traffic and industrial activity on the river side of the levees will be greatly affected. Navigational safety regulations will be strictly enforced

40 Feet= The grounds of the older part of Louisiana State University’s campus become soggy. This includes the area around the Veterinary Medicine building, the Veterinary Medicine Annex, the stadium and ball fields. The city of Baton Rouge and the main LSU campus are protected by levees at this level. *(Jan 8 forecast has a stage of 40 feet on Jan 11 climbing to 41.3 feet on Jan 13)*

43 Feet= Shipping and industrial activities are significantly affected. Unprotected low-lying areas will be flooded and agricultural operations will be impacted on the west side of the river. The city of Baton Rouge is protected by levees at this level.

47.28 Feet= This is the flood of record established on May 15, 1927

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Impacts for Mississippi River at Donaldsonville, Reserve, and New Orleans From NWS Weather Forecast Office New Orleans Web Page (www.srh.noaa.gov/lix)

**Donaldsonville:**
- 11A Jan 8 River Stage = 28.05 Feet
- Jan 8 LMRFC Morning Forecast: Crest of 32 Feet On Jan 20

27 Feet = Navigation becomes difficult for smaller river craft. Safety precautions for river traffic are urged.

33 Feet = River barge traffic becomes dangerous, particularly when navigating sharp turns on this stretch of the river.

**Reserve:**
- 11A Jan 8 River Stage = 21.58 Feet
- Jan 8 LMRFC Morning Forecast: Crest of 24 Feet On Jan 12

22 Feet = Marine and industrial interests along the river, upstream barge operators, and facilities are impacted. Navigation will become difficult for smaller river craft. Safety precautions for river traffic are urged. *(Jan 8 forecast has a stage of over 22 feet on Jan 9)*

**New Orleans:**
- 11A Jan 7 River Stage = 15.47 Feet
- Jan 8 LMRFC Morning Forecast: Crest of 17 Feet On Jan 12

13 Feet = Strong eddies will develop below the gage at Carrollton, with increased negative impacts on navigation.

17 Feet = The river level will continue making navigation and docking difficult. The city is protected to a project height of 20 feet. *(Jan 8 forecast has a stage of 17 feet on Jan 12)*

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Impacts for Black River at Jonesville and Acme From NWS Weather Forecast Office Lake Charles Web Page (www.srh.noaa.gov/lch)

**Jonesville:**
10A Jan 8 River Stage = 44.5 (Estimated) Feet
Jan 8 LMRFC Morning Forecast: Crest of 50 Feet On Jan 20 (Minor)

- 39.5 Feet: Locking operations ceases at the lock and dam
- 40 Feet: Access Road to lock begins to flood on the riverside of levee
- 42 Feet: Water begins to top the lock *(Jan 8 forecast has backwater rising to 46.6 feet on Jan 12)*

- 50 Feet: Highway 124 south near the town of Larto starts to flood. Backwater flooding begins in unprotected areas on right bank *(Jan 8 predicts a crest of 50 ft on Jan 20)*
- 51.4 Feet: The Columbia Recreation Area is inaccessible
- 52 Feet: Backwater flooding on right bank threatens residences
- 52.7 Feet: The Fort Necessity Recreation Area is inaccessible

**Acme:**
10A Jan 8 River Stage = 43.31 Feet
Jan 8 LMRFC Morning Forecast: Crest of 48.5 Feet On Jan 18 (Minor)

- 49 Feet: Minor lowland flooding is occurring near the river
- 50.5 Feet: The community of Brouillette is inundated.
- 52 Feet: Widespread lowland flooding is occurring. Evacuation of livestock and equipment is recommended.

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Impacts for Atchafalaya River at Simmesport and Melville From NWS Weather Forecast Office Lake Charles Web Page (www.srh.noaa.gov/lch)

**Simmesport:**
10A Jan 8 River Stage = 35.97 Feet  
Jan 8 LMRFC Morning Forecast: Crest of 42.5 Feet On Jan 18 (46 Feet Is Action Stage)

35 Feet: Backwater flooding of unprotected areas above Simmesport will begin

40 Feet: There will be flooding of areas outside the levees in the Atchafalaya floodway

43 Feet: The river stage is at the natural ground elevation of areas protected by the levee system

**Melville:**
10A Jan 8 River Stage = 27.86 Feet  
Jan 8 LMRFC Morning Forecast: Crest of 34 Feet On Jan 18

25 Feet = Flooding will begin on the river side of the Atchafalaya river levee and the Melville ring levee which protect the city to a river stage of about 50 feet

30 Feet = Increased current in the Atchafalaya main channel will cause minor navigation problems for large craft, but hazardous conditions for smaller river craft. The average elevation within the protection of the Melville ring levee is 31 feet. *(Jan 8 forecast has a stage of 30 feet on Jan 10 with a stage of 30.8 on Jan 12)*

33 Feet = Action Stage

34 Feet = Lowest structures on the unprotected side of the levee begin to flood. Flooding is more extensive just south of Melville

36 Feet = Flooding of structures on the unprotected side of the levee begins along Trestle Street and River Bank Road in Melville

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Impacts for Atchafalaya River at Krotz Springs and Butte La Rose From NWS Weather Forecast Office Lake Charles Web Page (www.srh.noaa.gov/lch)

**Krotz Springs**:
10A Jan 8 River Stage = 25.78 Feet  
Jan 8 LMRFC Morning Forecast: Crest of 30 Feet On Jan 19  
28 Feet = Action Stage  
29 Feet = Flooding of structures on the unprotected side of the levee along the river begins. This includes areas near the Atchafalaya Campground south of Krotz Springs and River View Subdivision north of Krotz Springs

**Butte La Rose**:
10A Jan 8 River Stage = 17.35 Feet  
Jan 8 LMRFC Morning Forecast: Crest of 21.5 Feet On Jan 19  
17 Feet = Action Stage  
20 Feet = Minor Flooding Begins  
22 Feet = River traffic negotiating sharp turns will become difficult. Industrial equipment will be threatened and should be relocated to avoid damage.
Impacts for Atchafalaya River at Myette Point/Grand Lake and Morgan City From NWS Weather Forecast Office Lake Charles Web Page (www.srh.noaa.gov/lch)

**Myette Point/Grand Lake:**

10A Jan 8 River Stage = 10.31 Feet  
Jan 8 LMRFC Midday Forecast: Crest of 14 Feet On Jan 21

15 Feet = Although on the floodway side of the protection levee, flooding of the batture will impede small craft launching. Navigation precautions are recommended.

**Morgan City:**

10A Jan 8 River Stage = 6.29 Feet (Above Action Stage)  
Jan 8 LMRFC Midday Forecast: Crest of 8.5 Feet On Jan 23

4 Feet = Action stage. Water will move up the bank and across access roads below the city dock. Floodwall gates should be closed by the 5 foot stage to protect against higher stages. Vessel traffic will be affected by stronger river current and vessel traffic safety rules will be strictly enforced by the U.S. Coast Guard.

5 Feet = Floodwall gates will be closed to protect against higher stages. Vessel traffic will be affected by stronger river current and vessel traffic safety rules will be strictly enforced by the U.S. Coast Guard.

6 Feet = Flood stage. The city dock will be under water. Water will cover the lower end of Belleview Front Street in Berwick. Vessel traffic will be affected by stronger river current and vessel traffic safety rules will be strictly enforced by the U.S. Coast Guard.

7 Feet = Buildings at the foot of Ann Street on the river side of the flood wall will flood as water overtops the Rio Oil Company dock. Buildings on the river side of the Berwick floodwall will flood. River traffic restrictions will be strictly enforced. (Jan 8 forecast has a stage of 7 feet on Jan 11 with a stage of 7 on Jan 12)

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Supplemental Slides for Crest Timing on All Lower Mississippi and Atchafalaya Tributaries
Missouri River

- St Charles, MO (SCLM7)
- Hermann, MO (HRNM7)

St Louis, MO (EADM7)
Will remain around 28 ft through next week

Kaskaskia River

- Cape Girardeau, MO (CPGM7)
  Above moderate flood stage and falling
- Thebes, IL (TIBI2)
  Above Moderate flood stage and falling

Kaskaskia River

- Chester, IL (CHSI2)
  Will remain above minor flood stage through next week

Ohio River

- Thebes, IL (TIBI2)
  Above Moderate flood stage and falling

Wabash River

- Columbus, IN (COSI1)

Cumberland River

- Cape Girardeau, MO (CPGM7)
  Above moderate flood stage and falling
- New Madrid, MO (NMDM7)
  Above Moderate flood stage and falling
- Paducah, KY (PAHK2)
  Cresting above Moderate flood stage
- Cairo, IL (CIRI2)
  Above Moderate flood stage and falling
- Caruthersville, MO (CRTM7)
  Above Moderate flood stage and falling
- Osceola, AR (OSGA4)
  Crested above major flood stage
- Tiptonville, TN (TPTT1)
  Above Minor flood stage and falling
- Barkley Dam
  Connecting Channel
- Kentucky Dam

Cape Girardeau, MO (CPGM7)
Above moderate flood stage and falling

- St Louis, MO (EADM7)
- Cape Girardeau, MO (CPGM7)

Text Reflects Jan 8, 2016
Morning Forecast Cycle

- Memphis, TN (MEMT1)
  Cresting just below the 40 ft moderate flood stage
- Harmontown, TN (HRTM1)

Lake City, AR (LCRA4)
Will remain above minor flood stage (10) through Jan 13

- Lake City, AR (LCRA4)
- Madison, AR (MSNA4)
  Crest: 33.5 (Minor) Jan 10

- Helena, AR (HEEA4)
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Lower Old River
Alexandria (AEXL1)
Cresting at 30 ft

Shreveport (SVPL1)
Above action stage through Jan 13

Fulton (FLTA4)

Little River

Red River
Index (INGA4)
Fulton (FLTA4)

Shreveport (SVPL1)
Above action stage through Jan 13

Coushatta (CSHL1)
Above minor flood stage through Jan 13

Grand Ecore (GREL1)
Crested; Above minor flood stage through Jan 13

Alexandria (AEXL1)
Cresting at 30 ft

Saline River

Benton (BTNA4)

Rye (RYEA4)

Felsenthal (FELA4)
Crest: 75 (Minor) Jan 11

Thatcher L&D (CALA4)
Will remain above minor flood stage

Saline River

Monroe (MLUL1)
Crest: 35 (Below Action Stage) Jan 13

Crest: 34 (Above Flood Stage) Jan 18

Crest: 51.5 (Below Action) Jan 20

Clayton (CYNL1)

Crest: 48.5 (Minor) Jan 18

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Acme (ACML1)
Crest: 51.5 (Below Action) Jan 20

Newlight (NLGL1)
Crest: 51.5 (Below Action) Jan 20

Jonesville (JNEL1)
Crest 50 (Minor) Jan 20

Tendal (TDGL1)

Outflow Channel (Diversion from Miss. River to Atchafalaya )

Simmesport (SMML1)
Crest: 42.5 (Below Action) Jan 18

Krotz Springs (KRZL1)
Crest: 30 (Above Flood Stage) Morning Jan 19

Bayou Sorel Lock (BSRL1)

Morgan City (MGCL1)
Crest: 8.5 (Moderate) Jan 23

Myette Point/Grand Lake (GNDL1)
Crest: 14 (Below Flood Stage) Jan 21

Atchafalaya River

Tensas River

Morgan City (MCGL1)
Crest: 8.5 (Moderate) Jan 23

Natchez (NTZM6)
Crest: 59 (Major) Jan 17

Red River Landing (RRRL1)
Crest: 62 (Moderate) Jan 18

Baton Rouge (BTRL1)
Crest: 43.5 (Major) Jan 18

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