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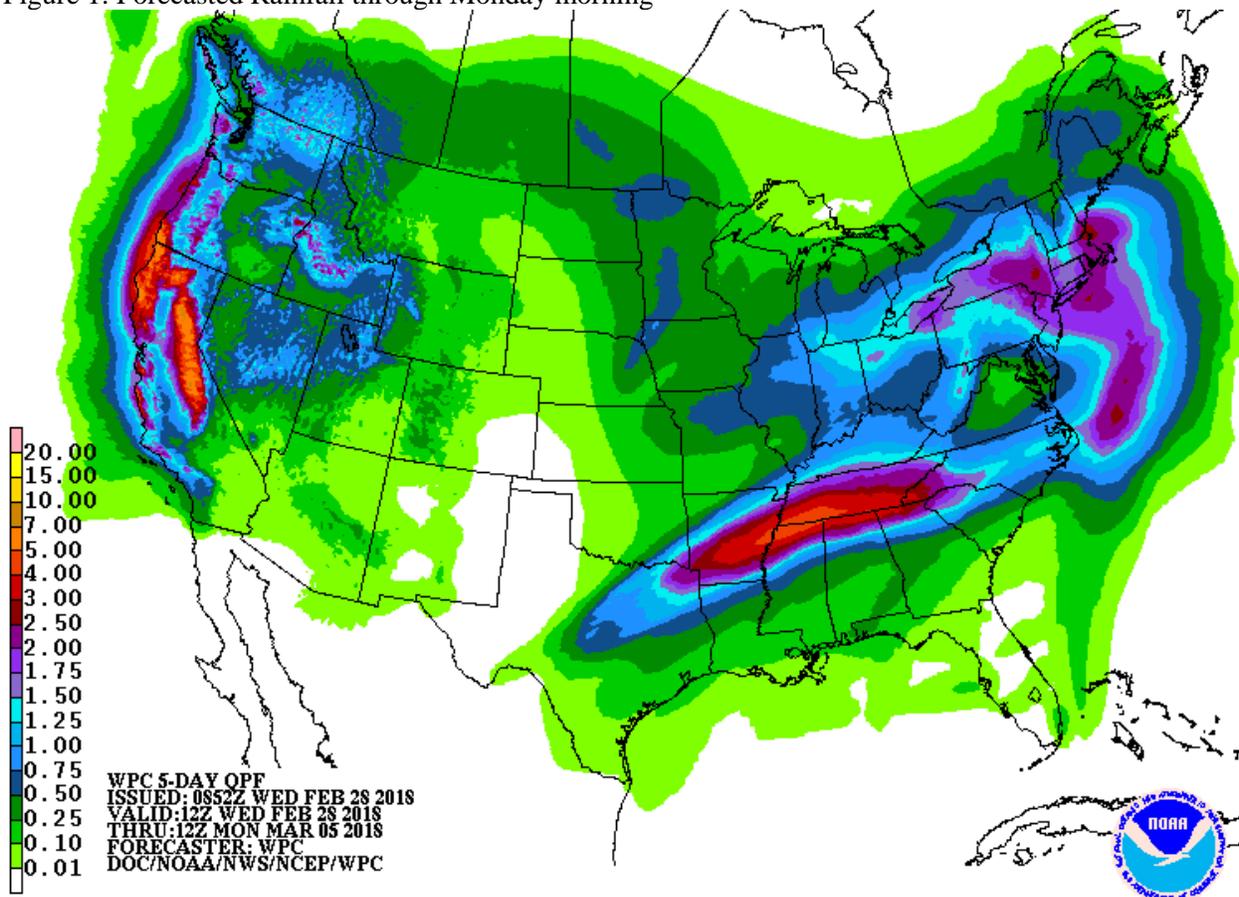
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Fox River Status Update
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Forecast

As shown in Figure 1, the rainfall forecast for the Fox River watershed through the weekend is between $\frac{3}{4}$ " and 1" depending on the location. The rain is forecast for Wednesday night and Thursday and could change over to snow during the daytime on Thursday.

Figure 1: Forecasted Rainfall through Monday morning



System Conditions and Operations

Fox Lake and the Stratton tailwater are still cresting today. The forecasted rainfall has been reduced since earlier in the week so the increases in the water surfaces would be less than previously reported assuming current predictions. The models are currently showing levels in the system dropping off through Friday and then peaking again near the current crest level over this weekend. Although if the system does not drop, another small rise in the system levels would be expected. Either way the rainfall tonight and tomorrow will extend the duration of the high water and keep the system vulnerable over the next couple of weeks.

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