

# Flood Event of 3/4/1997 - 3/5/1997

## James

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Bremo Bluff	19.00	3/5/1997	19.30	-9,999	Minor	James	James River	Fluvanna	Fluvanna

## Potomac

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Martinsburg	10.00	3/4/1997	10.36	2,980	Minor	Potomac	Opequon Creek	Berkeley	Berkeley

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## Weather Summary

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Warm, moist air was advected north across the Middle Atlantic Region with a dissipating low pressure system on the western edge of the Appalachian Mountains during the 4th and 5th of March. The environment was conducive for producing strong thunderstorms that brought heavy rains and flooding in localized areas (albeit minor flooding) through the 4th and 5th and high wind damage across Virginia in the evening of the 5th. West Virginia received the worst of the storm as both floods and flash floods ravaged across the state leaving at least three people dead. Widespread rainfall estimates in some counties (across both states) were between 1 and 2 inches with some localized areas exceeding 2 inches.

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## Crest Statistics and Flood Information

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First flood of 1 that occurred in Mar, 1997

First flood of 4 that occurred in 1997

Number of Floods at MARFC Forecast Points - 2

Number of Floods Cresting in Minor Range - 2

Number of Floods Cresting in Moderate Range - 0

Number of Floods Cresting in Major Range - 0

Number of Floods Cresting in Missing Range - 0