

The Far East Floods, As Seen from Space

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Satellite images show the Amur river's current levels as compared to August 2012. **NASA Earth Observatory**

Satellite images show the Amur river at its current level as compared to last August.

The historic flooding along the Amur River in Russia's Far East receded by 1 centimeter on Friday, but the river still covers a large swath of land in Siberia.

Images from the the American space agency, NASA, show the spread of the river from its normal levels on Aug. 17, 2013, to its height on Sunday.

Before Friday's slight decrease, the waters hit a peak of 9.11 meters on Thursday afternoon, RIA Novosti reported.

The floods, which have affected the Amur, Magadan and Primorye regions as well as the republic of Sakha and the Jewish autonomous region, are the worst in 120 years and have already forced 16,000 residents to evacuate their homes.

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