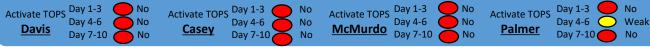


Discussion

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A six wave pattern in the jet broadens and weakens over the So. Pacific going into next week. The chaos in the Pacific may present better opportunities beyond this forecast period as it organizes. For the short-term an interesting flow in the mid levels (500hPa) has a tight pattern from Casey to the Ross Sea and pushes hard across Western Antarctica into the Weddell Sea. This limits intrusions for all our areas of interest.

East Antarctica will continue to have migrating lows pass but the Plateau High with cold air damming limits any significant progression of warm air advection.

The steering flow from East Antarctica through West Antarctica will dominate the migration of depressions passing from the Ross Sea into the southern Ross Ice Shelf. This will cause a series of decaying waves with warm air advection from the continuous process over the entirety of Western Antarctica. Katabatic flow from Victoria Land will mostly dominate Ross Island. The well mixed low pressure systems collecting in the Ross Ice Shelf will have minimal impact on Ross Island due to the strong push from the north in the steering pattern keeping most activity to the south and east.

Migrating lows through the Drake Passage appear to have a strong zonal flow through the forecast period and no major intrusions are now expected.

