

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, July 17, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Flooding – Texas

Hazard Monitoring

- Excessive Rainfall / Flash Flooding – Southwest to Southern Plains
- Hazardous Air Quality – Great Lakes to Eastern U.S.
- Tropical Activity:
 - Western Pacific: Invest 90W: Low
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Elida
 - Disturbance 1 (CP90): Low (10%)
 - Disturbance 2: High (90%)
 - Disturbance 3: Low (20%)
 - Atlantic:
 - Disturbance 1: Low (10%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (20%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – NE

Event Monitoring

- 2026 FIFA World Cup / America 250

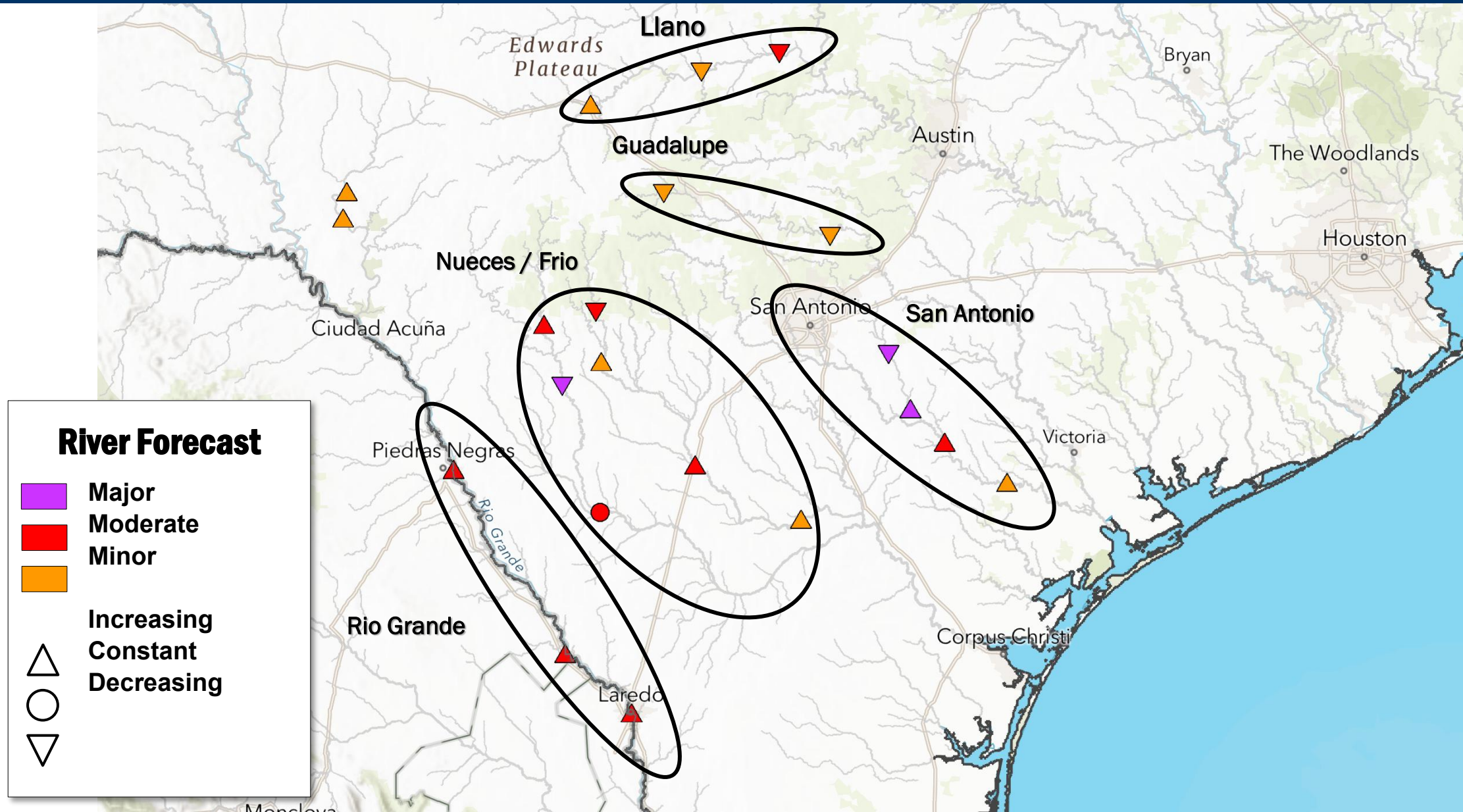


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Latest River Forecast

NOAA National Water Center / River Forecast Centers

Updated 7 AM EDT, July 17, 2026



Flooding – Texas



Situation and Analysis: Rainfall totals of 10-20" (locally higher amounts nearing 30") have resulted in widespread, life-threatening flash flooding across south-central and southern Texas. (NOAA, as of 6:12 a.m. ET) Moderate to major riverine flooding is also ongoing or expected in an area from the Rio Grande to Llano and San Antonio watersheds. (National Water Center, as of 5:30 a.m. ET) A Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) of excessive rainfall persists in Texas today; however, the greatest threat for heavy rainfall is to the west of the areas previously impacted (WPC, as of 5:24 a.m. ET) FEMA is coordinating with federal, state, and local partners to augment State capabilities in the areas of urban search and rescue (US&R) and debris. Local evacuation and sheltering operations continue. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) is utilizing the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) for mutual aid from surrounding states. (Region 6 SLB, as of 5:00 p.m. ET, Jul 16)

Lifeline Impacts: (Region 6 SLB, as of 5:00 p.m. ET, Jul 16)

Safety & Security Evacuations of low-lying areas across the impacted region remain active

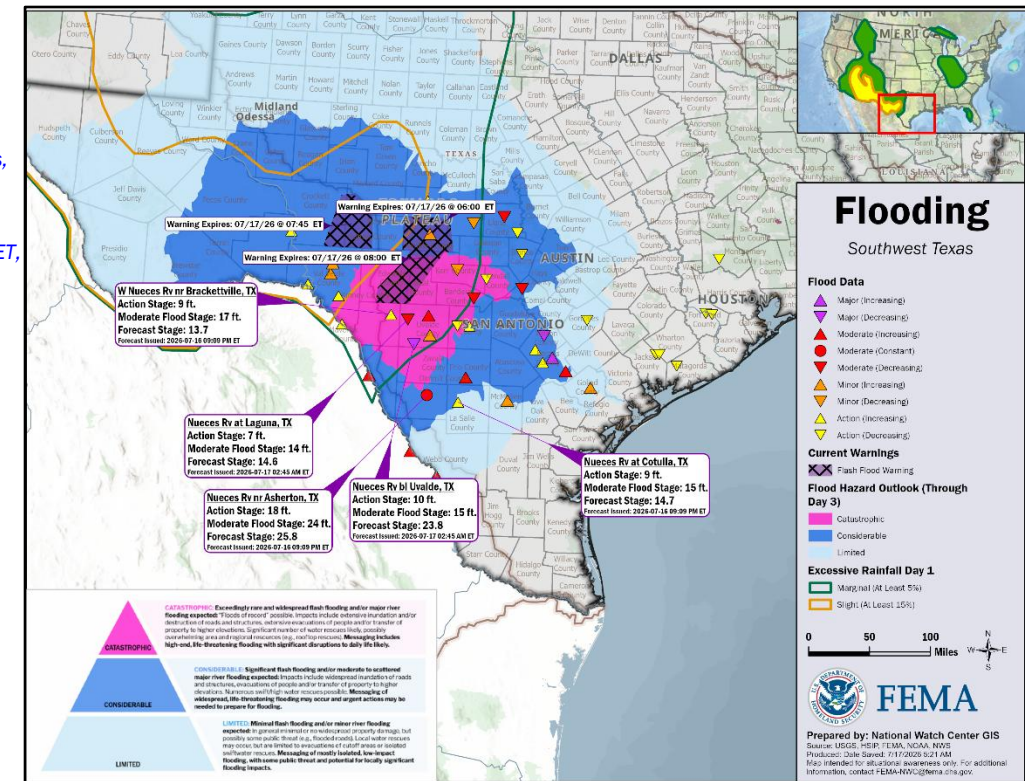
- Open sources show some evacuations lifted; however, additional evacuations have been ordered:
 - City of Schertz has lifted evacuation orders (open sources, as of 5:00 p.m. ET, Jul 16)
 - Mandatory and voluntary evacuations are active for low-lying areas in Uvalde (pop. 15k) (open sources, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)
 - Maverick County has issued a voluntary evacuation for the Elm Creek area (pop. 3k) and a mandatory evacuation for Quemado and Normandy (combined pop. 200) (R6 SPOTREP, as of 10:32 p.m. ET, Jul 16 and open sources, as of 4:24 a.m. ET)
 - City of Bandera (pop. 800) ordered a mandatory evacuation for residents of the Riverside RV Park (R6 SPOTREP, as of 10:06 p.m. ET, Jul 16)
 - Comal County ordered a mandatory evacuation for low-lying areas near Spring Branch (pop. 250) (open sources, as of 4:15 a.m. ET)
- Evacuation efforts remain within local capabilities
- Open sources show over 70 people rescued (TX Governor via open sources, as of 7:12 p.m. ET, Jul 16)

Food, Hydration, Shelter: 3 (+2) Red Cross Shelters open / 11 (-52) occupants (ARC, as of 6:51 a.m. ET)

Water Systems: One (1) boil water advisory affecting approx. 44k residents

Transportation:

- State of Texas reports significant road damage and debris in the impacted areas (Region 6 RA, as of 8:19 p.m. ET, Jul 16)
- Approx. 77 State-maintained roadways impacted or closed; major closures include TX-39 and 55, as well as US-57, 83, 90, and 377. Major interstate routes remain accessible. (R6 SLB and TX 511, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)



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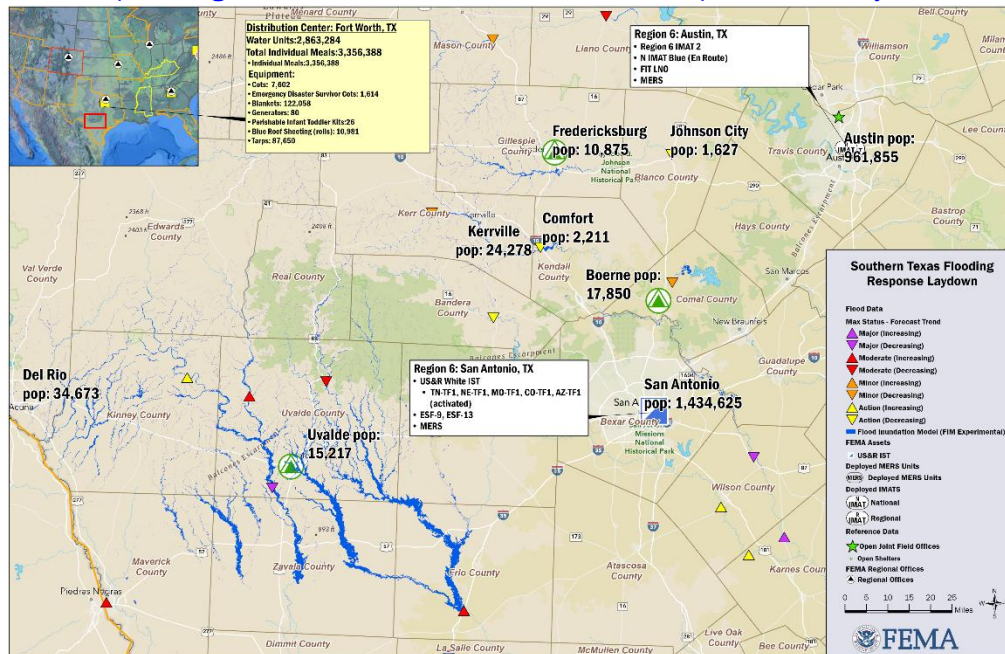
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Flooding – Texas



State / Local Response: (R6 SLB, as of 5:00 p.m. ET, Jul 16)

- TX SEOC at Partial Activation (Flooding); Governor issued State-level disaster declaration for 59 counties
- TX-TF1, TX-TF2, and TX-TF3 activated as in-state resources; US&R teams from LA and OK activating to support via EMAC
- TX DPS has positioned swift-water rescue boat teams, helicopters with hoist capability, and Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)
- Texas A&M Forest Service Strike Teams are assigned in San Antonio and College Station
- TxDOT is providing route clearance and traffic control at impacted roadways



Federal / FEMA Response: (R6 SLB, as of 5:00 p.m. ET, Jul 16)

FEMA Region 6:

- Regional Watch/MOC Denton Enhanced (Flooding); RRCC is Activated (Flooding)
- R-IMAT 2 is deployed to Texas Integration Recovery Office (TIRO) in Austin, TX
- FIT LNO deployed to TXSEOC

HQ:

- NWC is at Enhanced Watch (FIFA World Cup / America 250)
- National IMAT Blue deploying to Austin, TX

FEMA Response Geospatial Office (RGO): (RGO, as of 9:47 p.m. ET, Jul 16)

- RGO will be providing the following to support TDEM/Region 6 requirements: ICEYE US&R analytics, aerial imagery, 3D and oblique aerial imagery, 2 SARCOP intel specialists, and 2 GIS specialists.
- RGO has activated the NASA Disaster Response Coordination System and PhotoMappers open-source media team.

US&R:

- ESF #9 Advisory issued
- 5 Type 3 Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) resources with Swift Water Rescue capability deploying to San Antonio (TN-TF1, MO-TF1, AZ-TF, NE-TF1, CO-TF1) w/ ESF-13 Law Enforcement Strike Teams
- Incident Support Team (IST) deployed to San Antonio, TX

Federal Partners:

- USCG is providing water rescue helicopter resources under their own authorities (Region 6 RA, as of 8:19 p.m. ET, Jul 16)
- National Guard ground transport and air support on alert pending any state request (NGB LNO to FEMA as of 11:25 a.m. ET, Jul 16)

FEMA NWC will continue to monitor the situation in coordination with FEMA Region 6. Updates will be provided in the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET) and in the twice daily FEMA National Situation Report (3:00 a.m. ET / 5:00 p.m. ET).



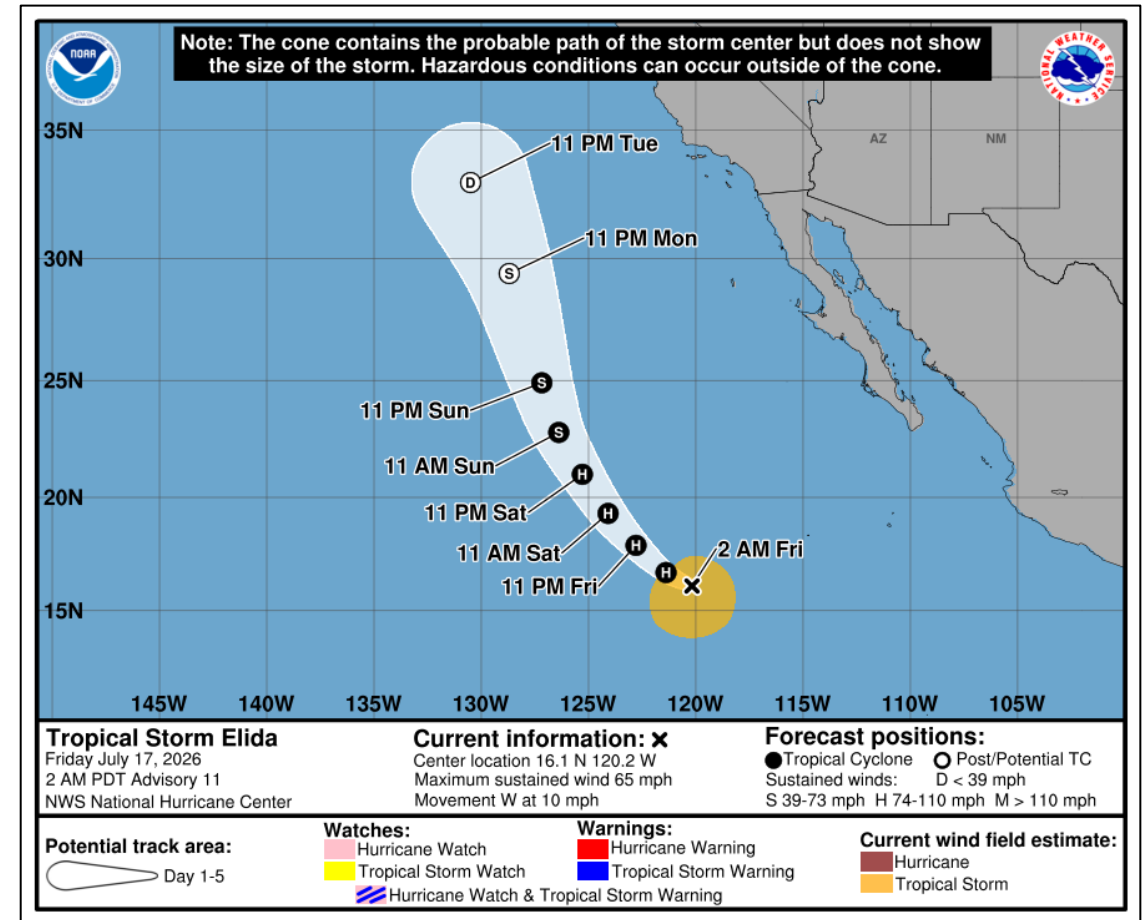
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Tropical Storm Elida – Eastern Pacific

Situation: (NHC Advisory #11, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located approximately **820 miles WSW** of southern tip of Baja California
- Moving W at **10 mph**
- Maximum sustained winds of **65 mph**
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to **160 miles** from center
- Additional strengthening is forecast during the next **day or so**, and Elida is expected to become a hurricane **later today**

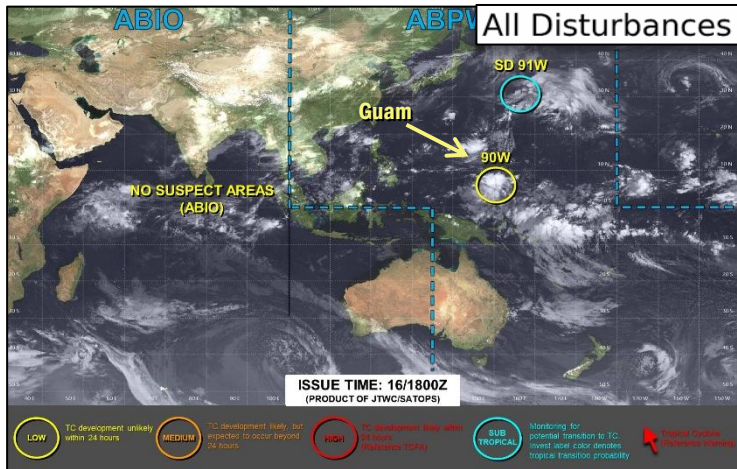


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Tropical Outlook

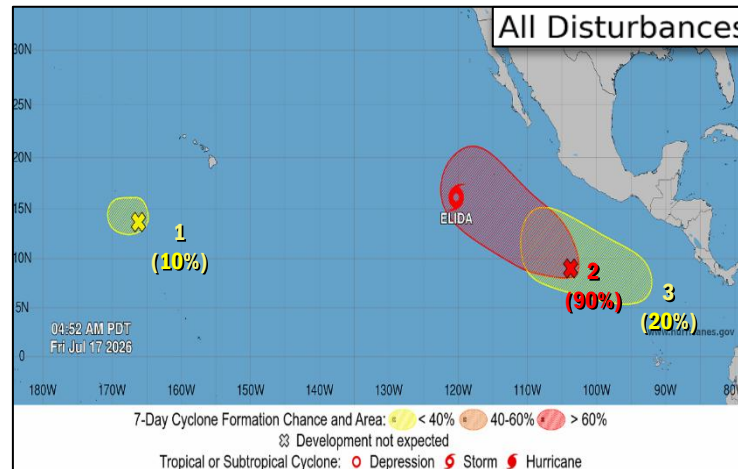
Western Pacific



Invest 90W: (JTWC as of 2:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 54 mi ESE of Chuuk
- Moving NW
- Max sustained surface winds of 21-26 mph
- Favorable for environmental development
- Formation chance – 24-hour: Low

Eastern and Central Pacific



Tropical Storm Elida: (Advisory #11, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- See previous slide

Disturbance 1 (CP90): (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- SE of Johnson Atoll
- Moving W
- Development of this system, if any, is expected to be slow to occur during the next day or so
- By this weekend, this system is expected to move into unfavorable environmental conditions
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (10%); 7-day: Low (10%)

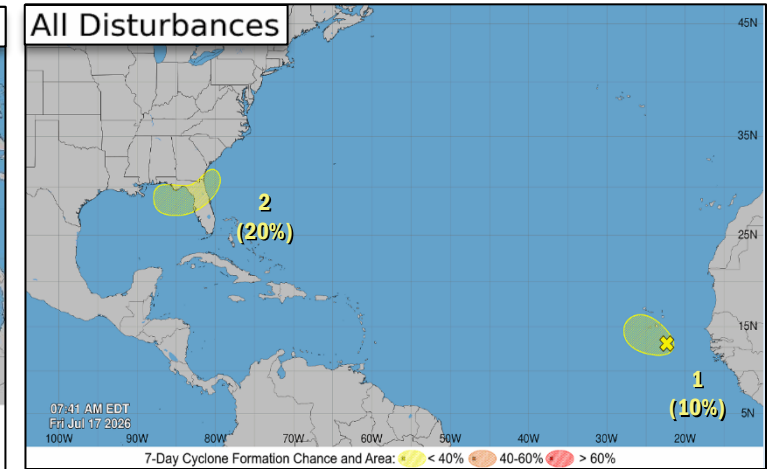
Disturbance 2: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- SSW of southern Mexico
- Moving WNW to NW
- Environmental conditions appear conducive for development and a tropical depression is likely to form by this weekend
- Formation chance – 48-hour: High (70%); 7-day: High (90%)

Disturbance 3: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Well S of Mexico
- Environmental conditions could support some gradual development of this system thereafter while it moves W to WNW
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Low (20%)

Atlantic



Disturbance 1: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located SE of the Cabo Verde islands
- Moving WNW at 10-15 mph
- Slow development of this system is possible during the next couple of days but by this weekend, further development is not expected
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (10%); 7-day: Low (10%)

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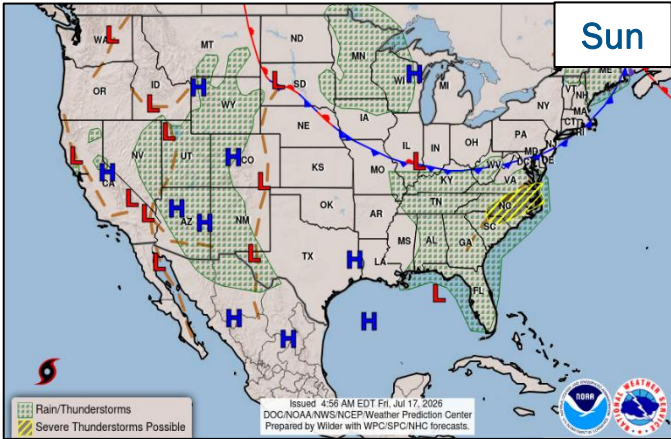
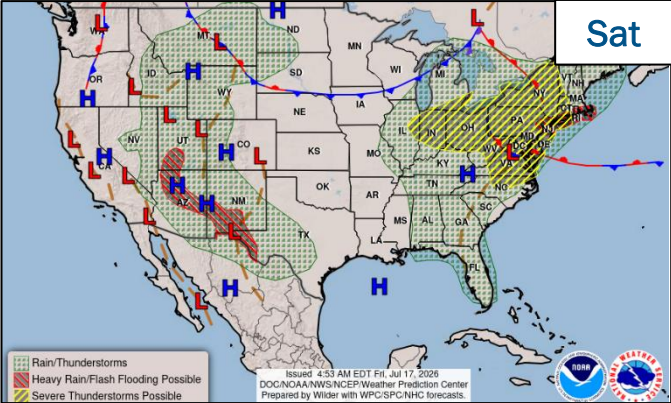
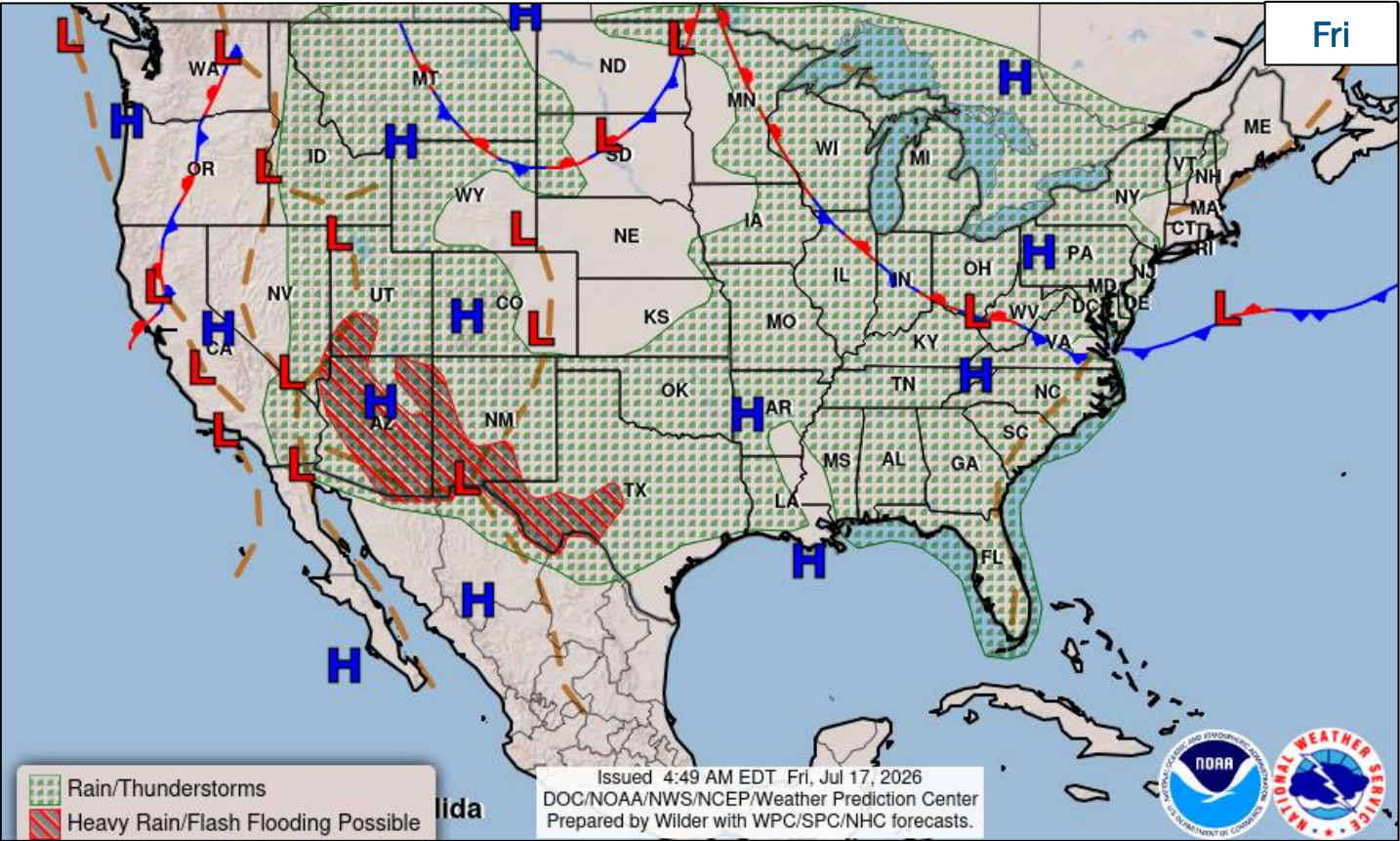
- Offshore of the Southeastern U.S.
- Moving NE
- Some gradual development of this system is possible
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Low (20%)



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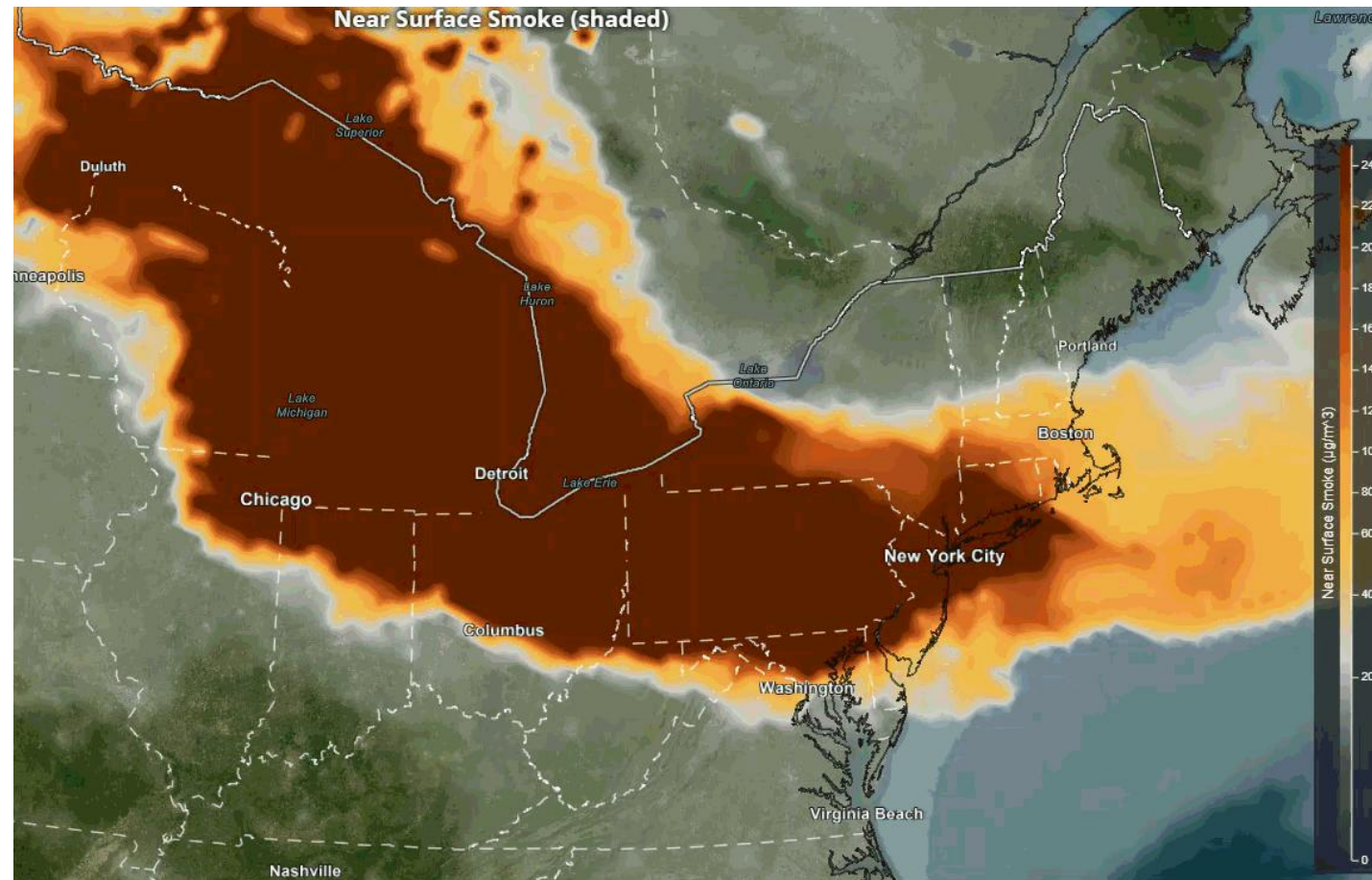
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Smoke Outlook

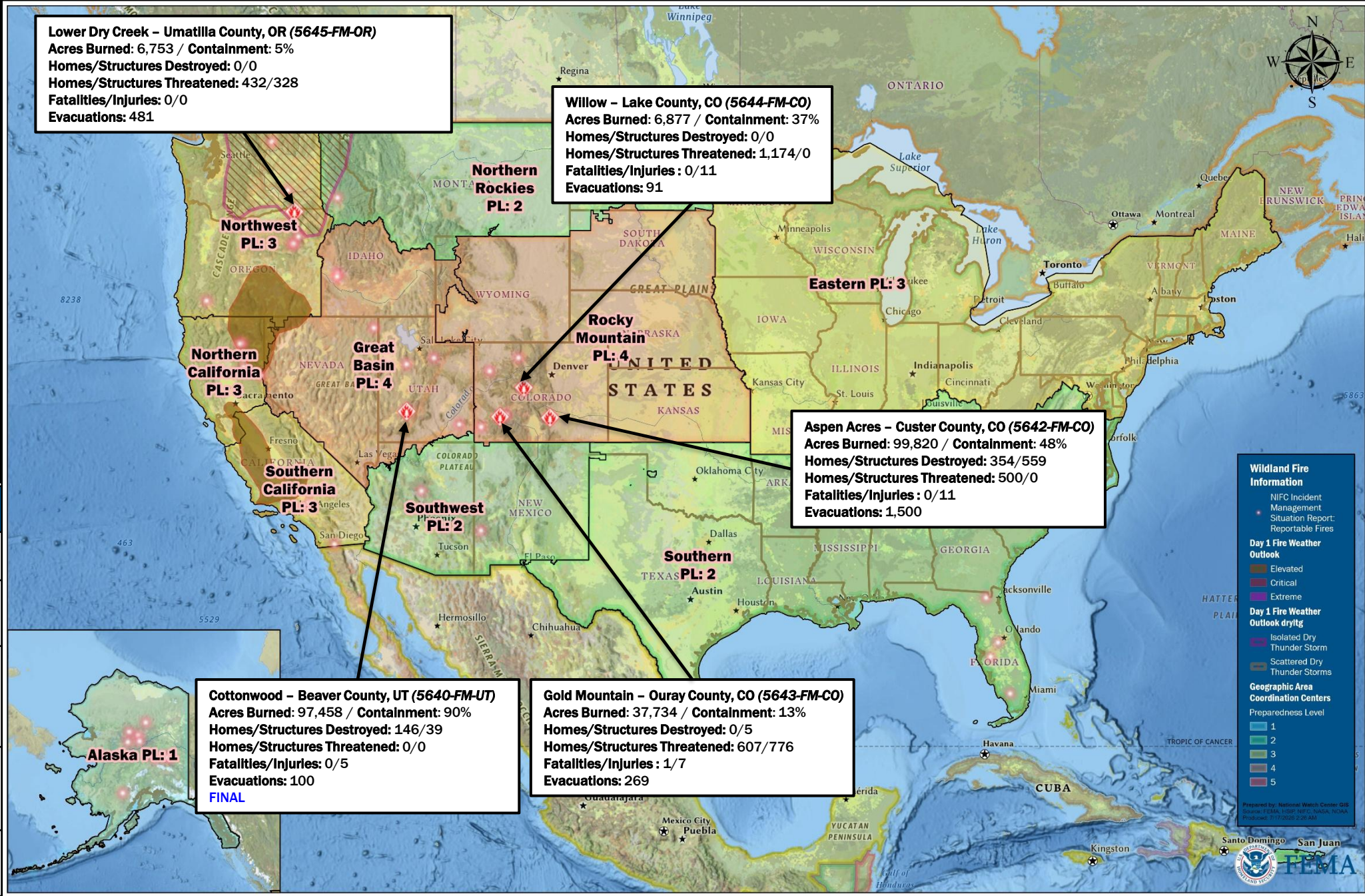


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National Fire Activity – July 17, 2026

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (158 fires)
New Large Fires	6
Large Fires Contained	3
Uncontained Large Fires	49
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	3,674,911
Total Responders	17,535
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	1
Complex IMTs Deployed	14
FMAGS	Total
2026 (FYTD)	31
2025	75
3 Year Average	53

Preparedness Level: 4	
PL 1	Minimal fire activity; many resources available
PL 2	Large wildland fires burning throughout country; resources mobilized from other areas
PL 3	Wildfire activity ongoing throughout 25% of country; National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) sets priorities, allocates resources, and mobilizes assets at national level
PL 4	High levels of fire activity and areas are competing for firefighting resources; 60% of the nation's wildland firefighting resources committed
PL 5	Extremely high levels of fire activity; 80% of nation's firefighting resources committed





FEMA Common Operating Picture

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NWC

NRCC

FEMA Regions

RRCC

Region 1

Maynard

Region 2

Brooklyn

Region 3

Philadelphia

Region 4

Atlanta

Region 5

Chicago

Region 6

Denton

Region 7

Kansas City

Region 8

Denver

Region 9

Oakland

Region 10

Bothell

Notes

- Watches/RRCCs:
- NWC: FIFA World Cup/America 250
 - R2 Watch: Equipment
 - R4 Watch: FIFA World Cup
 - R5 Watch: Staffing (Day Only)
 - R6 Watch: Enhanced (Flooding)
 - R9 Watch: Staffing
 - R2 RRCC: FIFA World Cup/America 250 (Day Shift Only)
 - R6 RRCC: Flooding
 - R9 RRCC: Staffing
 - R10 RRCC: Staffing
- IMATs:
- NIMAT-Red: Deployed (3648-EM-GU)
 - NIMAT-White: Deployed (3648-EM-GU)
 - NIMAT-Blue: Deployed (Texas Flooding)
 - R1 IMAT: Staffing
 - R3 IMAT: Staffing
 - R4 IMAT: 1/2: Staffing
 - R5 IMAT: Deployed (4925-DR-MI)
 - R6 IMAT-1: Deployed (4927-DR-LA)
 - IMAT-2: Deployed (Austin/Staffing)
 - R7 IMAT: Staffing
 - R8 IMAT: Deployed (4923-DR-WI)
 - R9 IMAT-1: Deployed (4909-DR-HI)
 - IMAT-2 (4910-DR-MP/3647-EM-MP)
 - R10 IMAT: Staffing
- State EOCs:
- DC: Summer 2026 Events
 - MS: Previous Incidents
 - AK/CO: Wildfires
 - WV: FIFA World Cup/Fire Season
 - KY/TX: Severe Weather
 - MP: TC Sirlene/TC Bavi
 - UT: Major Events/Drought/Crop Loss
 - NJ/NY: FIFA World Cup
 - AZ: Wildfires/Summer 2026 Events
 - FL: Previous Incidents/World Cup
 - NV: Wildfires
 - GU: TC Bavi
 - MO: Flooding/Severe Weather
 - MN: Wildfire Risk
 - WI: Support for DR-4923

Incident Workforce

19,137

Assigned a Disaster Title

7,062 / 37%

Deployed

5,442 / 29%

Available
to Deploy for 30 Days

6,633 / 34%

Remaining

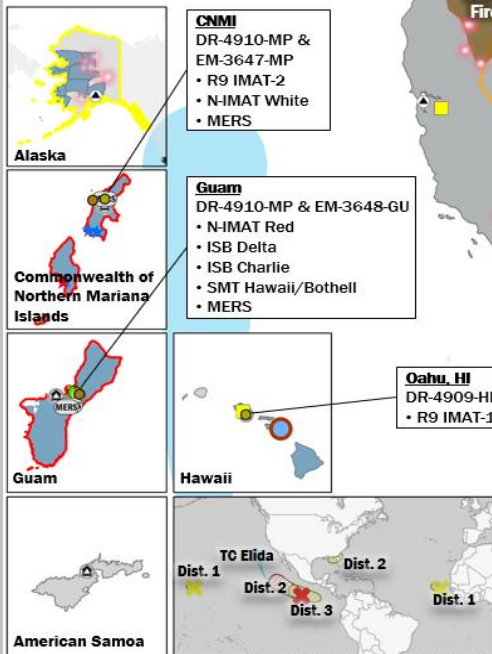
Surge Capacity Force
7,692 / 0 / 769

Rostered / Deployed /
Est. Available to Deploy for 30 Days

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REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	1	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	0	1	0	0
R4	4	12	0	1
R5	0	2	0	0
R6	4	6	2	3
R7	0	3	0	0
R8	1	6	0	0
R9	0	4	4	0
R10	4	7	0	0



National IMAT

- GU Red
- MP White
- TX Blue
- Gold
- DC HS

Regional IMAT

- 1 Region 1
- 3 Region 2
- Region 3
- 2 Region 4
- MI Region 5
- LA TX Region 6
- Region 7
- WI Region 8
- HI MP Region 9
- Region 10

Commodities & Equipment

	Distribution Centers	Water	Meals	Gen.
CONUS	DC Tracy, CA			
	DC Atlanta, GA	37% ¹	70% ²	79%
	DC Fort Worth, TX			
	DC Greencastle, PA			
OCONUS	DC Guam	92%	100%	84% ³
	DC Hawaii	99%	93%	42% ³
	DC Caribbean	86%	88%	78%

Logistics Staffing

	Distribution Centers	Staff	Housing	Staff
CONUS	DC Tracy, CA	67%	THSS Selma, AL	65%
	DC Atlanta, GA	80%	THSS Cumberland, MD	73%
	DC Fort Worth, TX	57%		
	DC Greencastle, PA	89%		
OCONUS	DC Guam	77%	Winchester, VA (DISC)	81%
	DC Hawaii	70%		
	DC Caribbean	92%		

SMT

Operational	7/11
Requires Augmentation	3/11
Deployed	3/11

MERS Det.

30/36 Operational

Maynard	4/6
Frederick	6/6
Thomasville	6/6
Denton	6/6
Denver	4/6
Bothell	4/6

US&R

Task Forces

Assigned	28
Non-FEMA Deployed	1
FEMA-Deployed	5
Not Mission Capable	0
Available	22
FEMA Support Staff	11/21

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Assigned	38
Not Mission Capable	2
Deployed	27 (19 FCOOR)
Available	9

Legend

- Fully Mission Capable
- Partially Mission Capable
- Requires Augmentation
- Deployed/Activated

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
R3	WV	Severe Storms Jun 22-23	IA	2	0	7/14 – TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
R4	KY	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Hail, Flooding, Landslides Jun 18-27	IA	24	14	7/6 – TBD
			PA	101 (+73)	15	7/8 – TBD
	MS	Flash Flooding Jun 18-20	IA	4	4	6/29 – 7/10
			PA	9	9 (+1)	7/13 – 7/16
R5	IN	Severe Weather and Flooding	IA	9	0	7/16 – TBD
			PA	16	0	7/16 – TBD
R7	KS	Severe Weather Jun 4-15	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	33	21	6/22 – TBD
		Severe Weather Jun 18-30	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	8	0	TBD – TBD
	MO	Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 9-11	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	9	0	7/21 – TBD



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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments (Cont'd)

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
R8	OST*	Severe Storms and Flooding	IA	1	0	7/6 – TBD
			PA	1	0	7/6 – TBD
	SD	Severe Storms, Winds, Tornadoes Jun 29 – Jul 3	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	10	0	7/16 – TBD
R10	ID	Severe Storms and Flooding Jun 26-28	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	7/14 – TBD

*Oglala Sioux Tribe



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Declaration Request – Nebraska

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – NE

Date Requested: Jul 15

Incident: Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding

Incident Period: June 8

Requested:

- **PA:** 1 county
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



■ PA



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Declaration Requests in Process – 6

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
NE – Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jun 17
MI – Severe Storms and Tornadoes – Appeal	DR	X		X	Jun 23
ND – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes	DR		X	X	Jul 6
NH – Severe Storm and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 8
MO – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 9
NE – Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 15



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