

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Flooding – Texas – FINAL
- Tropical Storm Bertha – R4 & R6

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Mid-South to Northeast
- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Southwest to Great Basin, Mid-South to Northeast
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic: Tropical Storm Bertha
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Hurricane Fausto (CAT 1)
 - Disturbance 1: High (70%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (20%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – MS

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Flooding – Texas – FINAL



Situation and Analysis: The flash flood threat in west Texas is decreasing and river flooding on the San Antonio and Rio Grande rivers has ended. Federal resources are engaged in state response and recovery operations (FEMA R6 SLB FINAL, as of 6:06 p.m. ET, Jul 20).

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA R6 SLB, as of 6:06 p.m. ET, Jul 20)

Safety & Security: State and Federal US&R resources remain engaged in affected areas

- Over 275 rescues conducted to date

Food, Hydration, Shelter: 2 (-1) shelters open / 28 (-1) occupants

Health & Medical: 2 reported fatalities

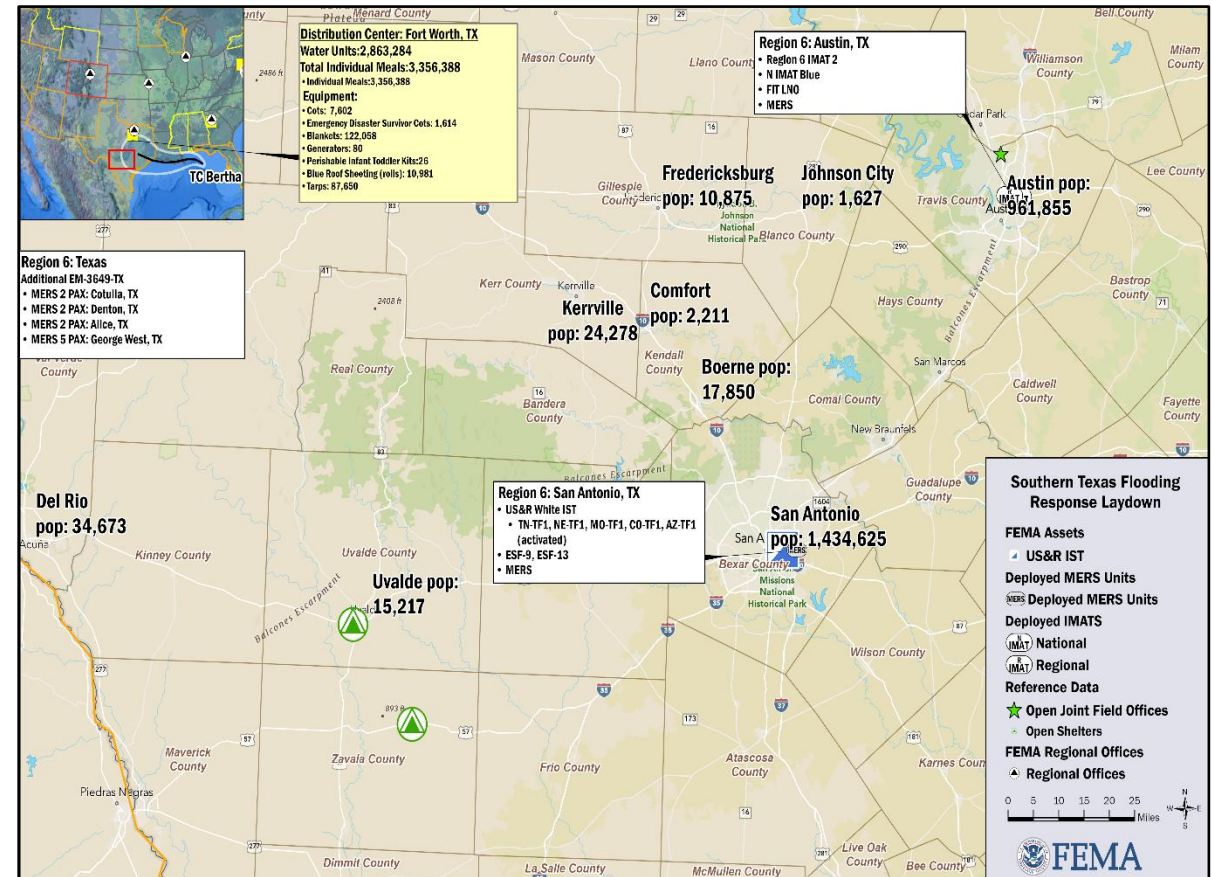
Water Systems:

- 5 public water systems experiencing impacts serving Blanco, Comal, Zavala, and Dimmit Counties (pop. 57K)
- Nothing significant to report for wastewater systems

Communications: Industry partners report all repairs completed; operating at normal levels

Transportation:

- TxDOT has significant resources conducting damage assessments and route clearing
- Majority of road closures are secondary roads
- All temporary flight restrictions have been lifted



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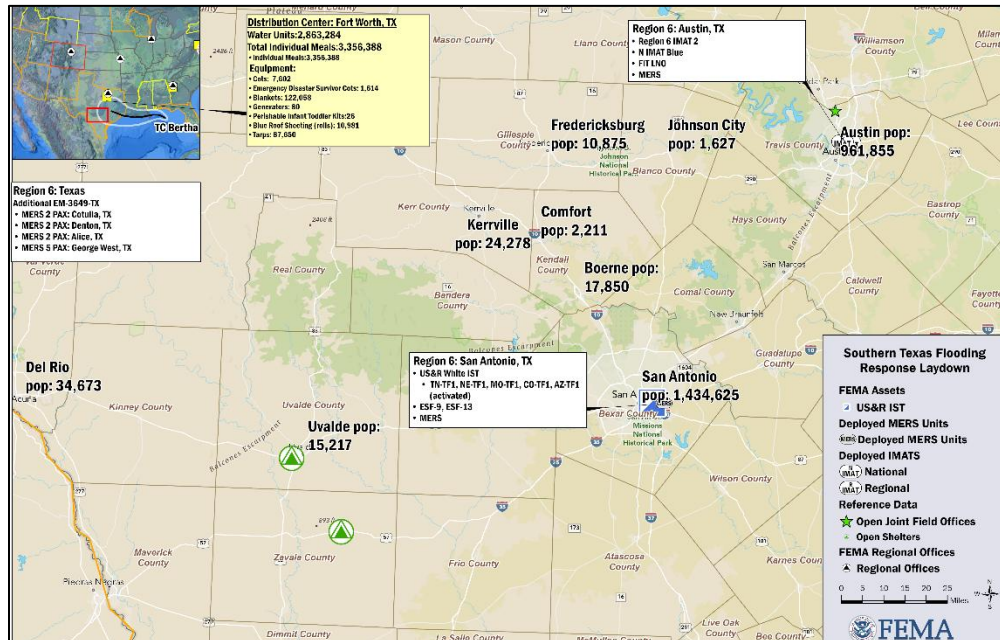
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Flooding – Texas – FINAL



State / Local Response: (FEMA R6 SLB, as 6:06 p.m. ET, Jul 20)

- TX SEOC at Partial Activation (Flooding); Emergency Declaration approved Jul 18 (EM-3649-TX)
- TX DPS positioned swift-water rescue boat teams, helicopters with hoist capability, and Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) teams
- Texas A&M Forest Service Strike Teams assigned in San Antonio and College Station
- TxDOT is providing route clearance and traffic control at impacted roadways



Federal / FEMA Response: (FEMA R6 SLB, as 6:06 p.m. ET, Jul 20)

FEMA Region 6:

- Region 6 Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Activated
- R-IMAT 1 Deployed (DR-4927-LA); R-IMAT 2 is Deployed (EM-3649-TX)
- FIT LNO Deployed to TX SEOC; FCO Deployed to Austin, TX

HQ:

- NWC is Monitoring
- N-IMAT Blue Deployed to Austin, TX

US&R:

- ESF #9 Advisory issued
- 5 Type III Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) are fully operational, with task assignments by TDEM
- Incident Support Team (IST) Deployed to San Antonio, TX

Federal Partners: (NGB LNO to FEMA as of 8:17 a.m. ET, Jul 21)

- NGB LNO to FEMA reports TX National Guard has 336 activated personnel
 - 8 Blackhawks and 2 Lakota helicopters providing flood response support
 - TXNG reports 18 rescues, 3 evacuations, 19 critical patient transports, 6 animal rescues, and 10 recon missions
 - TXNG to continue aerial SAR efforts, evacuations, air logistics, and critical infrastructure damage assessments.
 - Current end-of-mission is set for Jul 25; however, this mission could continue through the weekend as potential tropical storms impacts are forecast in south Texas

FEMA NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 6, however, barring any significant developments this will be the final report in the Daily Operations Brief.

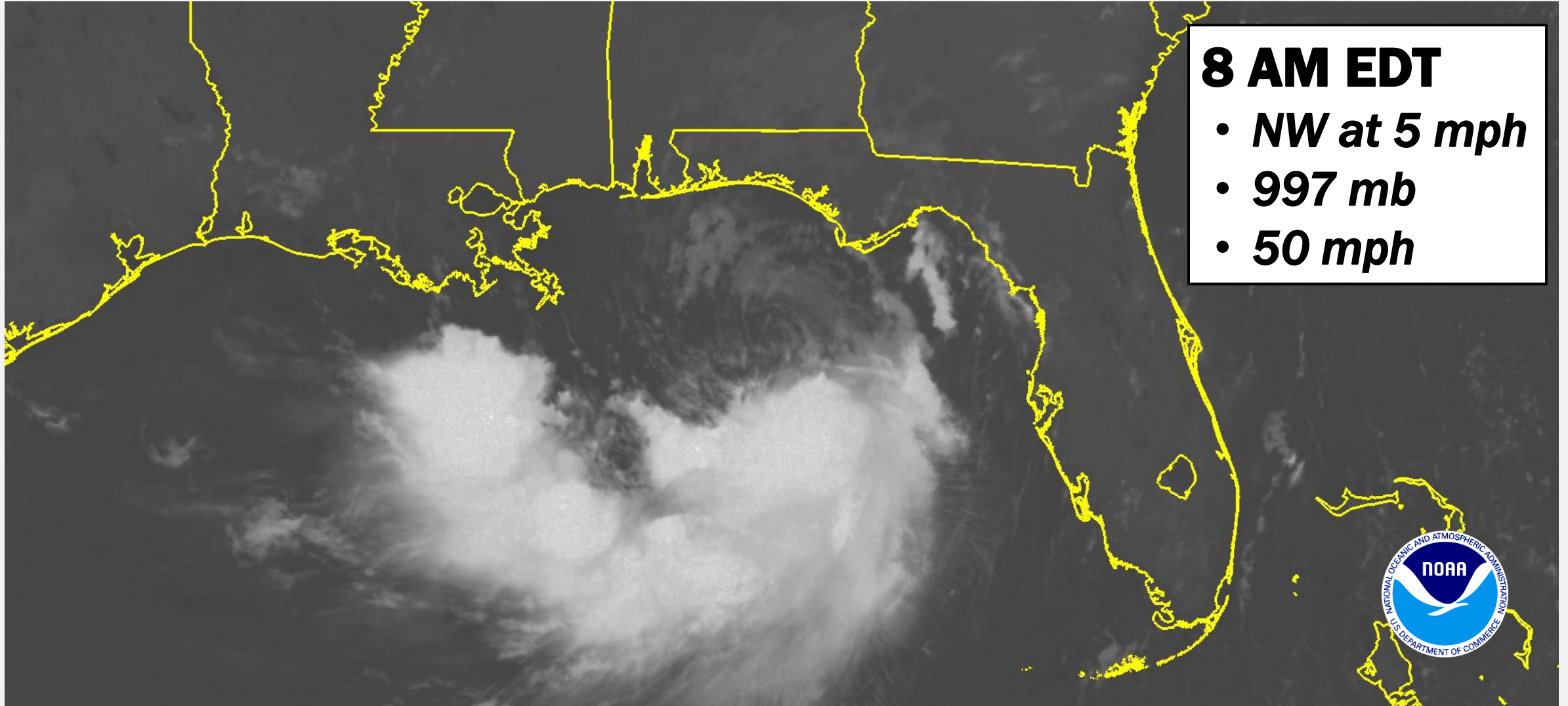


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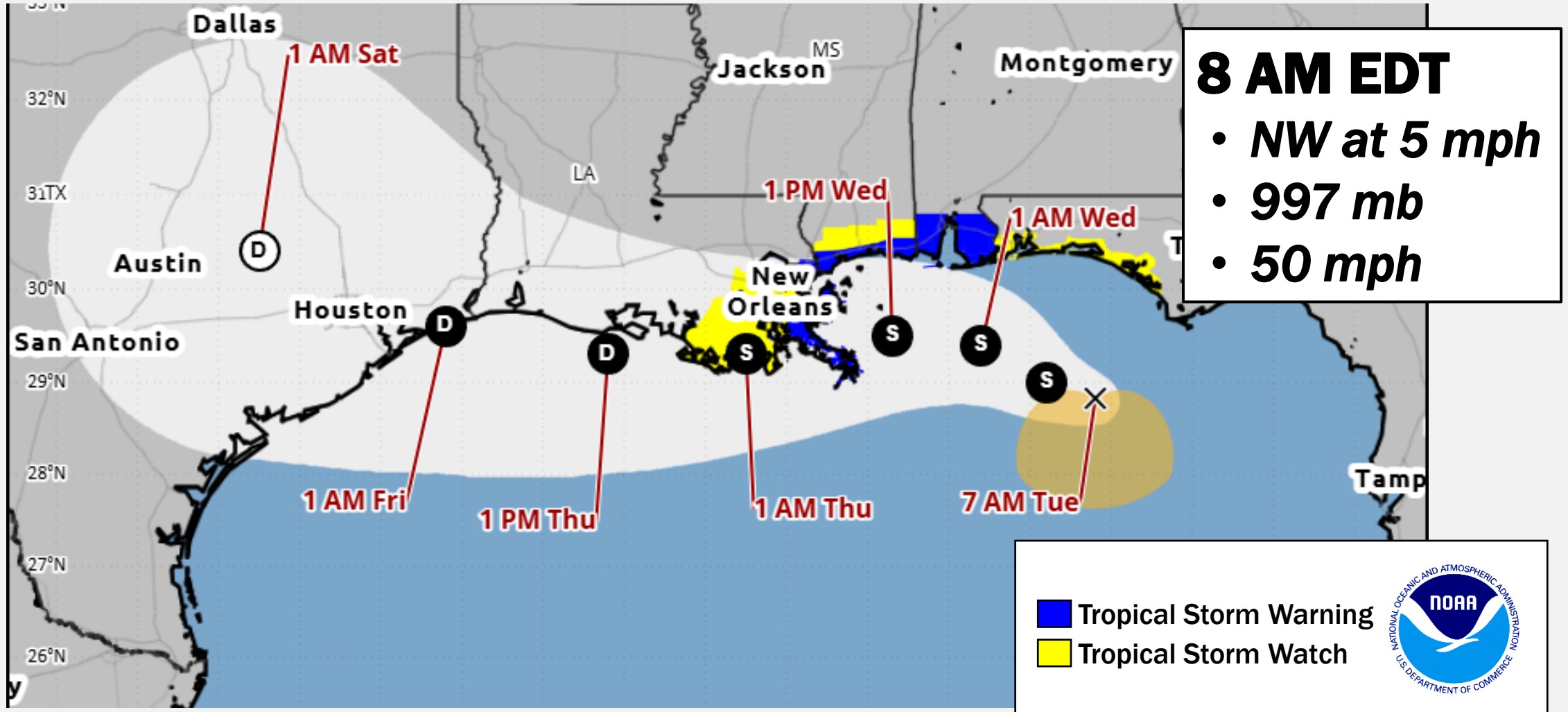
Tropical Storm Bertha

SATELLITE LOOP



Tropical Storm Bertha

FORECAST TRACK



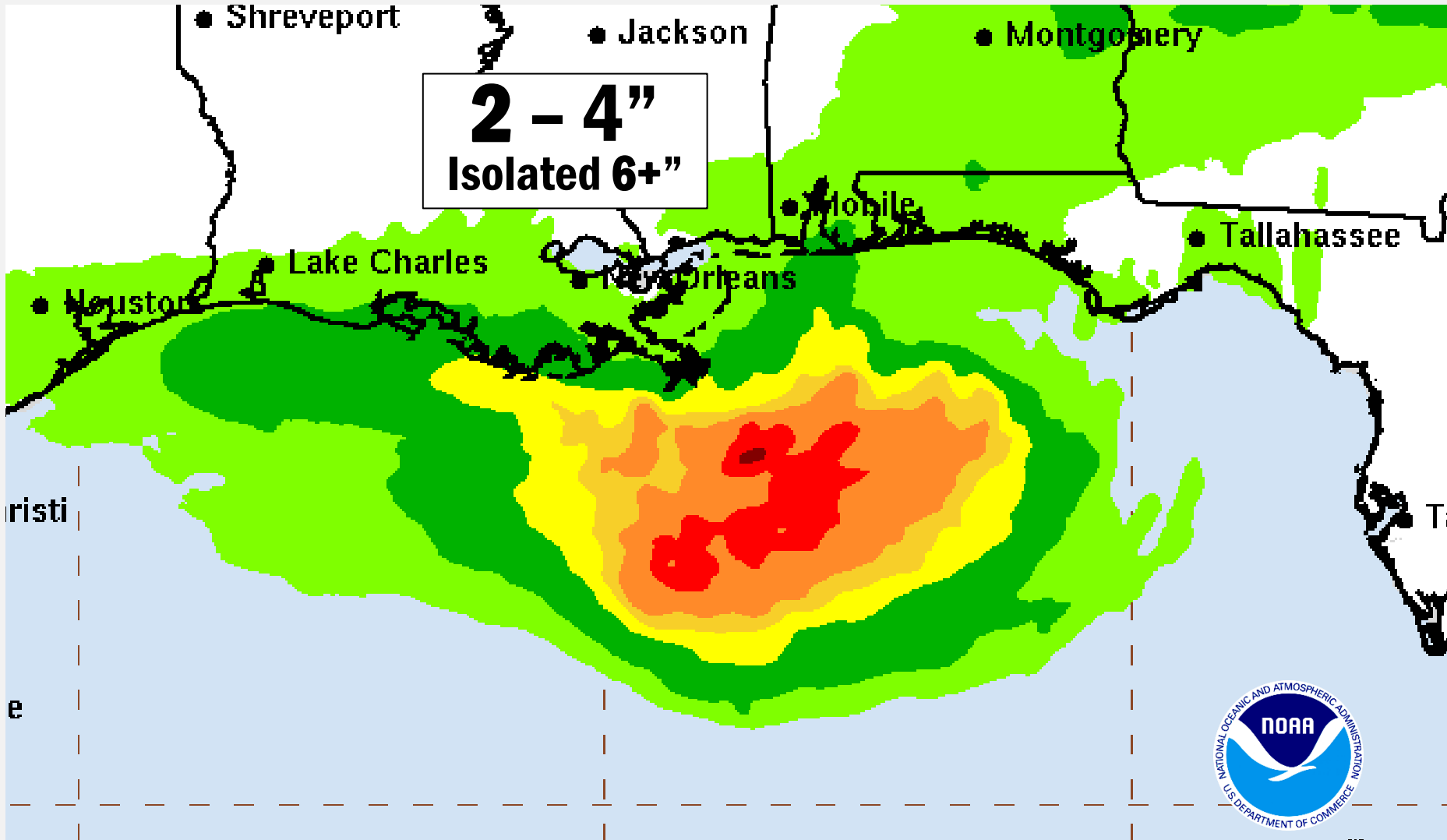
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PEAK STORM SURGE FORECAST



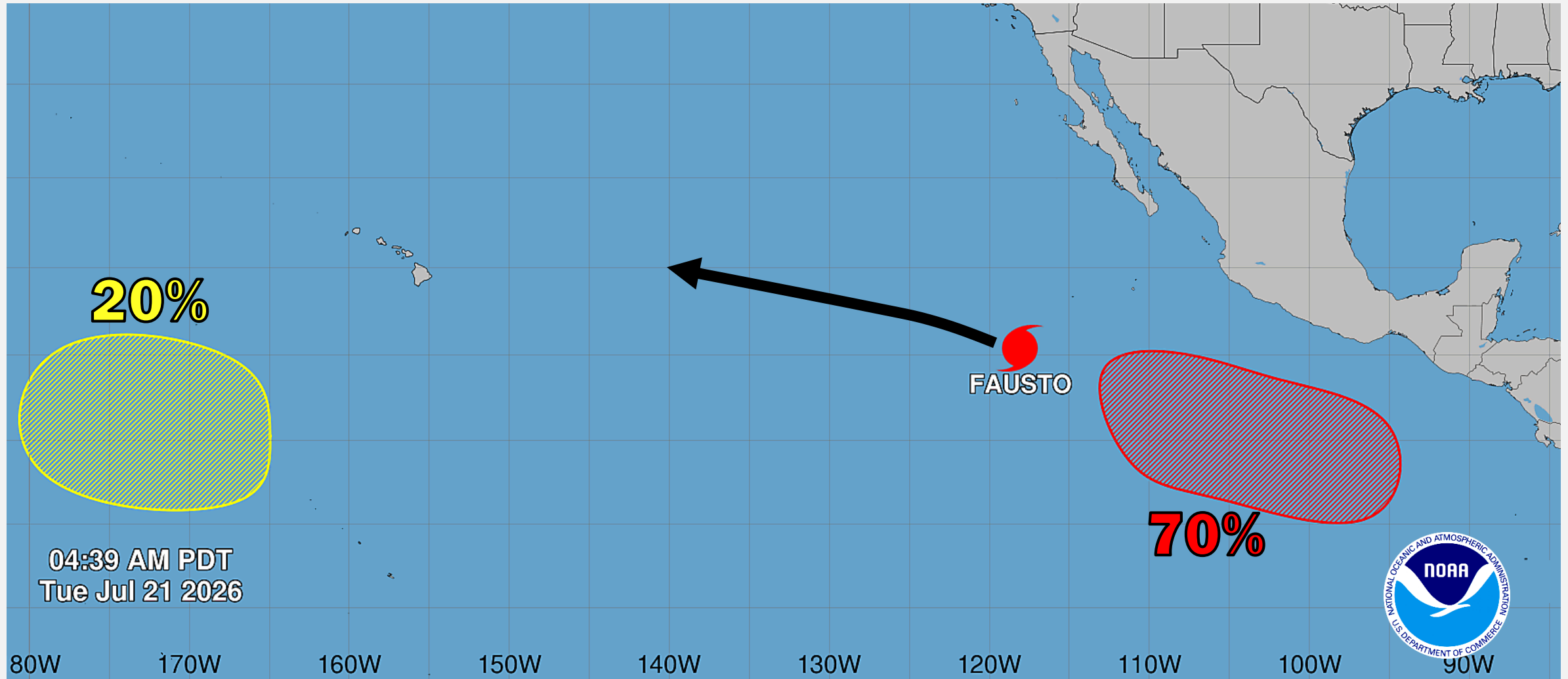
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5 DAY RAINFALL



Central and East Pacific Overview

TROPICAL OUTLOOK



Tropical Storm Bertha – R4 & R6

Situation and Analysis: Tropical Depression Two has strengthened into Tropical Storm Bertha and is expected to bring tropical storm conditions to the Gulf coast—from the Florida Panhandle to southeastern Louisiana—from Jul 20 into today and tomorrow. Tropical Storm Warnings and Watches, along with Storm Surge Watches are in effect from the Alabama/Florida border to Louisiana. Life threatening surge and areas of flash flooding, particularly in urban areas, along the Gulf Coast and inland locations in western Florida, southern portions of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and mid-Texas coastline are possible. (FEMA Tropical Depression 2: R4&R6 IAB No. 1, as of 1:00 p.m. ET, Jul 20).

State / Local Response: (FEMA Tropical Depression 2: R4 & R6 IAB No. 1, as of 1:00 p.m. ET, Jul 20)

FEMA Region 4:

- FL SEOC at Partial Activation (Previous Incidents)
- AL SEOC at Monitoring (Tropical Storm Bertha)
- MS SEOC at Monitoring (Previous Incidents)

FEMA Region 6:

- LA SEOC at Normal Operations
- TX SEOC at Partial Activation (Flooding)

Federal / FEMA Response: (FEMA Tropical Depression 2: R4 & R6 IAB No. 1, as of 1:00 p.m. ET, Jul 20)

FEMA Region 4:

- Region 4 Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- R-IMAT 1 is Available; R-IMAT 2 is Available

FEMA Region 6:

- Region 6 Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Activated with ESFs 1,2,3,5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, and SBA and DCE-6
- FEMA Region 6 Regional Hurricane Program Manager deployed to the National Hurricane Center
- State LNO deployed to Texas SOC (Flooding)
- R-IMAT 1 Deployed (DR-4927-LA – TC Arthur)
- R-IMAT 2 is deployed to Austin, TX (EM-3649-TX – Flooding)

HQ:

- NWC is Monitoring
- N-IMAT Blue Deployed to Austin, TX (EM-3649-TX – Flooding)
- FEMA HQ Response Operations Division held operations coordination call on Jul 20
- NWC activated additional staff to augment HLT operations with LNOs embedded at the NHC, WC, WPC, and SPC

US&R:

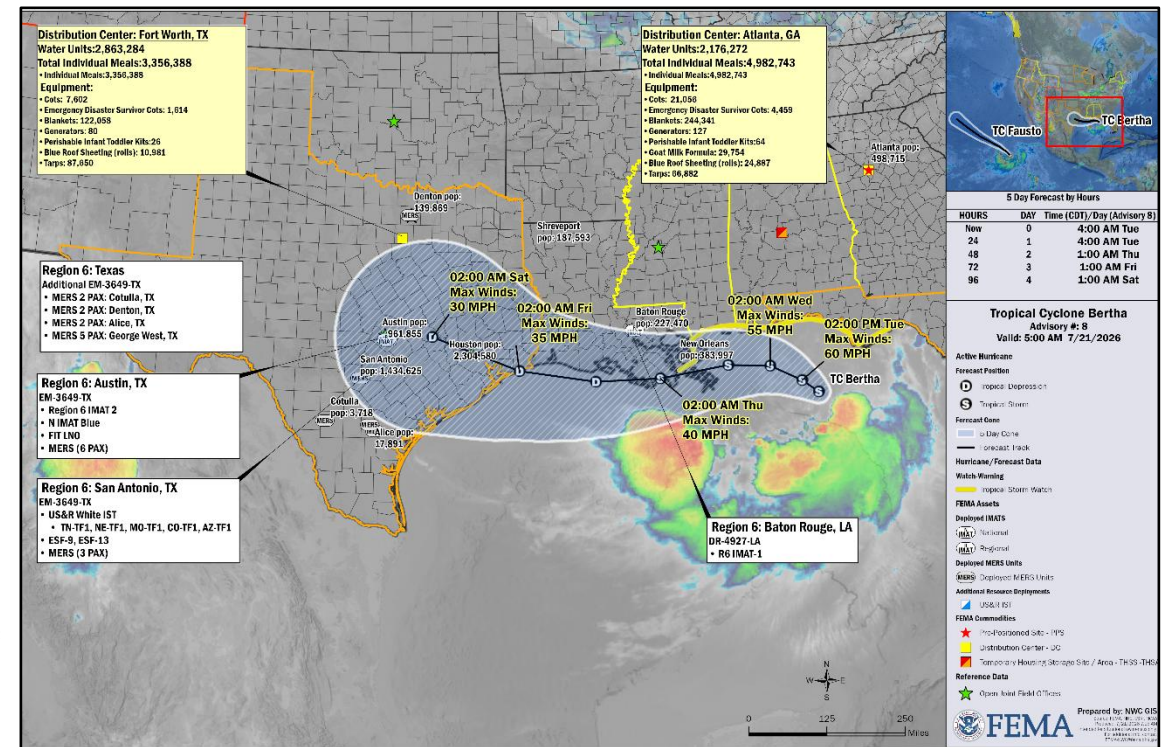
- White IST and 5 Type 3 Task Forces currently deployed to TX (Flooding)

DEC:

- DECD Thomasville and Denton MERS detachments available, DEC Group Team is available and standing by

Logistics:

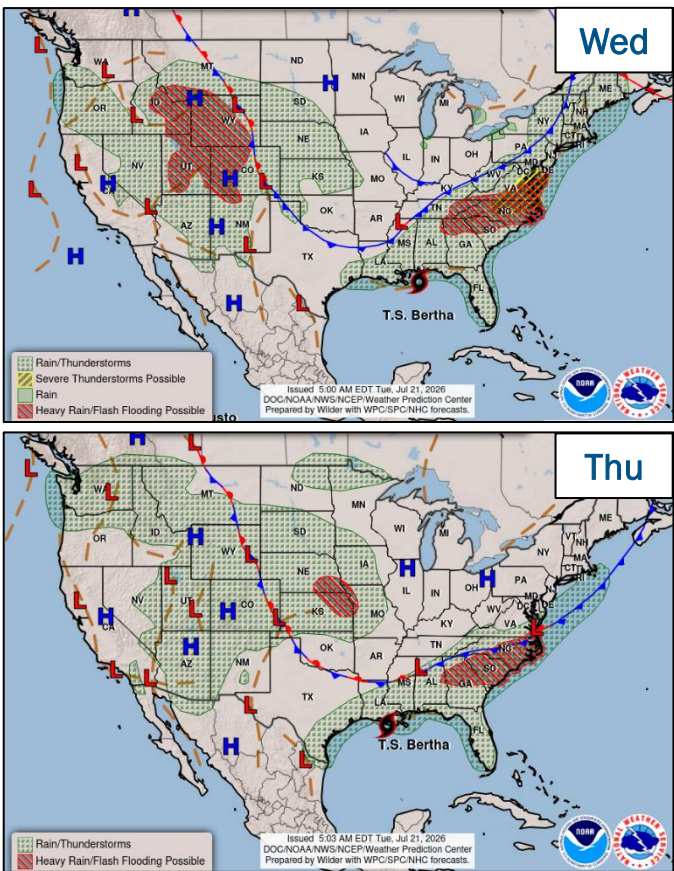
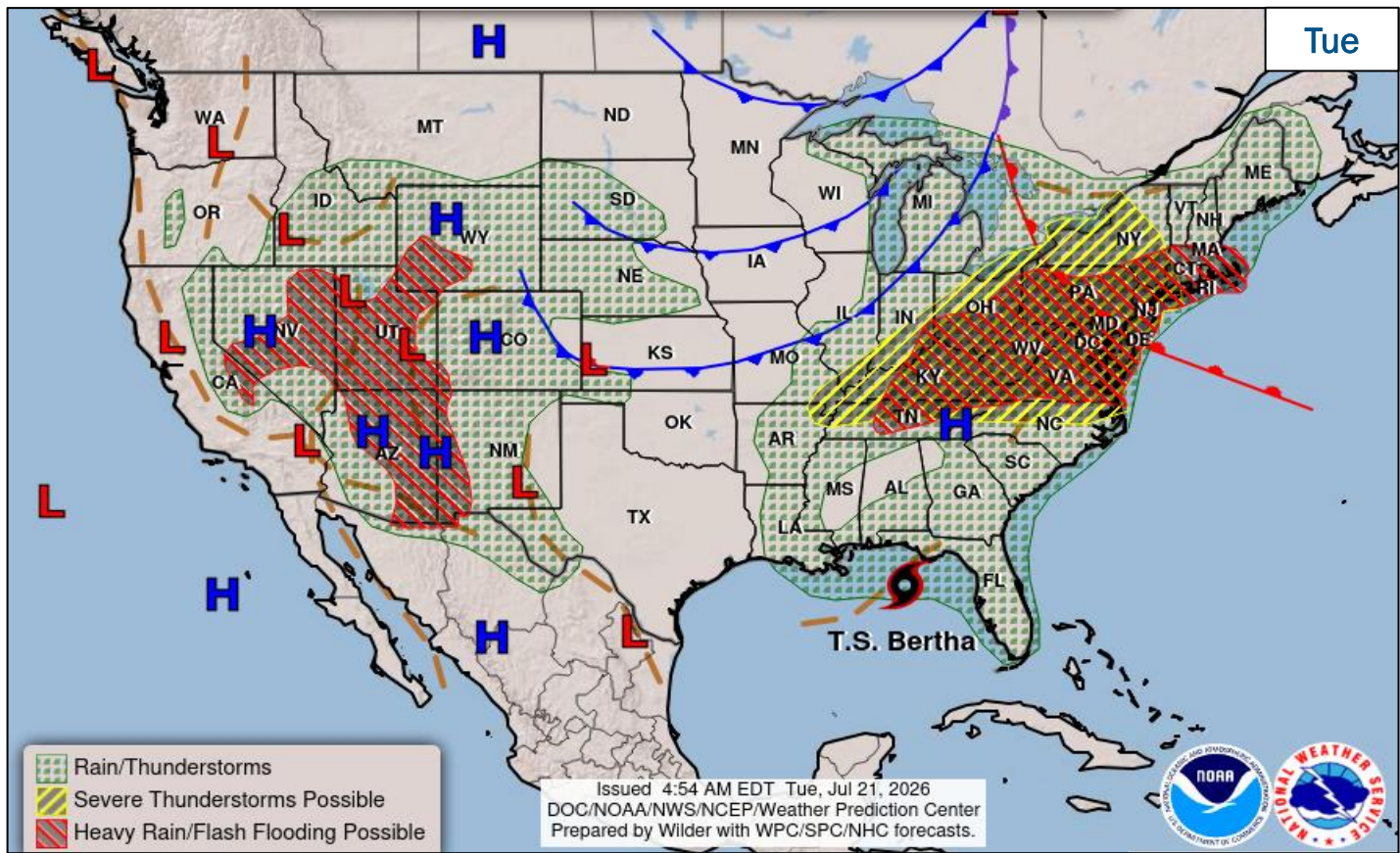
- SMT Fort Worth is on Alert
- ISB Charlie is on standby for the month of July



FEMA NWC will continue to monitor the situation in coordination with FEMA Regions 4 and 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).

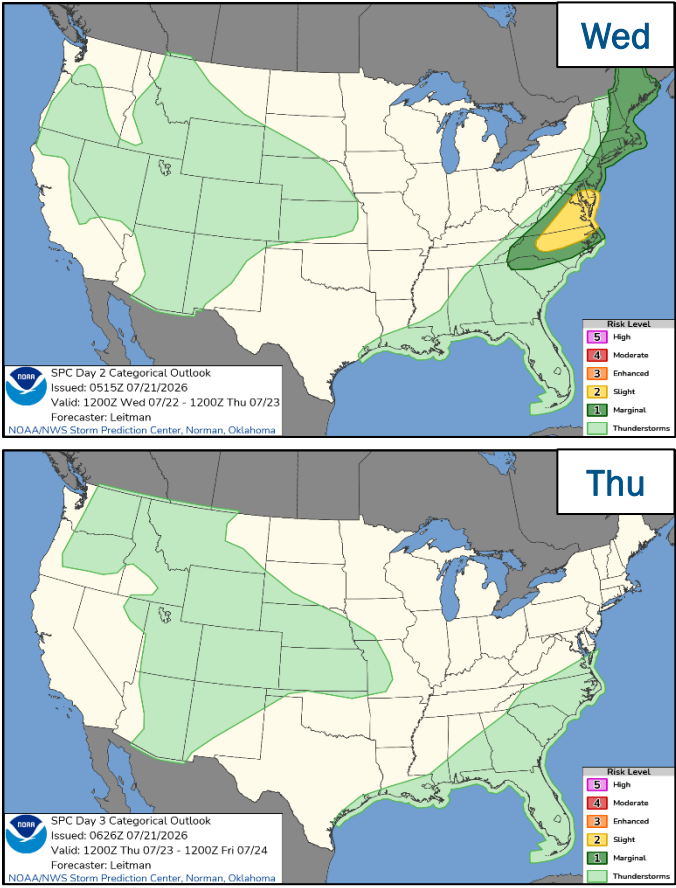
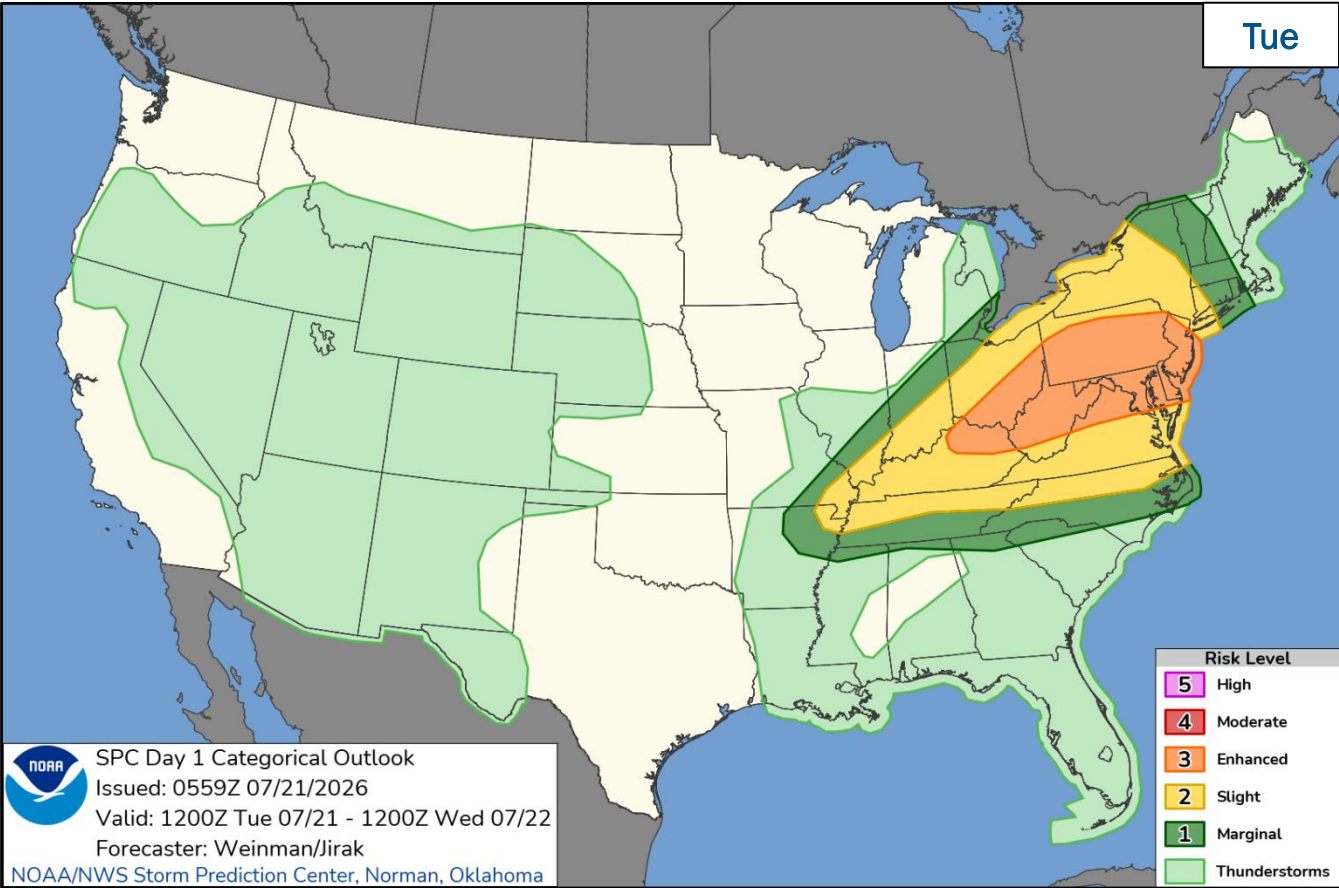


National Weather Forecast



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Severe Weather Outlook



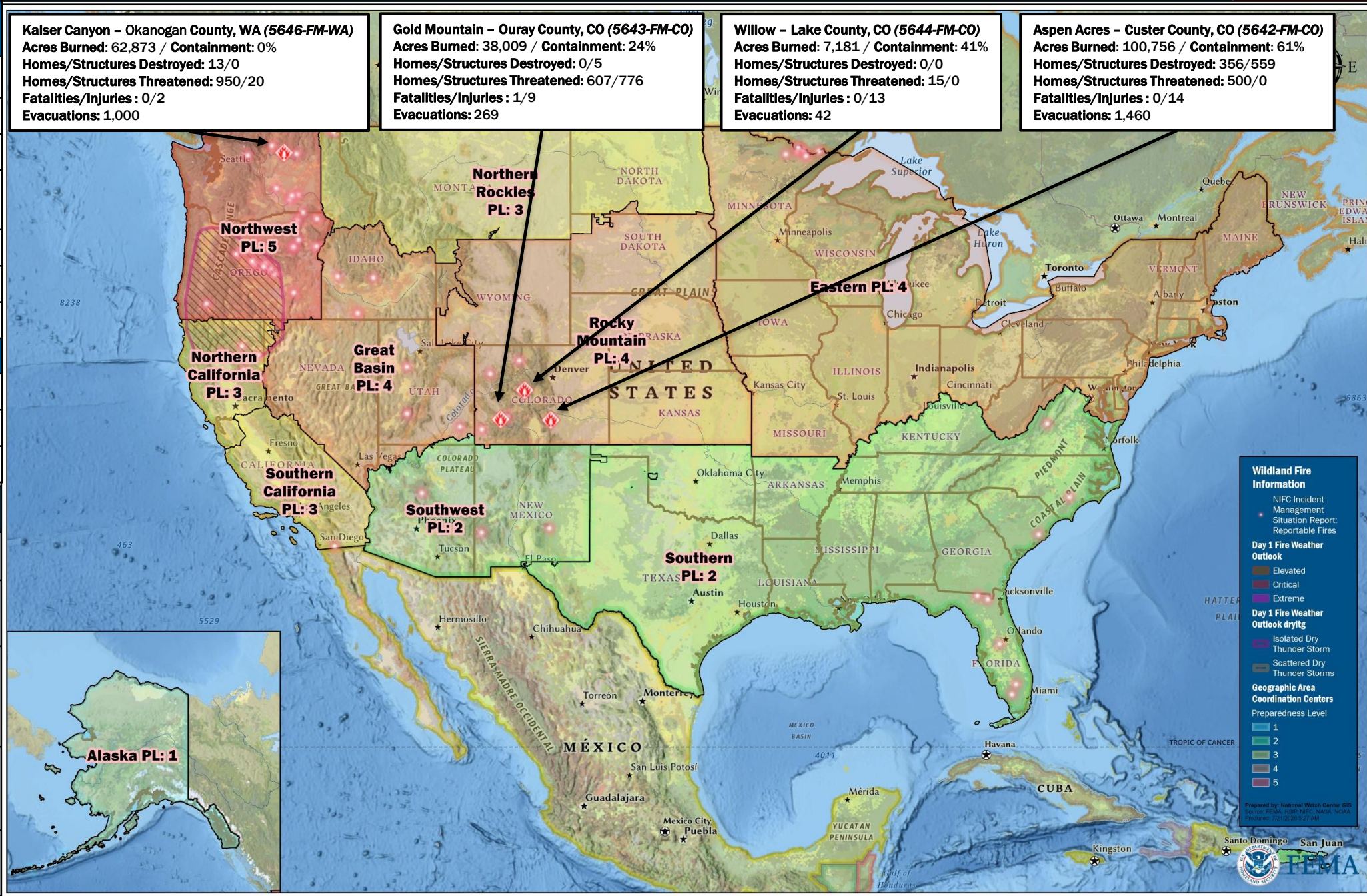
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National Fire Activity – July 21, 2026

PL 5

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (128 fires)
New Large Fires	5
Large Fires Contained	3
Uncontained Large Fires	74
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	3,960,623
Total Responders	19,397
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	1
Complex IMTs Deployed	27
FMAGS	Total
2026 (FYTD)	32
2025	75
3 Year Average	53

Preparedness Level: 5	
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



Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Aspen Acres (Custer, CO)	5642-FM-CO	100,756 (+356)	61%	M: 1,460	H: 500	H: 50	H: 356	0 / 14 (+2)
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 9	O: 559	
Gold Mountain (Ouray, CO)	5643-FM-CO	38,009 (+47)	24% (+11)	M: 269	H: 607	H: 0	H: 0	1 / 9 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 776	O: 0	O: 5	
Willow (Lake, CO)	5644-FM-CO	7,181 (+23)	41% (+4)	M: 42 (-49)	H: 15 (-1,159)	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 13
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Kaiser Canyon (Okanogan, WA)	5646-FM-WA	62,873 (+2,647)	0%	M: 1,000	H: 950	H: 0	H: 13	0 / 2
				V: 0	O: 20	O: 0	O: 0	

(Evacuations: M = Mandatory / V = Voluntary; Structures: H = Homes and Mixed Commercial/Residential / O = Non-residential Commercial/Other Minor Structures)



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

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NWC **NRCC**

Watch 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:
• R2 Watch: Equipment
• R5 Watch: Severe Weather
• R6 Watch: NM Burn Scar Flooding
• R6 RRCC: Flooding
• R10 RRCC: Staffing
IMATs:
• N-IMAT Red: Deployed (3648-EM-GU)
• N-IMAT White: Deployed (3648-EM-GU)
• N-IMAT Blue: Deployed (TX Flooding)
• N-IMAT HS - Reconstituting
• R1: Staffing
• R2: Staffing
• R4-1/2: Staffing
• R5: Deployed (4925-DR-MI)
• R6-1: Deployed (4927-DR-LA)
• R6-2: Deployed (3649-EM-TX)
• R7: Staffing
• R8: Deployed (4923-DR-WI)
• R9-1: Deployed (4909-DR-HI)
• R9-2: (4910-DR-MP/3647-EM-MP)
• R10: Staffing

State EOCs:
• DC: Summer 2026 Events
• MS: Previous Incidents
• AK/AZ/CO/MN/OR: Wildfires
• WA: Fire Season
• KY/TX: Severe Weather
• MP: TC Sirlene/TC Bavi
• UT: Major Events/Drought/Crop Loss
• RI: Previous Incidents
• NJ/ID: Wildfires
• NJ: FFA World Cup/Severe Weather
• NY: FFA World Cup
• GU: TC Bavi
• MO: Flooding/Severe Weather
• WI: Support for 4923-DR-WI
• AL: TS Bertha

Incident Workforce

19,130
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,962 / 36%
Deployed

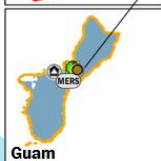
5,489 / 29%
Available
to Deploy for 30 Days

6,679 / 35%
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	3	3
R7	0	3	0	0
R8	1	6	0	0
R9	0	4	4	0
R10	4	7	0	0



CNMI
DR-4910-MP &
EM-3647-MP
• R9 IMAT-2
• N-IMAT White
• MERS

Guam
DR-4910-MP & EM-3648-GU
• N-IMAT Red
• ISB Delta
• ISB Charlie
• SMT Hawaii/Bothell
• MERS

Oahu, HI
DR-4909-HI
• R9 IMAT-1

TC Fausto
Dist. 2

TC Bertha
Dist. 1

Denver, CO
DR-4903-SD
Closing 07/24

Madison, WI
DR-4923-WI
• R8 IMAT

Lansing, MI
DR-4925-MI
• R5 IMAT

Willow
Gold Mountain
Aspen Acres

Denton, TX
EM-3649-TX
• MERS

San Antonio, TX
EM-3649-TX
• White IST (US&R)
• MERS

Cotulla, TX
EM-3649-TX
• MERS

Alice, TX
EM-3649-TX
• MERS

George West, TX
EM-3649-TX
• MERS

Austin, TX
EM-3649-TX
• R6 IMAT-2
• N-IMAT Blue
• MERS

Baton Rouge, LA
DR-4927-LA
• R6 IMAT-1

Flash, Urban & Arroyo Flooding Impacts Pos.

Flash & Urban Flooding Poss. TC Bertha

Flash & Urban Flooding Poss.

Flash, Urban, Small Stream Flooding

Severe Wx: Slight Enhanced Risk

Iso. Flash Flooding Poss.

Flash, Urban, Small Stream Flooding

Flash & Urban Flooding Poss.

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National IMAT

GU	Red
MP	White
TX	Blue
	Gold
	HS

Regional IMAT

1	Region 1
3	Region 2
	Region 3
2	Region 4
	Region 5
	Region 6
	Region 7
	Region 8
	Region 9
	Region 10

Commodities & Equipment

CONUS	Distribution Centers			Housing		
	Water	Meals	Gen.	MHU	TT	
	DC Tracy, CA			THSS Selma, AL	107%	200%
	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

CONUS	Distribution Centers			Housing		
	Staff			Staff		
	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%				
	DC Guam	77%				
	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

FCO

Task Forces	
Assigned	38
Not Mission Capable	2
Deployed	27 (19 FCO)
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	
R5	IN	Severe Weather & Flooding	IA	9	4 (+4)	7/16 - TBD
			PA	42 (+28)	4 (+4)	7/16 - TBD
R7	IA	Severe Storms Jul 3-16	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	7	0	TBD - TBD
	KS	Severe Weather Jun 4-15	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	34	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
R8	SD	Severe Storms, Winds, and Tornadoes Jun 29-Jul 3	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	10	0	7/16 - TBD



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Declaration Request – Mississippi

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – MS

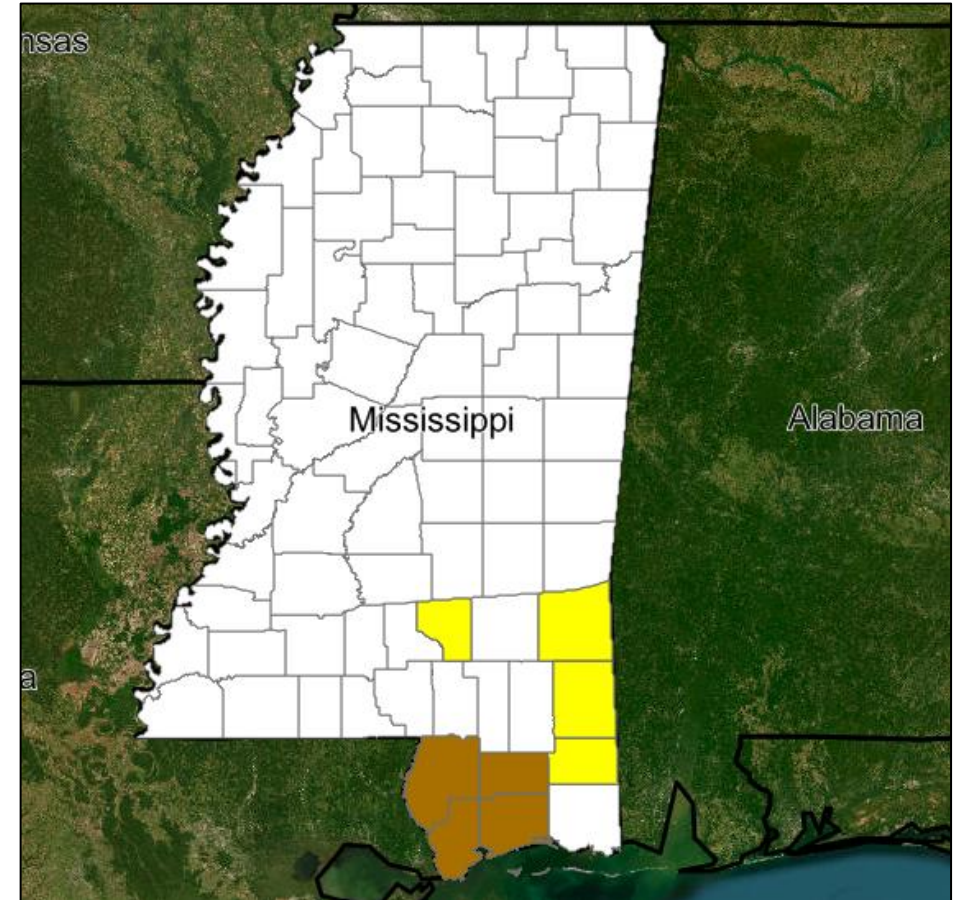
Date Requested: Jul 16

Incident: Severe Storms and Flooding

Incident Period: June 18-20

Requested:

- **IA/PA:** 4 counties
- **PA:** 4 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



■ IA/PA

■ PA



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Declaration Requests in Process – 7

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
NE – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 15
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
MS– Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Jul 16



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