

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, July 23, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Tropical Storm Bertha – FEMA Regions 4 & 6
- Flooding – West Virginia

Hazard Monitoring

- Excessive Rainfall / Flash Flooding – Mid-Atlantic, Southern Appalachians, and Tennessee Valley
- Severe Thunderstorms – Mid-Atlantic, Central High Plains, and Pacific Northwest
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic: Tropical Storm Bertha
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Hurricane Fausto (CAT-1)
 - Disturbance 1: High (90%)
 - Disturbance 2: High (70%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- FMAG Approval: Akawa Butte Fire – OR

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events

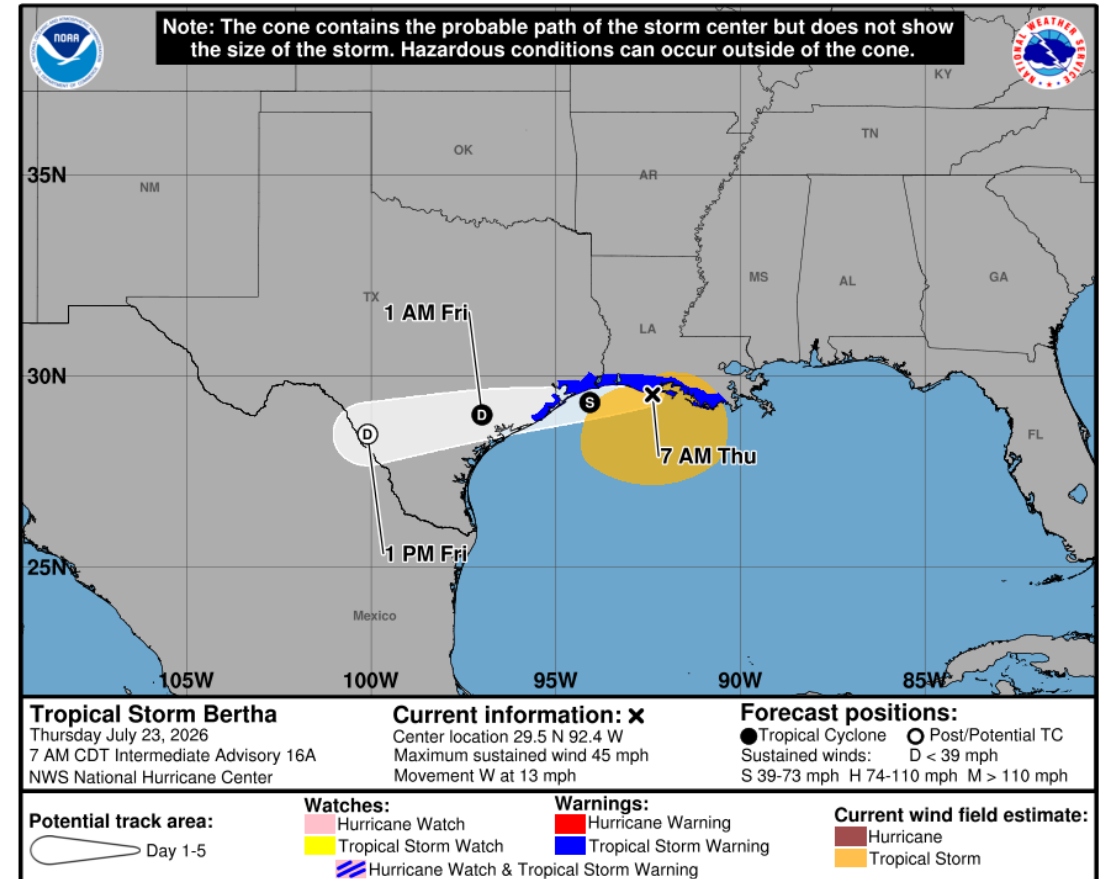


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Tropical Storm Bertha – Atlantic

Situation: (Advisory #16A, as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located **145 miles WSW** of New Orleans, Louisiana
- Moving W at **13 mph**
- Maximum sustained winds of 45 mph
- Tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 160 miles
- Forecast to maintain intensity until it reaches the **upper Texas coast today**
- Expected to **make landfall along NW Gulf Coast today** then dissipate inland over Texas **tonight** or Friday



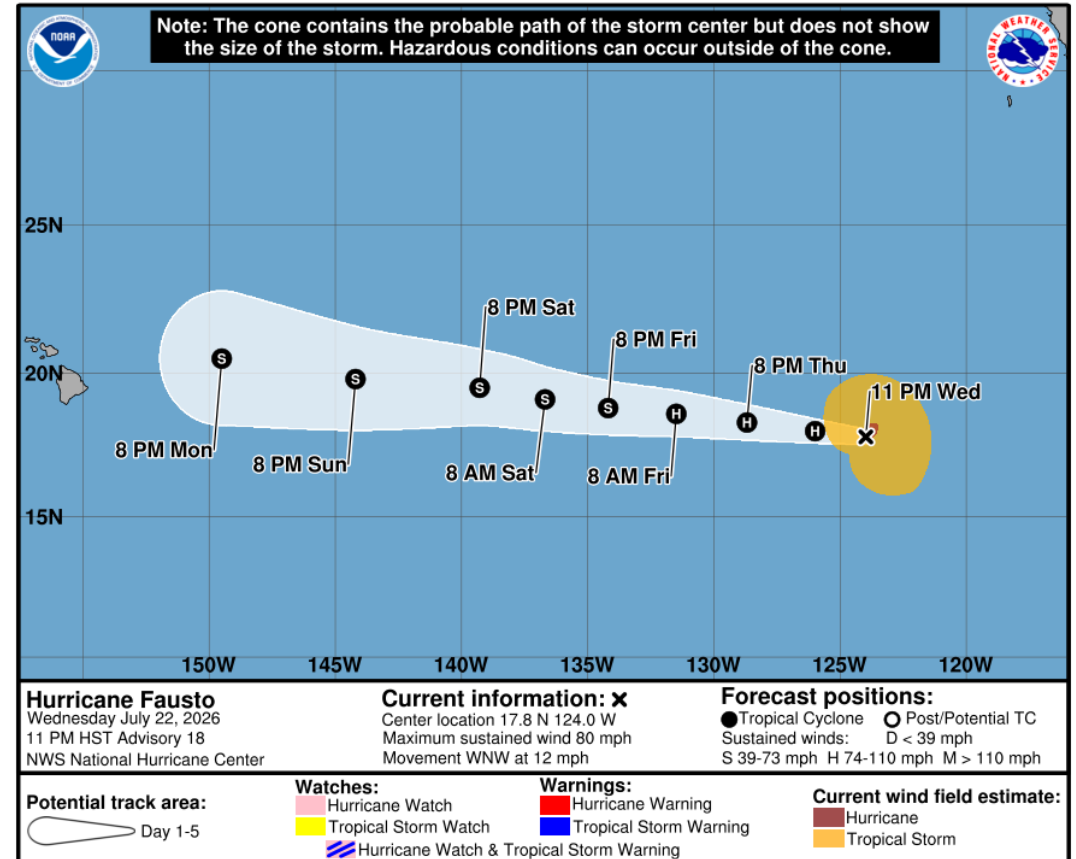
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Hurricane Fausto (CAT-1) – Eastern and Central Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #18, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located **980** miles WSW of the southern tip of Baja California peninsula
- Moving **WNW** at 12 mph
- Maximum sustained winds of 80 mph
- Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to **45** miles and tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to **185** miles
- **Maintaining intensity over next day, followed by gradual weakening**

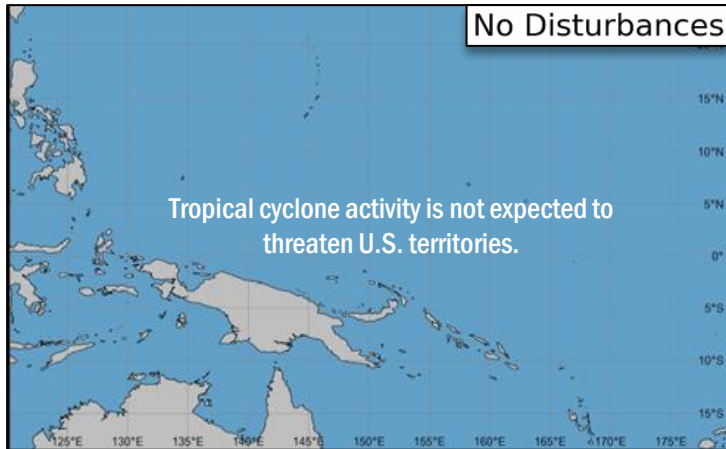


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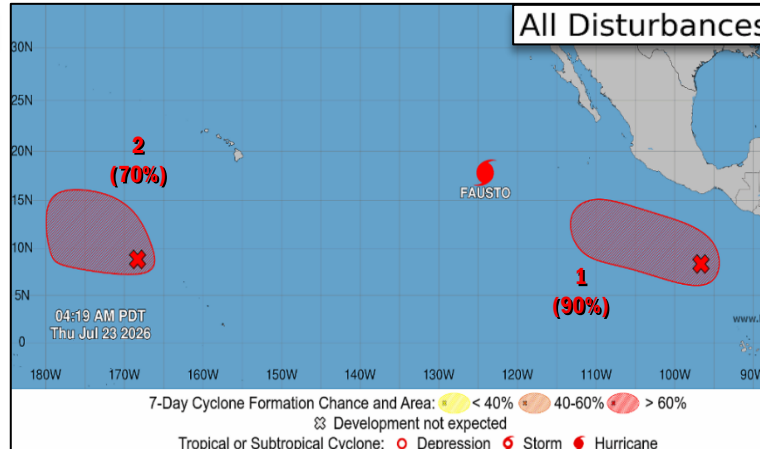
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



- Tropical cyclone activity is not expected to threaten U.S. territories.

Eastern and Central Pacific



Hurricane Fausto (CAT-1): (Advisory #18, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

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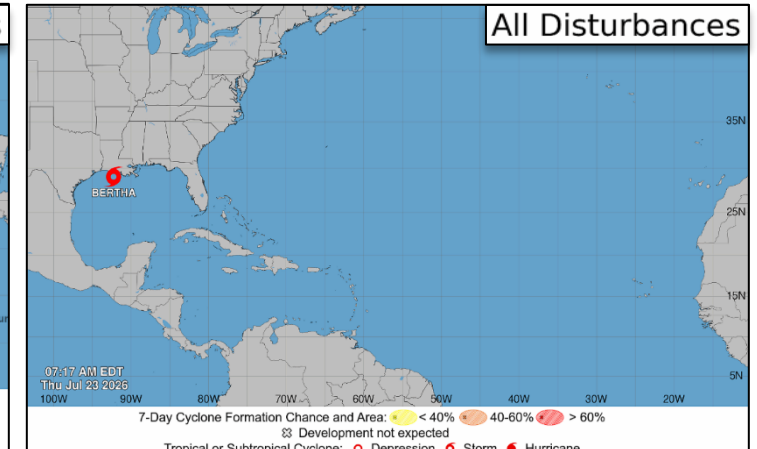
Disturbance 1: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located **several** hundred miles **S** of southern Mexico coast
- Moving WNW at **10-15 mph**
- Gradual development of this system is expected, and a tropical depression is expected to form **late this weekend or over the weekend**
- Formation chance – 48-hour: **Medium (60%)**; 7-day: High (90%)

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

- Located well SW of the Hawaiian islands
- Moving **slowly W to WNW**
- Environmental conditions appear conducive for some gradual development; tropical depression **likely** to form this weekend or early next week
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (20%); 7-day: **High (70%)**

Atlantic



Tropical Storm Bertha: (Advisory #16A, as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

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Tropical Storm Bertha – FEMA Regions 4 & 6

Situation and Analysis: Tropical Storm Bertha is located about 110 miles southwest of New Orleans, LA, moving west at 13 mph with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph. Tropical storm warnings remain in effect from the Terrebonne/Lafourche Parish line, LA, to Sargent, TX. Bertha is expected to maintain its strength as it moves near or along the Louisiana and upper Texas coasts today, before dissipating inland over Texas tonight or Friday morning. Hazards affecting land include tropical storm force winds, 2–4 inches of rain with isolated totals up to 6 inches that may cause flash flooding, and coastal storm surge of 1–3 feet from the mouth of the Mississippi River to Port Bolivar, TX, including Lake Pontchartrain. Life threatening surf and rip currents will continue along the northern Gulf Coast. (HLT Update #16, as of 5:38 a.m. ET, Jul 23)

State / Local Response:

FEMA Region 4:

- AL SEOC is Monitoring (TC Bertha)
- FL SEOC at Partial Activation (Previous Incidents)
- MS SEOC is Monitoring (Previous Incidents)

FEMA Region 6:

- LA SEOC is Monitoring (TC Bertha)
- TX SEOC at Partial Activation (Flooding)

Federal / FEMA Response:

FEMA Region 4:

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

FEMA Region 6:

- Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Activated with ESFs 1,2,3,5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 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 (America 250) with augmented HLT and NOAA LNO support
- N-IMAT Blue deployed to Austin, TX (EM-3649-TX – Flooding)

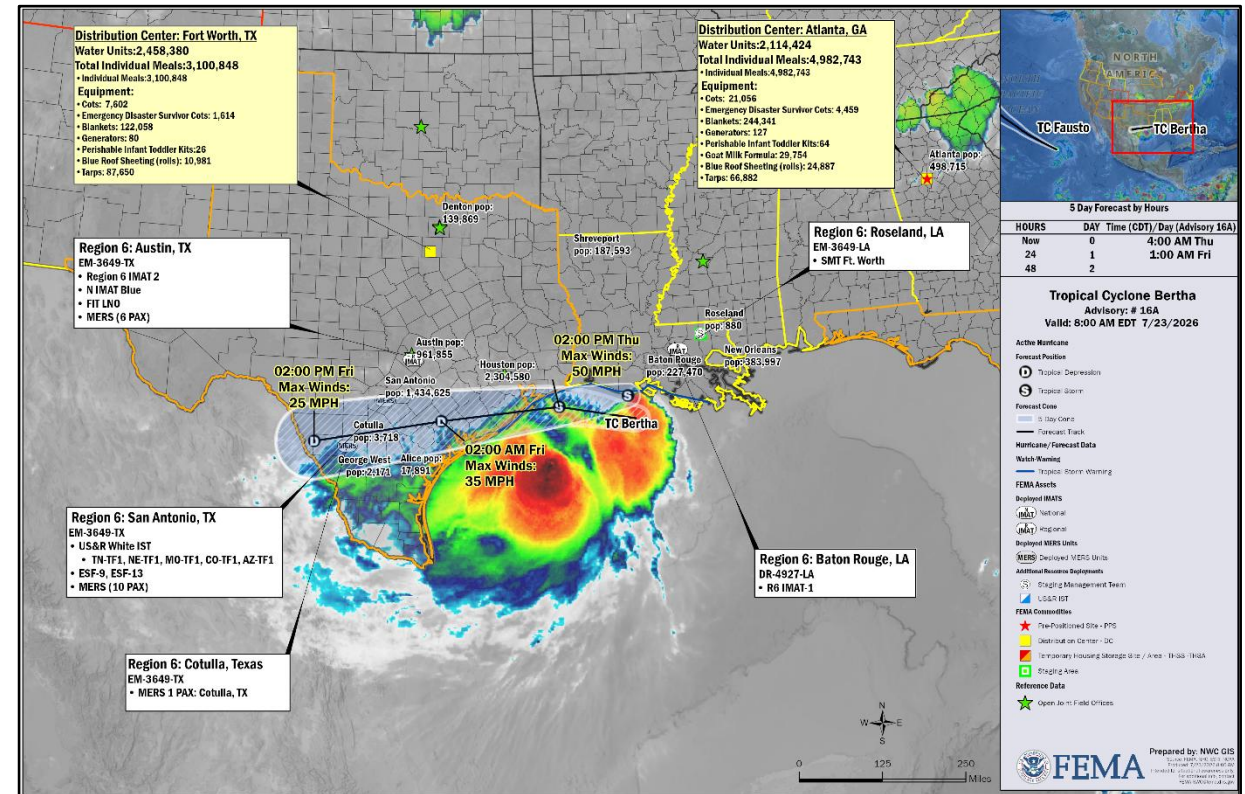
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- IST White and 5 Type 3 Task Forces currently deployed to TX (Flooding)
- 2 Task Force teams staged in San Antonio, TX for support

DEC: Thomasville and Denton MERS available; DEC Group Team is available

Logistics:

- SMT Ft. Worth deployed to Roseland, LA
- ISB Charlie on Standby



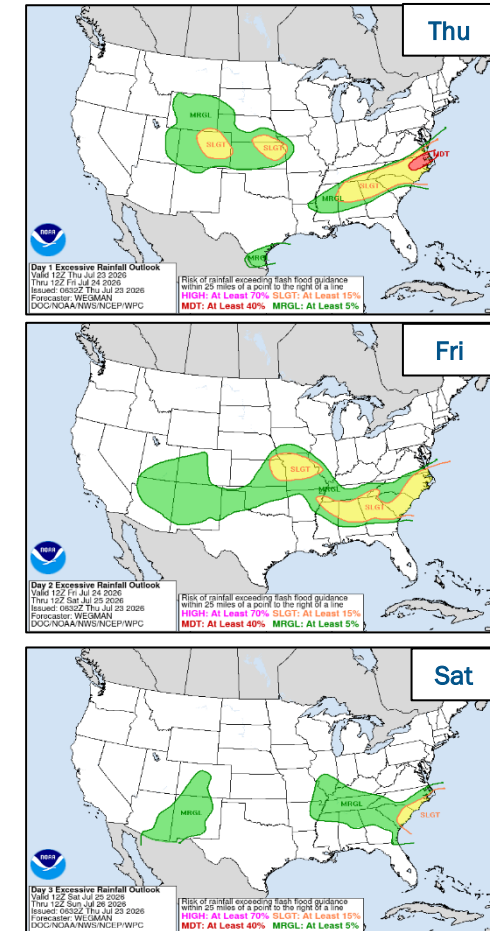
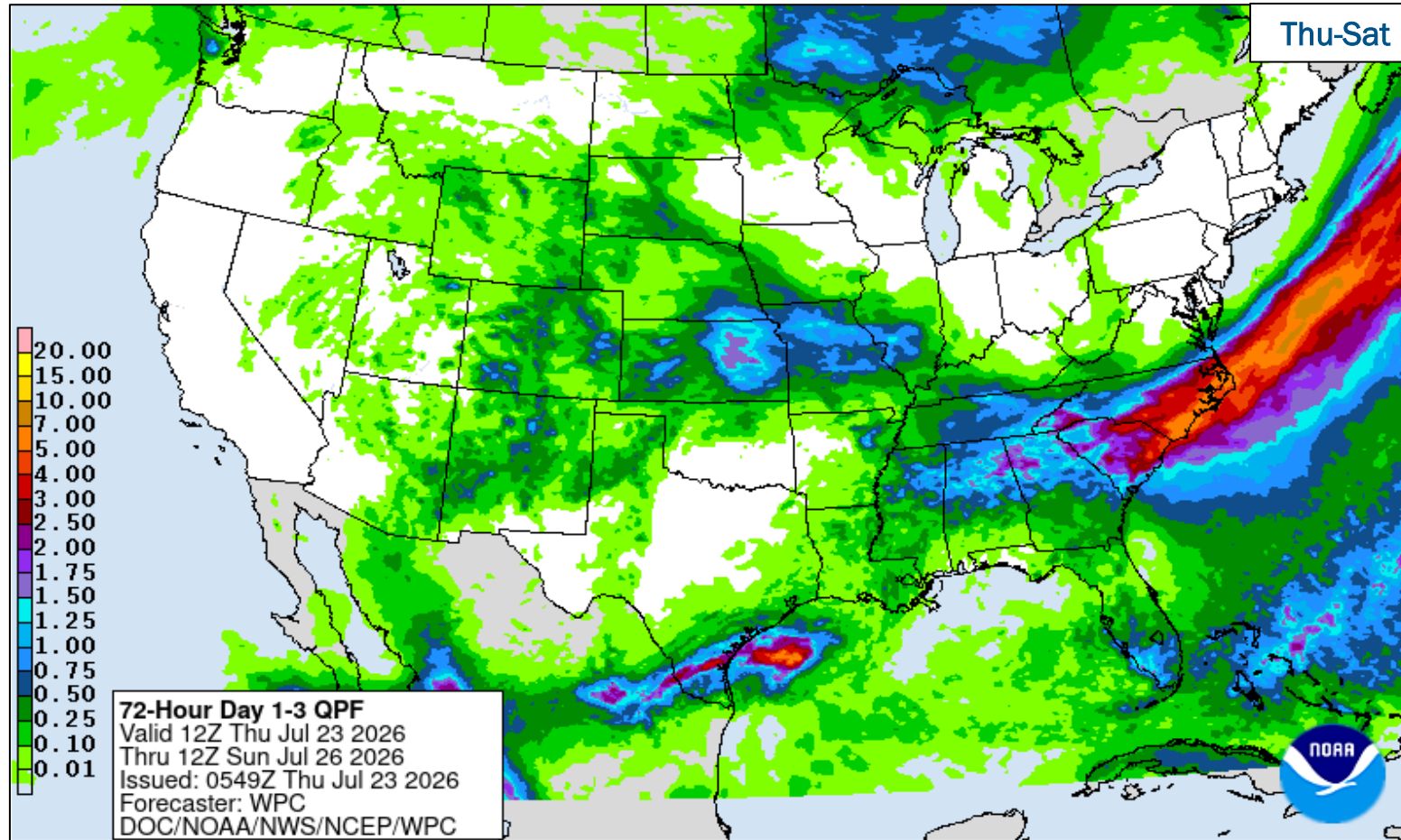
FEMA NWC will continue to monitor the situation in coordination with FEMA Regions 4 and 6. Updates will be provided in the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET) and in the twice daily FEMA National Situation Report (3:00 a.m. ET / 5:00 p.m. ET).



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Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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Flooding – West Virginia

Situation: Severe storms in portions of north central West Virginia caused widespread flooding across several communities. Multiple reports from Harrison-Taylor and Marion Counties indicate extensive flooding, blocked roads, and downed powerlines. Major roads are impassable, and first responders are conducting water rescues, assisting flooded homes, and clearing roadways.

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA R3 SPOTREP #25, as of 10:04 a.m. ET, Jul 22)

Safety & Security: Shelter-in-place orders in Buckhannon and Lewis County

- WV Division of Natural Resources performed 33 water rescues
- Flooding reported throughout most of the Town of Weston (pop. 4k)
- City of Buckhannon (pop. 5k) and Lewis County Commission issued shelter-in-place order until further notice

Food, Hydration, Shelter: 3 shelters open / 64 occupants

Health and Medical: Two hospitals were compromised due to storm conditions and impassable roads

- Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital operating on generator power, critical facility, approximately 96 hours of fuel on hand
- William Sharpe Jr Hospital no access due to road closure and flooding, access routes impassable

Transportation: High water and flooding continue to impact roadways across WV

- Various mudslides, washouts, and high water on roadways are hindering travel into Lewis County to include closures on US-33/Corridor H (water over roadway), I-79 at mile exit 96 (mudslide) and exit 106 (underwater)
- Road closure on I-79 in both directions in northern Lewis Co near Jane Lew, WV (pop. 400)
- Road closures in Taylor, Barbour, Fayette, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Lewis, and Tyler counties

State /Local Response:

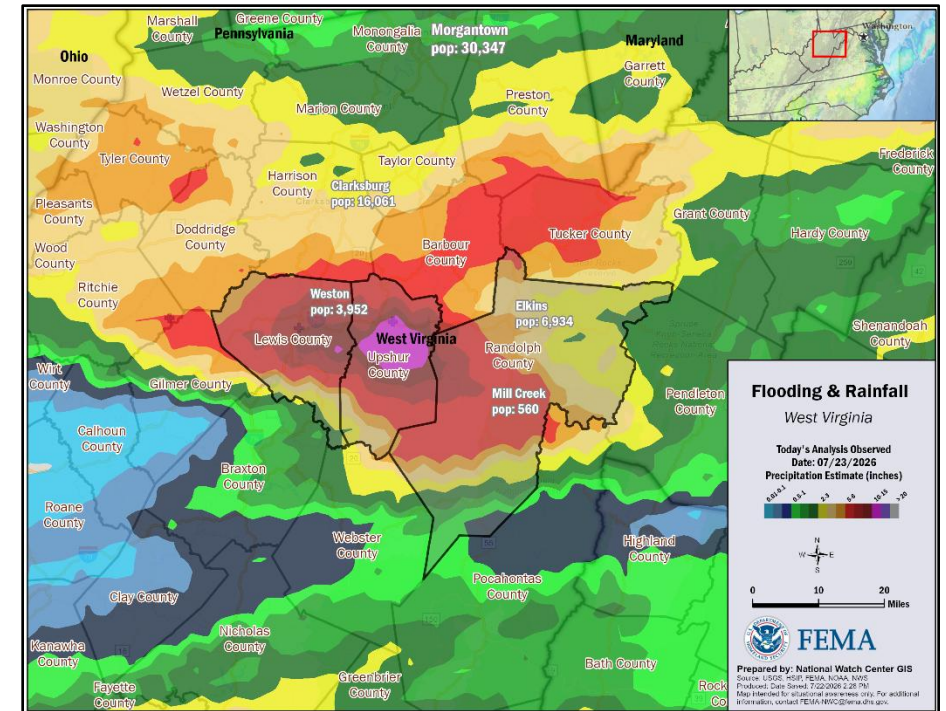
- WV SEOC at Full Activation (Severe Weather)
 - Governor declared a State of Emergency for all 55 counties
 - WV National Guard helicopters and personnel deployed to Clarksburg for search and rescue efforts

Federal / FEMA Response:

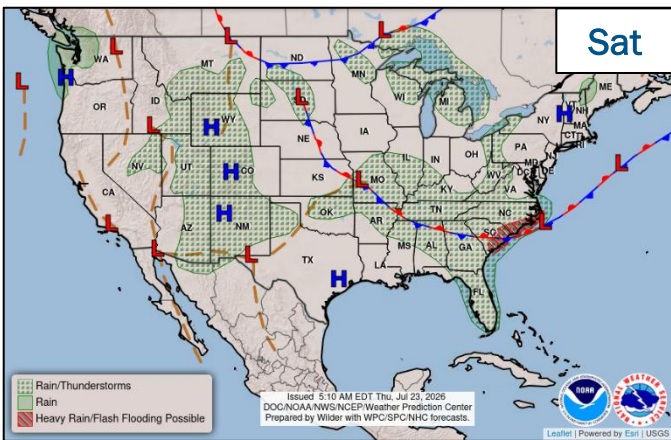
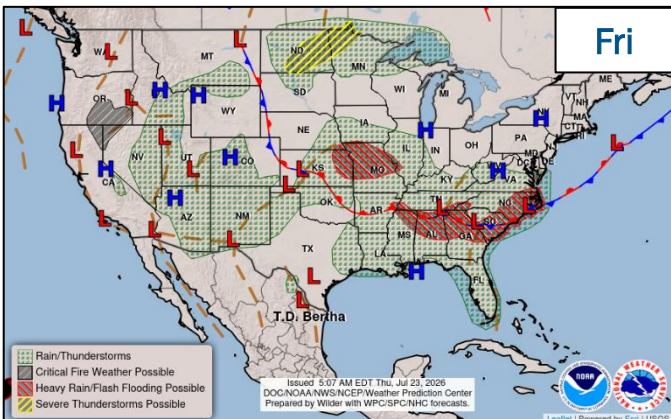
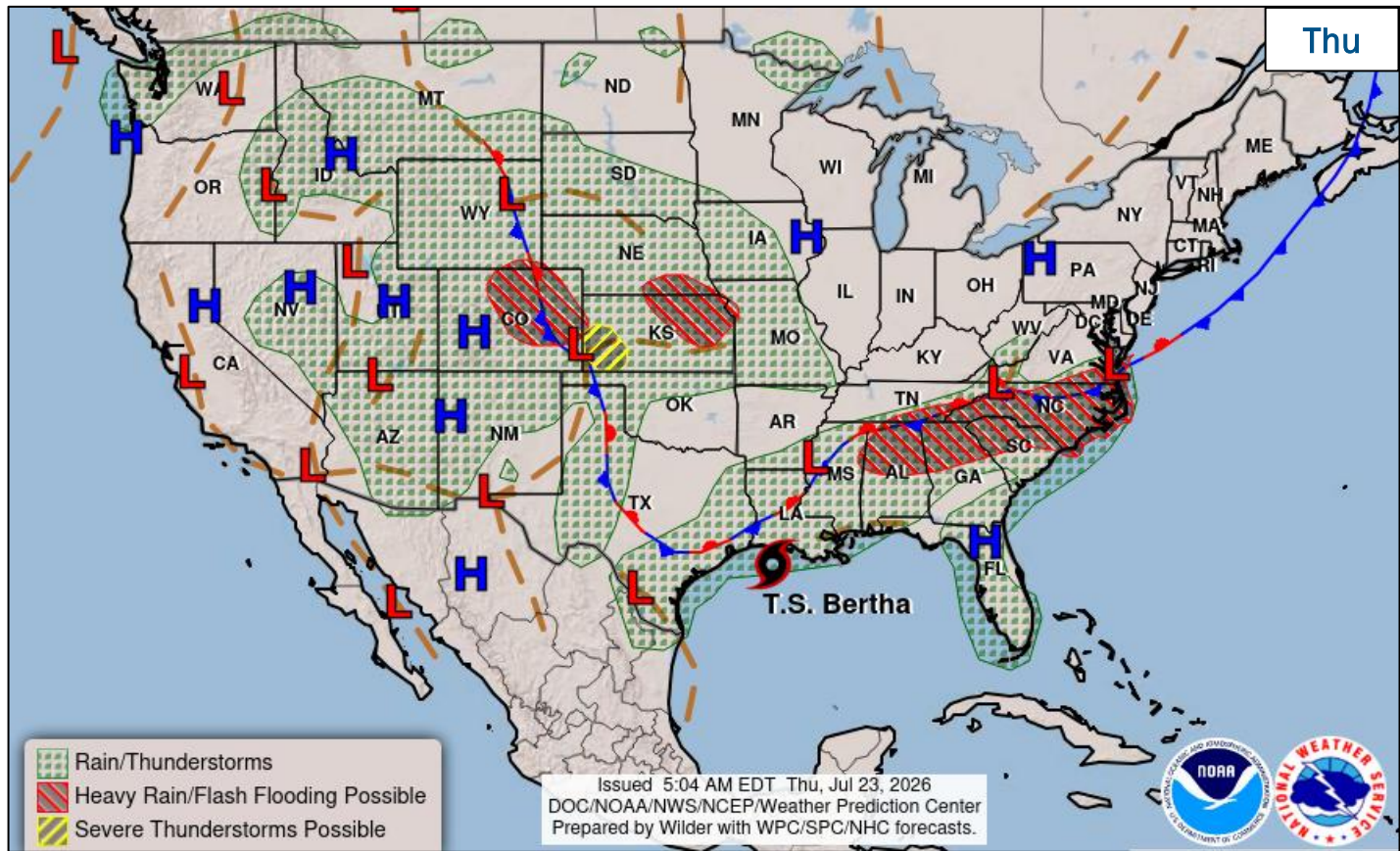
FEMA Region 3:

- Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered; R-IMAT is available
- Liaison Officer (LNO) deployed to WV SEOC (FEMA Region 3 Activation Order, as of 9:45 p.m. ET)

FEMA HQ: NWC is Monitoring

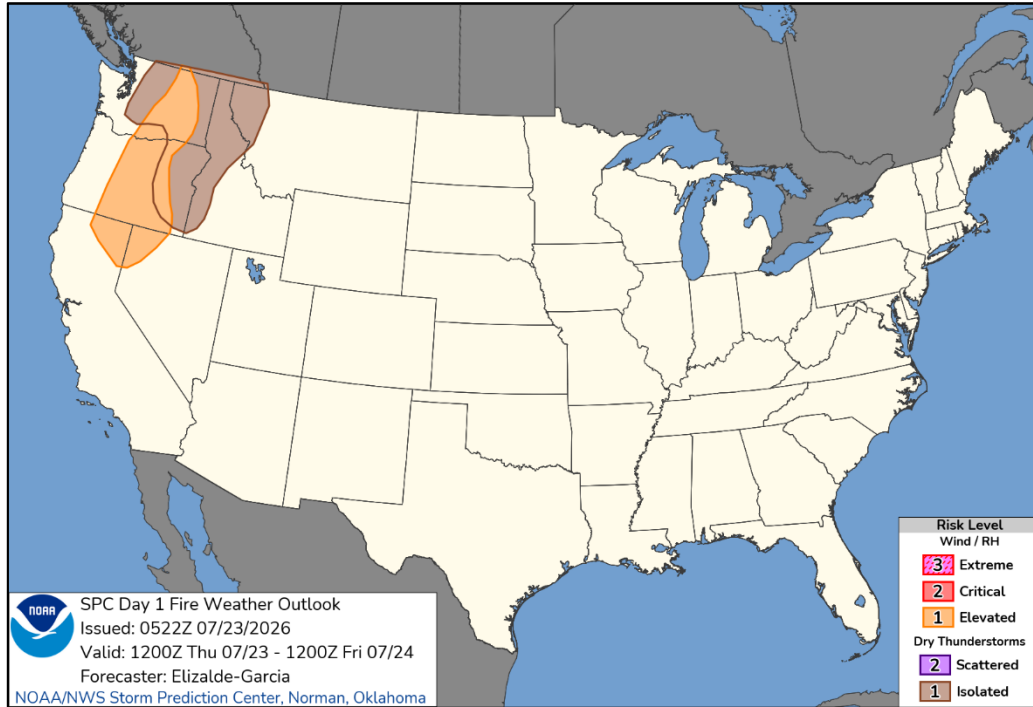


National Weather Forecast

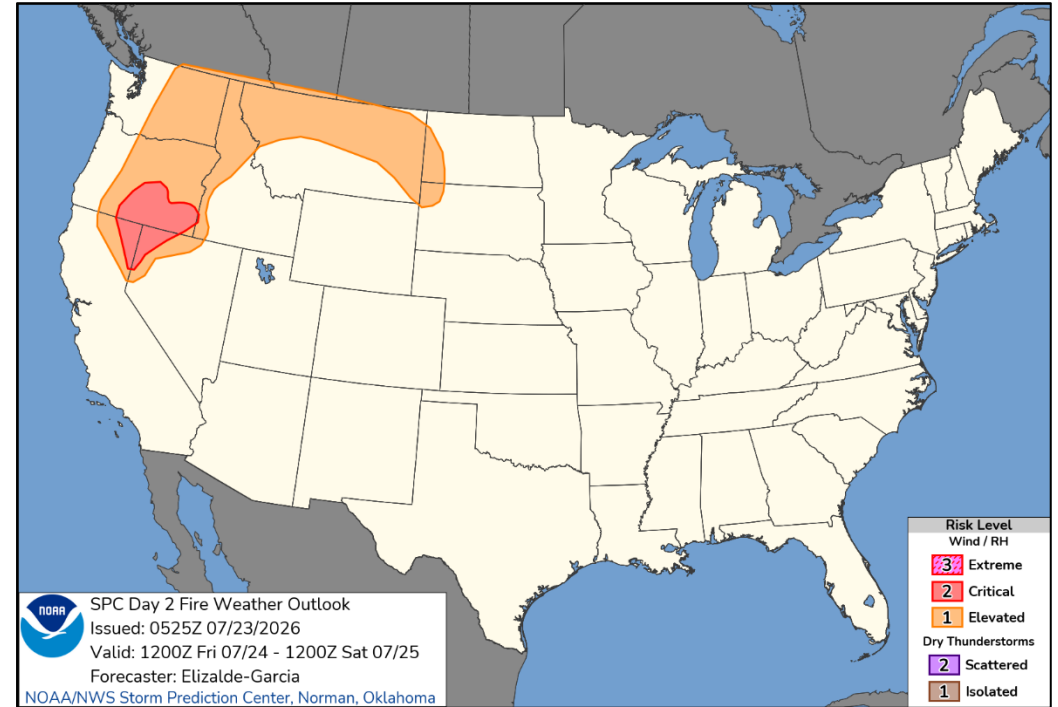


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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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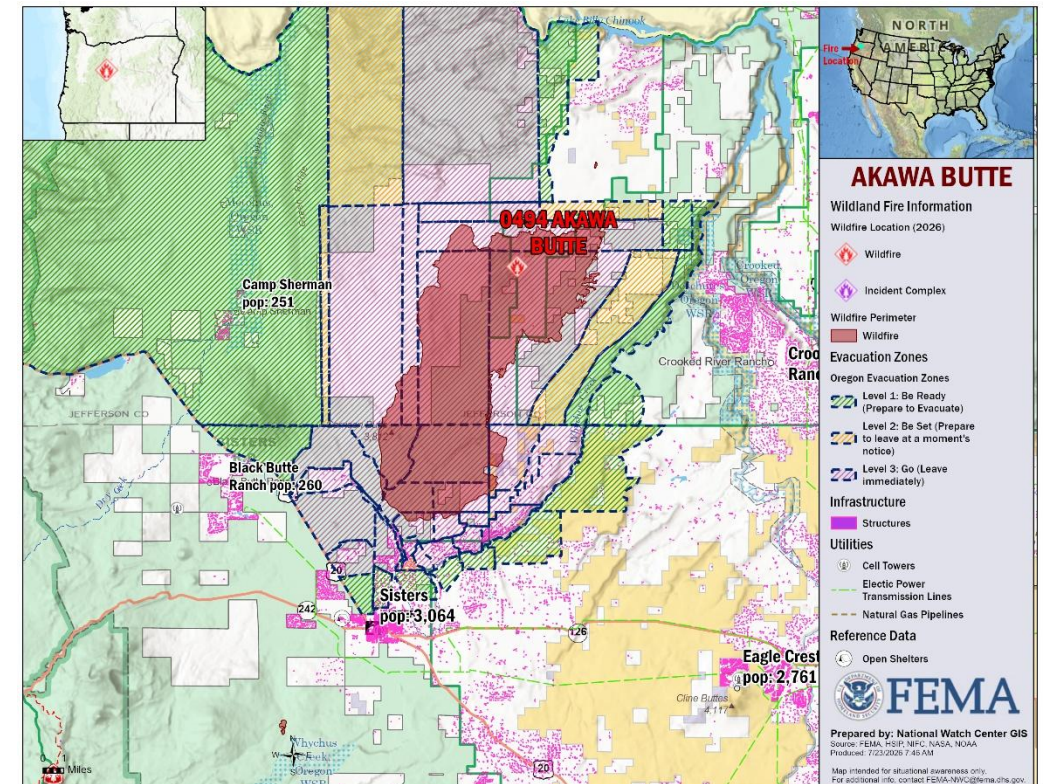
Akawa Butte Fire – Oregon

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Akawa Butte (Jefferson and Deschutes, OR)	XXXX-FM-OR	13,605	3%	M: 2,058	H: 694	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 8	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation: The Acting FEMA Region 10 Regional Administrator has approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Akawa Butte Fire. The fire is burning on federal, state, and private land near the communities of Sisters, Lake Billy Chinook, Black Butte Ranch and Camp Sherman (est pop 4k). At the time of the request, approximately 694 primary residences were threatened with multiple facilities and infrastructure. Two shelters were set up with an unknown number of evacuees.

Response:

- FMAG approved Jul 22
- OR SEOC is Enhanced (Wildfires)
- Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- NWC at Monitoring



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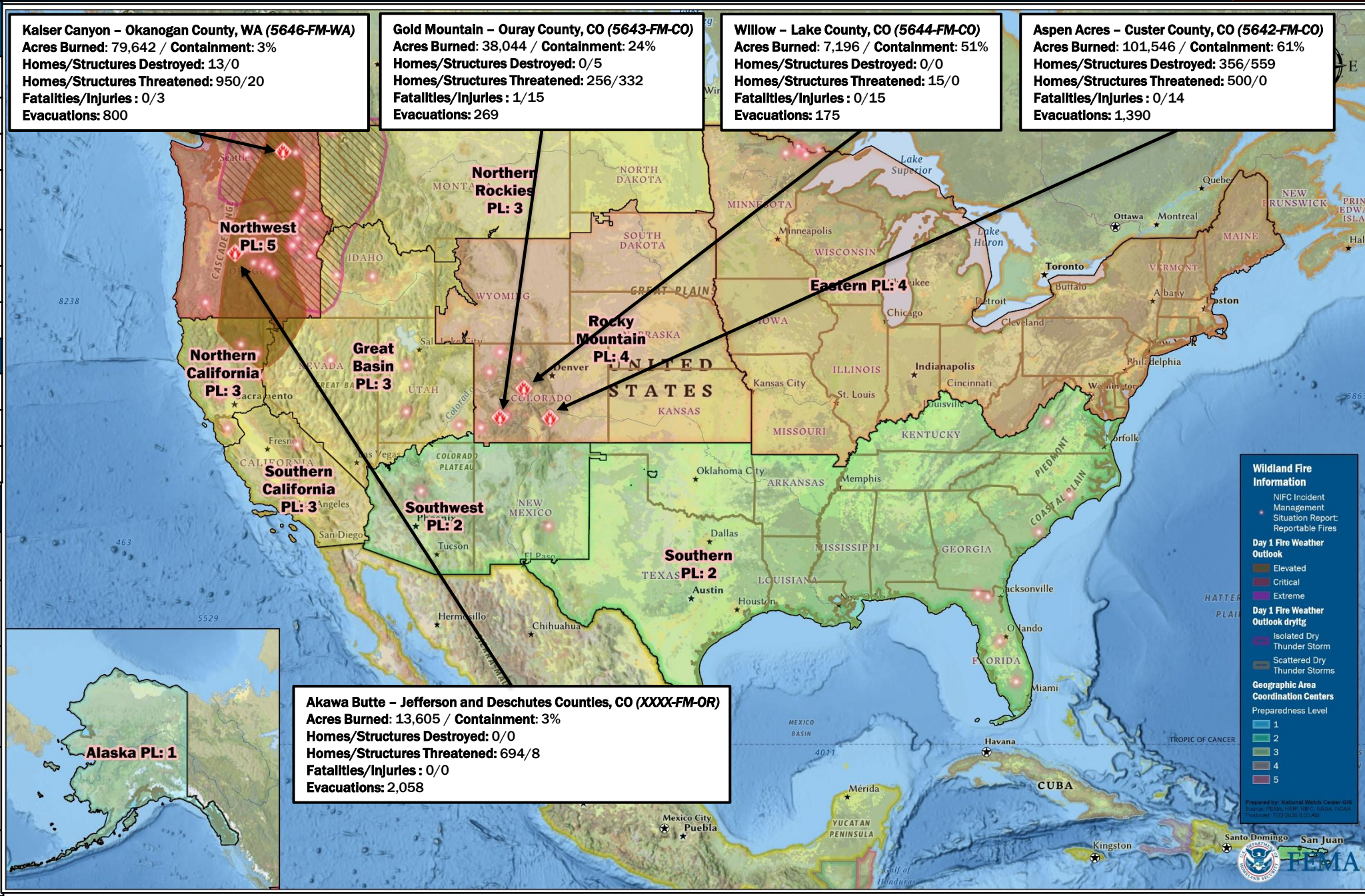
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National Fire Activity – July 23, 2026

PL 5

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (166 fires)
New Large Fires	4
Large Fires Contained	1
Uncontained Large Fires	72
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	3,899,063
Total Responders	21,263
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	1
Complex IMTs Deployed	24
FMAGS	Total
2026 (FYTD)	33
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	101,546	61%	M: 1,390 (-70)	H: 500	H: 50	H: 356	0 / 14
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 9	O: 559	
Gold Mountain (Ouray, CO)	5643-FM-CO	38,044	24%	M: 269	H: 256 (-351)	H: 0	H: 0	1 / 15 (+3)
				V: 0	O: 332 (-444)	O: 0	O: 5	
Willow (Lake, CO)	5644-FM-CO	7,196	51% (+3)	M: 175 (+133)	H: 15	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 15 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Kaiser Canyon (Okanogan, WA)	5646-FM-WA	79,642 (+8,492)	3% (+2)	M: 800	H: 950	H: 0	H: 13	0 / 3
				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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Yellow Circle NWC Green Circle NRCC

Watch FEMA Regions RRCC

Green Circle	Region 1 Maynard	Green Circle
Yellow Circle	Region 2 Brooklyn	Green Circle
Green Circle	Region 3 Philadelphia	Green Circle
Yellow Circle	Region 4 Atlanta	Green Circle
Yellow Circle	Region 5 Chicago	Green Circle
Green Circle	Region 6 Denton	Blue Circle
Green Circle	Region 7 Kansas City	Green Circle
Green Circle	Region 8 Denver	Green Circle
Green Circle	Region 9 Oakland	Green Circle
Green Circle	Region 10 Bothell	Yellow Circle

Notes

- Watches/RRCCs:
 - R2 Watch: Equipment
 - 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
 - R3: 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
 - AZ/CO/ID/MN/NV/OR: Wildfires
 - WA: Fire Season
 - KY/TX/WV: Severe Weather
 - MP: TC Sinkaku/TC Bavi
 - UT: Major Events/Drought/Crop Loss
 - FL: Previous Incidents
 - NJ: FIFA World Cup/Severe Weather
 - GU: TC Bavi
 - VA: Drought Conditions
 - WI: Support for 4923-DR-WI
 - AL/LA: TC Bertha
 - WY: Flooding, Public Health, Frontier Days
 - NM: Flooding

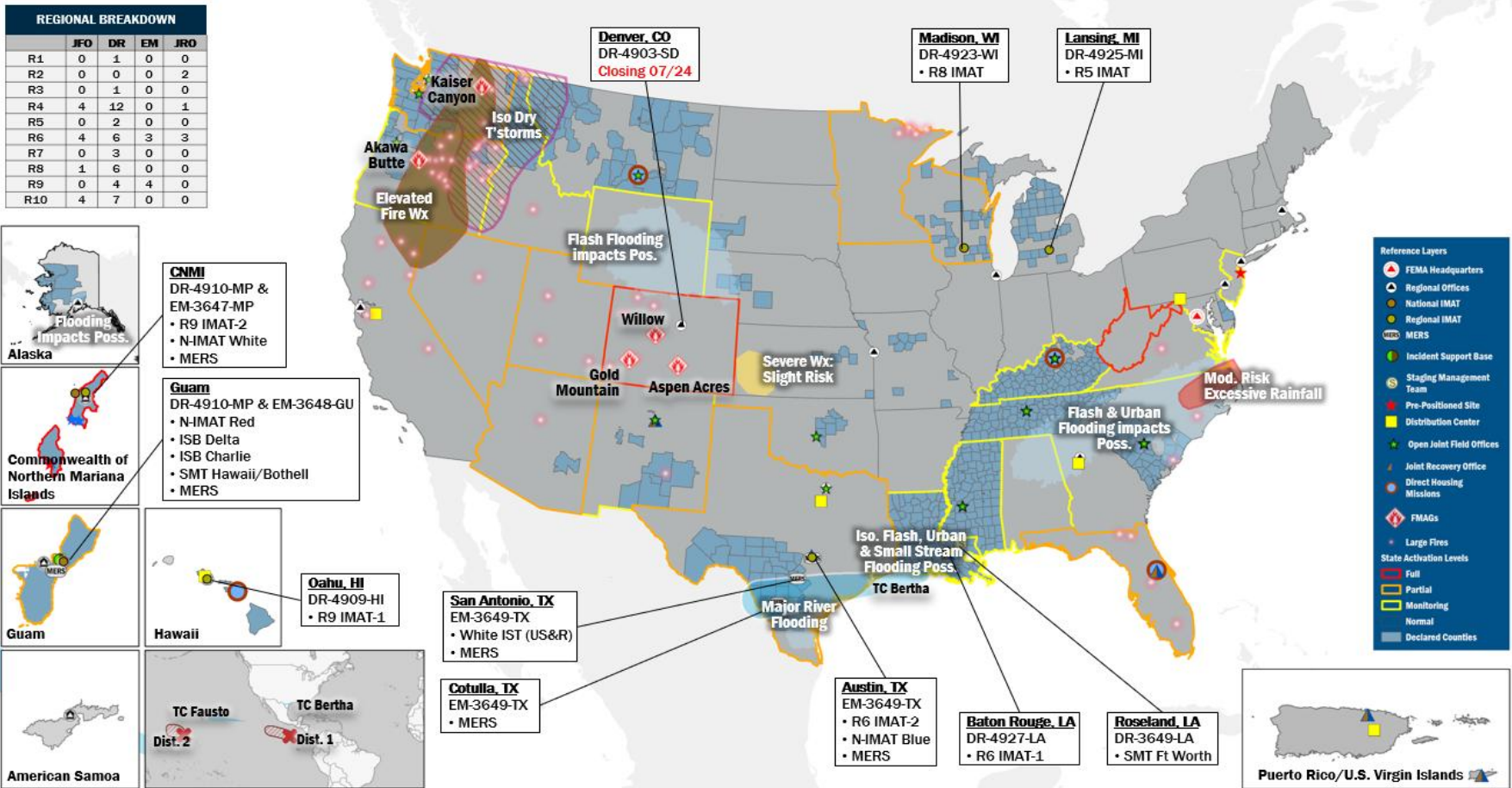
Incident Workforce

19,119 Assigned a Disaster Title
7,099 / 37% Deployed
5,479 / 29% Available to Deploy for 30 Days
6,541 / 34% Remaining

Surge Capacity Force
7,693 / 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



National IMAT

Blue Circle GU	Red
Blue Circle MP	White
Blue Circle TX	Blue
Green Circle	Gold
Yellow Circle	HS

Regional IMAT

Red Circle 1	Region 1
Green Circle 3	Region 2
Yellow Circle	Region 3
Yellow Circle 2	Region 4
Blue Circle MI	Region 5
Blue Circle LA Blue Circle TX	Region 6
Red Circle	Region 7
Blue Circle WI	Region 8
Blue Circle HI Blue Circle MP	Region 9
Red Circle	Region 10

Commodities & Equipment

CONUS	Distribution Centers			Water	Meals	Gen.
	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

CONUS	Distribution Centers		Staff
	DC Tracy, CA		67%
	DC Atlanta, GA		80%
	DC Fort Worth, TX		57%
	DC Greencastle, PA		89%
OCONUS	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

Assigned	37
Not Mission Capable	2
Deployed	26 (19 FCOOR)
Available	9

Legend

- Green Circle Fully Mission Capable
- Yellow Circle Partially Mission Capable
- Red Circle Requires Augmentation
- Blue Circle 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	7/16 - TBD
			PA	42	12 (+8)	7/16 - TBD
R6	TX	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes & Flooding Jul 12 and continuing	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	34	0	7/22 - 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	27 (+6)	6/22 - TBD
		Severe Weather Jun 18-30	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	8	0	TBD - TBD
	MO	Severe Storms & Flooding Jul 9-11	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	9	0	7/21 - TBD
R8	SD	Severe Storms, Winds & Tornadoes Jun 29-Jul 3	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	10	1 (+1)	7/16 - TBD



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Declaration Requests in Process – 11

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
RI – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jul 15
MS – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Jul 16
NJ – Severe Winter Storms and Snowstorm – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jul 20
WV – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslide, and Mudslides	DR	X		X	Jul 21
HI – Earthquake	DR	X			Jul 21



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