

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, August 16, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Hurricane Erin (CAT 4) – Puerto Rico (PR) / U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI)

Hazard Monitoring

- Excessive Rainfall / Flash Flooding – USVI, Puerto Rico, Upper Mississippi Valley to Great Lakes, and Southwest to Southern Plains
- Severe Thunderstorms – Northern Plains
- Excessive Heat – Central Plains and Southeast
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Hurricane Erin (CAT 4)
 - Disturbance 1: Low (10%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- FMAG Approval: Red Canyon Fire – WY

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events

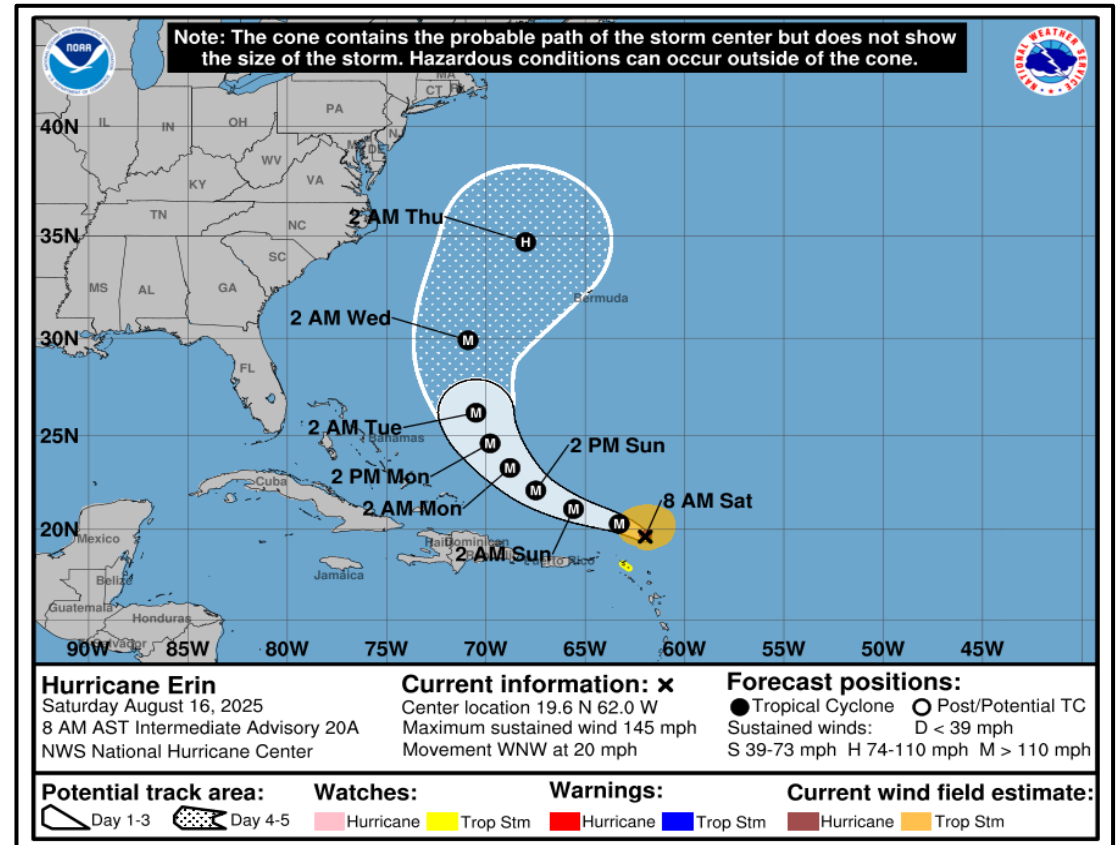


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Hurricane Erin (CAT 4) – Atlantic

Situation: (Advisory #20A, as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Category 4 hurricane
- Located 120 miles NE of Anguilla
- Moving WNW at 20 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 145 mph
- Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 30 miles from center
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 125 miles

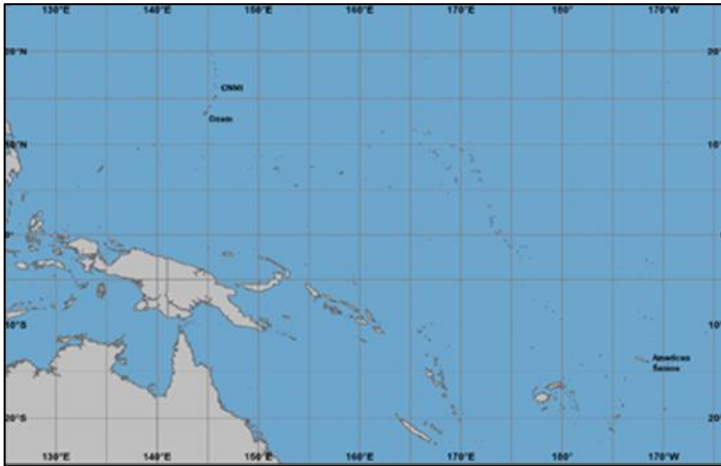


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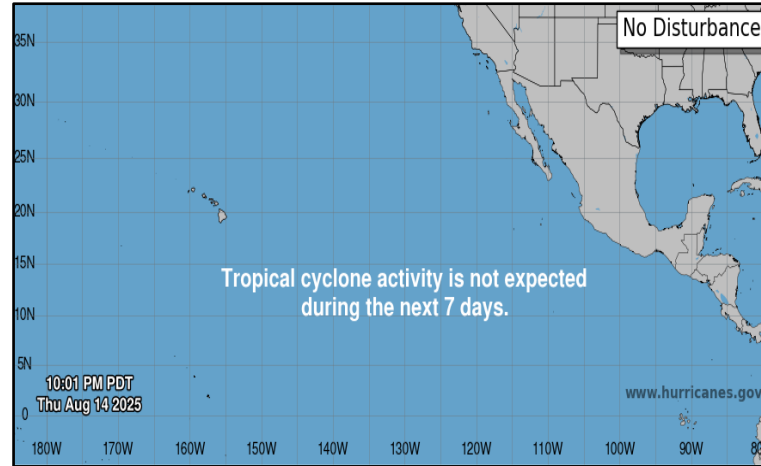
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



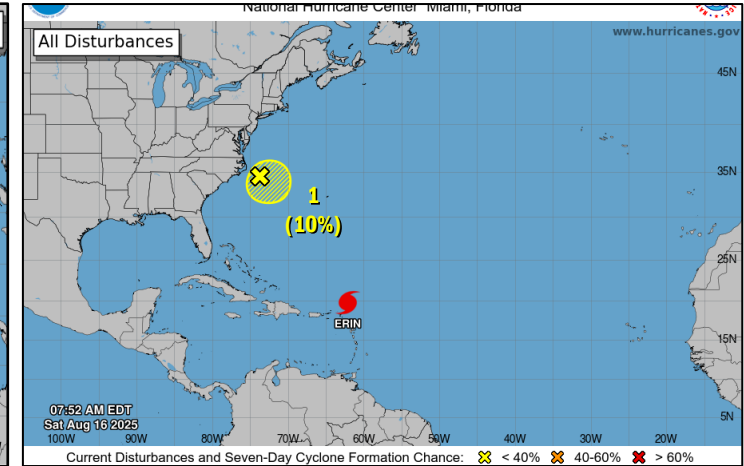
- No tropical cyclones threatening the U.S. territories

Central and Eastern Pacific



- No tropical cyclones expected over the next 7 days

Atlantic



Hurricane Erin (CAT 4): (Advisory #20A, as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- See previous slide

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

- Located offshore the Carolinas
- Some slight development is possible over the weekend
- Environmental conditions are expected to become unfavorable for any future development
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (10%); 7-day: Low (10%)



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Hurricane Erin (CAT 4) – Puerto Rico / U.S. Virgin Islands

Situation: Hurricane Erin (CAT 4) is approximately 120 miles NE of Anguilla, moving WNW at near 20 mph. Maximum sustained winds were recorded at 145 MPH with higher gusts. Erin will strengthen over the next 24 hours and reduce intensity to below major hurricane levels overnight 19-20 Aug. Erin's center is expected to approach, or pass, N of the Northern Leeward Islands (*Hurricane Erin Advisory #20A, as of 8:00 a.m. ET*). Isolated flash / urban flooding and tropical storm force winds will be possible over the islands this weekend into Sunday. Rainfall amounts of 2-4 inches, with locally higher amounts possible, are expected over USVI and southern/eastern PR, as well as landslides in areas of steep terrain and riverine flooding (*WPC and NWS San Juan, as of 4:20 a.m. ET*). In anticipation of any impacts to PR and USVI, FEMA HQ and FEMA R2 continue to monitor and prepare to support any response efforts related to landfall and/or impacts. (*R2 RLB, as of 4:00 p.m. ET, Aug 15*)

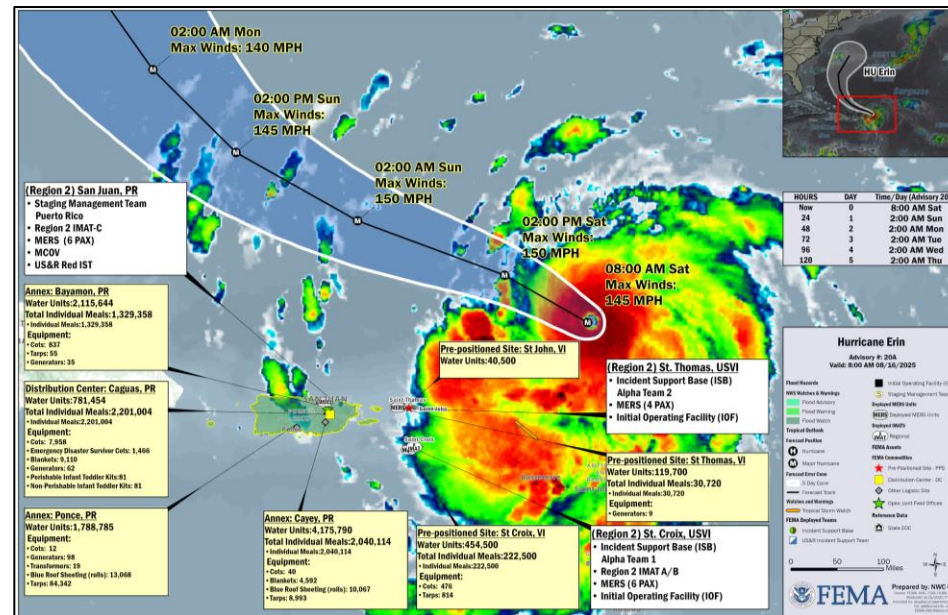
State / Local Response:

- Puerto Rico Emergency Management Bureau (PREMB) EOC is Enhanced (TC Erin)
- Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management (VITEMA) EOC is at Normal Operations

FEMA Regional Response:

Region 2: (R2 RLB, as of 4:00 p.m. ET)

- RWC is Monitoring; RRCC at Level 3 (7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. ET only)
- R-IMAT deployed to USVI
- IOFs are established in St. Croix, St. Thomas, USVI and San Juan, PR (*R2 RLB, as of 4:00 p.m. ET, Aug 15*)



The NWC, in coordination with FEMA R2, will monitor with continued reporting in the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET) and twice daily FEMA National Situation Report (5:00 p.m. / 3:00 a.m. ET).

FEMA HQ Response:

- NWC is Monitoring 24/7; NRCC at Steady State
 - Operations Coordination Call held on Aug 13
- US&R:*
- Red IST Light Package is deployed to San Juan, PR
 - MERS/DEC: (*Thomasville MERS, as of 12:00 a.m. ET*)
 - MCOV pre-positioned in PR
 - Maynard MERS deployed 14 total personnel to PR and USVI

Logistics: (R2 RWC, as of 2:30 a.m. ET)

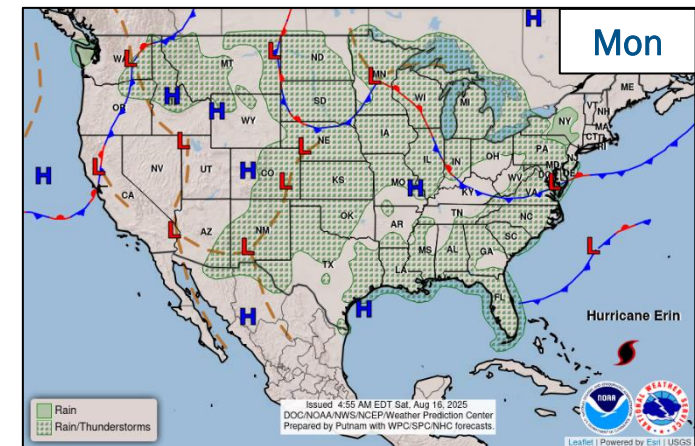
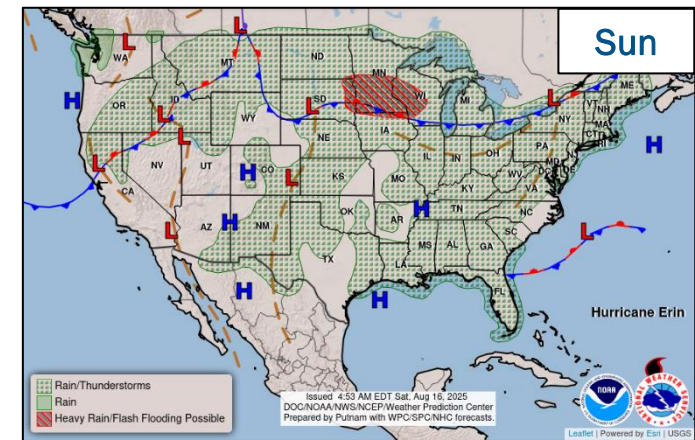
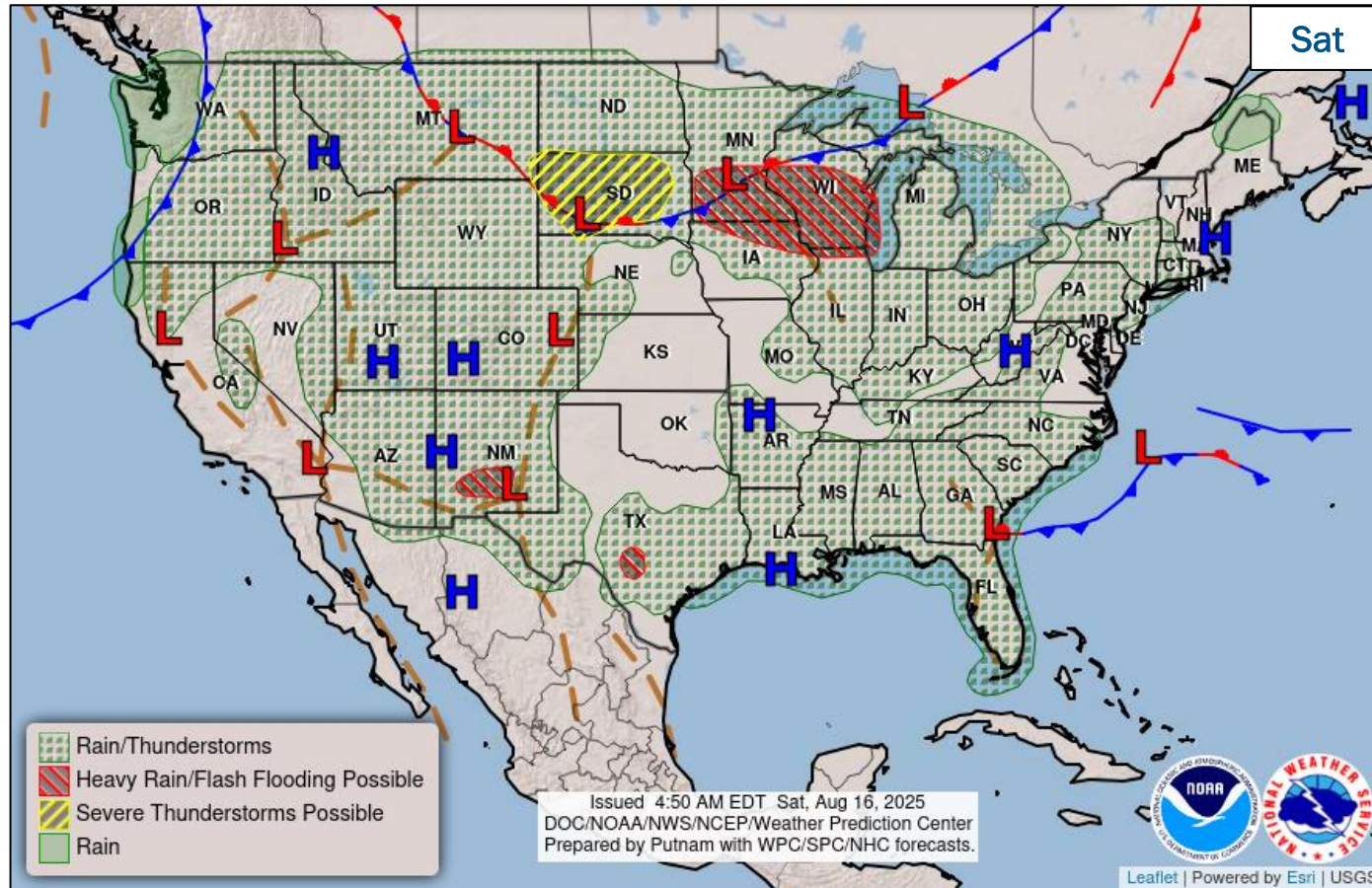
Generator Mission

- SMT Puerto Rico; Bayamon Ballpark GSB, Puerto Rico; 30 gens staged
- ISB Alpha Team 1; Henry E. Rosen Airport, St. Croix, USVI; 12 gens enroute
- ISB Alpha Team 2; RSA Cyril E. King International Airport, St. Thomas, VI; 9 gens staged



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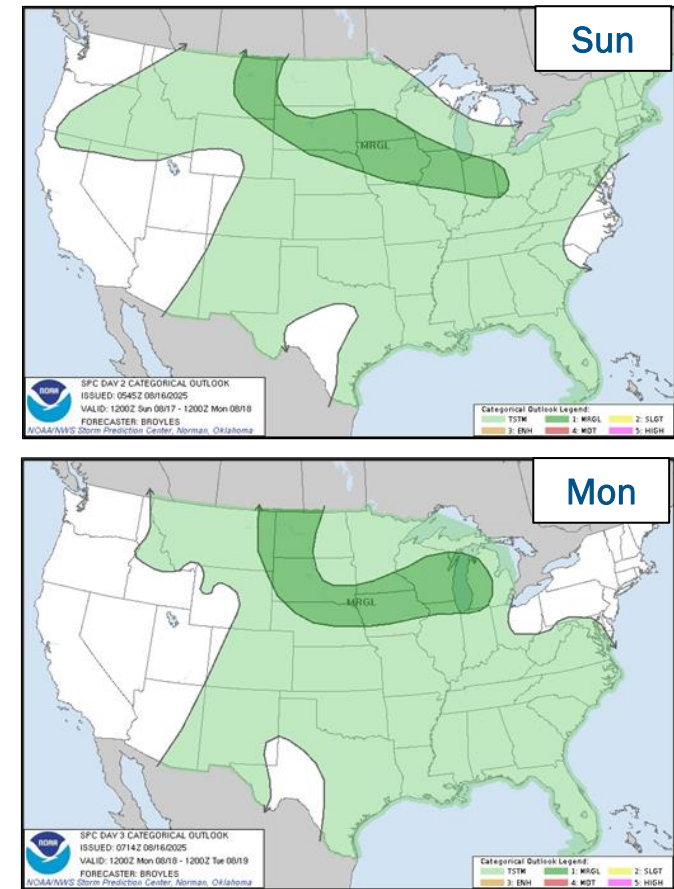
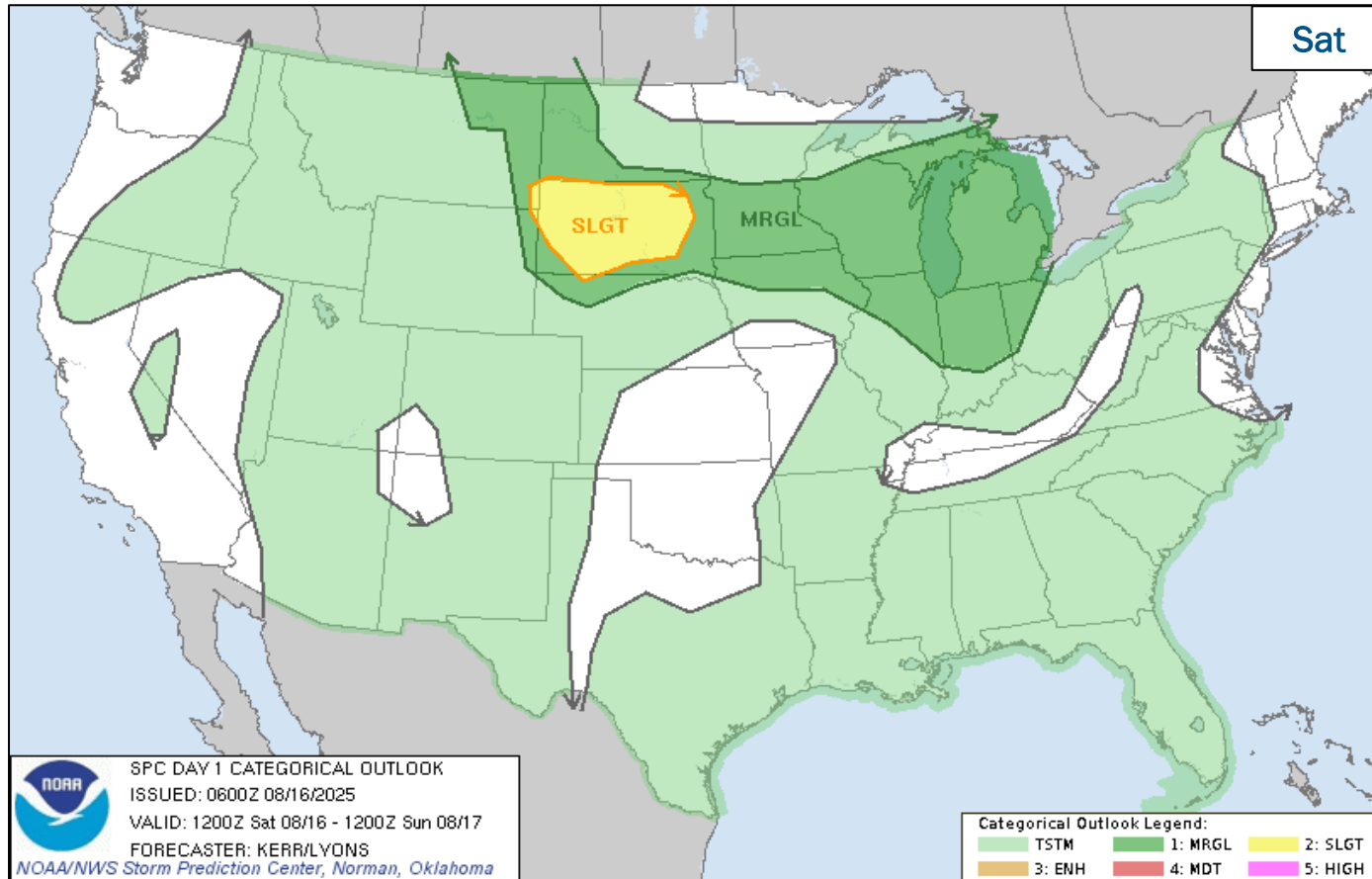
National Weather Forecast



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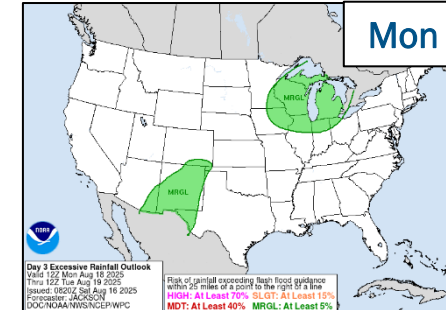
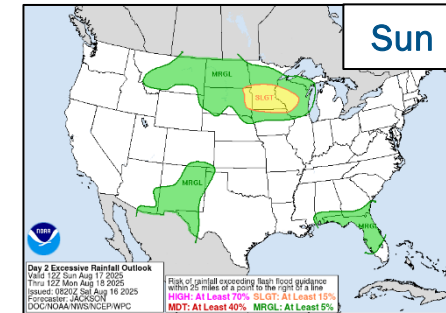
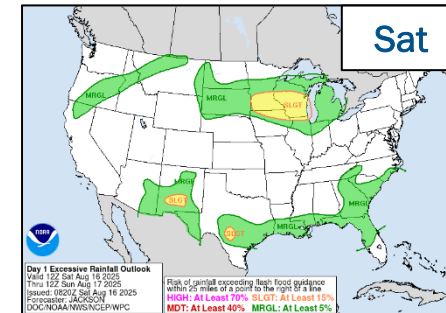
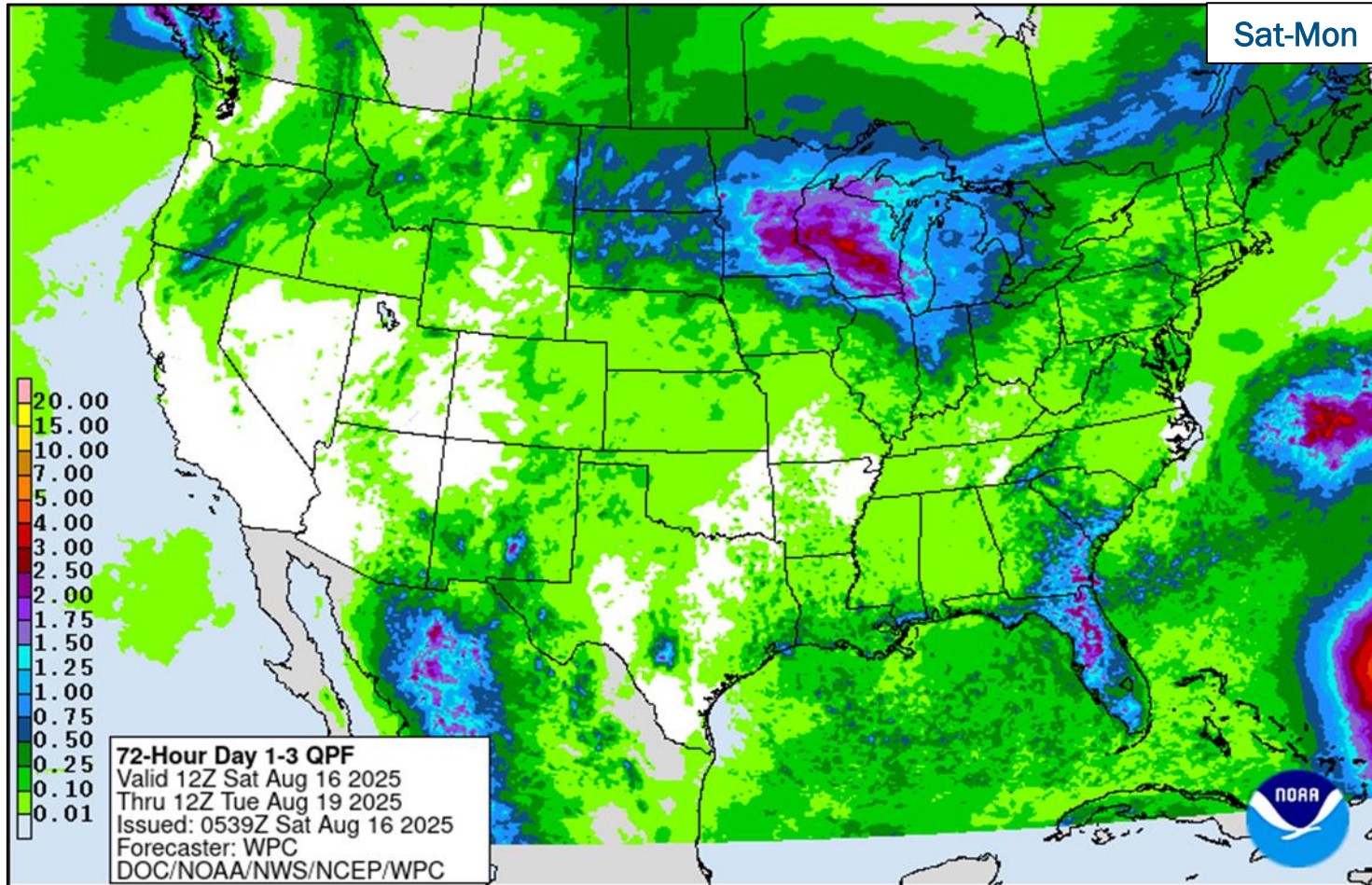
Severe Weather Outlook



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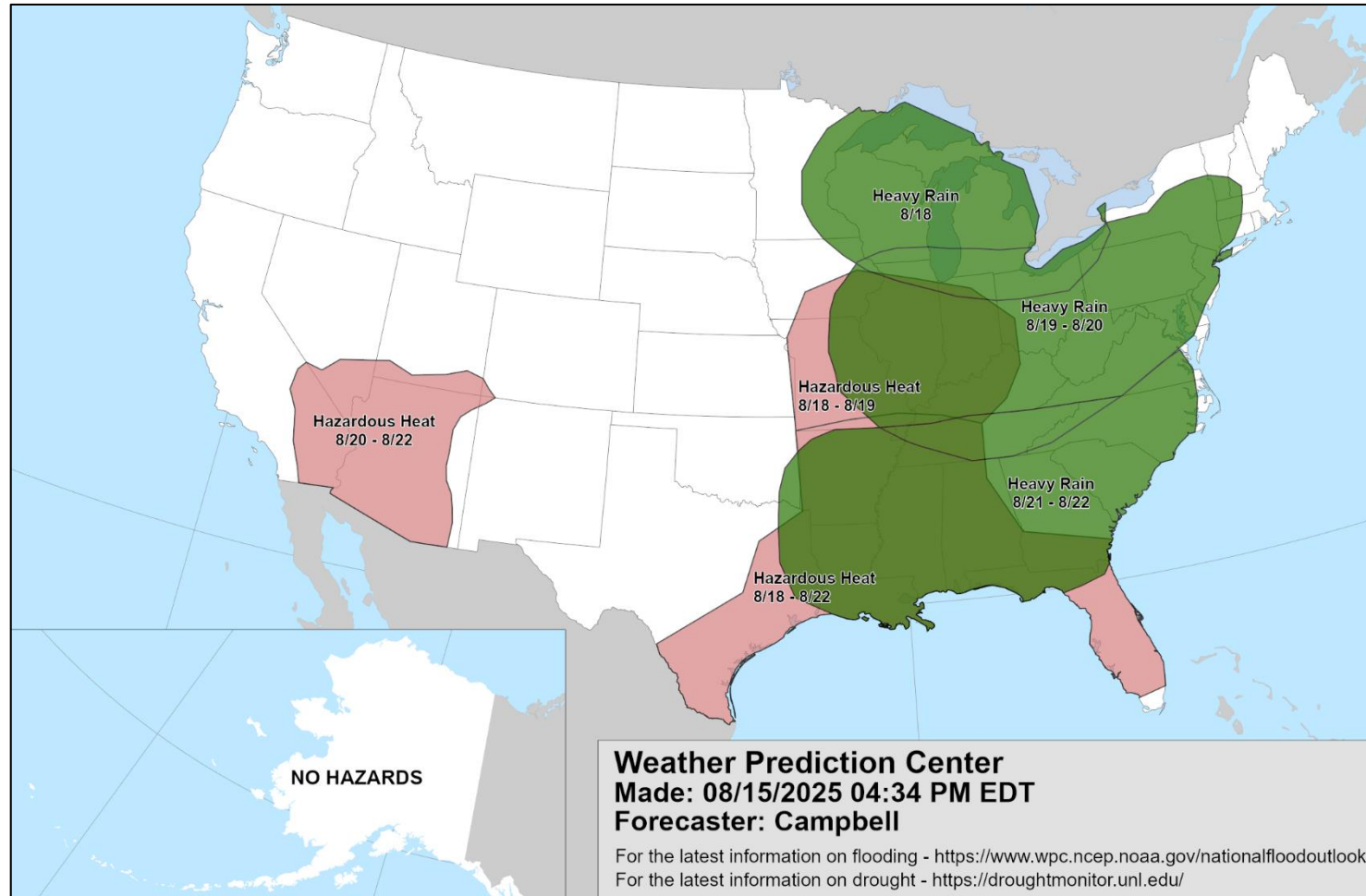
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Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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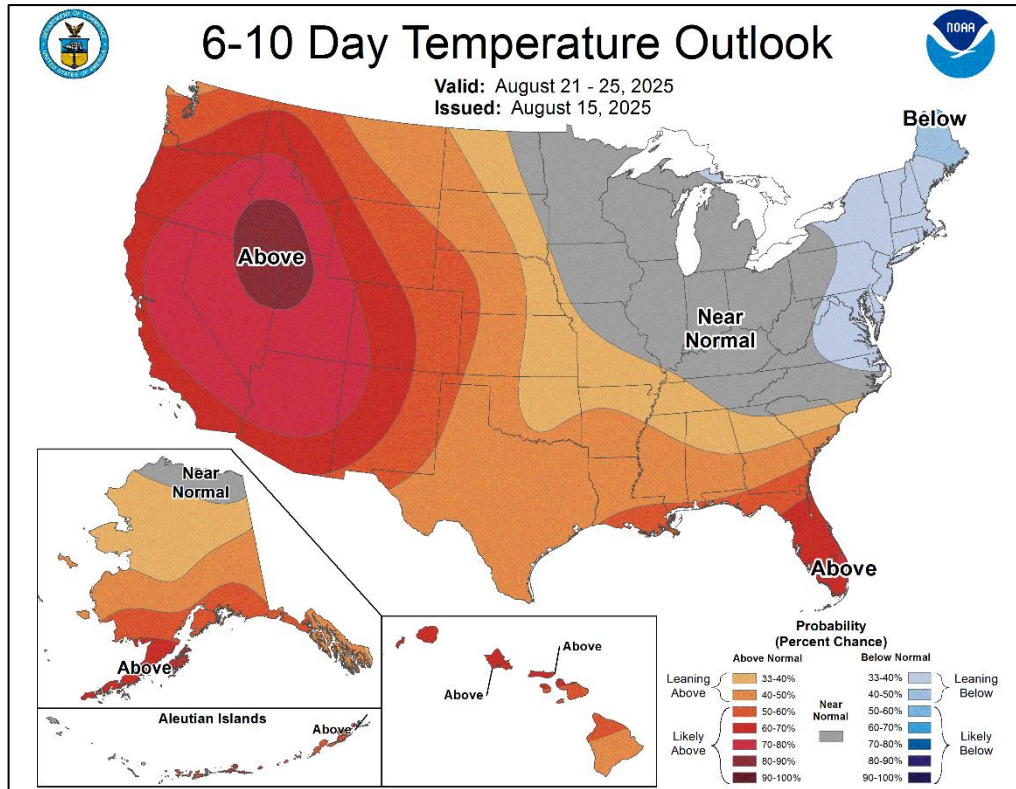
Hazards Outlook – Aug 18-22



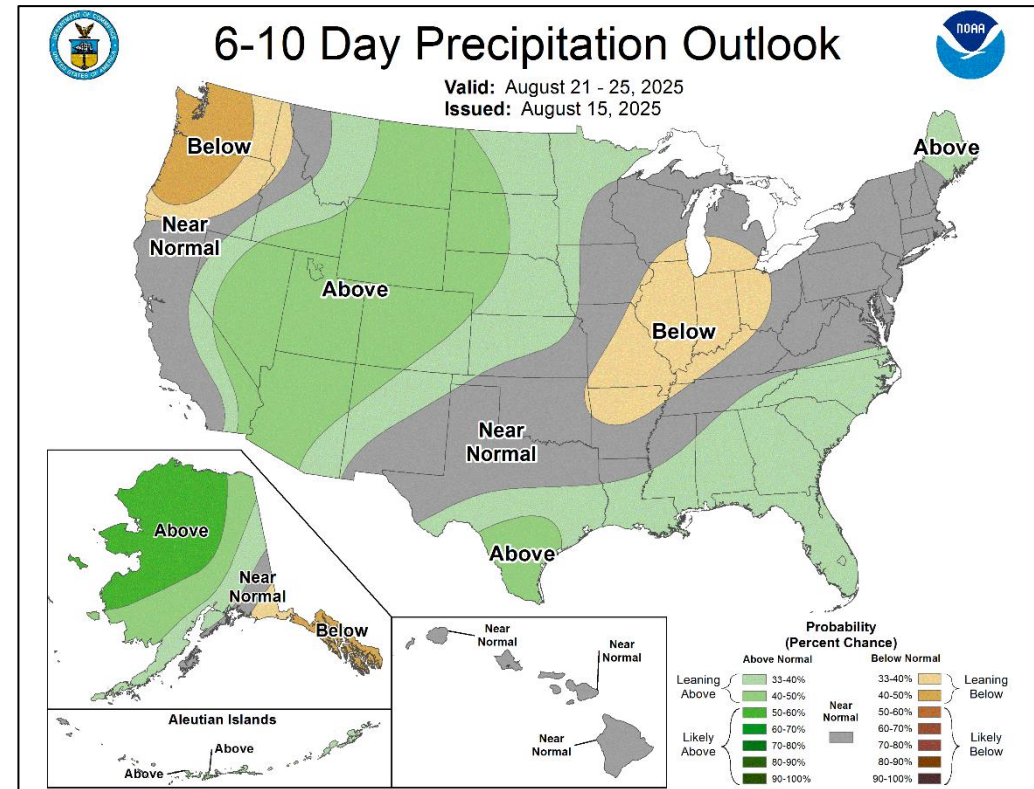
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Long Range Outlooks – Aug 21-25



6-10 Day Temperature Probability



6-10 Day Precipitation Probability



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Red Canyon Fire – Wyoming

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Red Canyon (Hot Springs, WY)	XXXX-FM-WY	34,000	0%	M: 450	H: 100	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation: The Region 8 Acting Regional Administrator approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Red Canyon Fire, which has burned 34,000 acres with 0% containment. The fire is burning on state and private land near the town of Thermopolis, WY, (pop. 4.6k) and is threatening other buildings, oil wells and companion fuel lines, high voltage transmission lines, equipment, and multiple watersheds in the area.

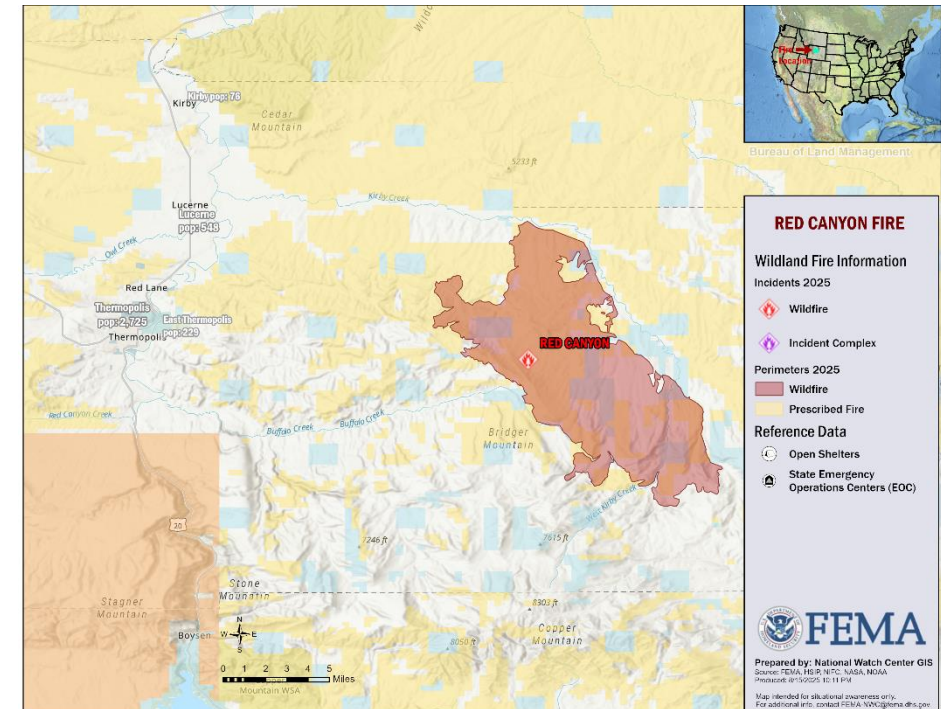
State / Local Response:

- WY SEOC at Normal Operations

FEMA / Federal Response:

- Denver MOC/Region 8 Watch at Normal Operations; RRCC is Rostered
- FEMA NWC is Monitoring

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Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Monroe Canyon (Sevier/Piute, UT)	5600-FM-UT	73,616 (-131)	55% (+3)	M: 220	H: 110	H: 0	H: 10	0 / 8
				V: 0	O: 102	O: 0	O: 4	
Lee (Rio Blanco, CO)	5603-FM-CO	133,954 (+352)	31% (+21)	M: 79 (-754)	H: 2,512 (+41)	H: 0	H: 5 (+2)	0 / 1
				V: 0	O: 77	O: 0	O: 16 (+6)	
Sunset (Bonner, ID)	5607-FM-ID	2,702 (+1,102)	0%	M: 250 (-950)	H: 0 (-450)	H: 0	H: 6 (+2)	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 20 (+20)	

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



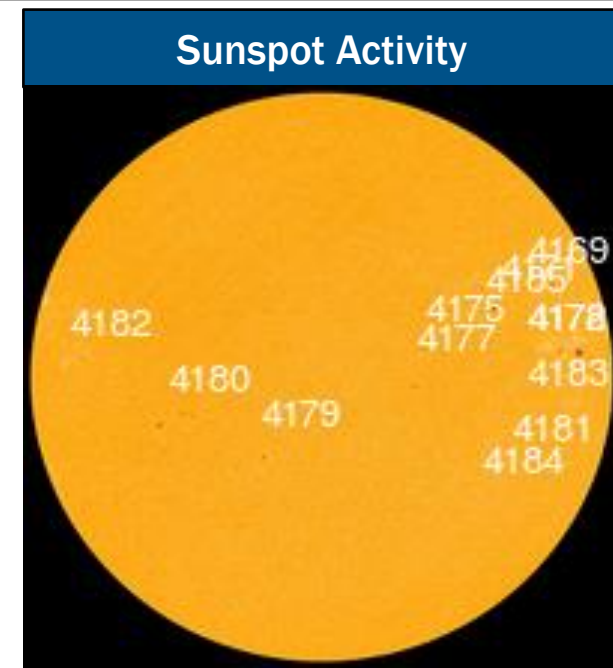
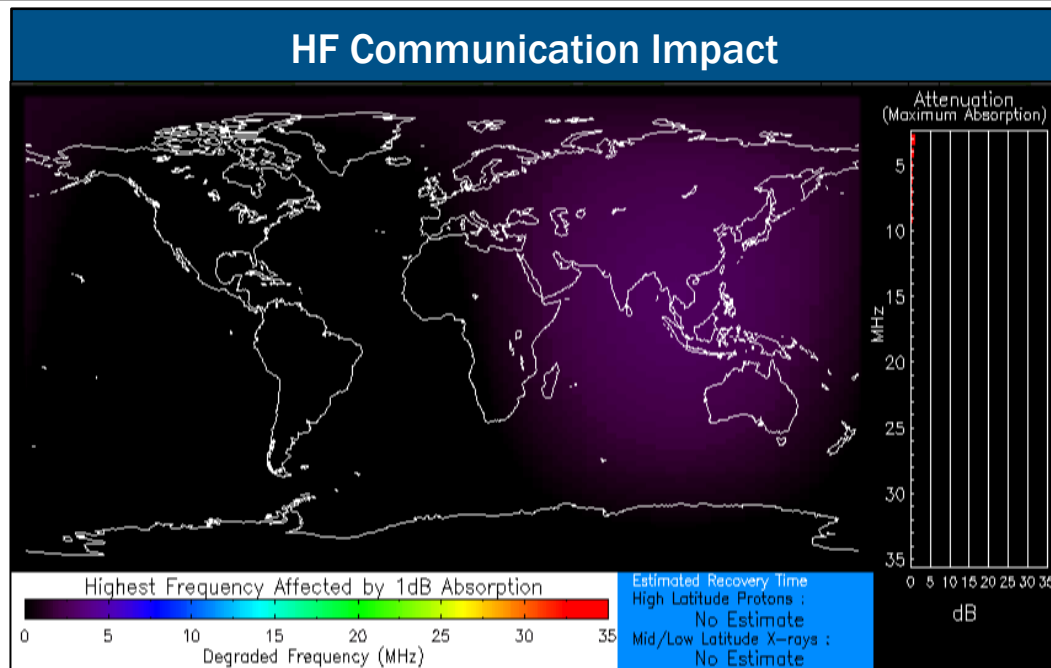
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Space Weather Outlook

Minor	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	None	None	None	None
Next 24 Hours	None	None	None	None

For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to: <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation>
 For further information on Sunspot Activity refer to: <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/phenomena/sunspotsolar-cycle>



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

17 Joint Field Offices **Supporting** **64 + 7** Major Disasters Emergency Declarations **12** Direct Housing Missions **9** RSF-Supported Disasters **6** Joint Recovery Offices

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FEMA HQ	
NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Steady State
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Monitoring	R1 Rostered
Monitoring	R2 Level 3
Monitoring	R3 Rostered
Monitoring	R4 Rostered
Monitoring	R5 Rostered
Monitoring	R6 Rostered
Monitoring	R7 Rostered
Monitoring	R8 Rostered
Monitoring	R9 Rostered
Monitoring	R10 Rostered

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	
Blue	
Gold	
HS	

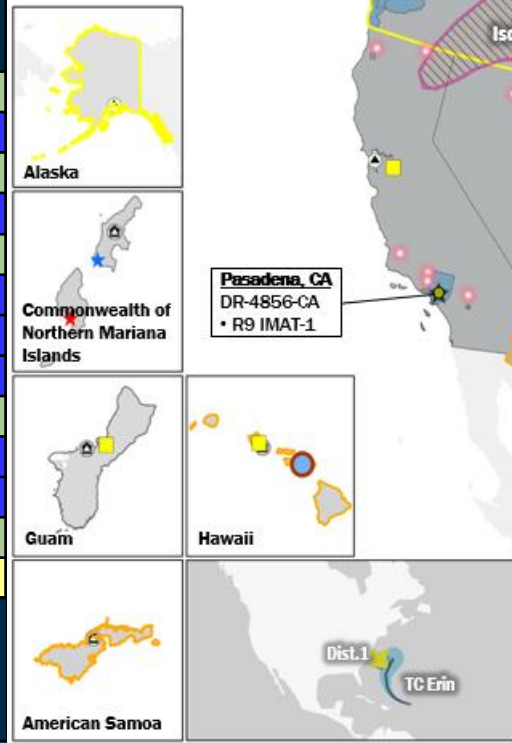
REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	1	2	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	2	7	1	0
R4	7	21	5	1
R5	0	2	0	0
R6	4	9	1	3
R7	1	18	0	0
R8	1	1	0	0
R9	1	3	0	0
R10	0	1	0	0

R-IMATs	
4-6 Teams Available	
R1	1
R2	VI (Aug 12)
R3	2
R4 (1)	TN (Jun 23)
R4 (2)	
R5	MI (Jul 27)
R6 (1)	NM (Jul 9)
R6 (2)	TX (Jul 6)
R7	3
R8	MT (Jul 6)
R9 (1)	CA (Jan 8)
R9 (2)	
R10	Demobilizing

Notes:
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:
 • R2 RRCC: TC Erin
 • R5 Watch: Staffing (Dayshift 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET)
State EOCs:
 • AZ/CO/HI/OR/UT/WA: Wildfires
 • MD/MD: Severe Weather
 • FL/TN: Previous Incidents
 • AK/AS/MD/NM/TX/WI: Flooding
 • PR: TC Erin

Volunteer Force	
Rostered 7,985	Deployed 3
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 8,037 (-3)	Deployed 1

Fully Mission Capable (FMC)
 Partially Mission Capable (PMC)
 Not Mission Capable (NMC)
 Deployed



Pasadena, CA
DR-4856-CA
• R9 IMAT-1

Santa Fe, NM
DR-4886-NM
• R6 IMAT-1

Billings, MT
DR-4847-CTM
• R8 IMAT

Lansing, MI
DR-4880-MI
• R5 IMAT

Rocky Hill, CT
DR-4820-CT
Closes Aug. 19

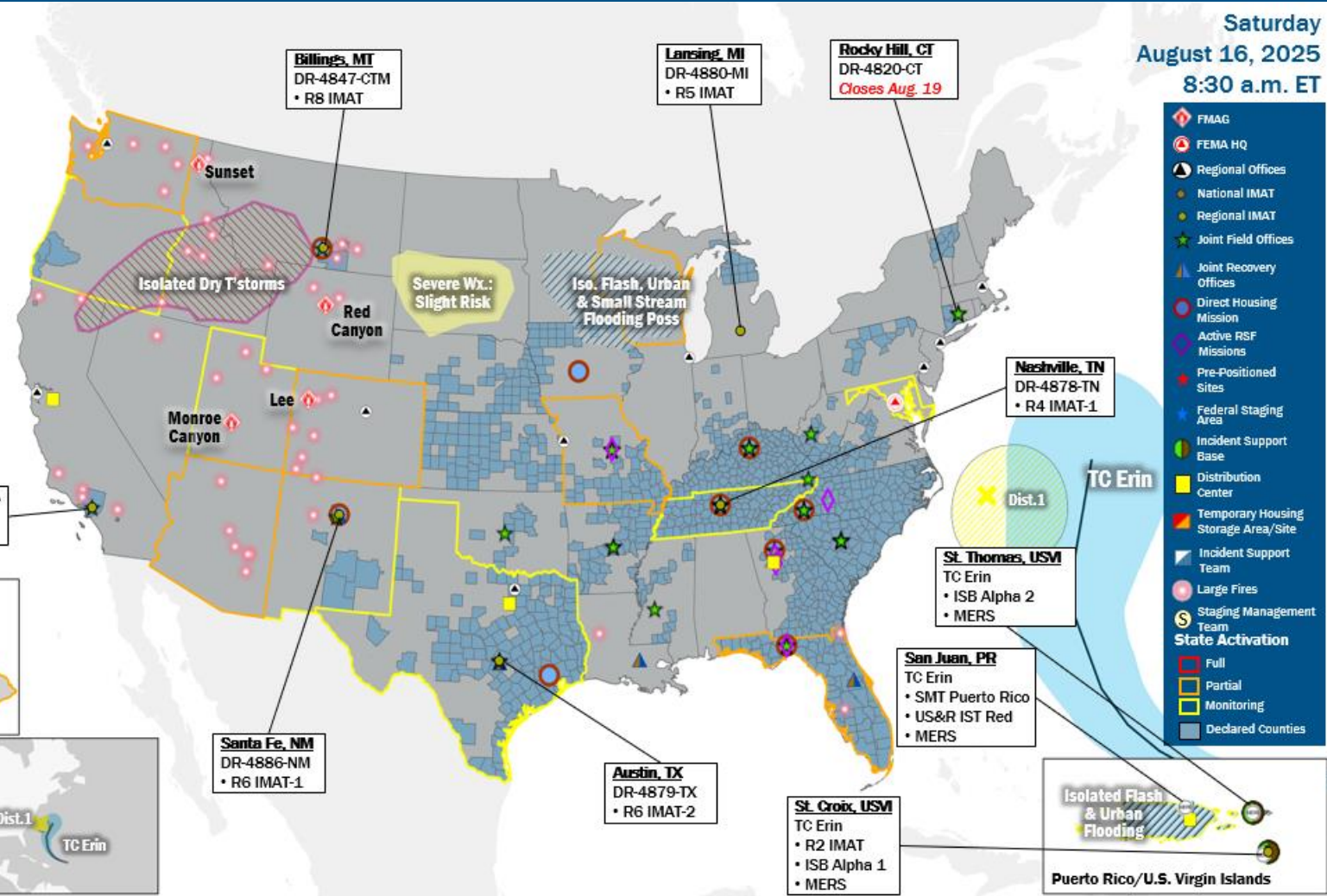
Nashville, TN
DR-4878-TN
• R4 IMAT-1

St. Thomas, USM
TC Erin
• ISB Alpha 2
• MERS

San Juan, PR
TC Erin
• SMT Puerto Rico
• US&R IST Red
• MERS

Austin, TX
DR-4879-TX
• R6 IMAT-2

St. Croix, USM
TC Erin
• R2 IMAT
• ISB Alpha 1
• MERS



- FMAG
- FEMA HQ
- Regional Offices
- National IMAT
- Regional IMAT
- Joint Field Offices
- Joint Recovery Offices
- Direct Housing Mission
- Active RSF Missions
- Pre-Positioned Sites
- Federal Staging Area
- Incident Support Base
- Distribution Center
- Temporary Housing Storage Area/Site
- Incident Support Team
- Large Fires
- Staging Management Team
- State Activation
- Full
- Partial
- Monitoring
- Declared Counties

IM Workforce

12,069 (-4) Assigned
 4,075 (-11) Unavailable
 5,776 (-50) Deployed
 18% / 2,218 (+57) Available

IM Cadre Availability

Alternative Dispute Resolution: 0% (0/31); Civil Rights: 6% (7/108); Disability Integration 23% (6/26); External Affairs: 9% (30/327); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 9% (61/698); Field Leadership: 5% (6/122); Financial Management: 16% (31/189); Hazard Mitigation: 6% (48/809); Human Resources: 11% (18/166); Individual Assistance: 21% (496/2,408); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 23% (58/247); Information Technology: 17% (107/622); Logistics: 19% (294/1,545); Operations: 14% (51/364); Public Assistance: 11% (234/2,081); Planning: 6% (21/372); Safety: 3% (3/91); Security: 13% (15/113)

18 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

MERS

≥ 66%
 36 (+3) Assigned
 6 (+3) Unavailable
 2 (+2) Deployed
 28 (-2) Available

US&R

≥ 66%
 28 Assigned
 1 Unavailable
 0 Deployed
 27 Available

FCO

≤ 1 Type I
 39 Assigned
 3 Unavailable
 34 (20 FCOR) Deployed
 2 Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
R5	IL	Severe Weather and Flooding Jul 25-28	IA	3	2 (+2)	8/13 - TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
	IN	Severe Weather and Flooding Mar 30-Apr 9	IA	14	2 (+2)	8/14 - TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
	WI	Severe Weather and Flooding Aug 10-12	IA	N/A	N/A	TBD
			PA	N/A	N/A	TBD
R7	KS	Severe Storms and Tornado Jul 17-22	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	5	0	TBD - TBD
R10	AK	Public Safety Building Structure Fire Jul 8	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	Aug 19 - TBD



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Declaration Requests in Process – 6

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
CTM* – Severe Storms, Flooding, and Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Jul 17
ND – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes	DR		X	X	Jul 21
NE – Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Jul 24
NC – Tropical Depression Chantal	DR		X	X	Aug 5
KS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 5
SWO** – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Aug 5

* Crow Tribe of Montana

** Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate



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