

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Monday, August 17, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Tropical Storm Lala – HI – FINAL
- Severe Weather / Flooding – IN

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Northern / Central Plains, Upper Mississippi Valley, and Southern Appalachians to Mid-Atlantic
- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Ohio Valley, Central Appalachians
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Lala
 - Disturbance 1: High (70%)
 - Disturbance 2: Medium (50%)
 - Western Pacific: Invest 92W: Low

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

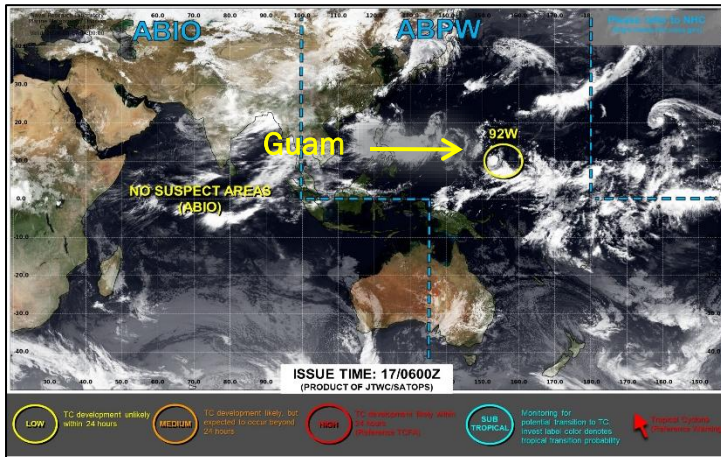
- No new significant events



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Tropical Outlook

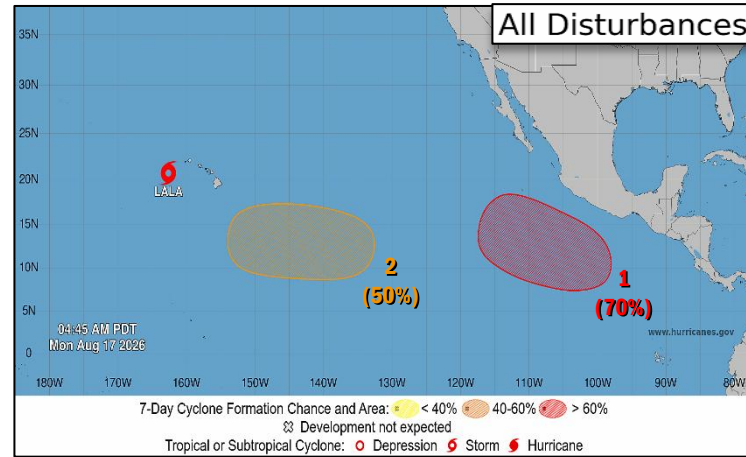
Western Pacific



Invest 92W: (as of 2:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 205 mi NNW of Pohnpei
- Maximum sustained surface winds of 14-21 mph
- Expected to coalesce and begin to intensify over the next 48 hours
- Formation chance: 24 hours: Low

Eastern and Central Pacific



Tropical Storm Lala: (Advisory #20, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- See next slide

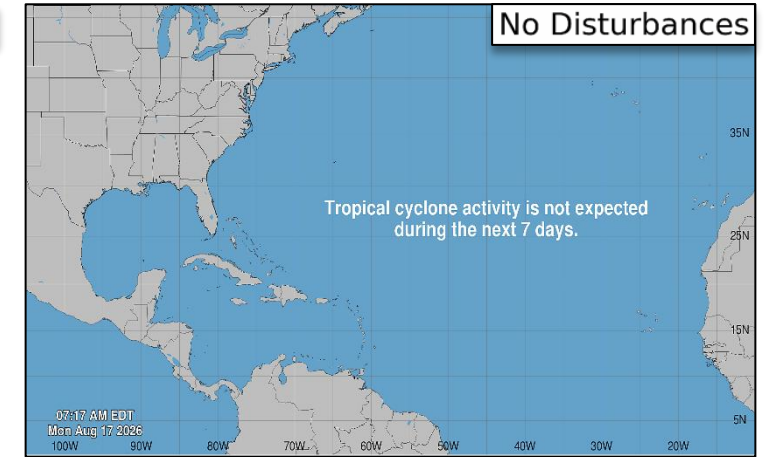
Disturbance 1: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located several hundred miles south off the coast of Mexico
- Gradual development of this system is **expected**, and a tropical depression **is likely to form by this weekend**
- Formation chance: 48 hours: Low (near 0%); 7 days: **High (70%)**

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

- Could form well SE of the Hawaiian Islands
- Environmental conditions appear conducive for gradual development of this system, and a tropical depression **could form towards the end of this week or over the weekend**
- Formation chance: 48 hours: Low (near 0%); 7 days: Medium (50%)

Atlantic



- Tropical cyclone activity is not expected during the next 7 days.



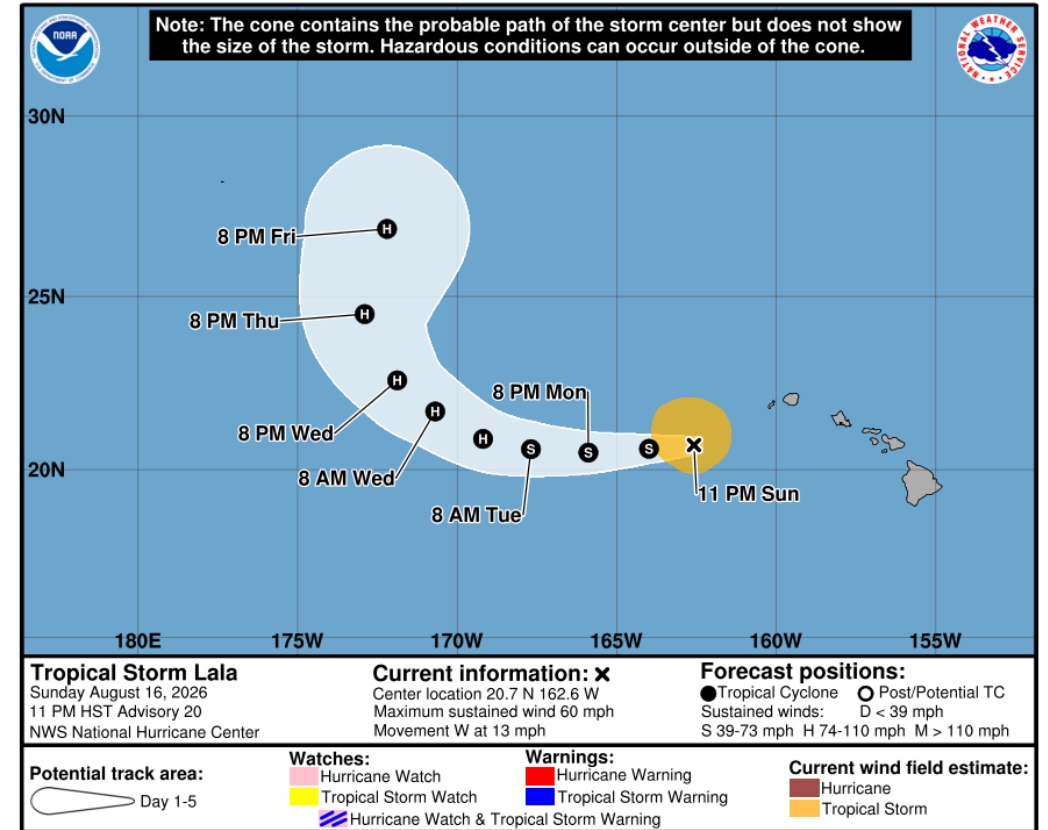
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Tropical Storm Lala – Central Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #20, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 305 miles W of Honolulu, Hawaii
- Moving W at 13 mph
- Maximum sustained winds of 60 mph
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 105 mi from the center
- Some restrengthening is forecast thereafter, and Lala is forecast to become a hurricane again on Wednesday



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Tropical Storm Lala – Hawaii – FINAL

Situation and Analysis: Tropical Storm Lala continues moving westward. All watches and warnings for Hawaii have been dropped; however, some additional rainfall may occur. Little intensity change is expected over the next day or so, with restrengthening forecast thereafter. Lala could become a hurricane again by Wednesday, well west of Hawaii. (HLT, as of 5:49 a.m. ET, Aug 17) Widespread power outages continue across the state. There are currently no requests for FEMA assistance. (R9 SPOTREP, as of 2:04 a.m. ET, Aug 17)

Hazards Affecting Land: (NWS, as of 5:00 a.m. ET, Aug 17)

Wind: Tropical storm conditions, especially in gusts, are ongoing across portions of Kauai County, with the strongest winds occurring in areas of higher terrain.

Rain: From Maui to Kauai County, an additional 1 to 3 inches of rainfall is possible, which may produce localized areas of flooding and mudslides, especially in areas of steep terrain

Storm Surge: Large waves generated by Lala will continue to impact exposed waters of the Hawaiian Islands through tonight, with a gradual downward trend expected from east to west by Monday

Lifeline Impacts: (R9 SPOTREP, as of 2:04 a.m. ET, Aug 17)

Food, Hydration, Shelter: 7 (-20) shelters open / 99 (-327) occupants (ARC Shelter Report, as of 6:51 a.m. ET, Aug 17)

Energy: Significant power outages continue affecting the Island

- 116k (23%) customers without power (DOE Eagle-I, as of 7:30 a.m. ET, Aug 17)
 - Hawaii County 41k (-22k) (45%) customers without power
 - Maui County 9k (-22k) (12%) customers without power
 - Honolulu County 67k (22%) customers without power

Water Systems: Debris removal in progress as a safety precaution

- Maui: Debris being removed from Wailuku River Debris Basin
- Kauai: Department of Public Works have begun clearing ditches, cleaning drains, and checking and fueling equipment; crews are pre-staging equipment in flood-prone areas

Transportation:

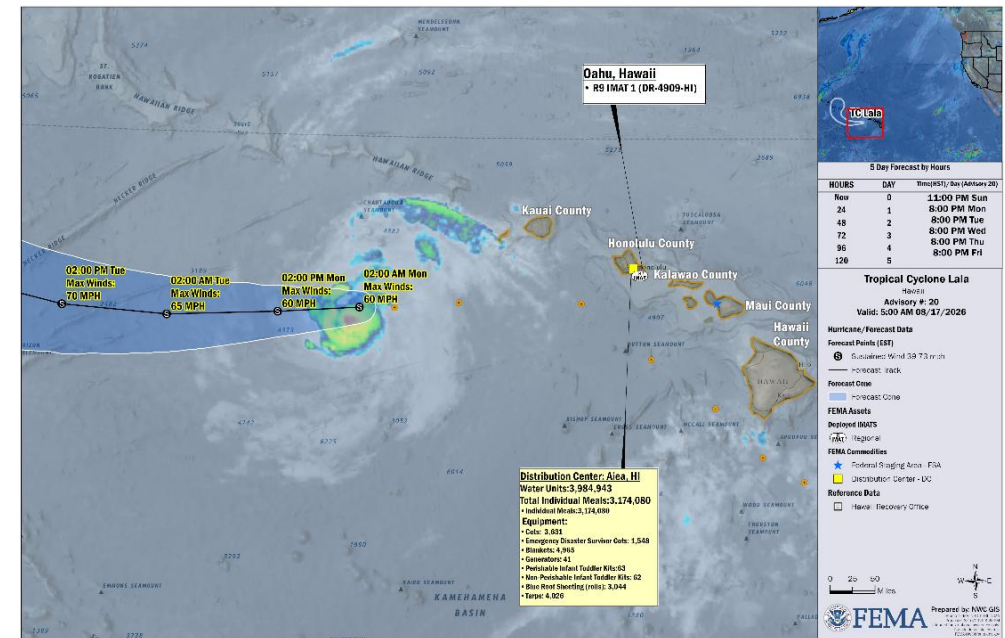
- All commercial ports and airports are open
- Numerous roads remain closed throughout the counties

State / Local Response:

- HI SEOC at Partial Activation (TC Lala); Governor issued an Emergency Proclamation Aug 13
- The Governor declared the closure of select state and county government offices and public schools across Hawaii on Monday, Aug 17 to support ongoing Hurricane Lala response, recovery, and restoration efforts

FEMA / Federal Response:

- FEMA R9 RWC is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered; R-IMAT 1 deployed to HI (DR-4909-HI); R-IMAT 2 deployed to CNMI (DR-4910/EM3647-MP); FEMA Integration Team (FIT) LNO is at HIEMA
- NWC is Monitoring



NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 9. Barring any significant developments, this will be the final report.



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Severe Weather / Flooding – Indiana

Situation and Analysis: The The National Water Center reports that significant river flooding continues across central Indiana. Moderate river flooding is expected to continue for the next several days along the White and Wabash rivers in Indiana, as these slow-responding basins will take time to route floodwaters downstream. Considering the inundation of the region, any heavy rainfall may contribute to isolated flash and urban flooding impacts. (FEMA LNO to the National Water Center, as of 4:05 p.m. ET, Aug 16)

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA Region 5 Incident Report, as of 11:01 a.m. ET, Aug 16)

Safety & Security: Travel remains hazardous; State law enforcement supporting local operations

- Approximately 50 State Troopers deploying to NW Indiana
- Marion County SAR operations have terminated, with resources released
- 19 counties remain under Travel Advisories and Travel Watches

Food, Hydration, Shelter: Shelter and feeding operations are ongoing

- 16 shelters open / 278 (+70) occupants (ARC Shelter Report, as of 6:51 a.m. ET, Aug 17)

Communication: Communications infrastructure remains degraded in affected regions

- FirstNet expected to provide higher-capacity equipment
- Communications support being coordinated for Gary and Fayette Counties

Health and Medical: Storm impacts continue affecting healthcare facilities

- 3 (-6) injuries and 6 (+2) confirmed fatalities

Energy: Power restoration continues as prolonged outages intersect with critical infrastructure

- 109k (-30k) (4%) customers without power (DOE Eagle-I, as of 7:30 a.m. ET, Aug 17)

Water Systems: Flooding and storm impacts continue to affect a significant number of wastewater treatment facilities and other water utilities across Indiana

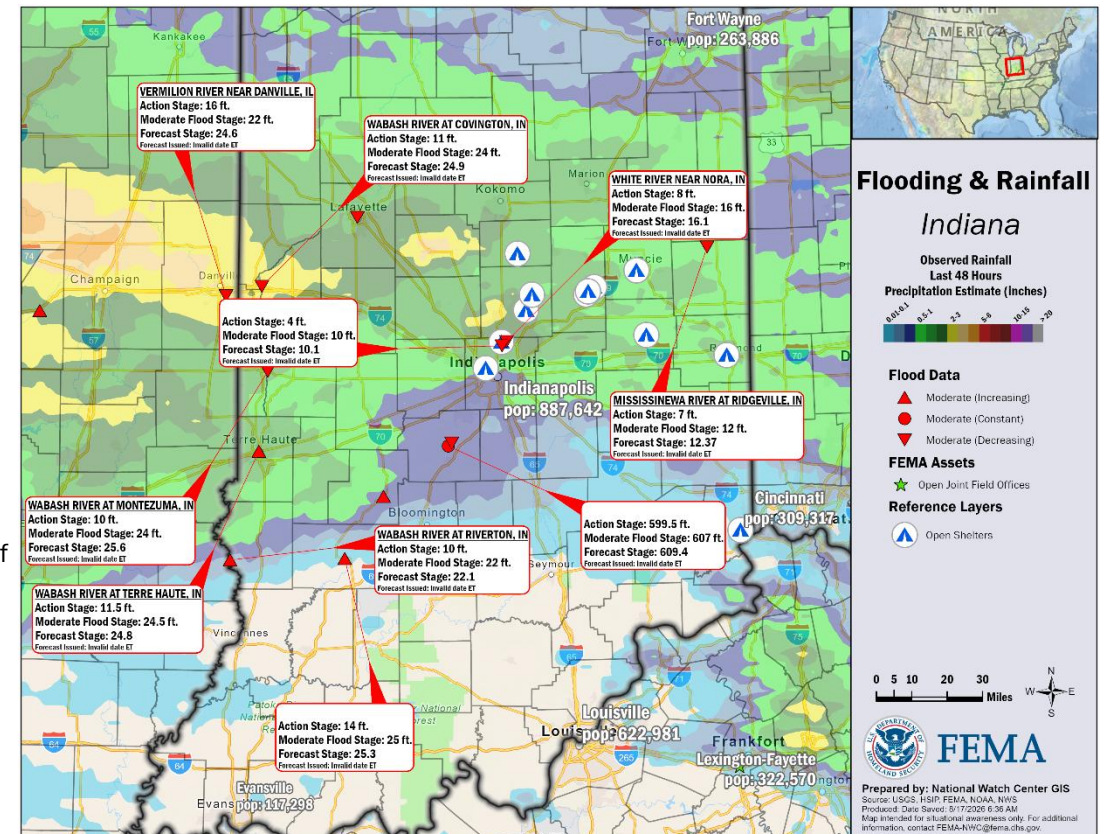
Transportation: I-70 westbound at Centerville remains impacted by a washout; widespread inspection of affected roads beginning

State / Local Response:

- IN SEOC at Partial Activation (Severe Weather / Flooding)
- Governor declared a state of emergency; Emergency Declaration approved on Aug 15

FEMA / Federal Response:

- FEMA R5 Watch at Enhanced Watch (Severe Weather)
- FEMA Integration Team (FIT) Liaison at IN SEOC
- NWC is Monitoring

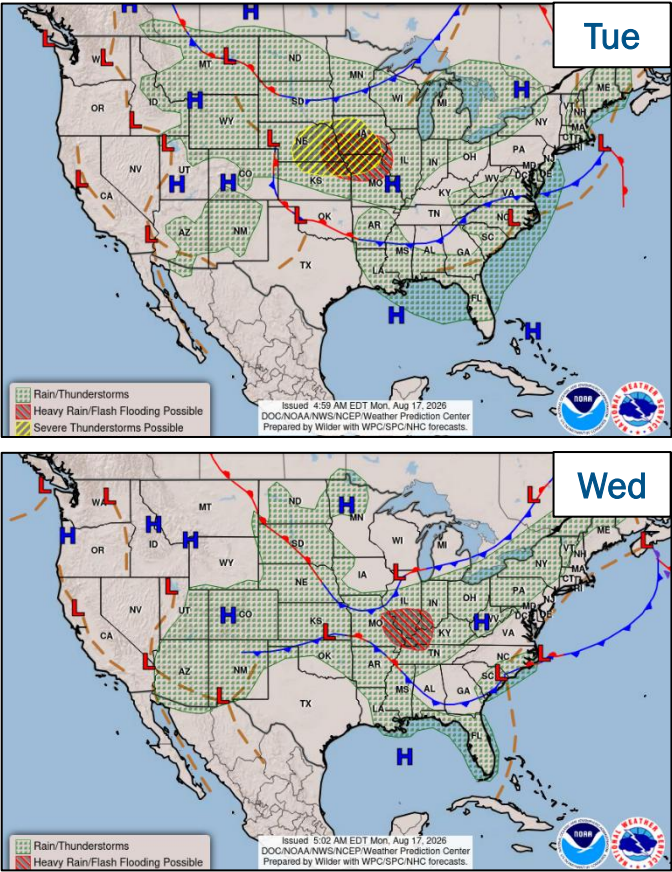
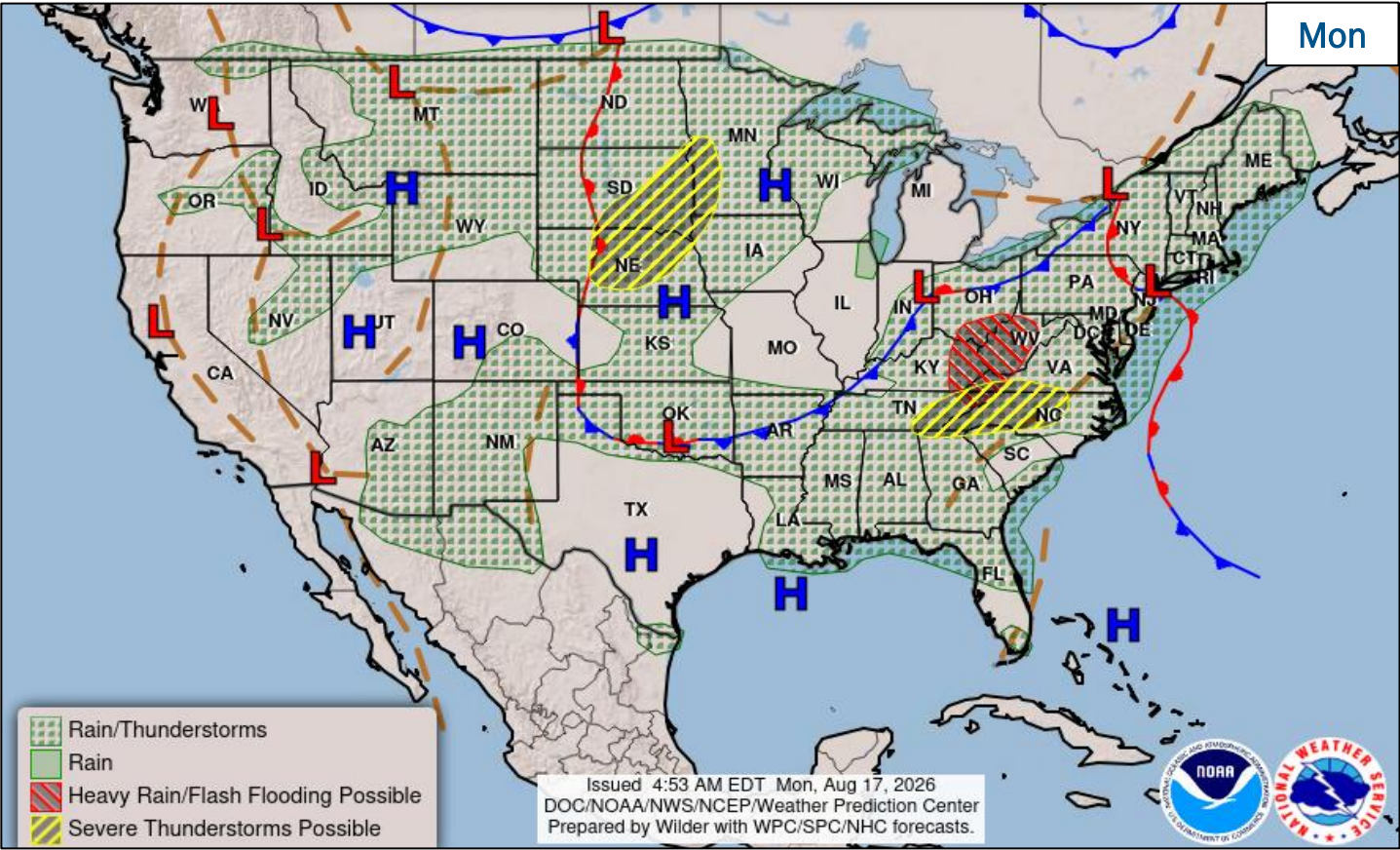


NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 5, with continued reporting daily in the FEMA National Situation Report (5:00 p.m. / 3:00 a.m. ET) and the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET).

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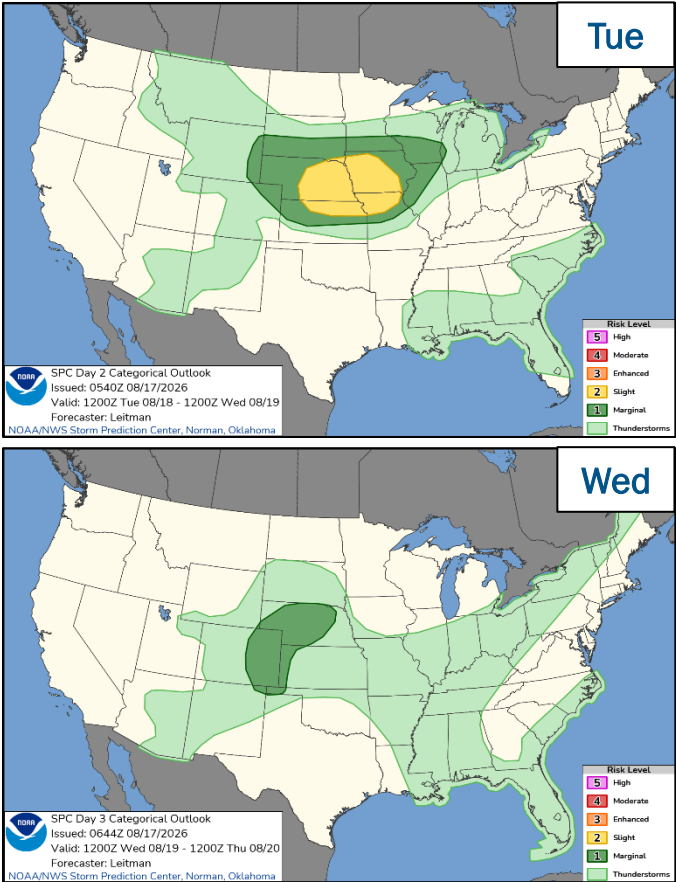
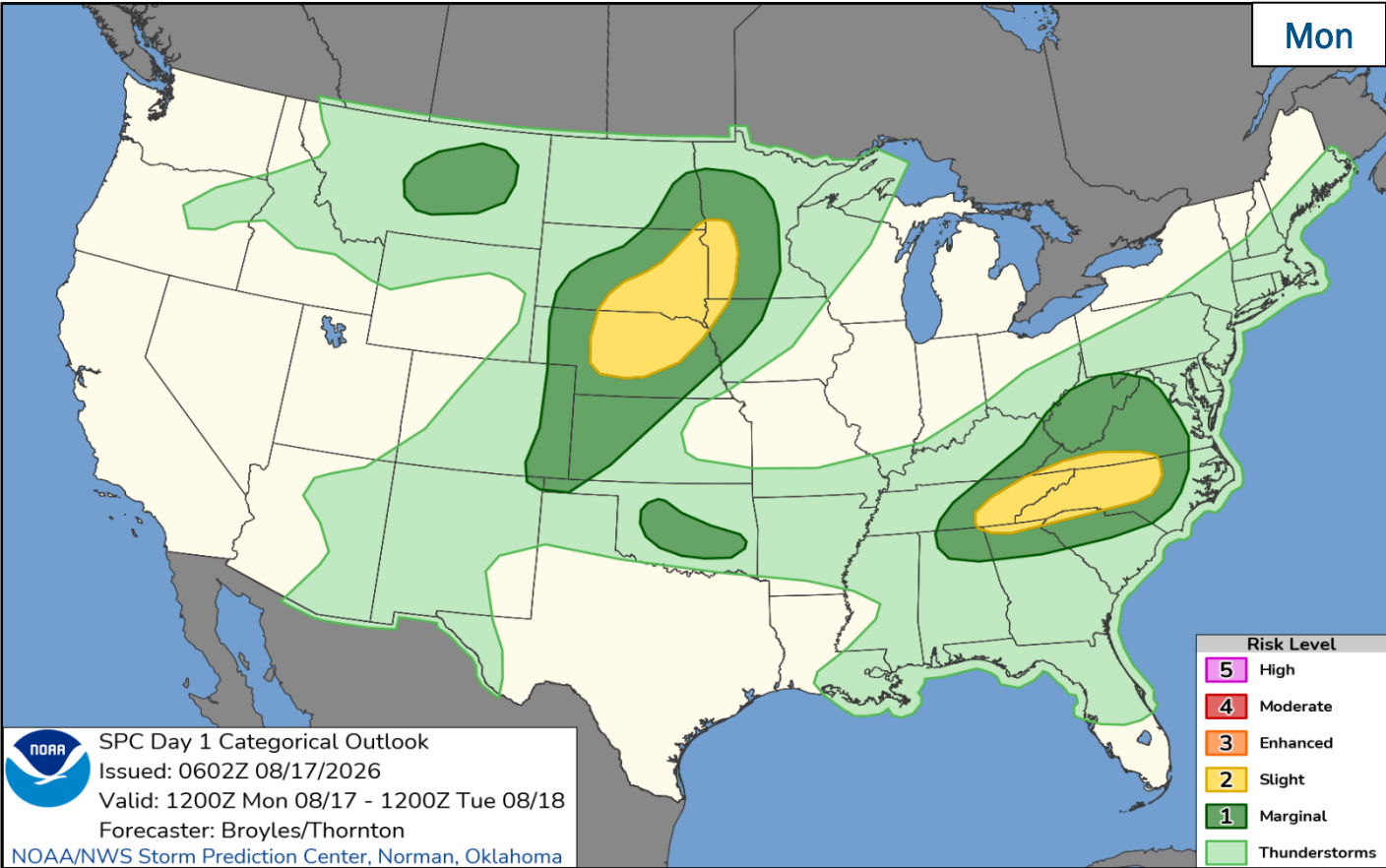


National Weather Forecast



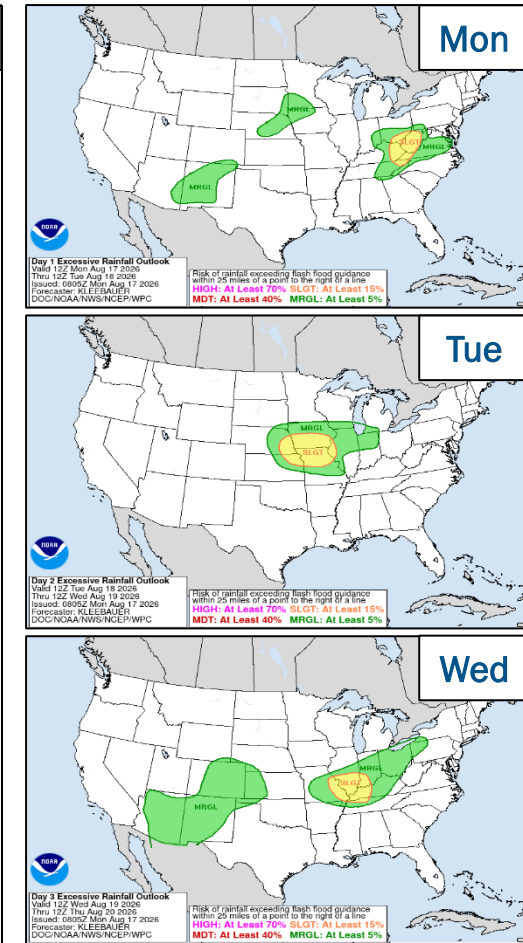
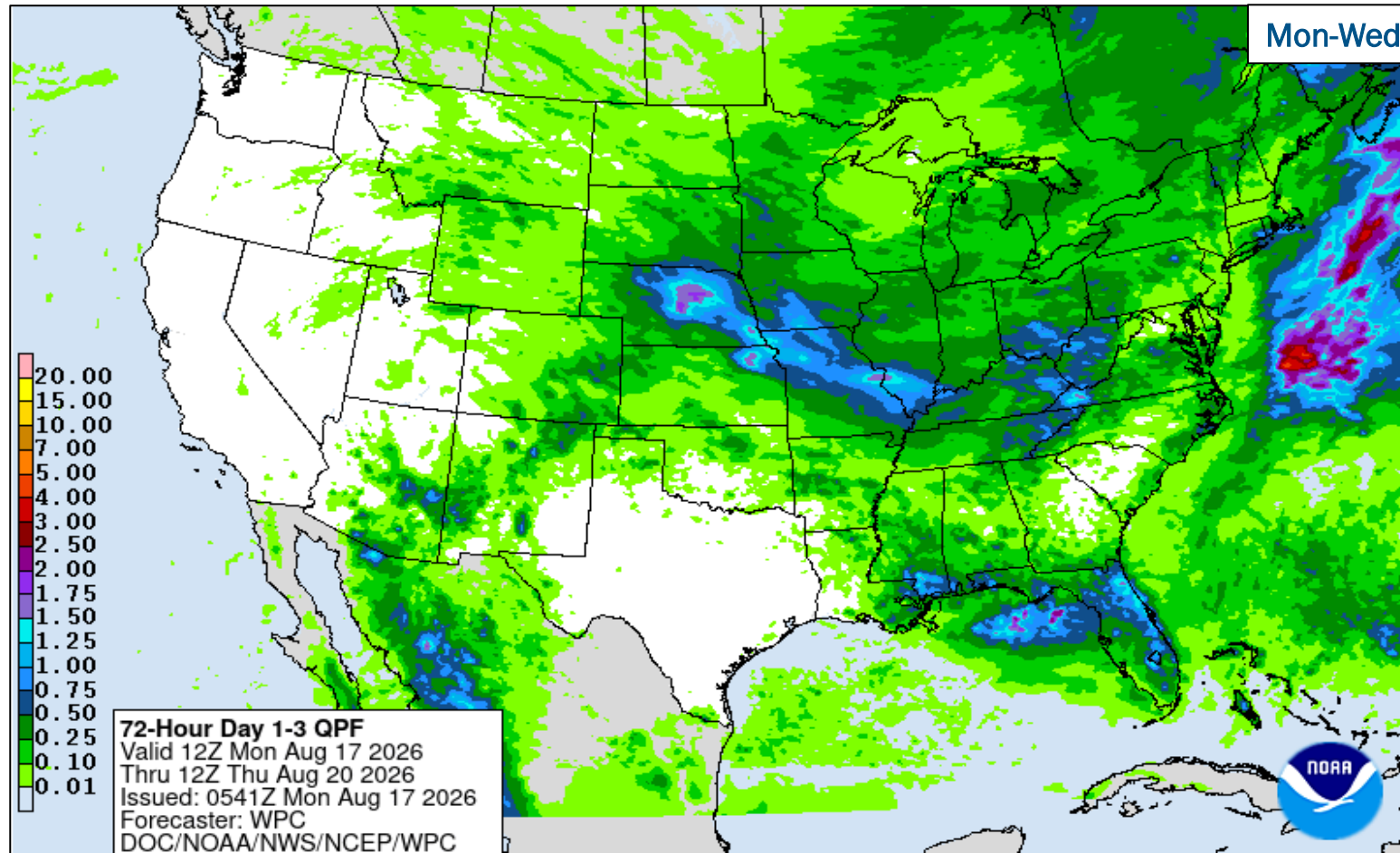
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Severe Weather Outlook



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Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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National Fire Activity – August 17, 2026

PL 5

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (99 fires)
New Large Fires	8
Large Fires Contained	5
Uncontained Large Fires	87
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	7,219,058
Total Responders	29,548
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	1
Complex IMTs Deployed	21
FMAGS	Total
2026 (FYTD)	57
2025	75
3 Year Average	53

Preparedness Levels:	
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

Sinlahekin Fire
Acres Burned: 152,682
Containment: 44%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/33
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/2

Kaiser Canyon Fire
Acres Burned: 138,296
Containment: 83%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/23
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/24

Grasshopper Fire
Acres Burned: 90,130
Containment: 47%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/6
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/16

Rowe Creek Complex
Acres Burned: 373,784
Containment: 89%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 1/9
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/24

Wrights Spring Fire
Acres Burned: 53,628
Containment: 51%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/1
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/6

Bug Fire - FINAL
Acres Burned: 93,733
Containment: 85%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/9
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/7

Hagen Fire
Acres Burned: 56,419
Containment: 14%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0

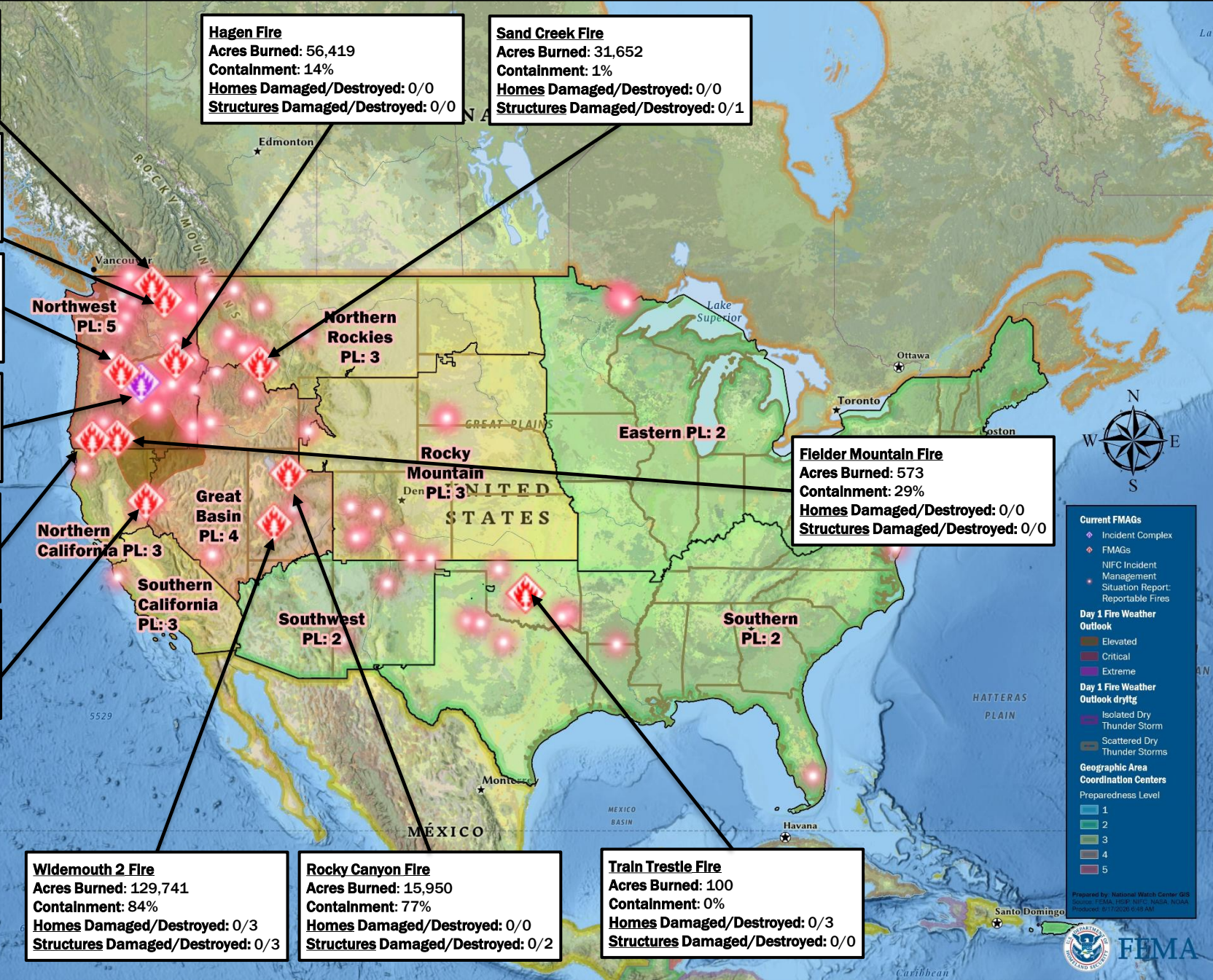
Sand Creek Fire
Acres Burned: 31,652
Containment: 1%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/1

Fielder Mountain Fire
Acres Burned: 573
Containment: 29%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0

Widemouth 2 Fire
Acres Burned: 129,741
Containment: 84%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/3
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/3

Rocky Canyon Fire
Acres Burned: 15,950
Containment: 77%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/2

Train Trestle Fire
Acres Burned: 100
Containment: 0%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/3
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0



Current FMAGS

- Incident Complex
- FMAGS
- NIFC Incident
- Management
- Situation Report
- Reportable Fires

Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook

- Elevated
- Critical
- Extreme

Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook dryftg

- Isolated Dry
- Thunder Storm
- Scattered Dry
- Thunder Storms

Geographic Area Coordination Centers

Preparedness Level

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

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Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Kaiser Canyon (Okanogan, WA)	5646-FM-WA	138,296 (+14)	83% (+1)	M: 17	H: 1,078	H: 0	H: 23	0 / 6
				V: 0	O: 28	O: 0	O: 24	
Grasshopper (Wasco, OR)	5648-FM-OR	90,130 (+3,176)	47% (+10)	M: 678	H: 3,832	H: 0	H: 6	0 / 9 (+4)
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 16	
Rowe Creek Complex (Crook/Jefferson, OR)	5655-FM-OR	373,784	89%	M: 160 (-124)	H: 703 (-34)	H: 1	H: 9	0 / 23
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 24	
Sinlahekin (Yakima, WA)	5657-FM-WA	152,682	44% (+2)	M: 12 (-64)	H: 29	H: 0	H: 33 (+33)	0 / 2 (+2)
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 2	
Widemouth 2 (Millard, UT)	5661-FM-UT	129,741	84% (+4)	M: 445	H: 51	H: 0	H: 3	2 / 4
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 3	
Bug (Washoe, NV) FINAL	5663-FM-NV	93,733 (-372)	85% (+9)	M: LIFTED	H: 0 (-762)	H: 0	H: 9	1 (+1) / 3 (+2)
				V: 0	O: 0 (-20)	O: 0	O: 7 (+7)	
Hagen (Umatilla/Union, OR)	5664-FM-OR	56,419 (+681)	14%	M: 3,585	H: 1,434	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 6
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Rocky Canyon (Summit/Morgan, UT)	5665-FM-UT	15,950	77% (+5)	M: 2,060	H: 780	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 4 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 2	
Wrights Spring (Klamath, OR)	5666-FM-OR	53,628 (+240)	51% (+4)	M: 393	H: 1,475	H: 0	H: 1	1 / 2
				V: 0	O: 968	O: 0	O: 6	
Train Trestle (Canadian/Oklahoma, OK)	5669-FM-OK	100	0%	M: 70	H: 262	H: 0	H: 3	0/0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Fielder Mountain (Jackson/Josephine, OR)	5670-FM-OR	573 (+25)	29% (+11)	M: LIFTED	H: 214	H: 0	H: 0	0/0
				V: 0	O: 92	O: 0	O: 0	
Sand Creek (Beaverhead, MT)	5671-FM-MT	31,652	1%	M: LIFTED	H: 168	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 3
				V: 6	O: 0	O: 0	O: 1	

(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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Incident Workforce

18,955
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,425 / 34%
Deployed

5,854 / 31%
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,676 / 35%
Remaining

Surge Capacity Force
7,693 / 0 / 769
Rostered / Deployed /
Est. Available to Deploy for 30 Days

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National Readiness

National Watch Center

NRCC

N-IMAT Red

N-IMAT White

N-IMAT Blue

N-IMAT Gold

N-IMAT HS

National Notes

National Watch:
• NWC: Staffing

NRCC:
• Rostered

National IMATs:
• N-IMAT Red: Staffing
• N-IMAT White: Staffing
• N-IMAT Blue: Staffing

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	1	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	0	2	0	0
R4	4	13	0	1
R5	0	2	0	0
R6	4	6	3	3
R7	0	5	0	0
R8	1	5	0	0
R9	0	5	4	0
R10	4	7	1	0

Bothell, WA
EM-3650-WA
• MERS

Ephrata, WA
EM-3650-WA
• SMT Bothell/Tracy

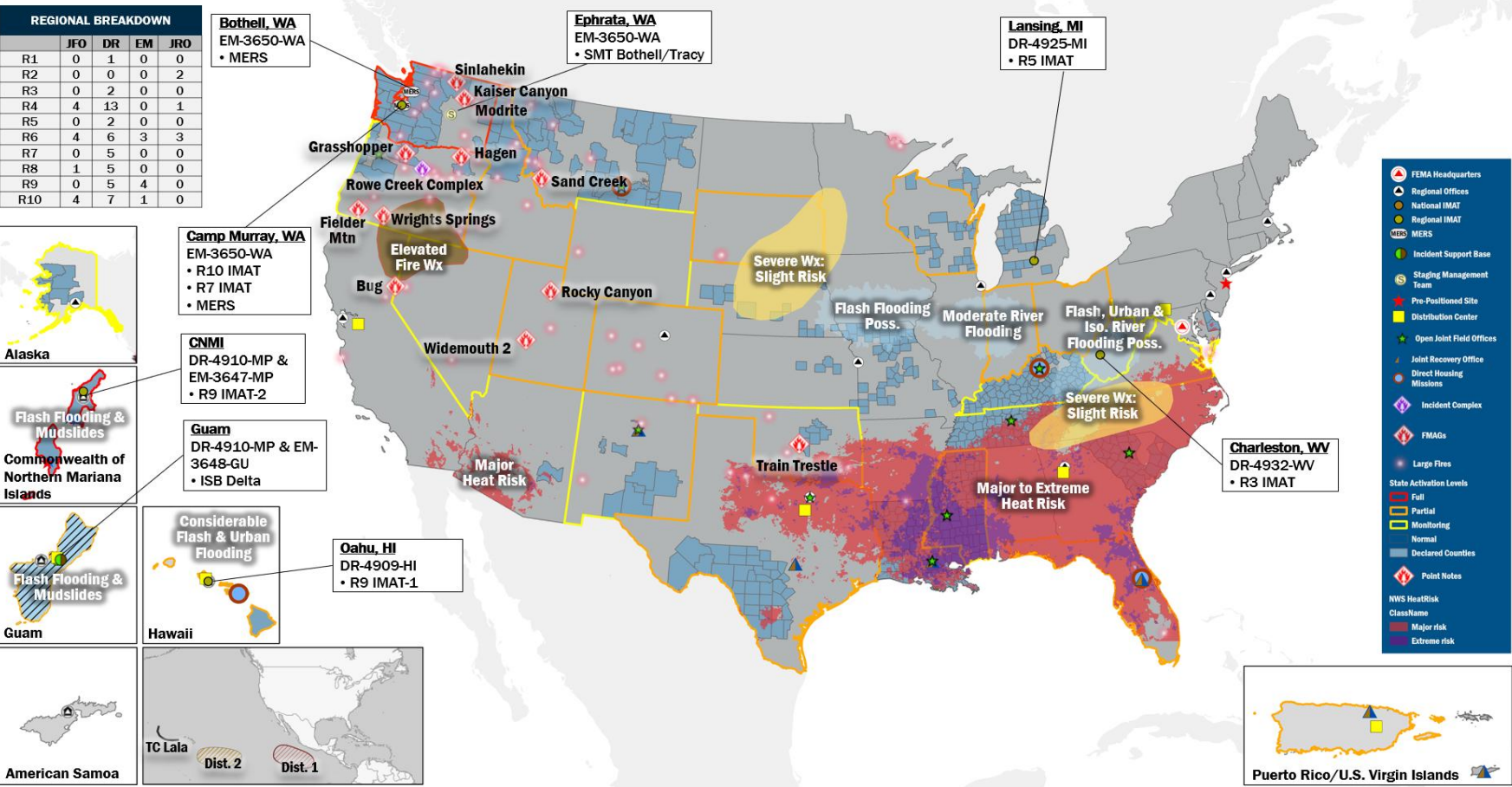
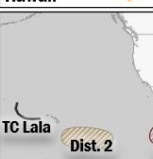
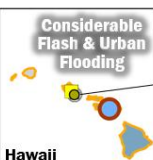
Lansing, MI
DR-4925-MI
• R5 IMAT

Camp Murray, WA
EM-3650-WA
• R10 IMAT
• R7 IMAT
• MERS

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

Guam
DR-4910-MP & EM-
3648-GU
• ISB Delta

Oahu, HI
DR-4909-HI
• R9 IMAT-1



Legend

- FEMA Headquarters
- Regional Offices
- National IMAT
- Regional IMAT
- MERS
- Incident Support Base
- Staging Management Team
- Pre-Positioned Site
- Distribution Center
- Open Joint Field Office
- Joint Recovery Office
- Direct Housing Missions
- Incident Complex
- FMAAs
- Large Fires
- State Activation Levels
- Full
- Partial
- Monitoring
- Normal
- Declared Counties
- Point Notes
- NWS HeatRisk
- Class Name
- Major risk
- Extreme risk

Regional Readiness

Watch RRCC IMAT

Region 1

Region 2

Region 3

Region 4

Region 5

Region 6

Region 7

Region 8

Region 9

Region 10

Regional Notes

Watches/RRCCs:
• R2 Watch: Equipment
• R5 Watch: Severe Weather

IMATs:
• R1: Staffing
• R3: Deployed (4932-DR-WV)
• R4-1: Staffing
• R4-2: Staffing
• R5: Deployed (4925-DR-MI)
• R7: Deployed (3650-EM-WA)
• R8: Reconstituting
• R9-1: Deployed (4909-DR-HI)
• R9-2: (4910-DR-MP)
• R10: Deployed (3650-EM-WA)

State EOCs:
• DC: Summer 2026 Events
• FL/MS: Previous Incidents
• CO/ID/NV/NM/OR/WA: Wildfires
• IN/KY/OH/TX/WV: Severe Weather
• MP: TC Sinkaku/TC Bawl
• UT: Wildfire/Major Events/Drought/Crop Loss
• GU: TC Bawl
• PR/VA: Drought
• Wt: Support for 4923-DR-WI
• SD: Sturgis Gathering
• AK: GLOF
• HI: TC Lala
• OK: Fire Weather
• WY: Election Activities

Legend

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

Commodities & Equipment

	CONUS	Caribbean	Hawaii	Guam
Water				
Meals				
Generators				

SMT

Operational	9/11
Requires Augmentation	3/11
Deployed	2/11

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	0
FEMA-Deployed	0
Not Mission Capable	0
Available	28
FEMA Support Staff	11/21

FCO

Assigned	38
Not Mission Capable	1
Deployed	31 (20 FCOR)
Available	6

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
R5	WI	Severe Weather and Tornadoes Jul 27	IA	4	0	8/17 – TBD
			PA	2	0	8/17 – TBD
R8	CO	Aspen Acres Fire Jun 29 and continuing	IA	2	0	7/28 – TBD
			PA	2	0	7/28 – TBD



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Declaration Requests in Process – 17

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
NY – Severe Winter Storm, Snowstorm, and Straight-line Winds – Appeal	DR		X	X	Mar 25
MA – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm – Appeal	DR		X	X	Apr 7
ND – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes	DR		X	X	Jul 6
RI – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jul 15
TX – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Jul 17
NJ – Severe Winter Storms and Snowstorm – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jul 20
HI – Earthquake	DR	X			Jul 21
ID – Severe Storm and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 22
KY – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR	X	X	X	Jul 23
SD – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 24
MO – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 28
KS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 28
OST* – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Jul 29
IA – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 3
IN – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Aug 6
GU – Super Typhoon Bavi	DR	X	X	X	Aug 11
KS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 11

*Oglala Sioux Tribe



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