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Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Severe Weather / Flooding – IN - FINAL

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms/Heavy Rain/Flash Flooding – Central Plains to the Ohio Valley
- Tropical Activity
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Hurricane Lala (CAT-4)
 - Invest 90E: High (80%)
 - Disturbance 1: High (80%)
 - Western Pacific: Tropical Storm Saudel

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Severe Weather / Flooding – Indiana - FINAL

Situation and Analysis: Indiana is transitioning from active response towards stabilization and recovery following derecho and subsequent flooding impacted the state. Power outages have declined and hydrologic conditions continue to improve no river gauges near impacted areas reaching Major Flood stage. Recovery requirements remain focused on debris clearance, utilities, communications, water/wastewater infrastructures and localized flooding impacts. (FEMA R5 Incident Report #6, Severe Weather, as of 5:12 p.m. ET, Aug 18). Thunderstorms will be possible for all or part of the region through Thursday, however the severe weather potential is low (NWS Hazardous Weather Outlook, as of 3:05 p.m. ET, Aug 18)

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA R5 Incident Report #6, Severe Weather, as of 5:12 p.m. ET, Aug 18)

Safety & Security: State and local response personnel remain engaged in flood response

- Indiana State Police are assisting power-restoration operations in Northwest Indiana area and supporting local law enforcement in Fayette County
- 10 people evacuated near a quarry levee in Morgan County

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

- 18 (+3) shelters open / 287 (-90) occupants

Health and Medical: Storm impacts continue affecting healthcare facilities

- 3 injuries and 8 (+1) fatalities

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

- 86k (-11k) / 3% customers without power (DOE Eagle-I, as of 7:00 a.m. ET, Aug 19)

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

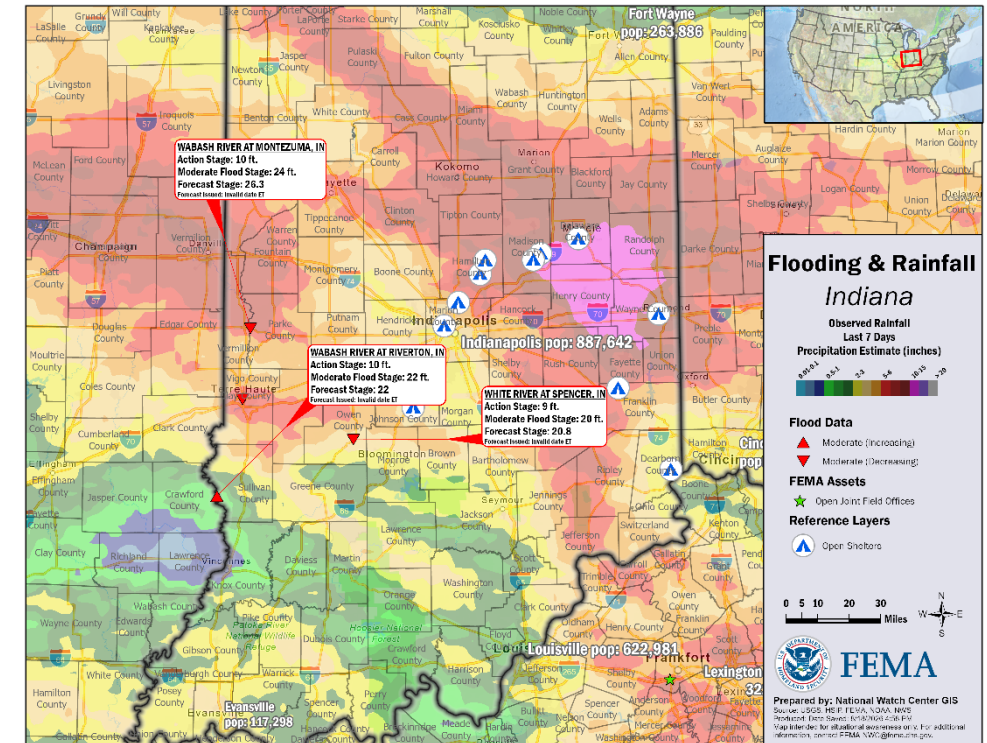
Transportation: No significant new transportation issues reported. State is prioritizing emergency route clearance, debris removal

State / Local Response:

- IN SEOC at Partial Activation (Severe Weather / Flooding)
- Emergency Declaration approved on Aug 15

FEMA / Federal Response:

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



NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 5 and barring any significant developments, this will be the **FINAL** report.

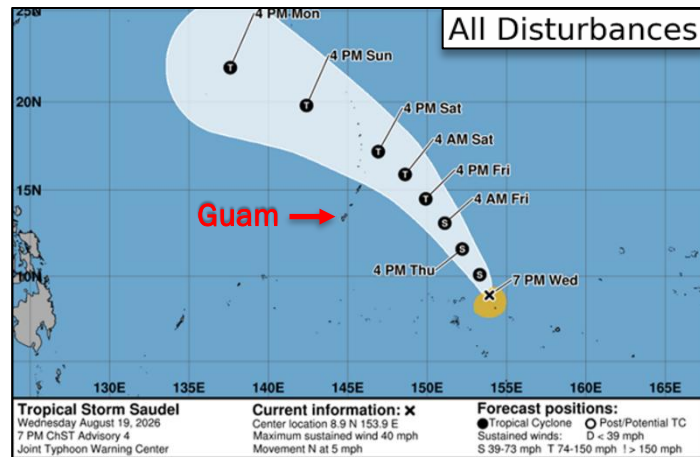


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Tropical Outlook

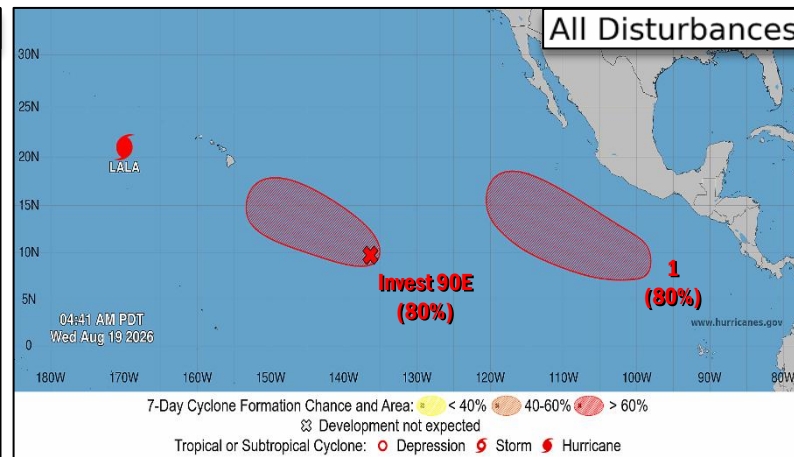
Western Pacific



Tropical Storm Saude! (HLT Advisory #4, as of 6:07 a.m. ET)

- See slide below

Eastern and Central Pacific



Hurricane Lala (CAT 4): (Advisory #28A, as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- See slide below

Invest 90E: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Tropical wave located well ESE of the Hawaiian Islands
- Moving WNW at 10-15 mph
- Showing signs of some organization; tropical depression likely to form within a few days
- Formation chance: 48 hours: High (70%); 7 days: High (80%)

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

- Area of low pressure forecast to form several hundred miles south off the coast of Mexico around the end of the week
- Moving WNW
- Gradual development of this system is expected; tropical depression is likely to form by this weekend
- Formation chance: 48 hours: Low (near 0%); 7 days: High (80%)

Atlantic



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



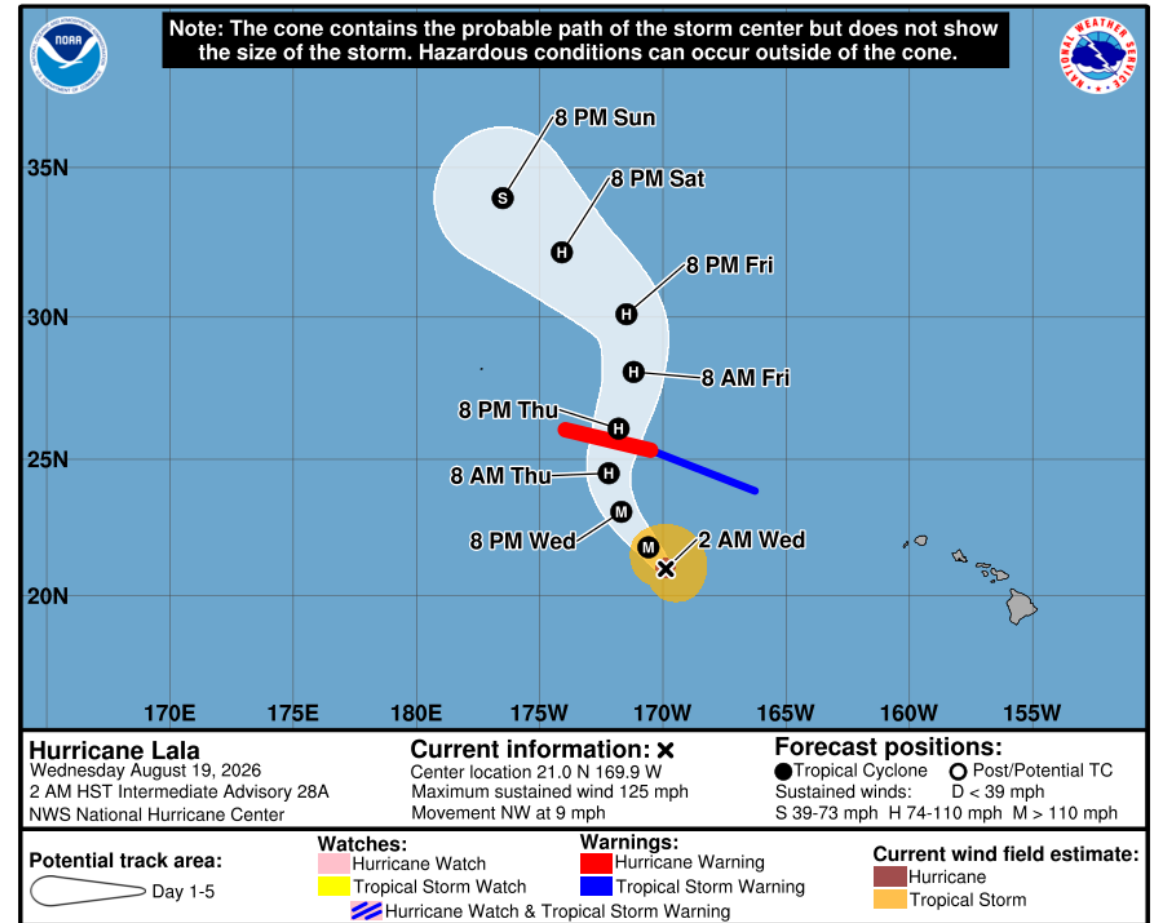
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Hurricane Lala (CAT 4) – Central Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #28A, as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 300 miles S of Maro Reef
- Moving NW at 9 mph
- Maximum sustained winds of 125 mph
- Hurricane force winds extend outward up to 30 mi from the center
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 115 mi
- Some gradual weakening is anticipated during the next few days, but Lala is expected to remain a hurricane and not affect U.S. interests



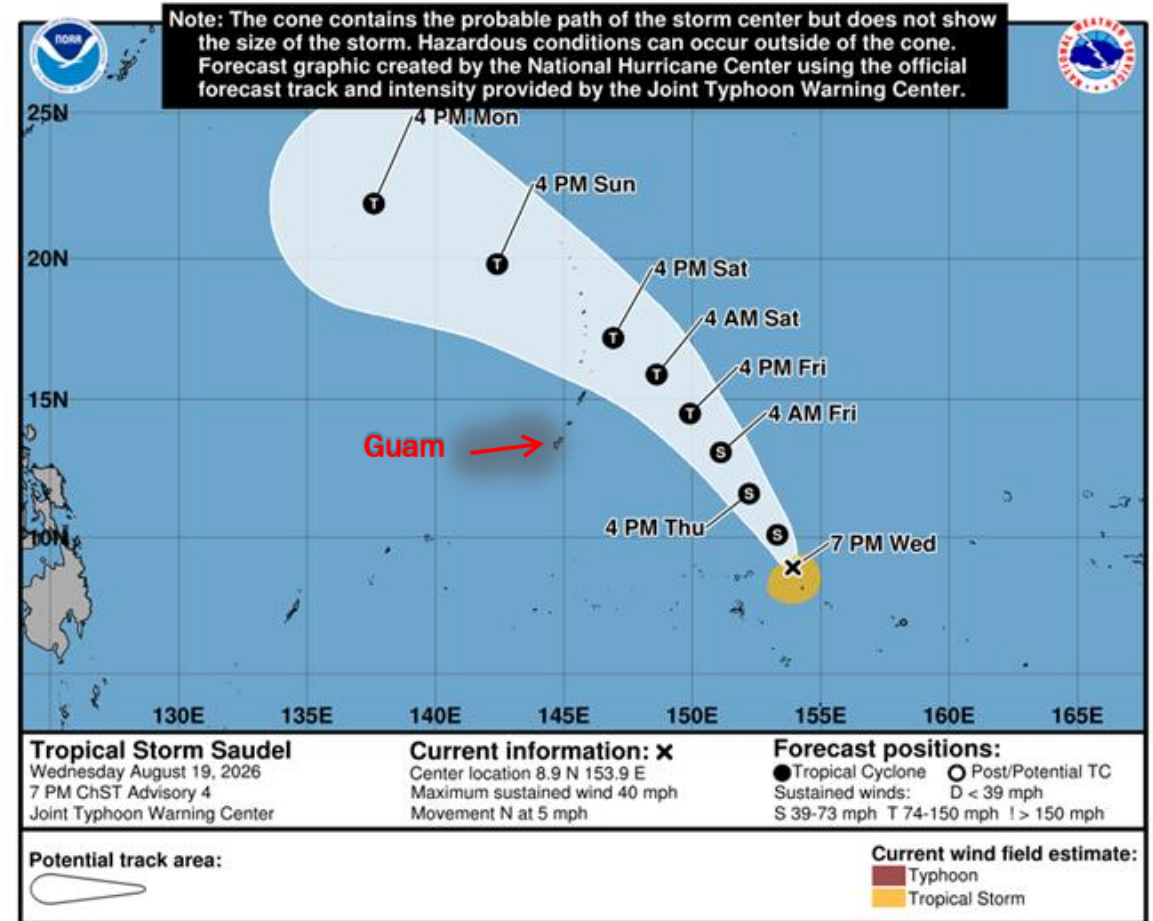
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Tropical Storm Saudel – Western Pacific

Situation: (HLT Advisory #4, as of 6:07 a.m. ET)

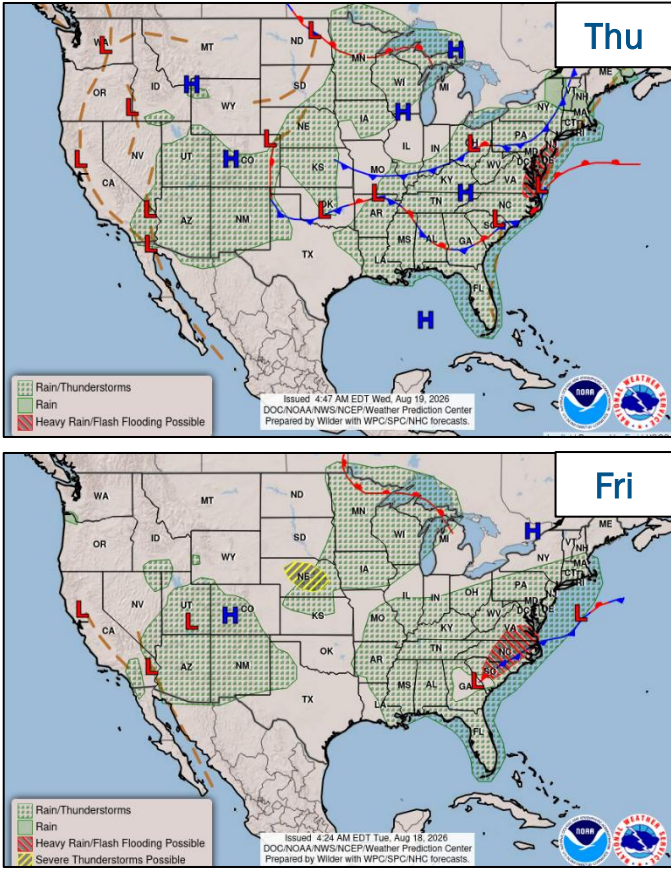
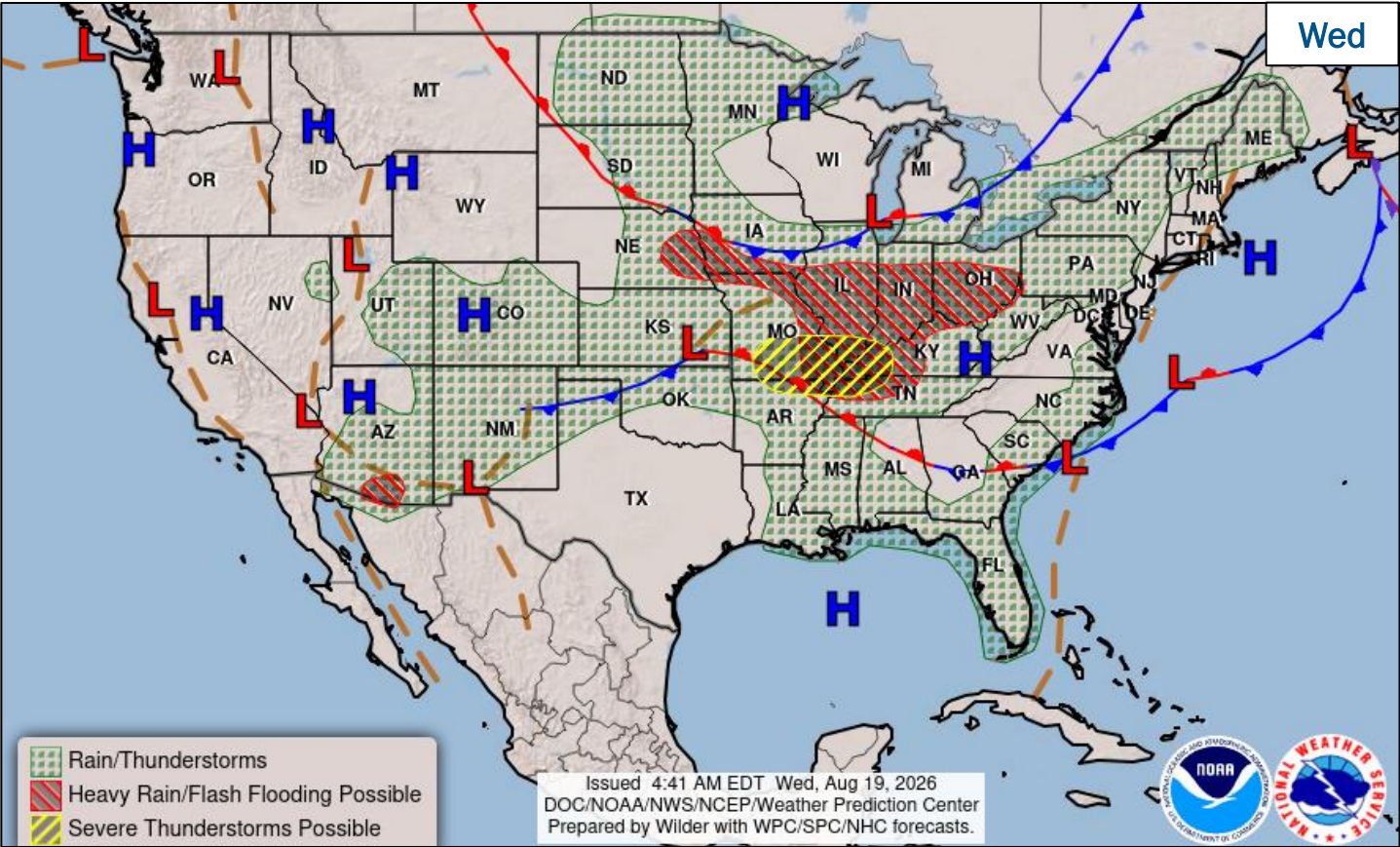
- Located 700 mi ESE of Guam
- Moving N at 5 mph
- Maximum sustained surface winds of 40 mph
- Saudel is expected to intensify to near CAT-3 strength Friday into Saturday as it moves near or north of CNMI



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National Weather Forecast



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National Fire Activity – August 19, 2026

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (97 fires)
New Large Fires	7
Large Fires Contained	7
Uncontained Large Fires	75
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	7,471,468
Total Responders	26,890
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	1
Complex IMTs Deployed	22
FMAGS	Total
2026 (FYTD)	58
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: 154,178
Containment: 44%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/33
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/2

Grasshopper Fire
Acres Burned: 91,555
Containment: 57%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/9
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/26

Rowe Creek Complex
Acres Burned: 373,785
Containment: 89%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 1/9
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/24

Wrights Spring Fire
Acres Burned: 54,016
Containment: 55%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/1
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/6

Fielder Mountain Fire - FINAL
Acres Burned: 573
Containment: 53%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 2/1



Mukluk Fire
Acres Burned: 5,077
Containment: 16%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/30
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0

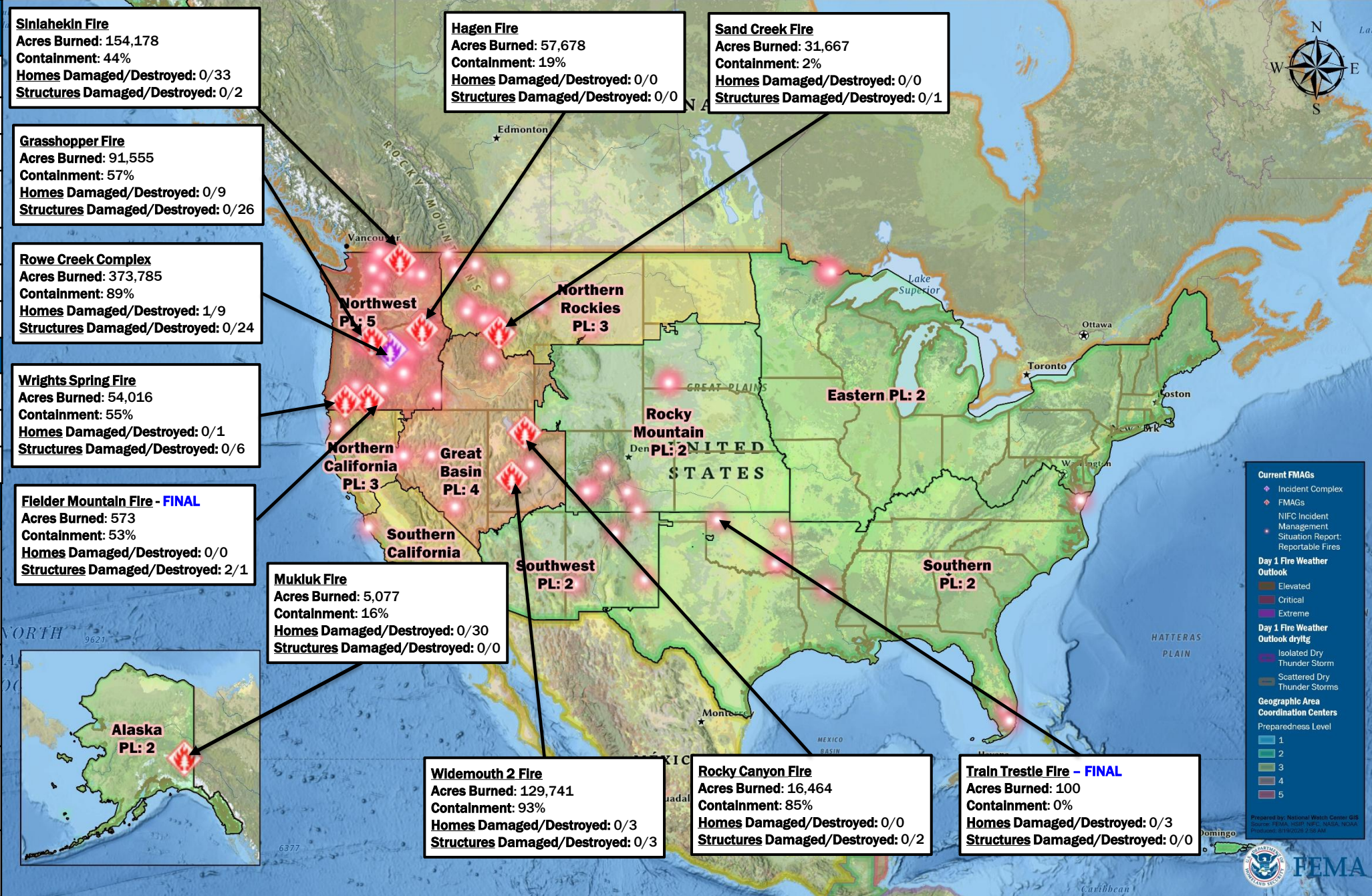
Widemouth 2 Fire
Acres Burned: 129,741
Containment: 93%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/3
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/3

Hagen Fire
Acres Burned: 57,678
Containment: 19%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0

Sand Creek Fire
Acres Burned: 31,667
Containment: 2%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/1

Rocky Canyon Fire
Acres Burned: 16,464
Containment: 85%
Homes Damaged/Destroyed: 0/0
Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0/2

Train Trestle Fire - FINAL
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 dry/g

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

Geographic Area Coordination Centers

Preparedness Level

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

Prepared by: National Weather Center GIS
Source: FEMA, USFS, NIFC, NADA, NOAA
Revised: 11/19/2024

Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Grasshopper (Wasco, OR)	5648-FM-OR	91,555 (+888)	57% (+8)	M: 504	H: 3,832	H: 0	H: 9 (+3)	0 / 12 (+3)
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 26 (+10)	
Rowe Creek Complex (Crook/Jefferson, OR)	5655-FM-OR	373,785 (+1)	89%	M: 65	H: 452	H: 1	H: 9	0 / 23
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 24	
Sinlahekin (Yakima, WA)	5657-FM-WA	154,178 (+335)	44%	M: 12	H: 29	H: 0	H: 33	0 / 3 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 2	
Widemouth 2 (Millard, UT)	5661-FM-UT	129,741	93% (+2)	M: 445	H: 51	H: 0	H: 3	2 / 4
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 3	
Hagen (Umatilla/Union, OR)	5664-FM-OR	57,678 (+809)	19% (+2)	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	16,464	85%	M: 2,060	H: 780	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 5
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 2	
Wrights Spring (Klamath, OR)	5666-FM-OR	54,016 (+75)	55% (+2)	M: 104	H: 1,146	H: 0	H: 1	1 / 2
				V: 0	O: 815	O: 0	O: 6	
Train Trestle (Canadian/Oklahoma, OK) FINAL	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) FINAL	5670-FM-OR	573	53% (+15)	M: LIFTED	H: 0	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 1 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 2 (+2)	O: 1 (+1)	
Sand Creek (Beaverhead, MT)	5671-FM-MT	31,667 (+15)	2% (+2)	M: LIFTED	H: 168	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 4 (+1)
				V: 6	O: 0	O: 0	O: 1	
Mukluk (Southeast Fairbanks, AK)	5672-FM-AK	5,077 (+4,577)	16% (+15)	M: 1,300 (+1,300)	H: 300 (+150)	H: 0	H: 30 (+30)	0 / 0
				V: 6	O: 0	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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Incident Workforce

18,960
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,473 / 34%
Deployed

5,915 / 31%
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,572 / 35%
Remaining

Surge Capacity Force
7,702 / 0 / 770
Rostered / Deployed /
Est. Available to Deploy for 30 Days

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National Readiness

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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	JFO
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

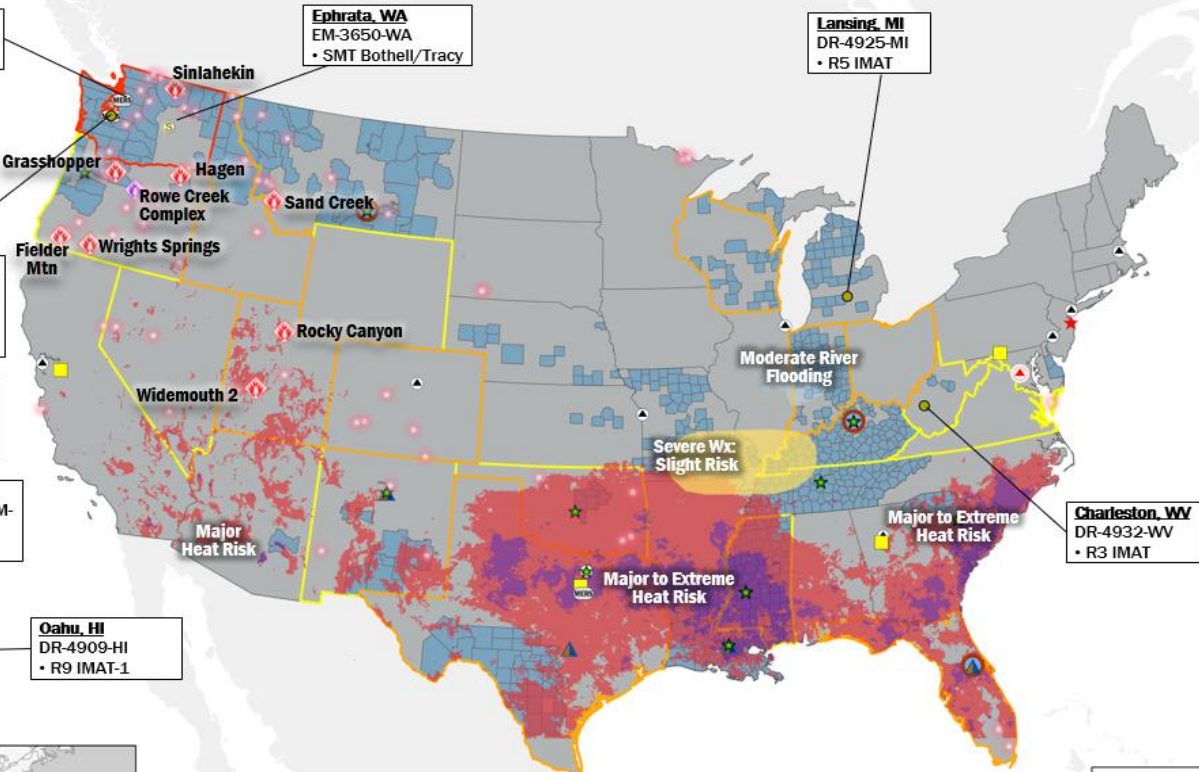
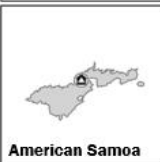
Lansing, MI
DR-4925-MI
• R5 IMAT

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



Regional Readiness

Watch RRCC IMAT

Region 1			3
Region 2			2
Region 3			WV
Region 4			1
Region 5			MI
Region 6			
Region 7			WA
Region 8			
Region 9			HI MP
Region 10			WA

Regional Notes

Watches/RRCCs:
• R2 Watch: Equipment
• R5 Watch: Staffing

IMATs:
• R1: Staffing
• R3: Deployed (4932-DR-WV)
• R4-1: Staffing
• R4-2: Staffing
• R5: Deployed (4925-DR-MI)
• R7: Deployed (3650-EM-WA)
• 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
• AK/CO/ID/NV/NM/OK/OR/
WA: Wildfires
• IN/KY/OH/TX/WV: Severe
Weather
• MP: TC Sinkaku/TC Bawi
• UT: Wildfire/Major
Events/Drought/Crop Loss
• GU: TC Bawi
• PR/VA: Drought
• Wt: Support for 4923-DR-WI
• HI: TC Lala
• 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 (22 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	4 (+4)	8/17 - 8/18
			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
R10	WA	Spokane Complex of Wildfires Aug 1 and continuing	IA	2	0	8/21 - TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A



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Declaration Requests in Process – 18

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
NH – Severe Storm and Flash Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jul 8
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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