

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, August 20, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- No new significant events / operations

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Amendment No. 2 to FEMA-4910-DR-MP
- Amendment No. 2 to FEMA-4890-DR-SWO
- Amendment No. 2 to FEMA-3649-EM-TX

Hazard Monitoring

- Excessive Rainfall – Mid-Atlantic
- Severe Thunderstorms – Central Plains to Upper Mississippi Valley, and Mid-Atlantic
- Tropical Activity:
- Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Hurricane Lala (CAT-2)
 - Disturbance 1 (EP90): High (90%)
 - Disturbance 2: High (80%)
 - Disturbance 3: Low (30%)
- Western Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Saudel

Event Monitoring

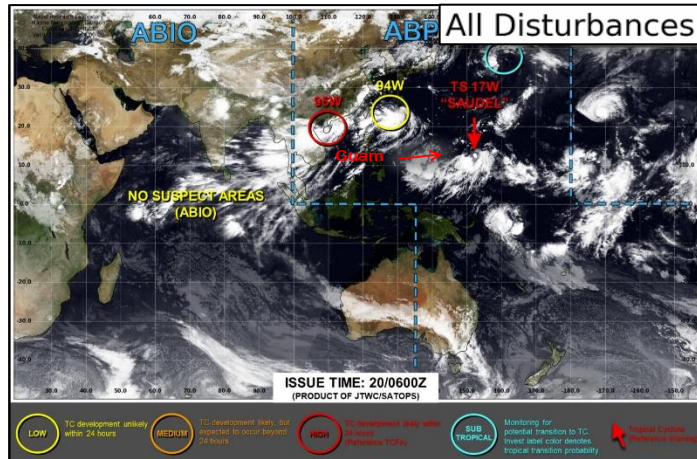
- No new significant events



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Tropical Outlook

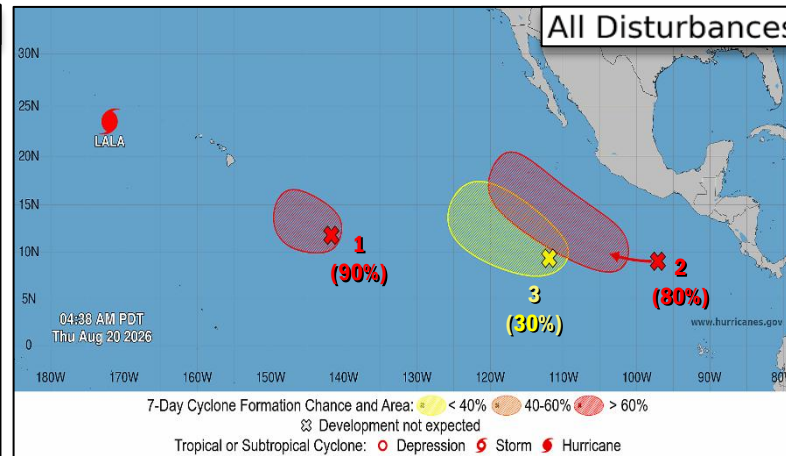
Western Pacific



Tropical Storm Saudel: (HLT Advisory #8, as of 7:01 a.m. ET)

- See following slide

Eastern and Central Pacific



Hurricane Lala (CAT 2): (Advisory #32, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Weakening and not expected to impact U.S. interests

Disturbance 1 (EP90): (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Tropical wave located well ESE of the Hawaiian Islands
- Moving WNW at 10-15 mph
- Tropical depression is expected to form today
- Formation chance: 48-hour: High (90%); 7-day: High (90%)

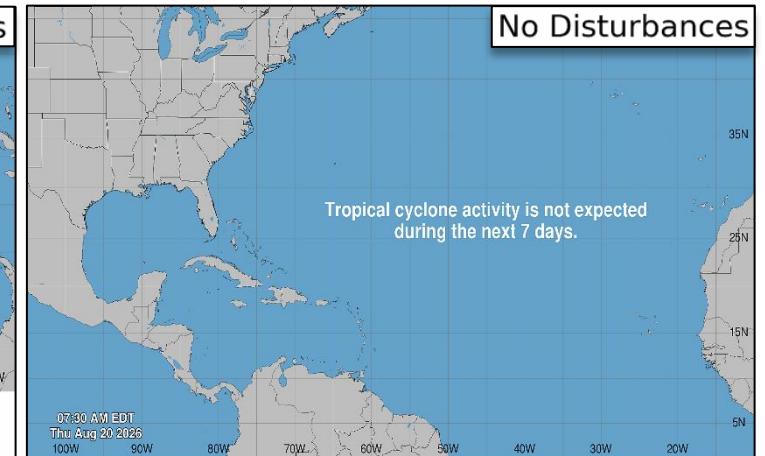
Disturbance 2: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located a few hundred miles S of the southern Mexico coast
- Tropical depression is likely to form by this weekend
- Formation chance: 48-hour: Low (20%); 7-day: High (80%)

Disturbance 3: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located several hundred miles S of the southern tip of the Baja California Peninsula
- Moving WNW at 5-10 mph
- Conditions are marginally favorable for development
- Formation chance: 48-hour: Low (10%); 7-day: Low (30%)

Atlantic



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



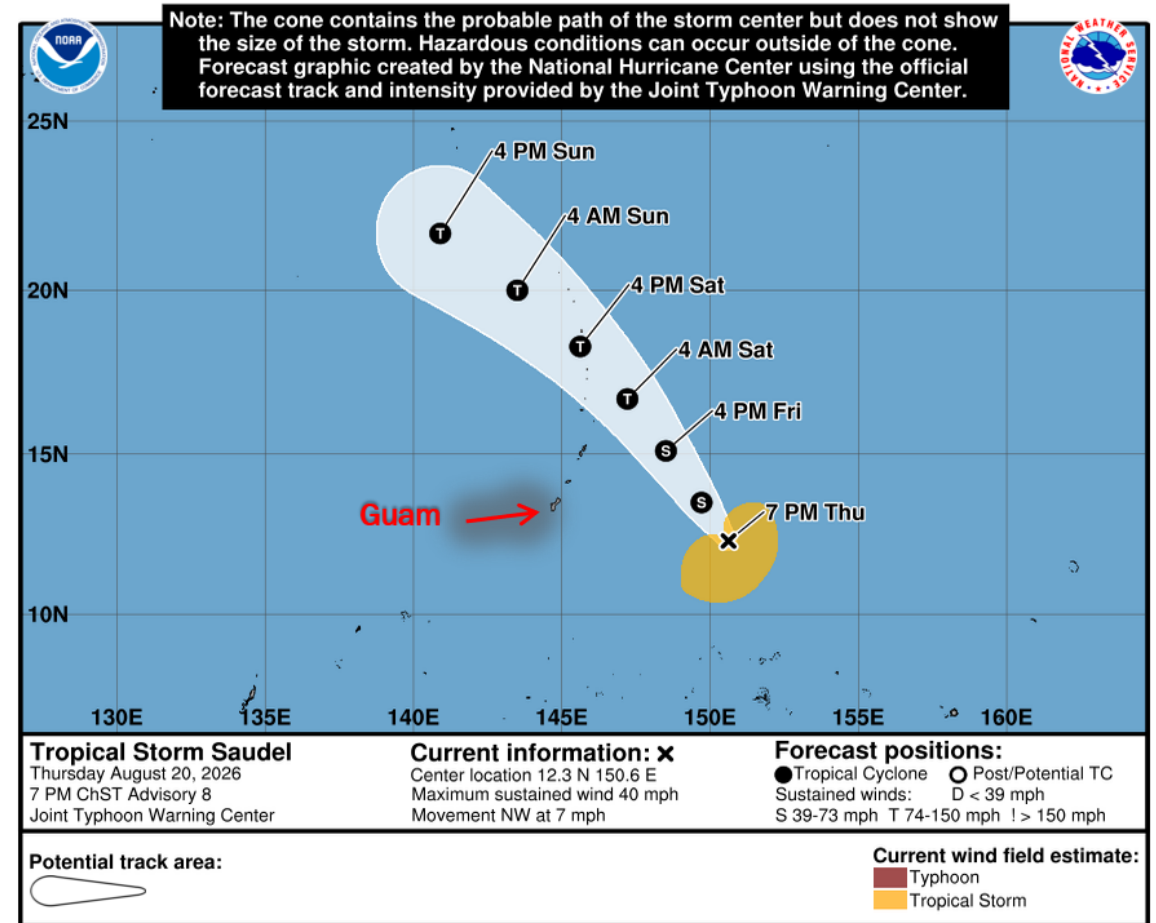
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Tropical Storm Saudel – Western Pacific

Situation: (HLT Advisory #8, as of 7:01 a.m. ET, Aug 20)

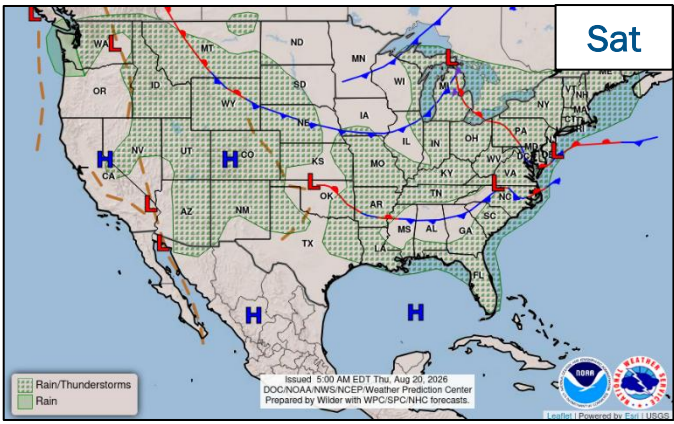
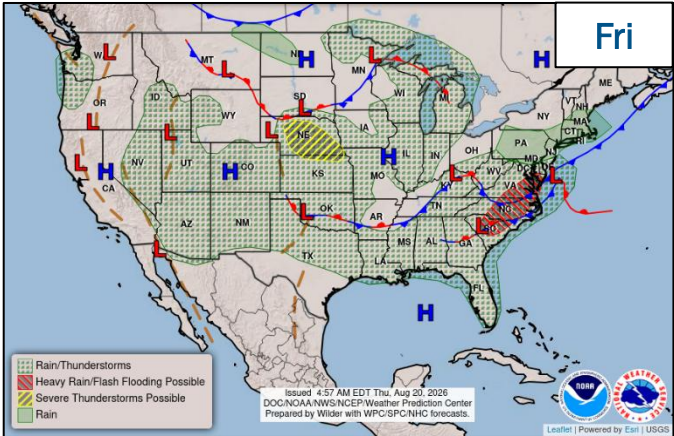
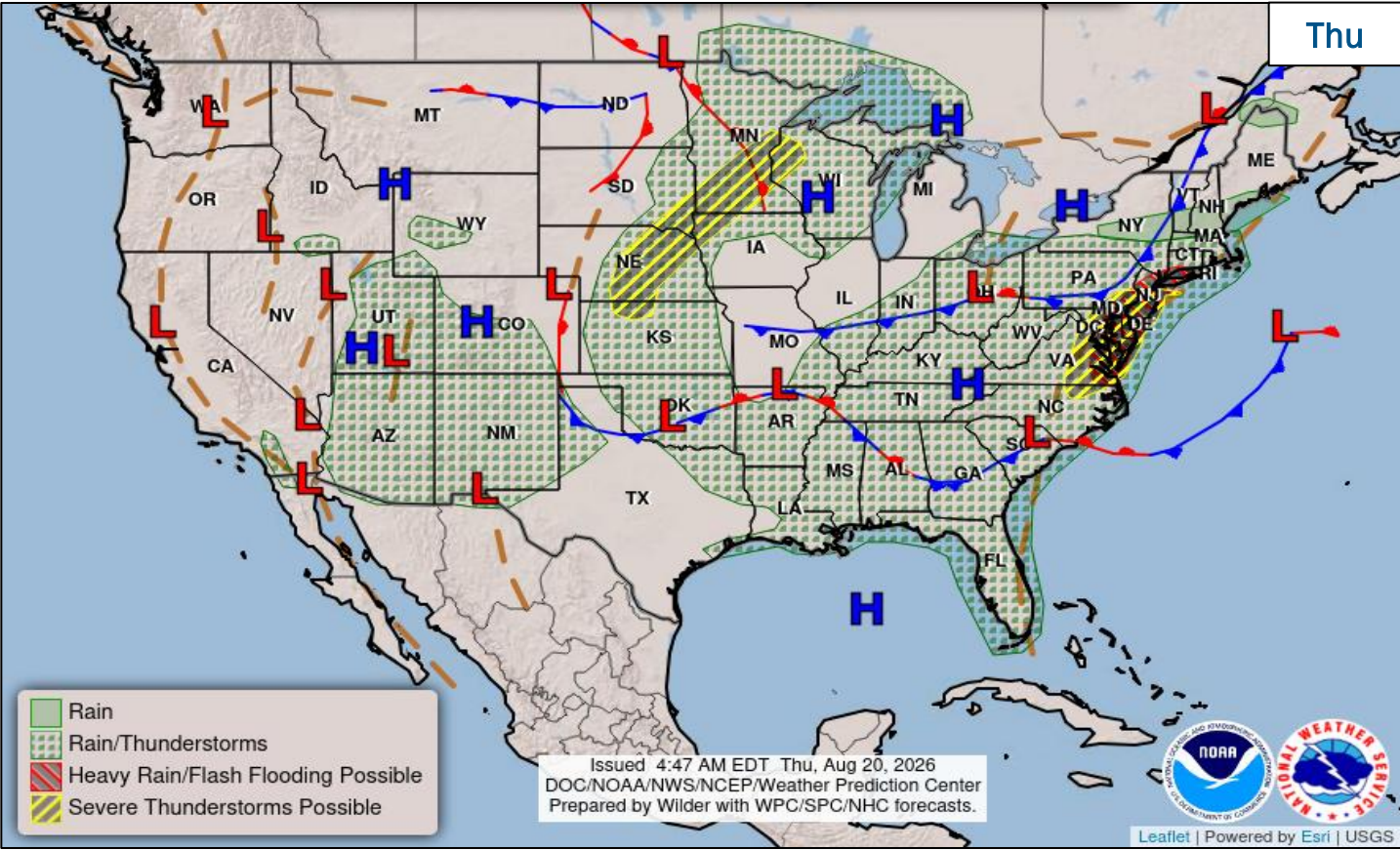
- Located 550 mi ESE of Guam
- Moving NW at 7 mph
- Maximum sustained surface winds of 40 mph
- Forecast to track through the far Northern Mariana Islands as a category 3 typhoon late Saturday



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National Weather Forecast



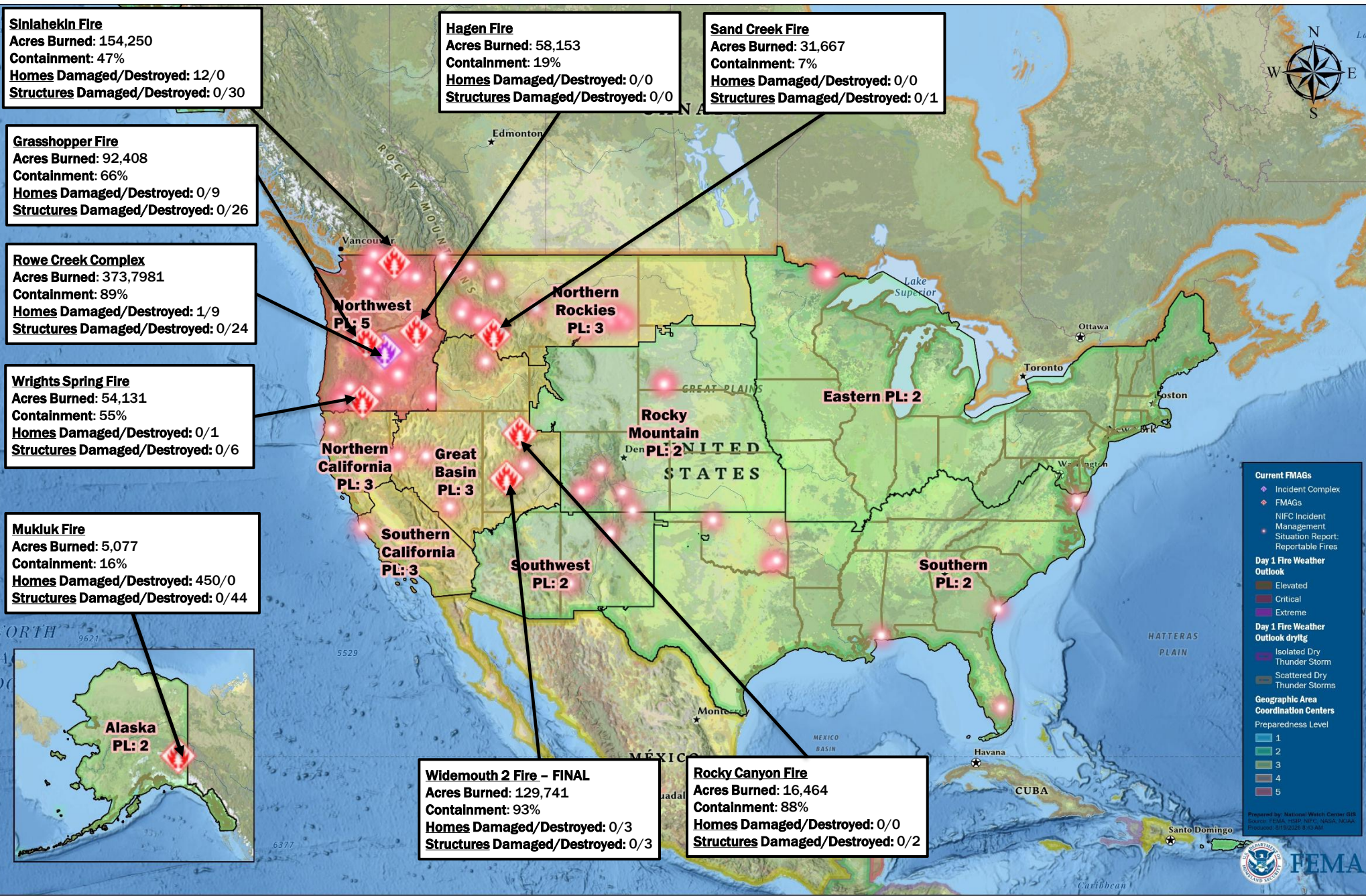
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National Fire Activity – August 20, 2026

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	0
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



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	92,408 (+853)	66% (+9)	M: 123 (-381)	H: 2,963 (-869)	H: 0	H: 9	0 / 13 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 26	
Rowe Creek Complex (Crook/Jefferson, OR)	5655-FM-OR	373,981 (+196)	89%	M: 105 (+40)	H: 452	H: 1	H: 9	0 / 23
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 24	
Sinlahekin (Yakima, WA)	5657-FM-WA	154,250 (+72)	47% (+3)	M: 12	H: 12 (-17)	H: 0	H: 20 (-13)	0 / 3
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 10 (+8)	
Widemouth 2 (Millard, UT) FINAL	5661-FM-UT	129,741	93%	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	58,153 (+475)	19%	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	88% (+3)	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	54,131 (+115)	55%	M: 104	H: 1,146	H: 0	H: 1	1 / 2
				V: 0	O: 815	O: 0	O: 6	
Sand Creek (Beaverhead, MT)	5671-FM-MT	31,667	7% (+5)	M: LIFTED	H: 168	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 4
				V: 6	O: 0	O: 0	O: 1	
Mukluk (Southeast Fairbanks, AK)	5672-FM-AK	5,077	16%	M: 1,500 (+200)	H: 450 (+150)	H: 0	H: 44 (+14)	0 / 0
				V: 0 (-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

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

Legend

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

18,959
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,445 / 34%
Deployed

5,919 / 31%
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,595 / 35%
Remaining

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

Thursday
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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	1	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

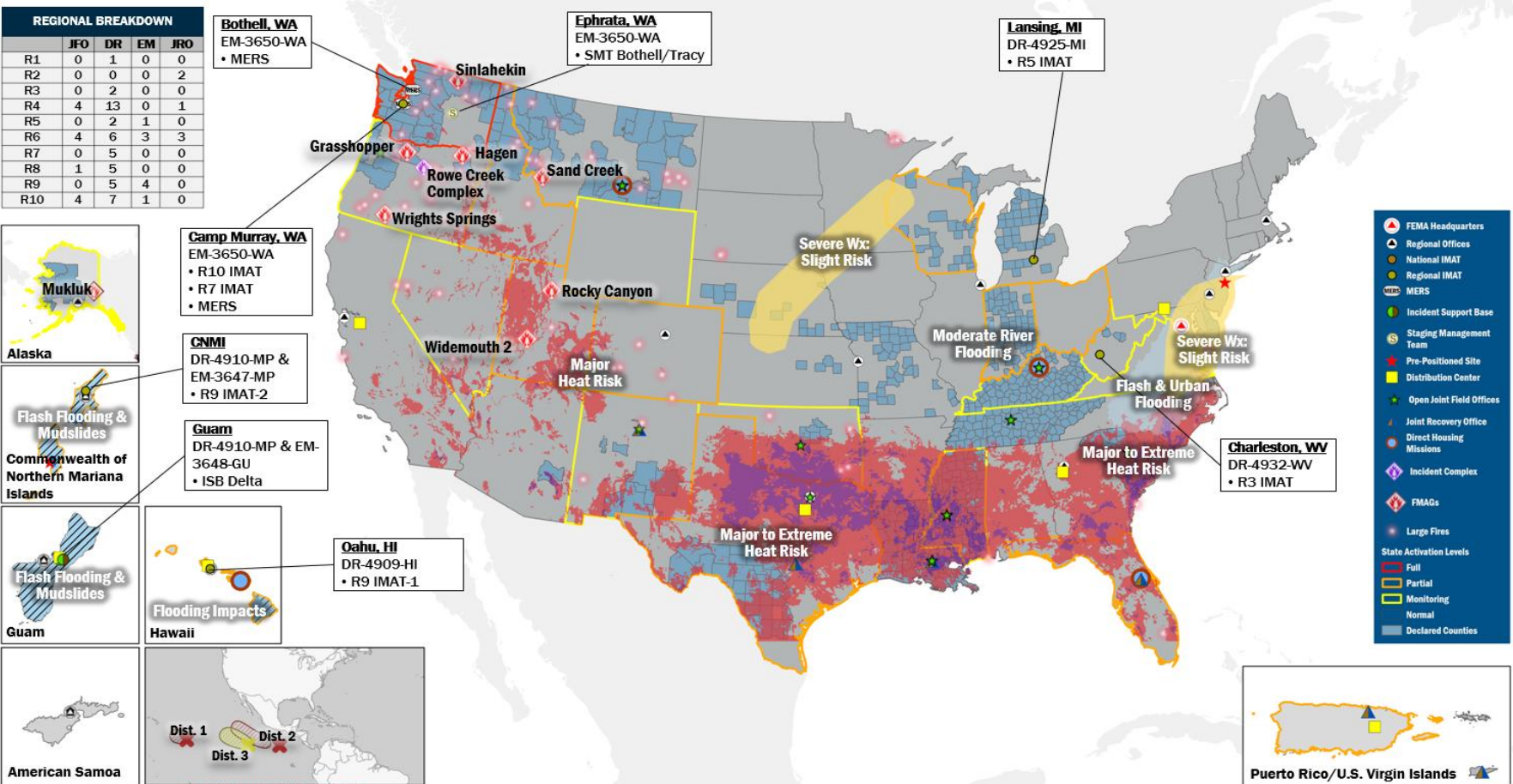
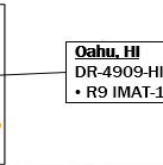
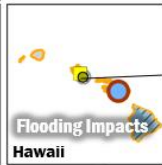
Lansing, MI
DR-4925-MI
• R5 IMAT

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



- FEMA Headquarters
- Regional Offices
- National IMAT
- Regional IMAT
- MERS
- Incident Support Base
- Staging Management Team
- Pre-Positioned Site
- Distribution Center
- Open Joint Field Offices
- Joint Recovery Office
- Direct Housing Missions
- Incident Complex
- FMAGs
- Large Fires
- State Activation Levels
- Full
- Partial
- Monitoring
- Normal
- Declared Counties

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 Bavi
• UT: Wildfire/Major Events/Drought/Crop Loss
• PR/VA: Drought
• WI: Support for 4923-DR-WI
• HI: TC Lala
• WY: Election Activities

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 (21 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	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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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-4910-DR-MP	2	Aug 3	Adjusts cost-sharing agreement
FEMA-4890-DR-SWO	2	Aug 3	Adjusts cost-sharing agreement
FEMA-3649-EM-TX	2	Aug 19	Closes incident period effective Aug 4



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