

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- No new significant incidents / operations

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – UT
- FMAG Approval: Ross Fire – TX

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Central to Southern Plains
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Disturbance 1 (AL95): Medium (40%)
 - Disturbance 2 (AL96): High (70%)
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Lala
 - Tropical Storm Iselle
 - Tropical Storm Julio
 - Remnants of Moke
 - Disturbance 1: High (90%)
 - Disturbance 2: Medium (60%)
 - Disturbance 3: Medium (40%)

Event Monitoring

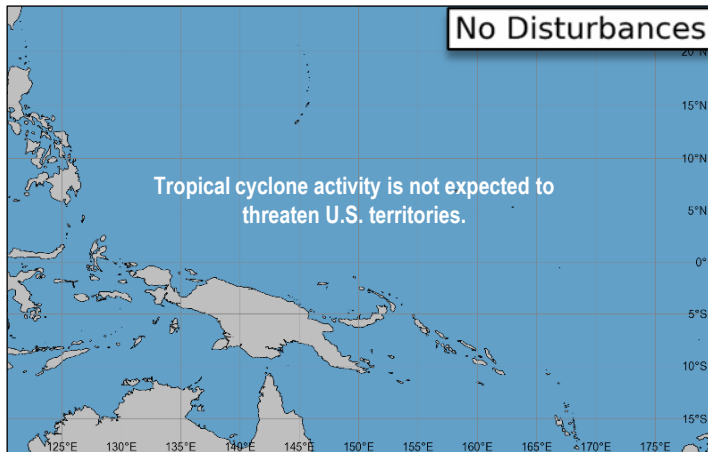
- No new significant events



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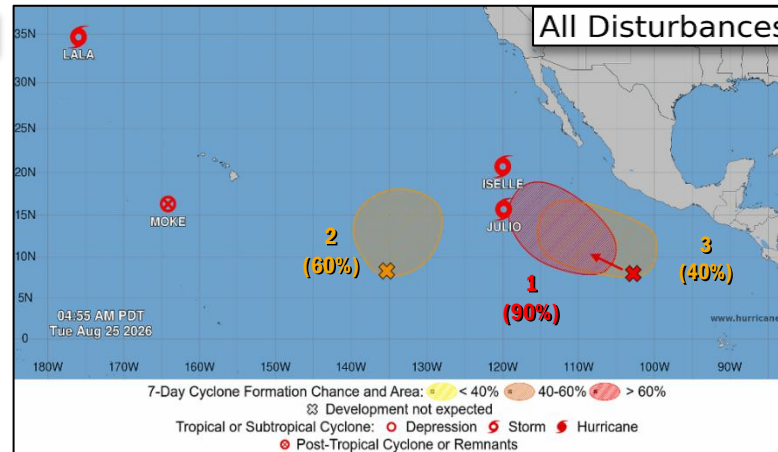
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



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

Eastern and Central Pacific



Tropical Storm Lala: (Advisory #52, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Not expected to affect US interests

Tropical Storm Iselle: (Advisory #8, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Not expected to affect US interests

Tropical Storm Julio: (Advisory #3, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Not expected to affect US interests

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

- Not expected to affect US interests

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

- Located well S of southern Mexico
- A tropical depression is expected to form in a few days
- Formation chance – 48 hours: Low (30%); 7 days: High (90%)

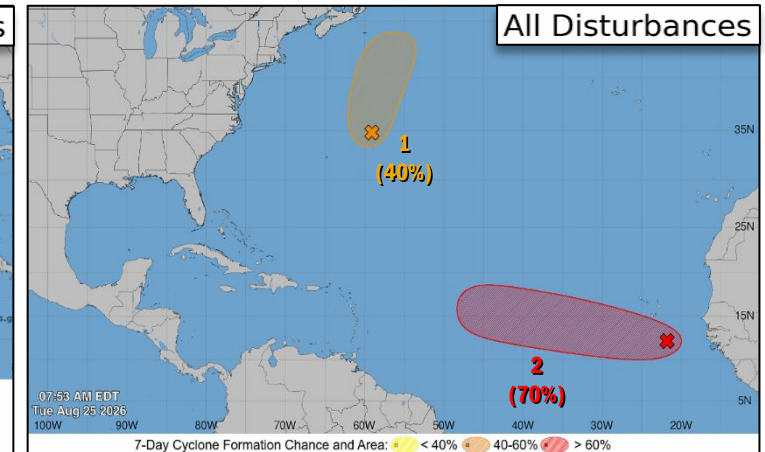
Disturbance 2: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located well ESE of the Hawaiian Islands
- A tropical depression is expected to form by the end of the week
- Formation chance – 48 hours: Low (30%); 7 days: Medium (60%)

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

- Located well offshore of Central America
- A tropical depression could form late this week or early next week
- Formation chance – 48 hours: Low (near 0%); 7 days: Medium (40%)

Atlantic



Disturbance 1 (AL95): (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located a few hundred miles ENE of Bermuda
- May still become a short-lived tropical depression or storm today before encountering increasingly hostile conditions tonight or tomorrow
- Formation chance – 48 hours: Medium (40%); 7 days: Medium (40%)

Disturbance 2 (AL96): (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

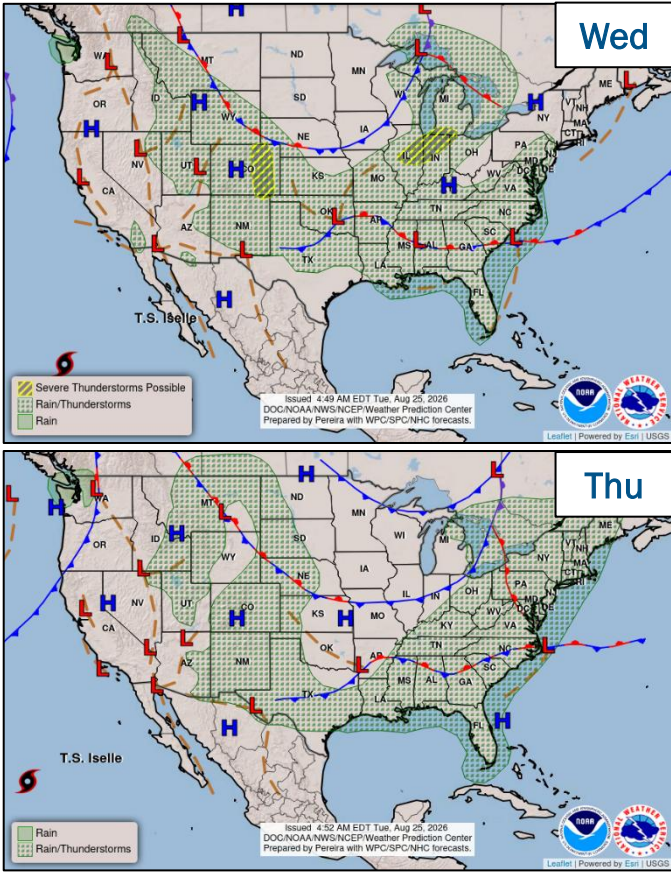
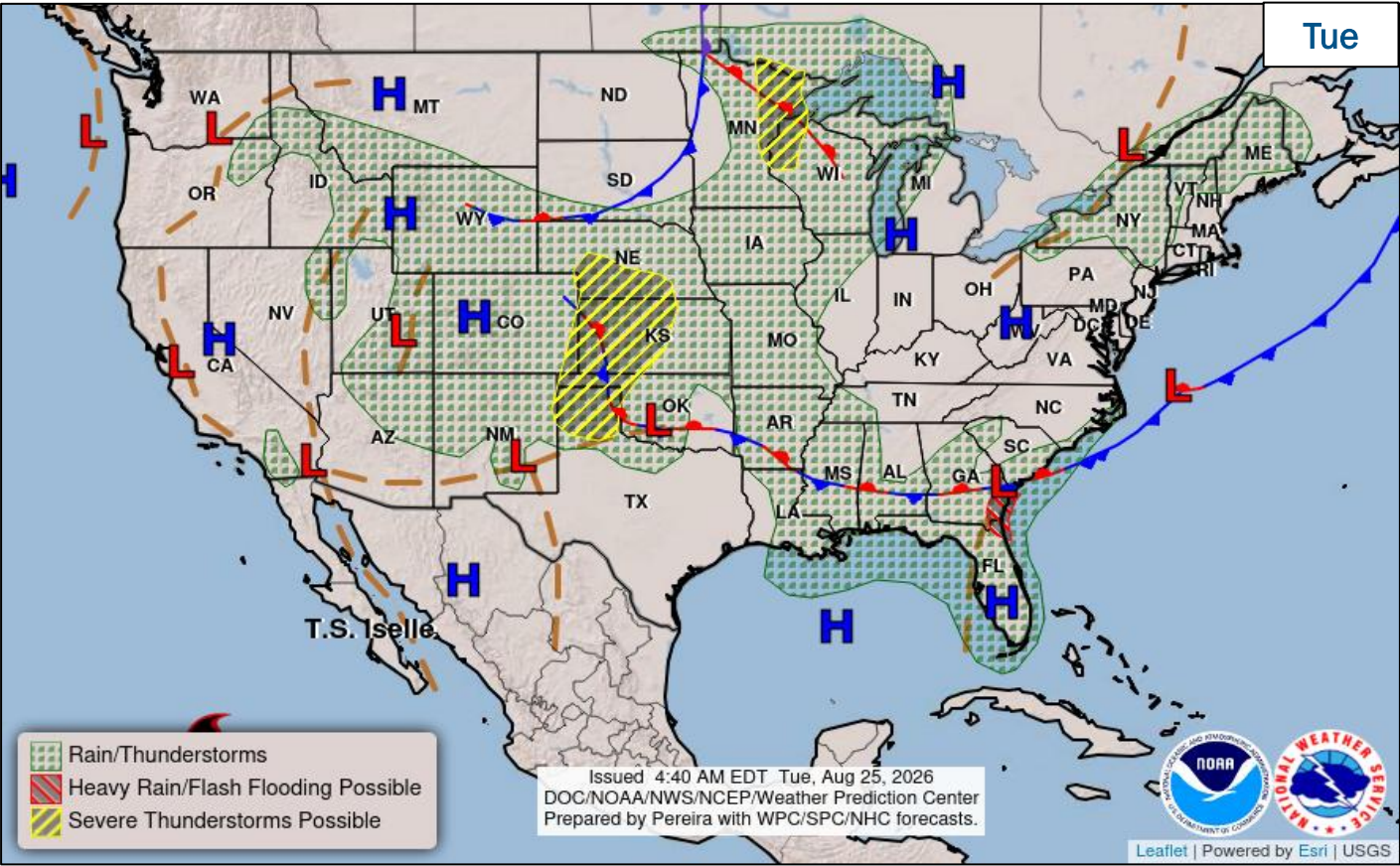
- Located a few hundred miles SSE of the Cabo Verde islands
- Environmental conditions appear conducive for gradual development, and is likely to become a tropical depression during the next day or two
- Formation chance – 48 hours: High (70%); 7 days: High (70%)



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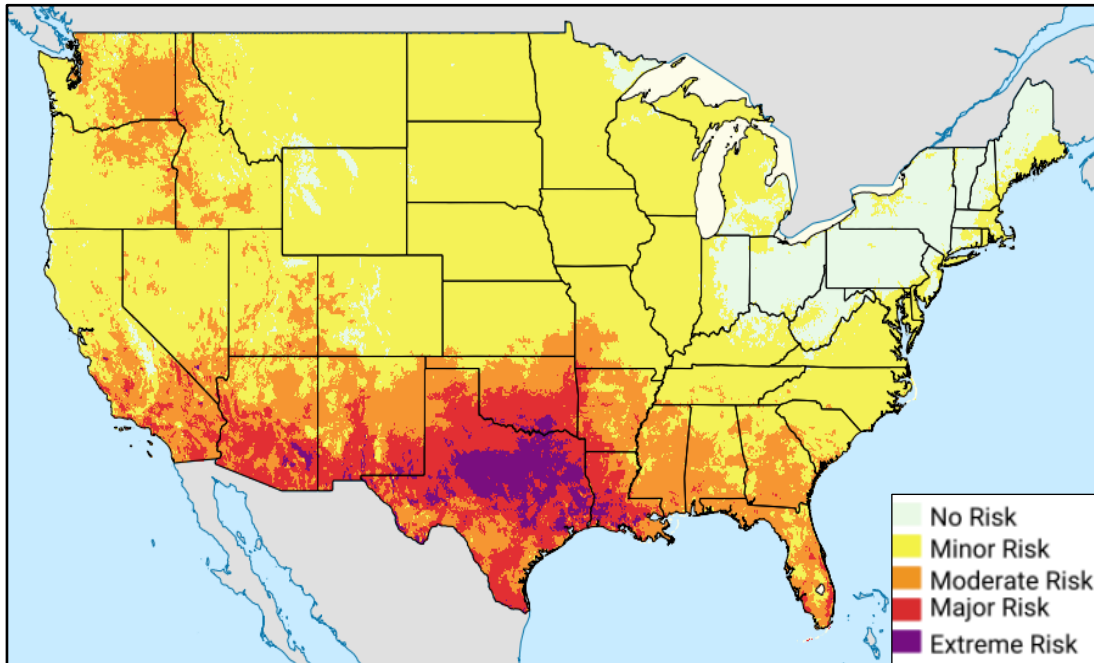
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National Weather Forecast

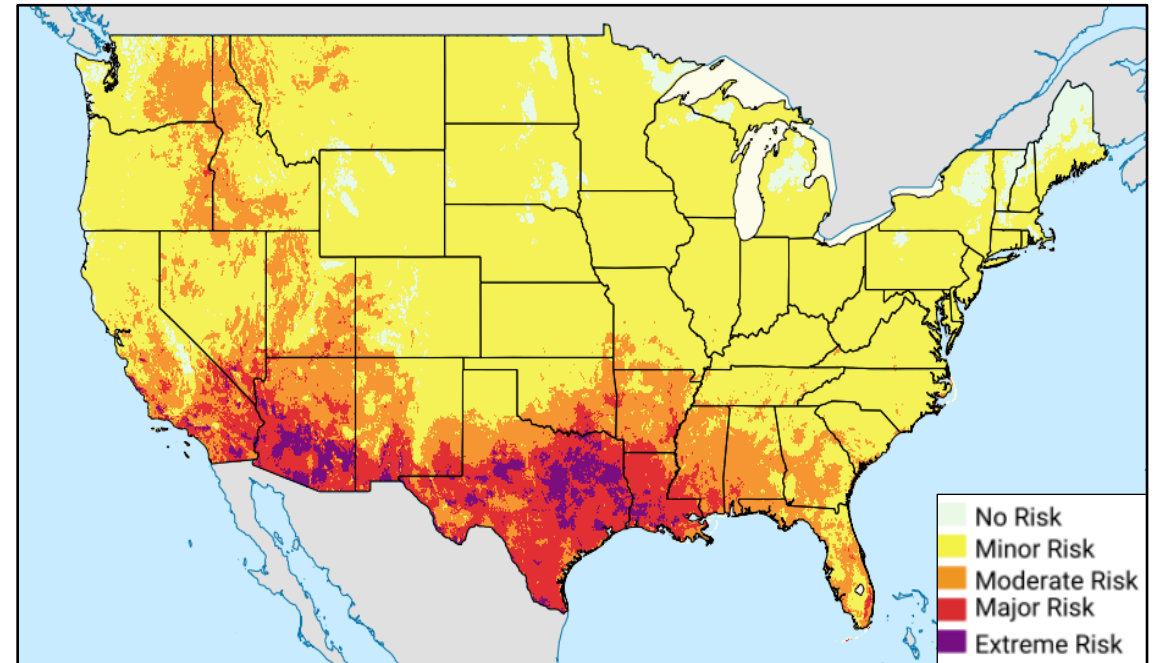


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Heat Risk



Today



Tomorrow



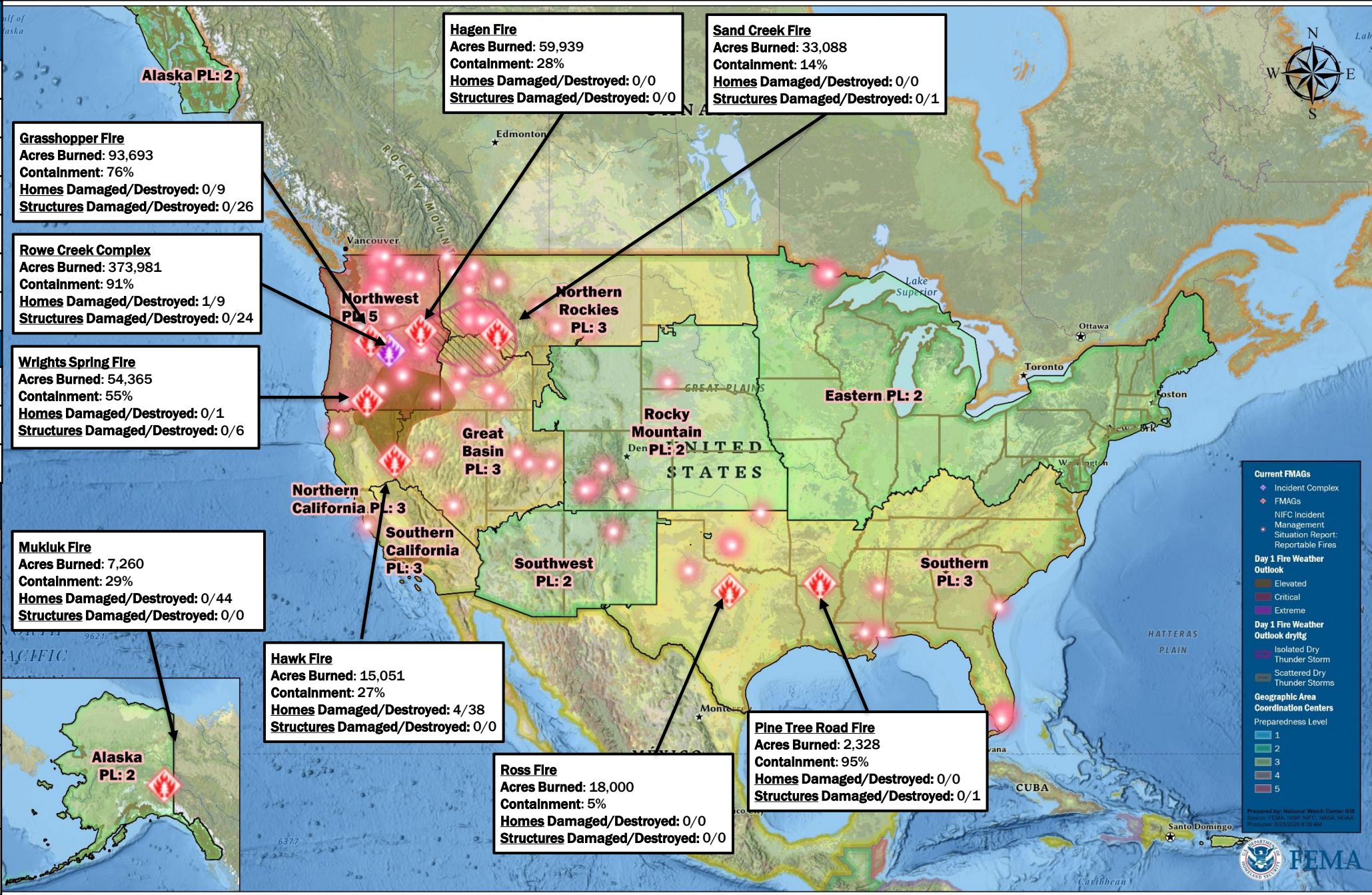
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National Fire Activity – August 25, 2026

PL 5

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (174 fires)
New Large Fires	12
Large Fires Contained	2
Uncontained Large Fires	86
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	7,818,359
Total Responders	22,085
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	1
Complex IMTs Deployed	20
FMAGS	Total
2026 (FYTD)	60
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



Ross Fire – Texas

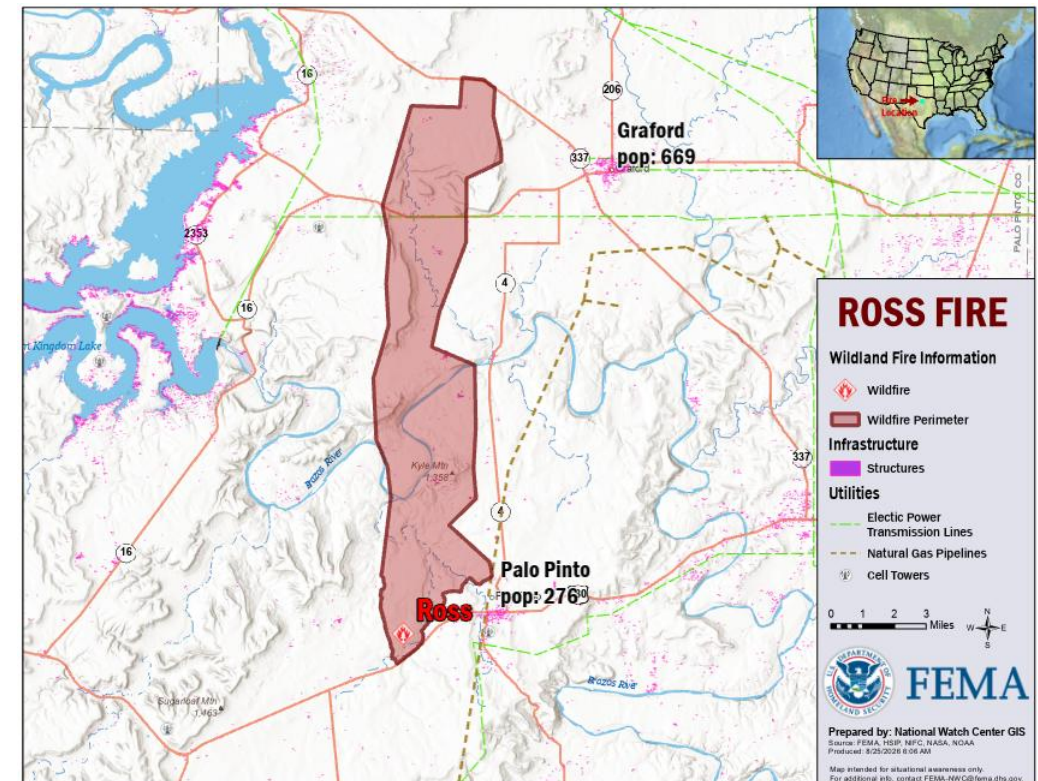
Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Ross (Palo Pinto, TX)	5675-FM-TX	18,000	5%	M: 0	H: 634	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 300	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation: The FEMA Region 6 Regional Administrator approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Ross Fire burning in Palo Pinto County, TX (*pop.* 28k). The Ross Fire has burned approximately 18,000 acres on State and Private land with 5% containment. Approximately 300 people are under voluntary evacuations. At the time of the request, the fire was threatening 634 primary homes in and around Palo Pinto and Graford cities (*combined est. pop.* 900) and threatening roads, bridges, transmission lines, fire and police stations, schools, a city hall, a commissioner office and EMS Station and a watershed in the area. There are no reports of injuries or fatalities. (*FEMA R6 FMAG Approval, as of 2:39 a.m. ET, Aug 25*)

Response:

- FMAG approved Aug 24
- TX SEOC at Partial Activation (Severe Weather)
- Region 6 Watch and NWC continue to monitor

The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 6, with continued reporting twice daily in the FEMA National Situation Report (3:00 a.m. / 5:00 p.m. ET) and the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET).



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

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Incident Workforce

18,967
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,403 / 34%
Deployed

5,999 / 32%
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,565 / 34%
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	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

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

Indianapolis, IN
EM-3651-IN
• R5 IMAT

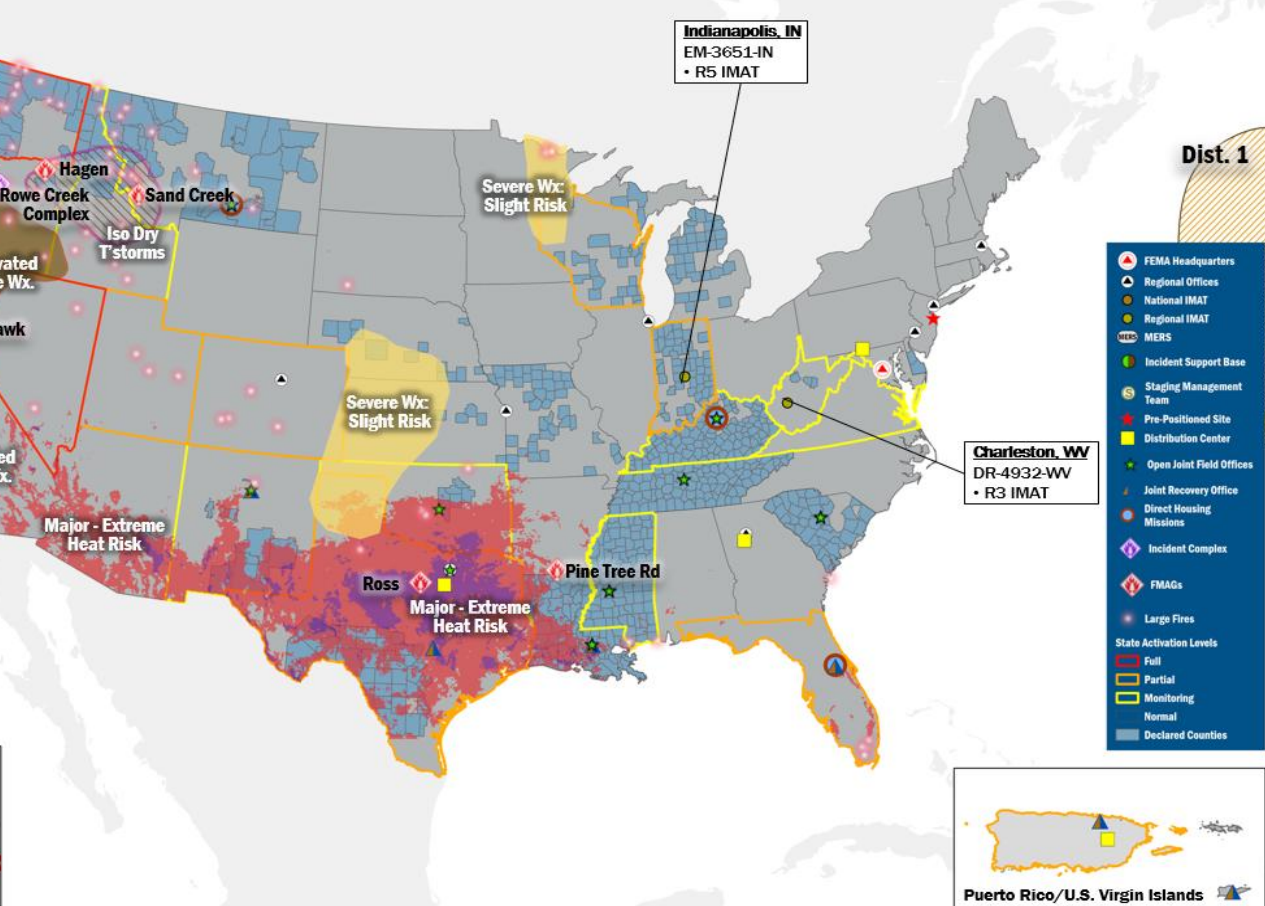
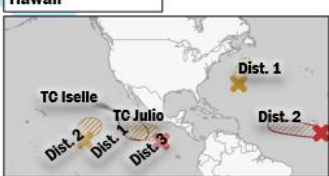
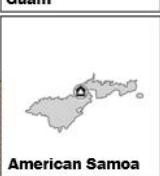
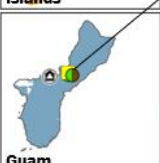
Carson City, NV
Wildfire
• R9 IMAT-1

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

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

Flash Flooding &
Mudslides
Poss.

Charleston, WV
DR-4932-WV
• R3 IMAT



Dist. 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			IN
Region 6			
Region 7			WA
Region 8			
Region 9			NV 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 (3651-EM-IN)
 - R7: Deployed (3650-EM-WA)
 - R9-1: Deployed (5674-FM-NV)
 - R9-2: (4910-DR-MP)
 - R10: Deployed (3650-EM-WA)
- State EOCs:
- FL/MS: Previous Incidents
 - AK/CO/ID/NV/NM/OK/OR/WA: Wildfires
 - IN/KY/OH/TX/WV: Severe Weather
 - MP: TC Bavi / TC Saudel
 - UT: Wildfire/Major Events/Drought/Crop Loss
 - PR/VA: Drought
 - Wt: Support for 4923-DR-WI
 - HI: TC Lala

Legend

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

Commodities & Equipment

	CONUS	Caribbean	Hawaii	Guam
Water				
Meals				
Generators				

SMT

Operational	11/11
Requires Augmentation	3/11
Deployed	0/11

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 FCO)
Available	6

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
R5	OH	Severe Weather Aug 11 and continuing	IA	18	0	8/24 - TBD
			PA	16	0	8/24 - TBD
R8	CO	Aspen Acres Fire Jun 29 and continuing	IA	2	0	7/28 - TBD
			PA	2	0	7/28 - TBD
	RST*	Severe Storms, Hail, and Straight-line Winds Aug 11-12	IA	1	0	8/31 - TBD
			PA	1	0	8/31 - TBD
R9	HI	Hurricane Lala Aug 14-16	IA	3	0	8/27 - TBD
			PA	3	0	8/27 - TBD

*Rosebud Sioux Tribe



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Declaration Request – Utah

Declaration Type: Major Disaster – UT

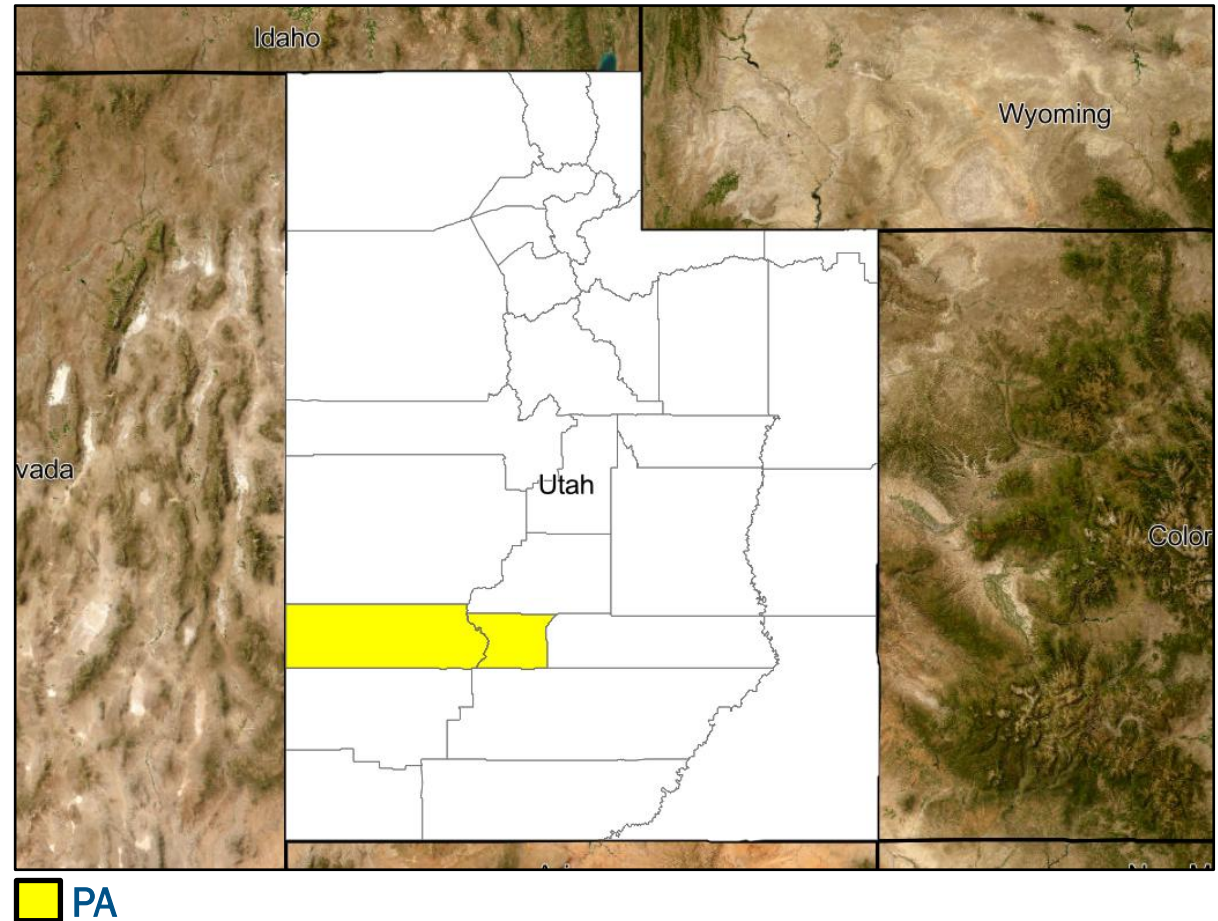
Date Requested: Aug 22

Incident: Cottonwood Fire, Flooding, and Mudslides

Incident Period: Jun 22-Jul 24

Requested:

- **PA:** 2 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



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Declaration Requests in Process – 22

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



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Declaration Requests in Process – 22

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
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
MN – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X		X	Aug 20
IN - Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Aug 20
HI – Hurricane Lala	EM		X		Aug 22
UT – Cottonwood Fire, Flooding, Mudslides	DR		X	X	Aug 22

*Oglala Sioux Tribe



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