

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, August 27, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- No new significant incidents / operations

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Central Plains, Mid-Atlantic to Northeast
- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Lower Mississippi Valley to Southeastern U.S. and Mid-Atlantic to Northeast
- Critical Fire Weather – Central Great Basin and Northern Intermountain
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic: Disturbance 1 (AL96): High (90%)
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Lala
 - Disturbance 1 (EP93): High (90%)
 - Disturbance 2 (EP94): High (90%)
 - Disturbance 3: High (80%)
 - Disturbance 4: Low (20%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – CO
- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – WI

Event Monitoring

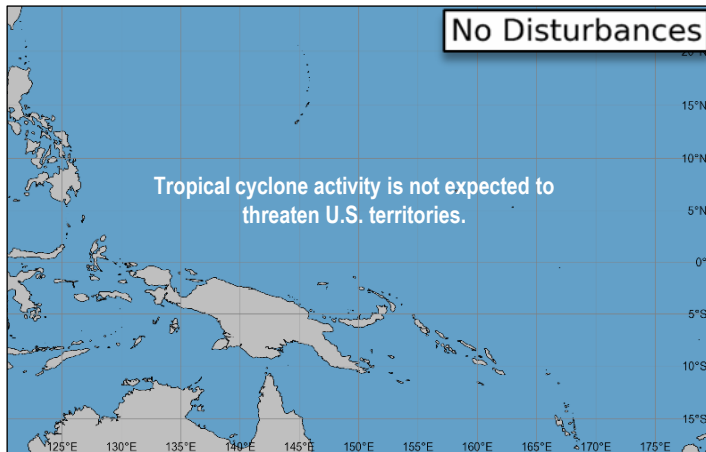
- No new significant events



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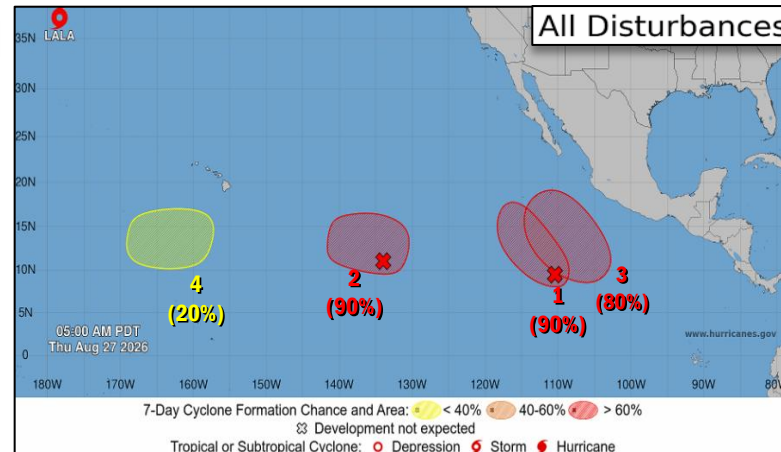
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



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

Eastern and Central Pacific



Tropical Storm Lala: (Advisory #60, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Not expected to affect US interests

Disturbance 1 (EP93): (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 900 miles S of southwestern Mexico
- Environmental conditions are expected to support continued development, and a tropical depression is expected to form later today or tonight
- Formation chance – 48-hour: High (90%); 7-day: High (90%)

Disturbance 2 (EP94): (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located well ESE of the Hawaiian Islands
- Conditions appear conducive for gradual development and a tropical depression is likely to form over the next few days
- Formation chance – 48-hour: High (70%); 7-day: High (90%)

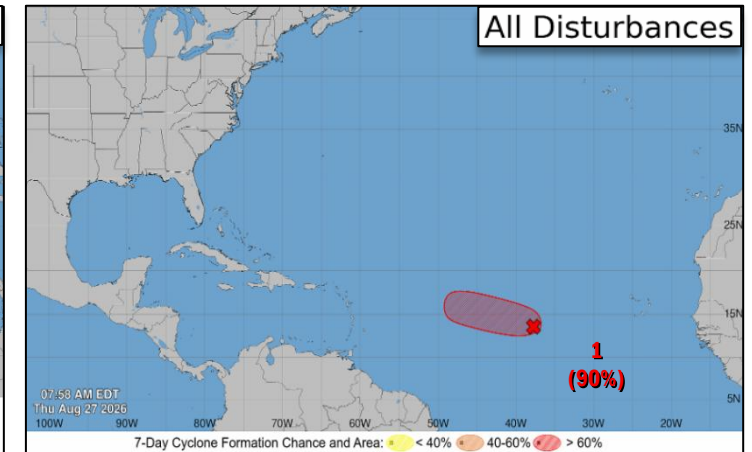
Disturbance 3: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located well S of southwestern Mexico
- A tropical depression is likely to form early next week
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: High (80%)

Disturbance 4: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located well S of the Hawaiian Islands
- Gradual development is possible over the weekend or early next week
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Low (20%)

Atlantic



Disturbance 1 (AL96): (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

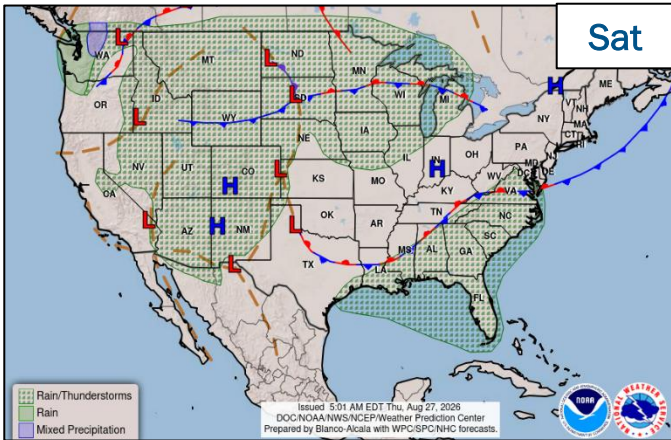
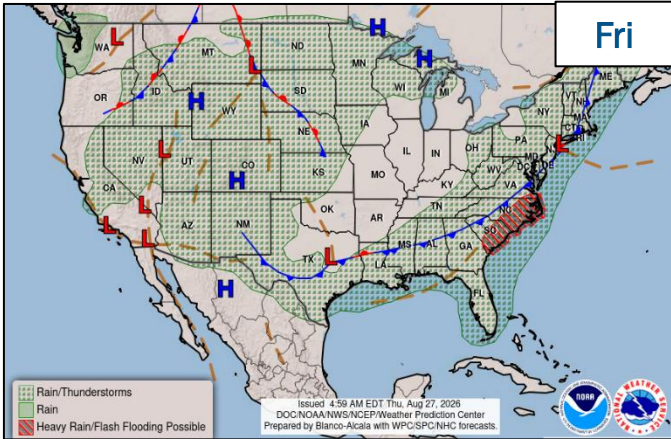
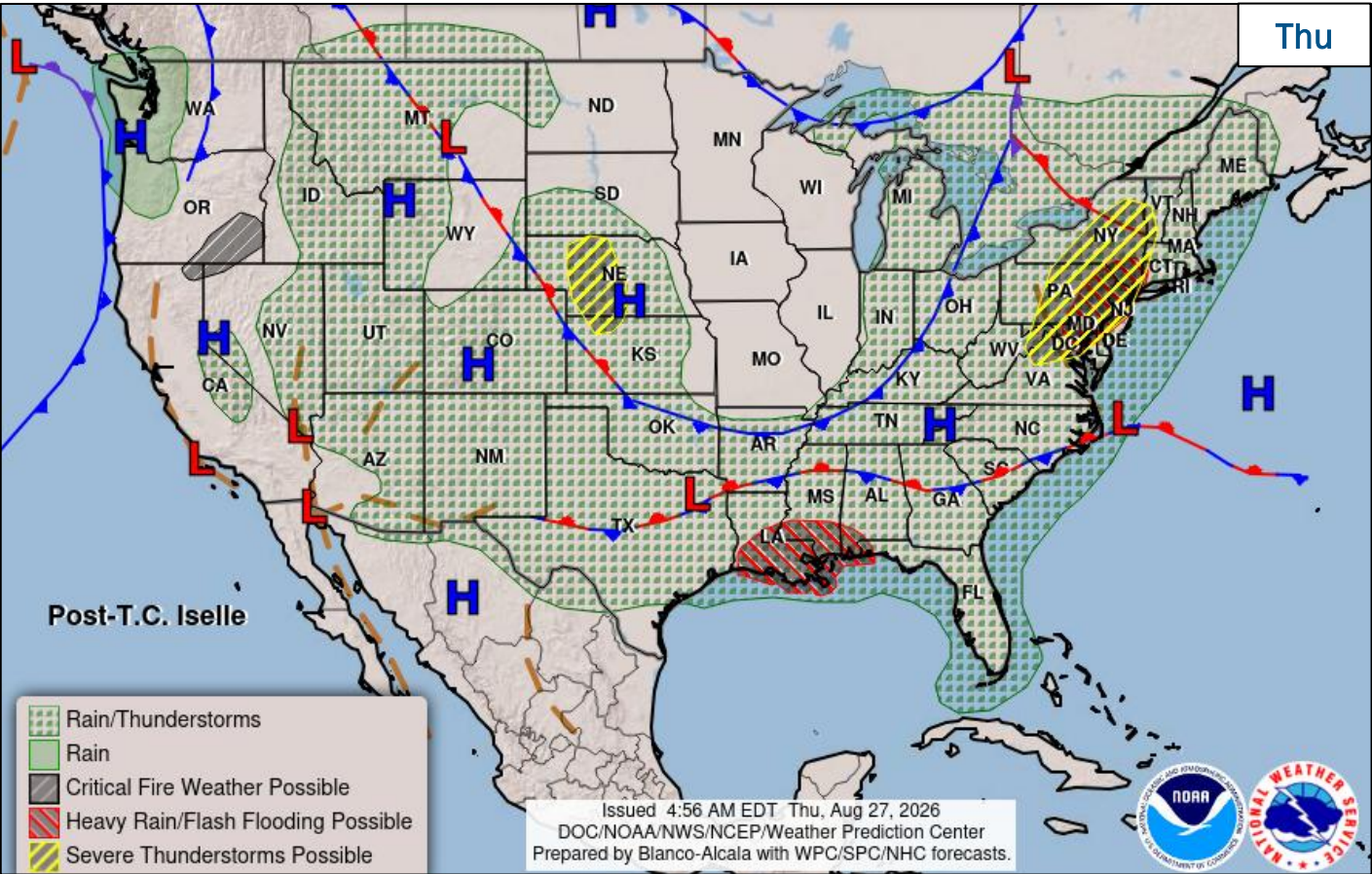
- Located a few hundred miles WSW of the Cabo Verde islands
- A short-lived tropical depression or storm could develop later today; environmental conditions are expected to become hostile beginning tomorrow, likely ending its chances for development
- Formation chance – 48-hour: High (90%); 7-day: High (90%)



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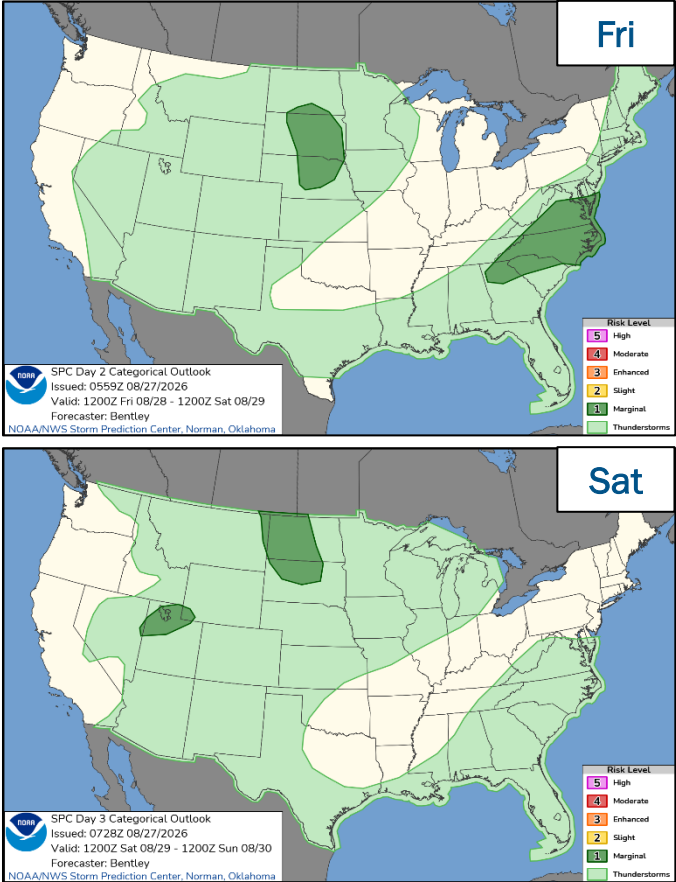
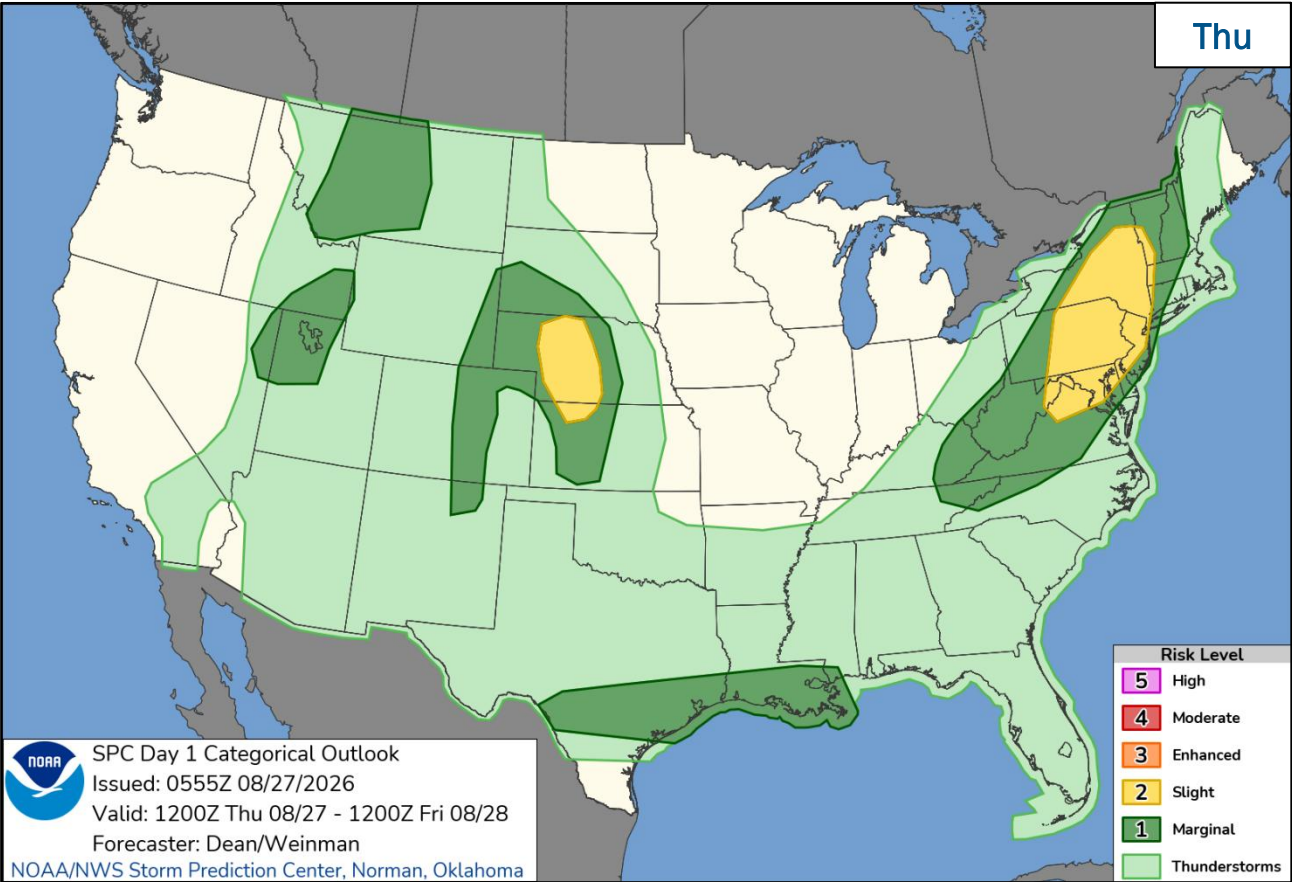
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National Weather Forecast



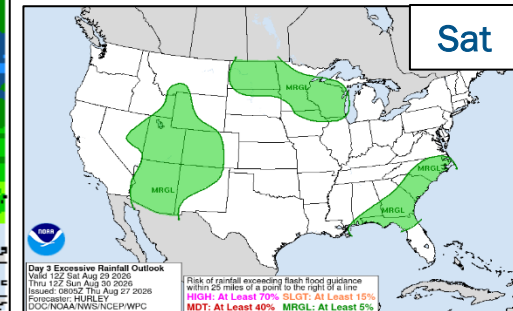
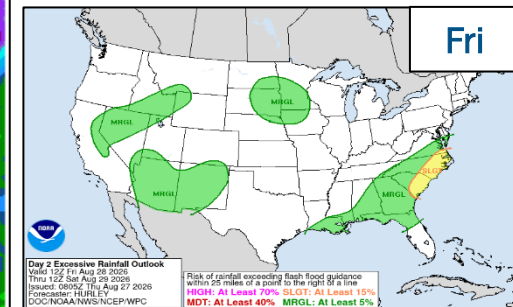
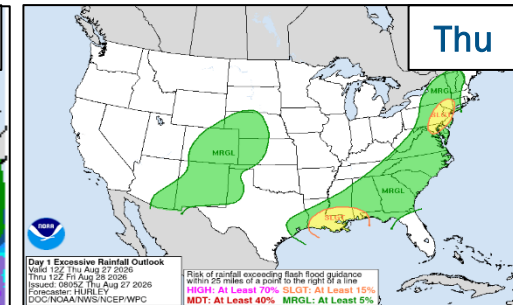
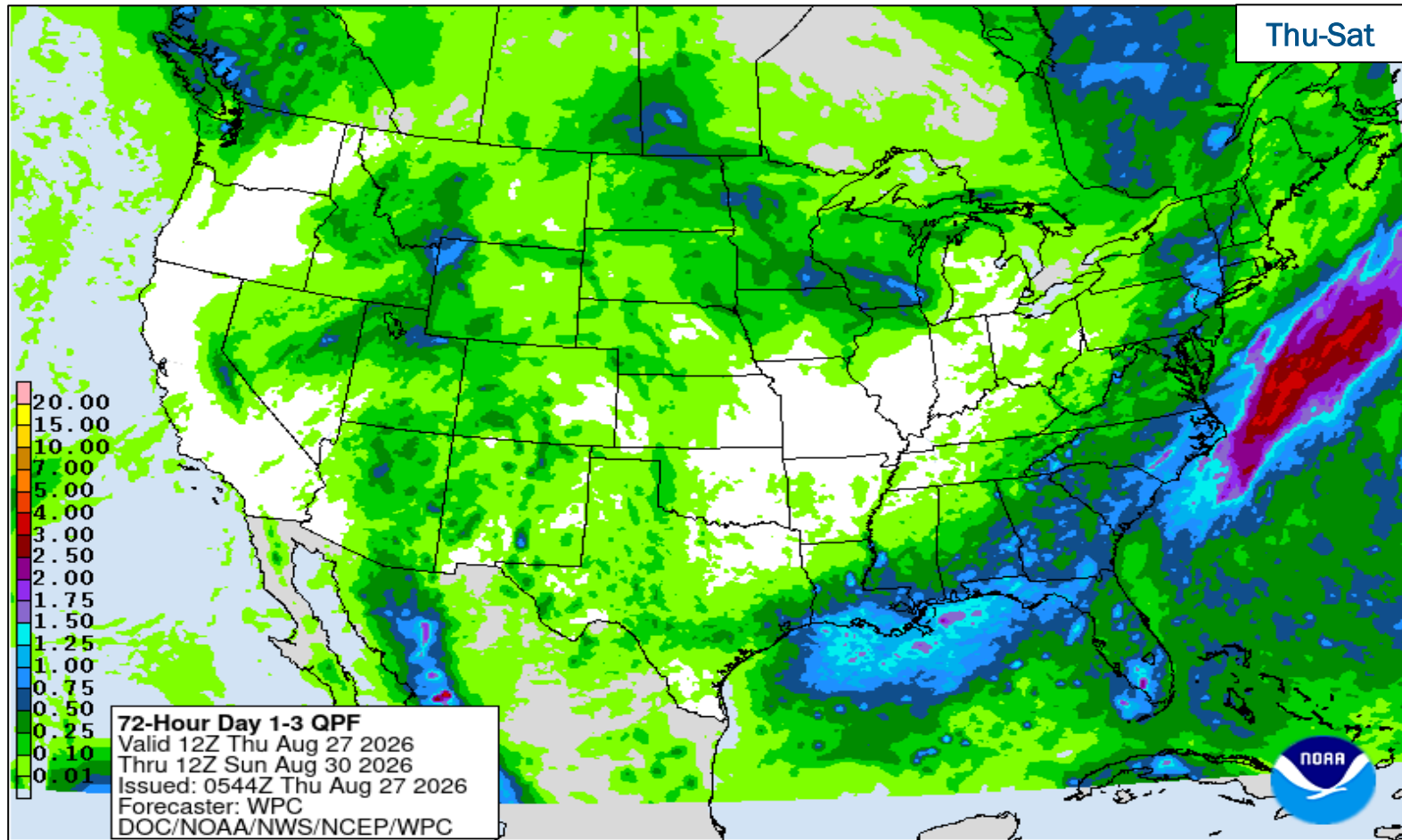
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Severe Weather Outlook



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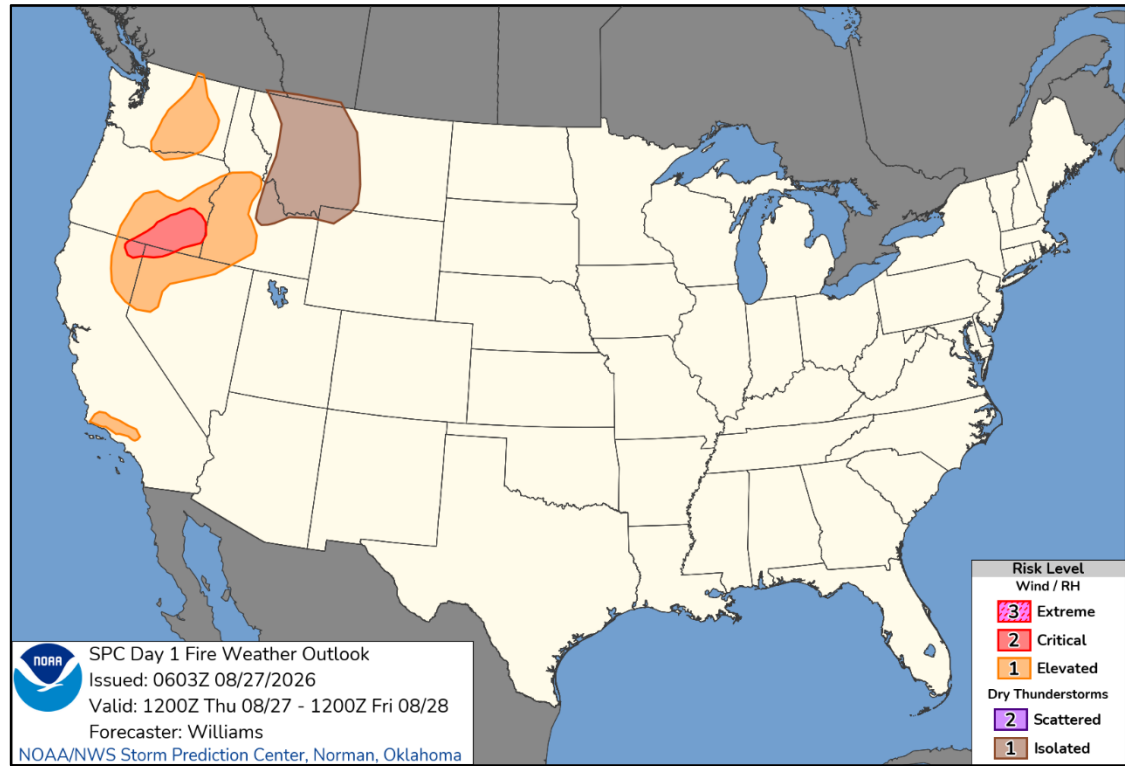
Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



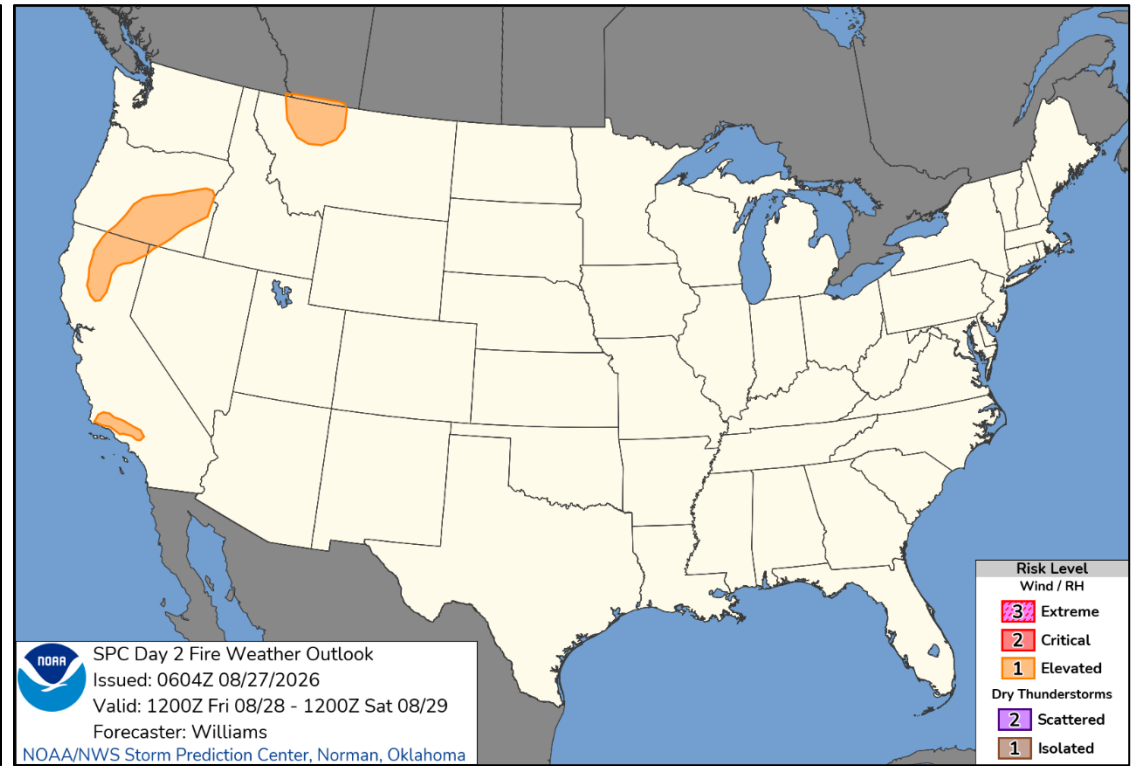
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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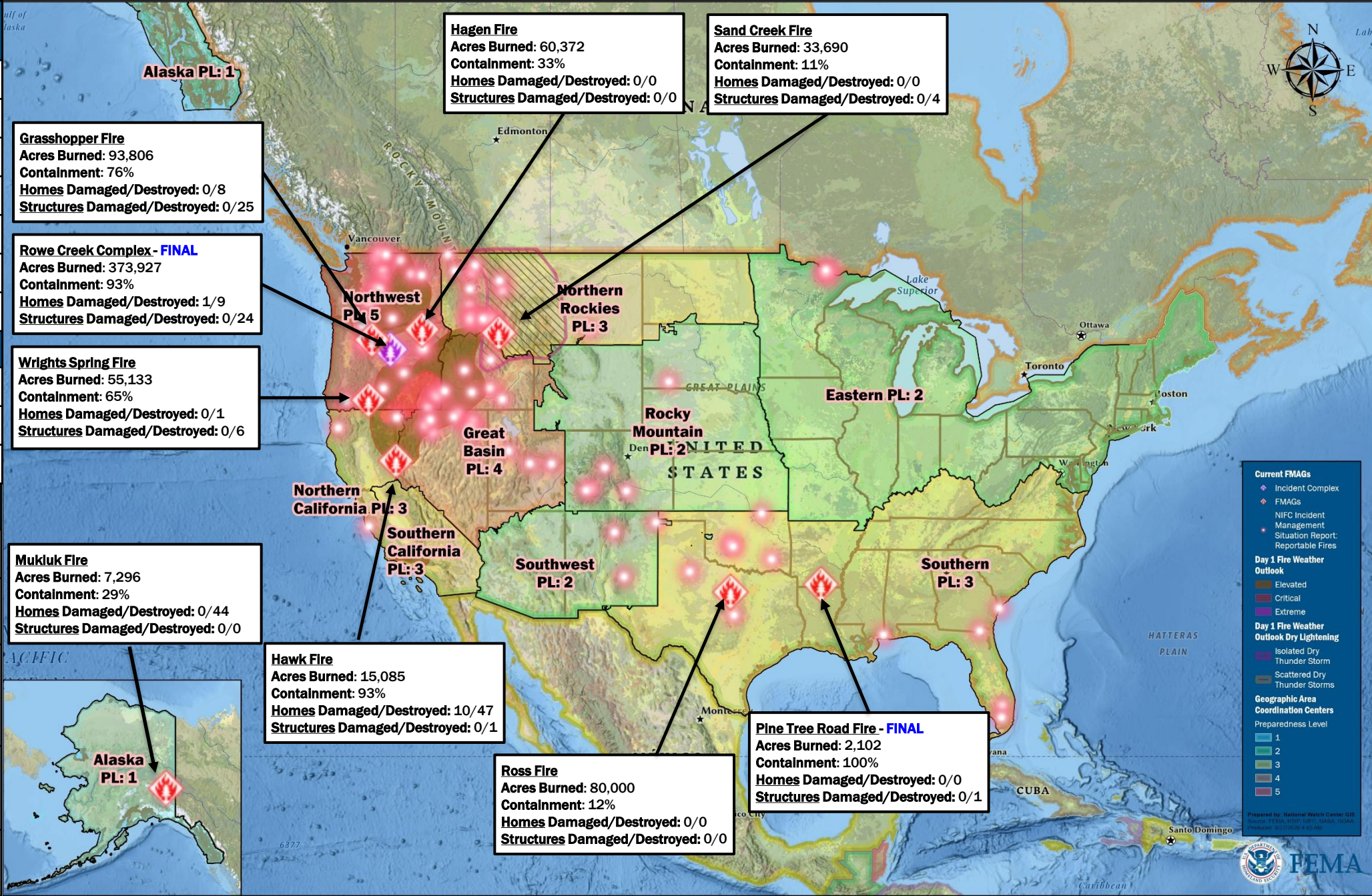
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National Fire Activity – August 27, 2026

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (148 fires)
New Large Fires	14
Large Fires Contained	4
Uncontained Large Fires	93
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	7,920,585
Total Responders	22,356
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	1
Complex IMTs Deployed	17
FMAGS	Total
2026 (FYTD)	61
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	93,806 (+12)	76%	M: 12	H: 2,288	H: 0	H: 8 (-1)	0 / 16
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 25 (-1)	
Rowe Creek Complex (Crook/Jefferson, OR) FINAL	5655-FM-OR	373,927 (-54)	93% (+1)	M: 0	H: 447	H: 1	H: 9	0 / 26
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 24	
Hagen (Umatilla/Union, OR)	5664-FM-OR	60,372 (+226)	33%	M: 3,585	H: 1,434	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 6
				V: 0	O: 717	O: 0	O: 0	
Wrights Spring (Klamath, OR)	5666-FM-OR	55,133 (+2)	65%	M: 27	H: 1,021	H: 0	H: 1	1 / 2
				V: 0	O: 2,244	O: 0	O: 6	
Sand Creek (Beaverhead, MT)	5671-FM-MT	33,690 (+602)	11% (-3)	M: LIFTED	H: 168	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 5
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 4 (+3)	
Mukluk (Southeast Fairbanks, AK)	5672-FM-AK	7,296	29%	M: 75	H: 72	H: 0	H: 44	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Pine Tree Road (Union, AR) FINAL	5673-FM-AR	2,102 (-226)	100% (+5)	M: 150	H: 0 (-120)	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 1	
Hawk (Washoe, NV)	5674-FM-NV	15,085 (+18)	93% (+8)	M: LIFTED	H: 7,024	H: 10 (+2)	H: 47	0 / 10 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 13,448	O: 0	O: 1	
Ross (Palo Pinto, TX)	5675-FM-TX	80,000 (+30,000)	12% (+4)	M: 250	H: 100	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0 (-300)	O: 887 (+607)	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

18,933
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,620 / 35%
Deployed

5,873 / 31%
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,440 / 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	3	0	0
R6	4	6	3	3
R7	0	5	0	0
R8	1	5	0	0
R9	0	5	5	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

Mukluk
Alaska

Commonwealth of
Northern Mariana
Islands

Guam

Hawaii

American Samoa

Dist. 4
Dist. 2
Dist. 3
Dist. 1

Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands

- 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

State EOCs:
• FL/MS: Previous Incidents
• AK/CO/ID/NV/NM/OK/OR/UT/WA: Wildfires
• IN/KY/TN/TX/WV: Severe Weather
• MP: TC Bavi / TC Saudel
• PR/VA: Drought
• WI: Support for 4923-DR-WI
• HI: TC Lala/Moke

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)

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	30 (21 FCOR)
Available	7

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
R3	WV	Severe Storms Aug 15-18	IA	3	0	8/31 – TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
R5	OH	Severe Weather Aug 11 and continuing	IA	23 (+5)	0	8/24 – TBD
			PA	16	0	8/24 – TBD
R7	KS	Severe Storms Aug 18–19	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	TBD – TBD
R8	RST*	Severe Storms, Hail, and Straight-line Winds Aug 11-12	IA	1	0	8/31 – TBD
			PA	1	0	8/31 – TBD

*Rosebud Sioux Tribe



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Declaration Request – Colorado

Declaration Type: Major Disaster – CO

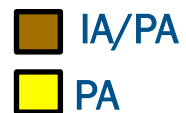
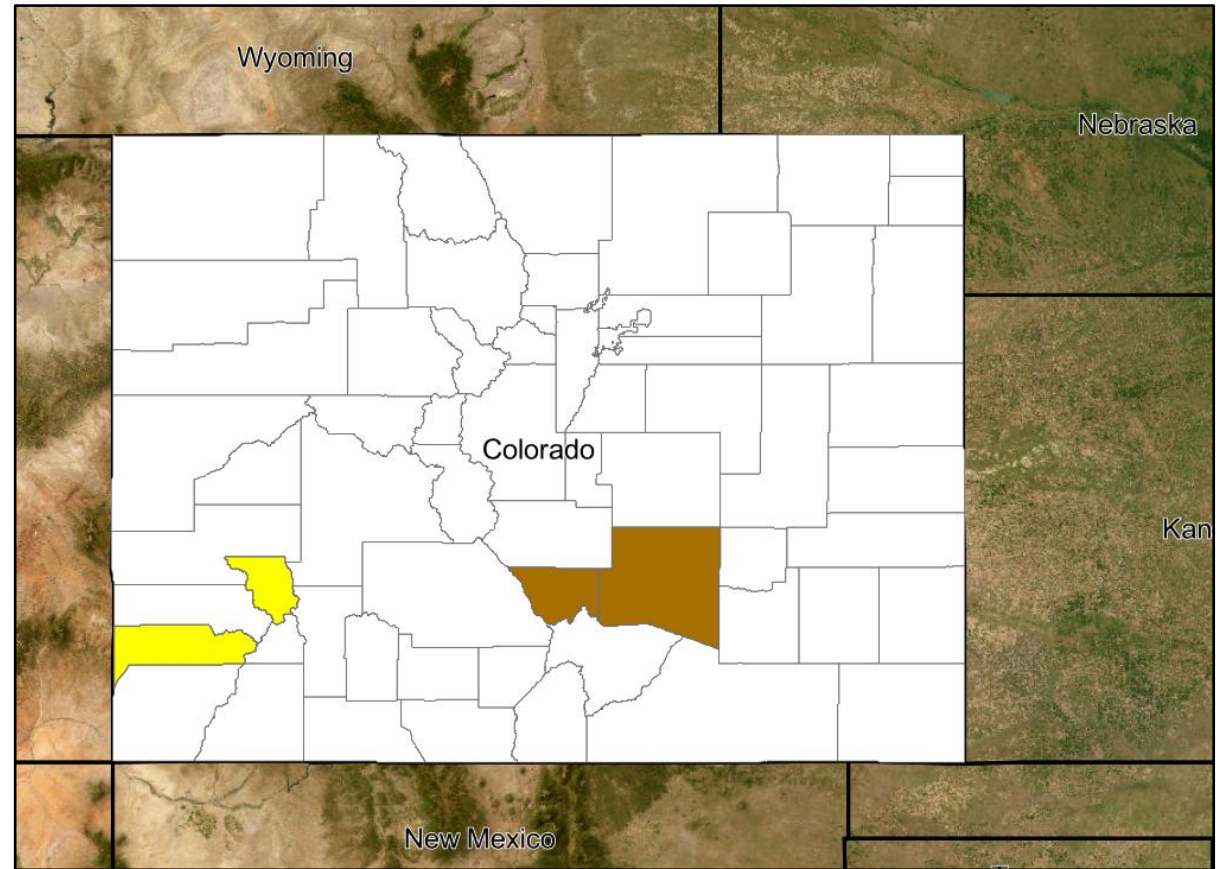
Date Requested: Aug 23

Incident: Wildfires, Flooding, and Mudslides

Incident Period: Jun 27-Jul 29

Requested:

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



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Declaration Request – Wisconsin

Declaration Type: Major Disaster – WI

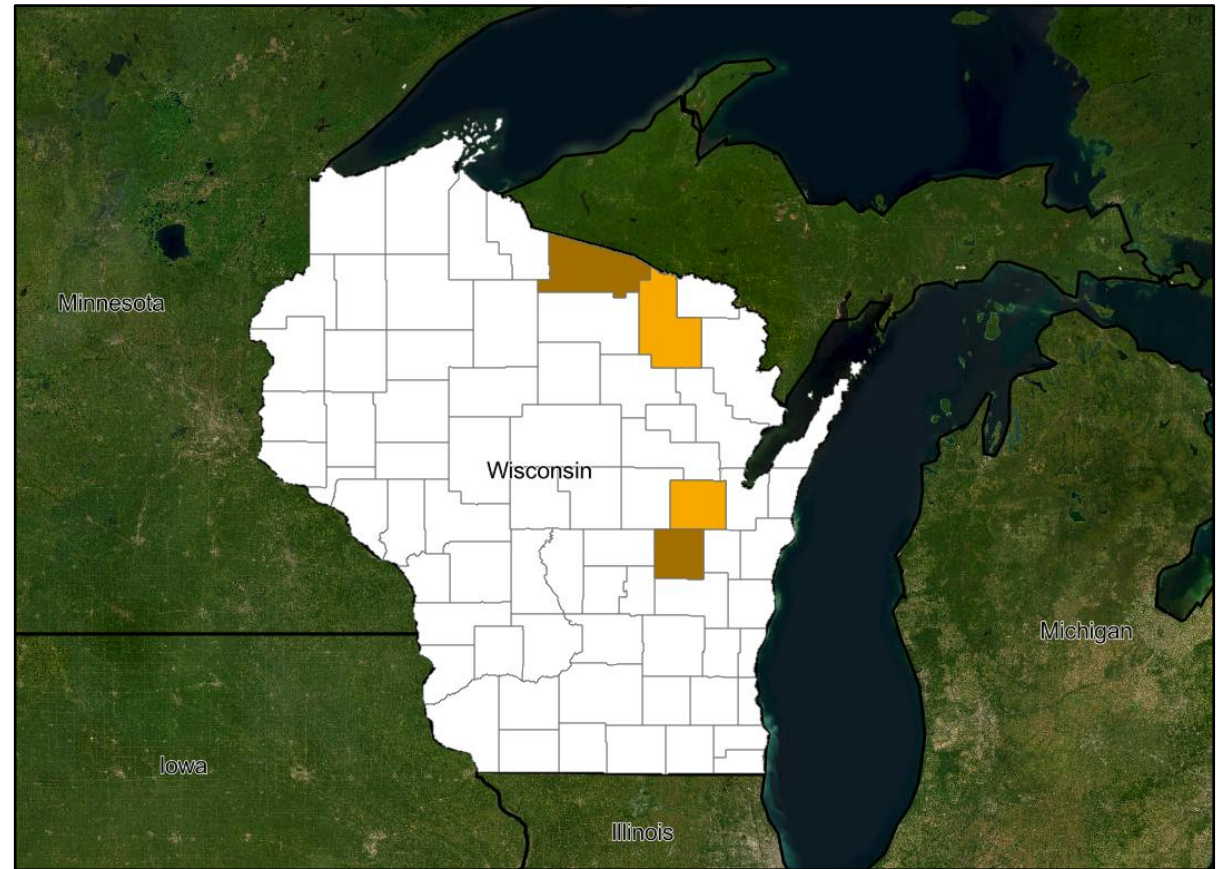
Date Requested: Aug 26

Incident: Severe Storms and Tornado

Incident Period: Jul 27

Requested:

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



■ **IA/PA**

■ **IA**



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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
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

*Oglala Sioux Tribe



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Declaration Requests in Process – 22 (Cont'd)

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
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
UT – Cottonwood Fire, Flooding, Mudslides	DR		X	X	Aug 22
CO – Wildfires, Flooding, and Mudslides	DR	X	X	X	Aug 23
WI – Severe Storms and Tornado	DR	X	X	X	Aug 26



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