

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, September 15, 2023

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Ops / Monitoring

## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Hurricane Lee – New England

## Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approval: Emergency Declaration – ME
- Approval: Major Disaster Declaration – NH
- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – CA
- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – KS

## Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy Rain/Flash Flooding – Texas
- Severe Thunderstorms – New Mexico and Texas
- Tropical Activity:
  - Atlantic:
    - Hurricane Lee (CAT-1)
    - Tropical Storm Margot
    - Disturbance 1: High (90%)
    - Disturbance 2: Low (20%)
  - Eastern Pacific:
    - Disturbance 1: High (90%)

## Event Monitoring

- 78th United Nations General Assembly



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# 78<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly

**Situation:** The 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) opened in New York, NY on September 5, 2023, and will continue through September 30, 2023. September 17-23 has been designated an NSSE. There are 193 members of the UNGA, and in-person attendance is projected to return to near pre-COVID levels.

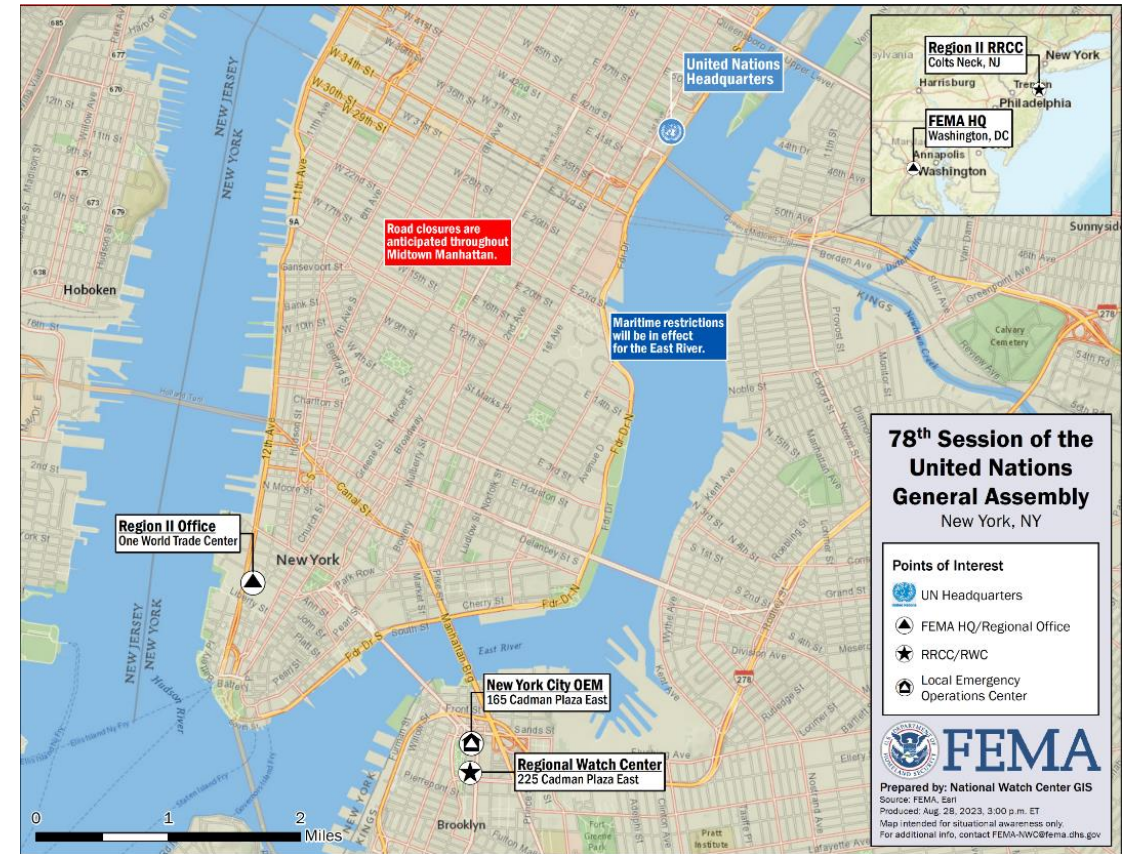
- USSS is the lead Federal Agency responsible for the overall security plan
- FBI is the lead federal agency for crisis management
- FEMA is lead for consequence management planning and coordination

## FEMA Region II:

- RWC at Enhanced Watch; RRCC Rostered ([will transition to Level III on 9/17](#))
- Regional LNO's deployed to FBI IOC, NYPD JOC, UN JOC, USSS MACC

## FEMA Headquarters

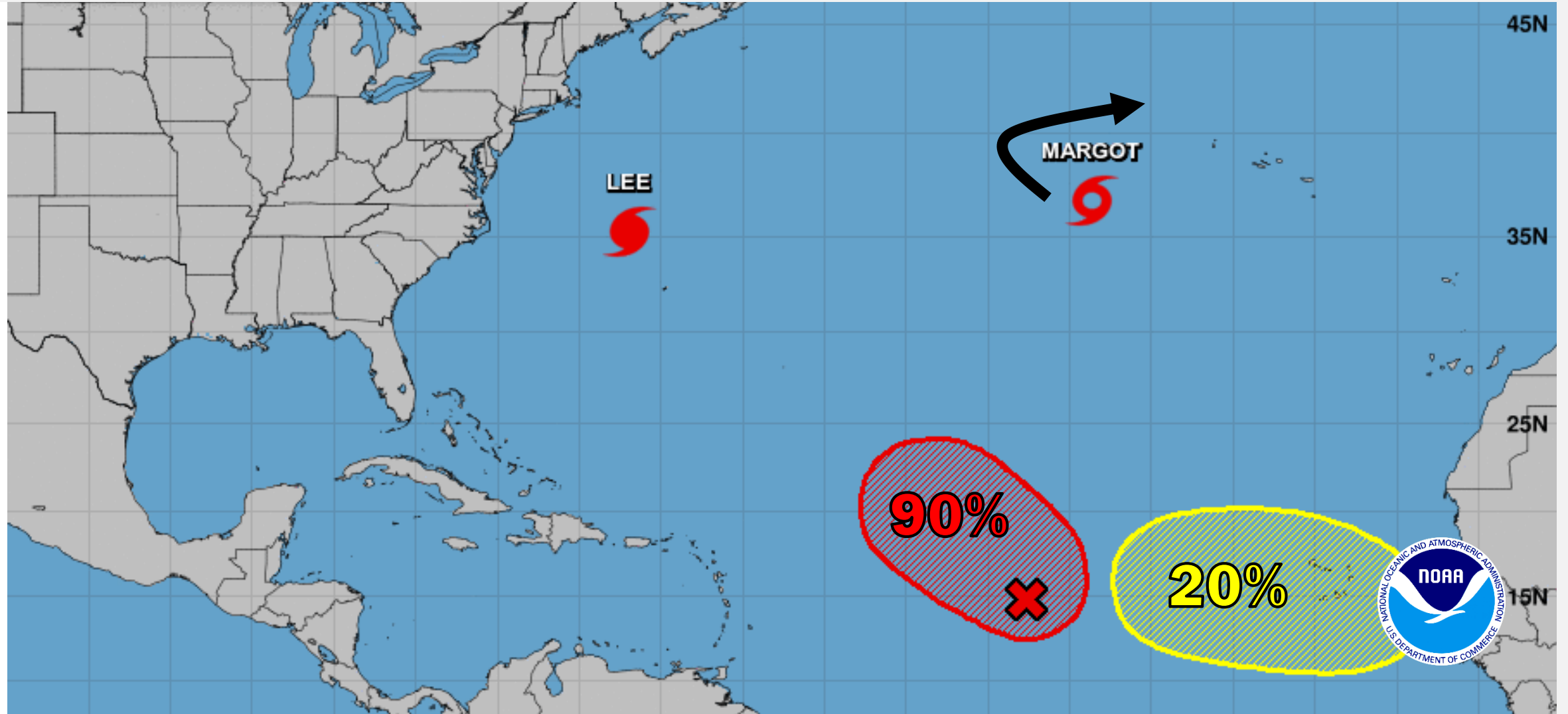
- National Watch Center continues to monitor, 24/7
- NRCC Activated (TC Lee) and all NRCS, ESFs, LNOs are on alert
- National IMAT Blue, the US&R system, CMCU, and DEST are on alert
- Maynard MERS will provide communications and mobile command functions to Region II and other Federal agencies as directed



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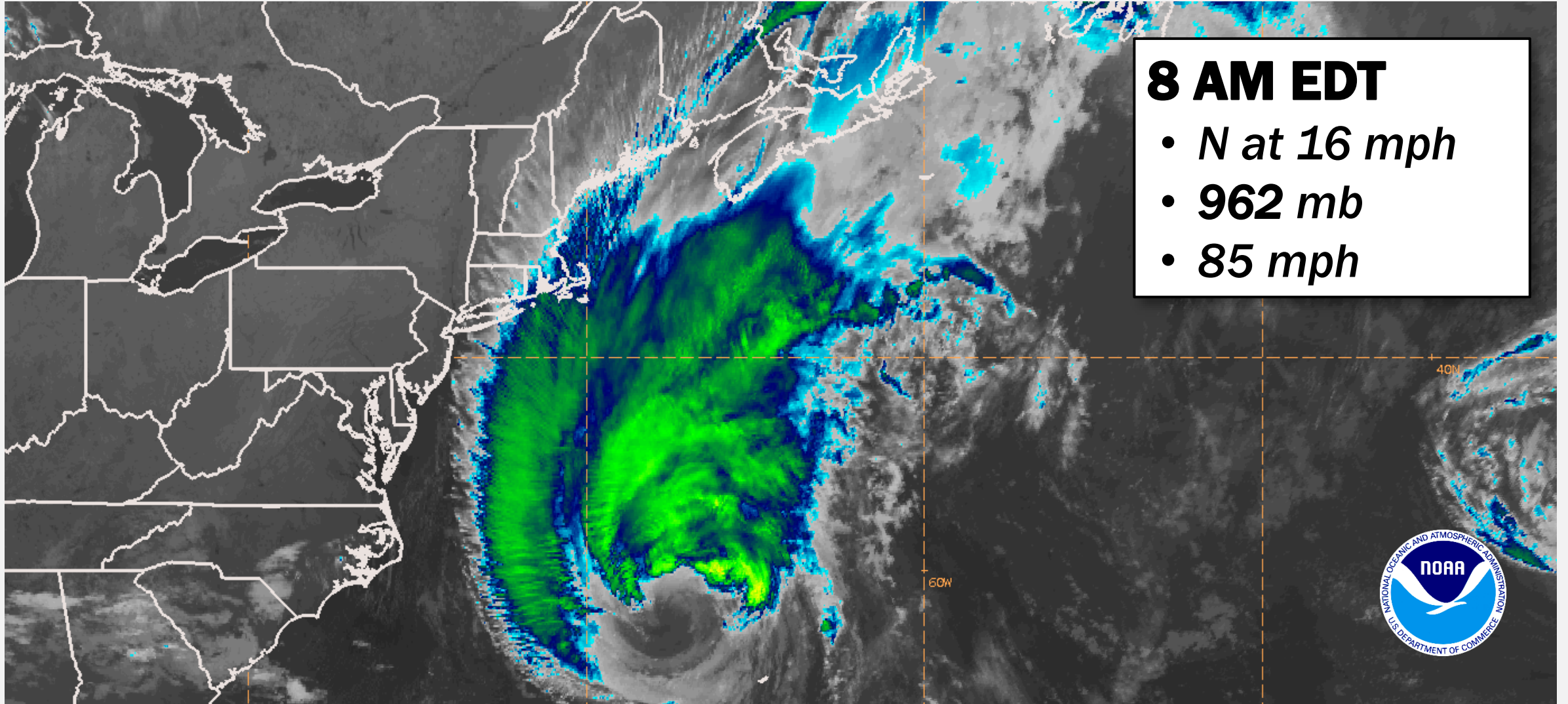
# Atlantic Overview

## TROPICAL OUTLOOK



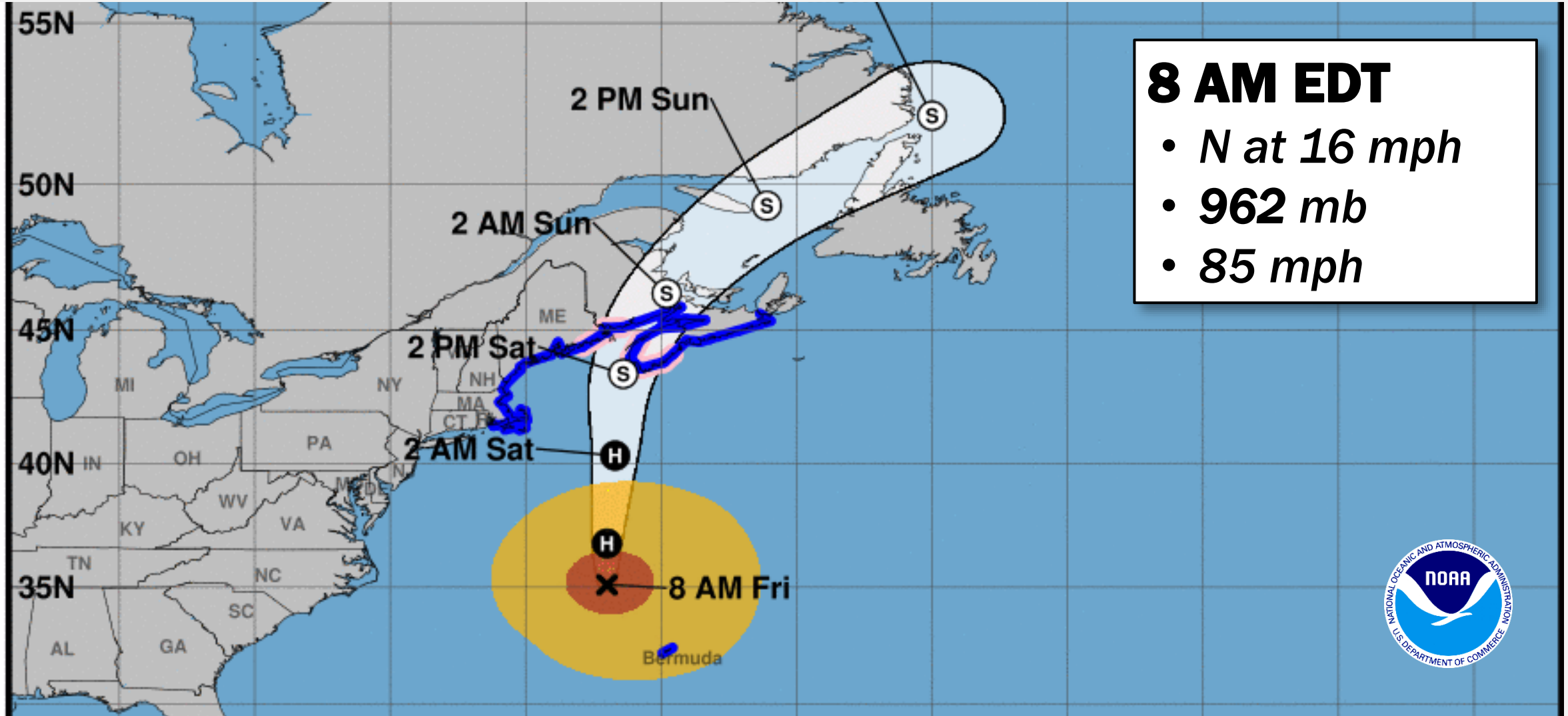
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## SATELLITE LOOP



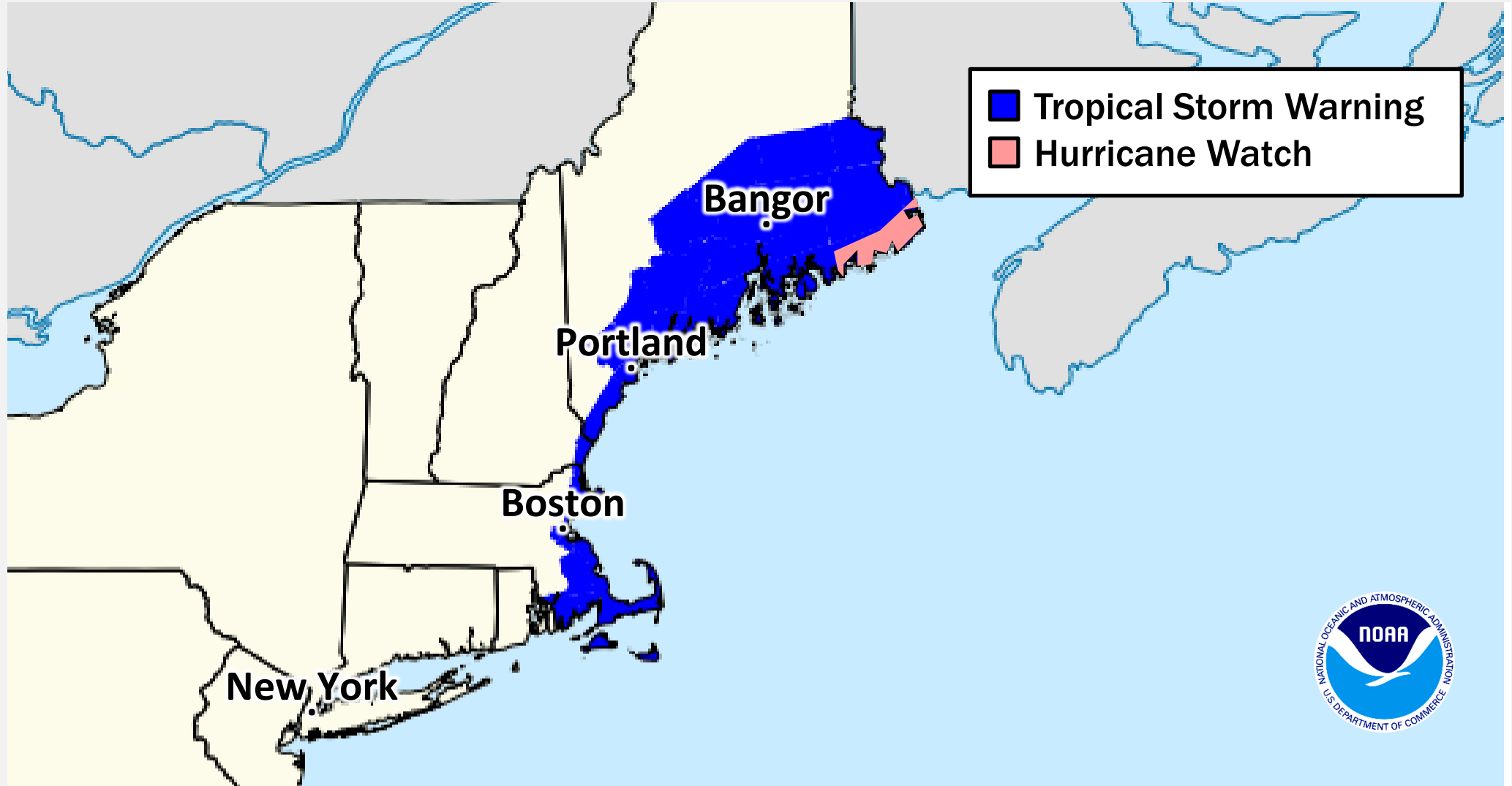
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## FORECAST TRACK



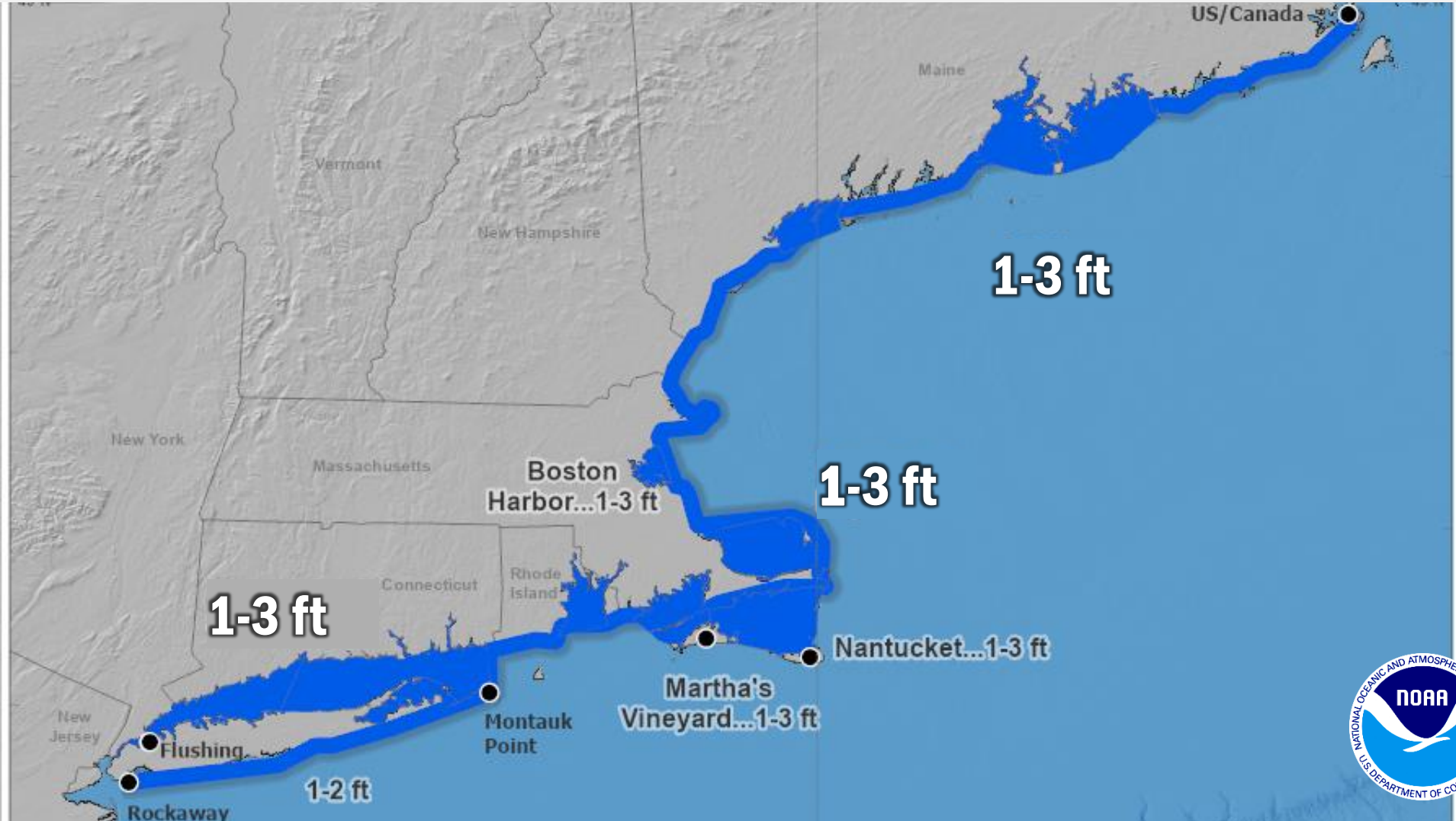
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## WIND WATCHES AND WARNINGS



# Hurricane Lee

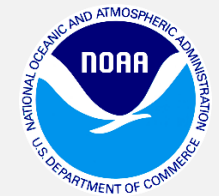
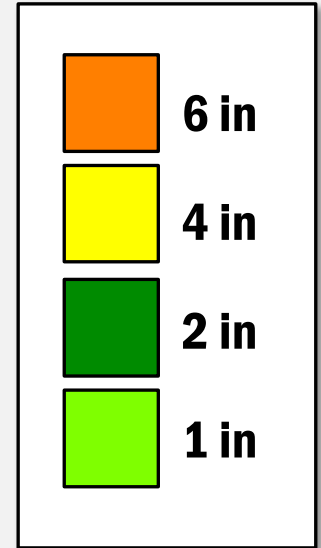
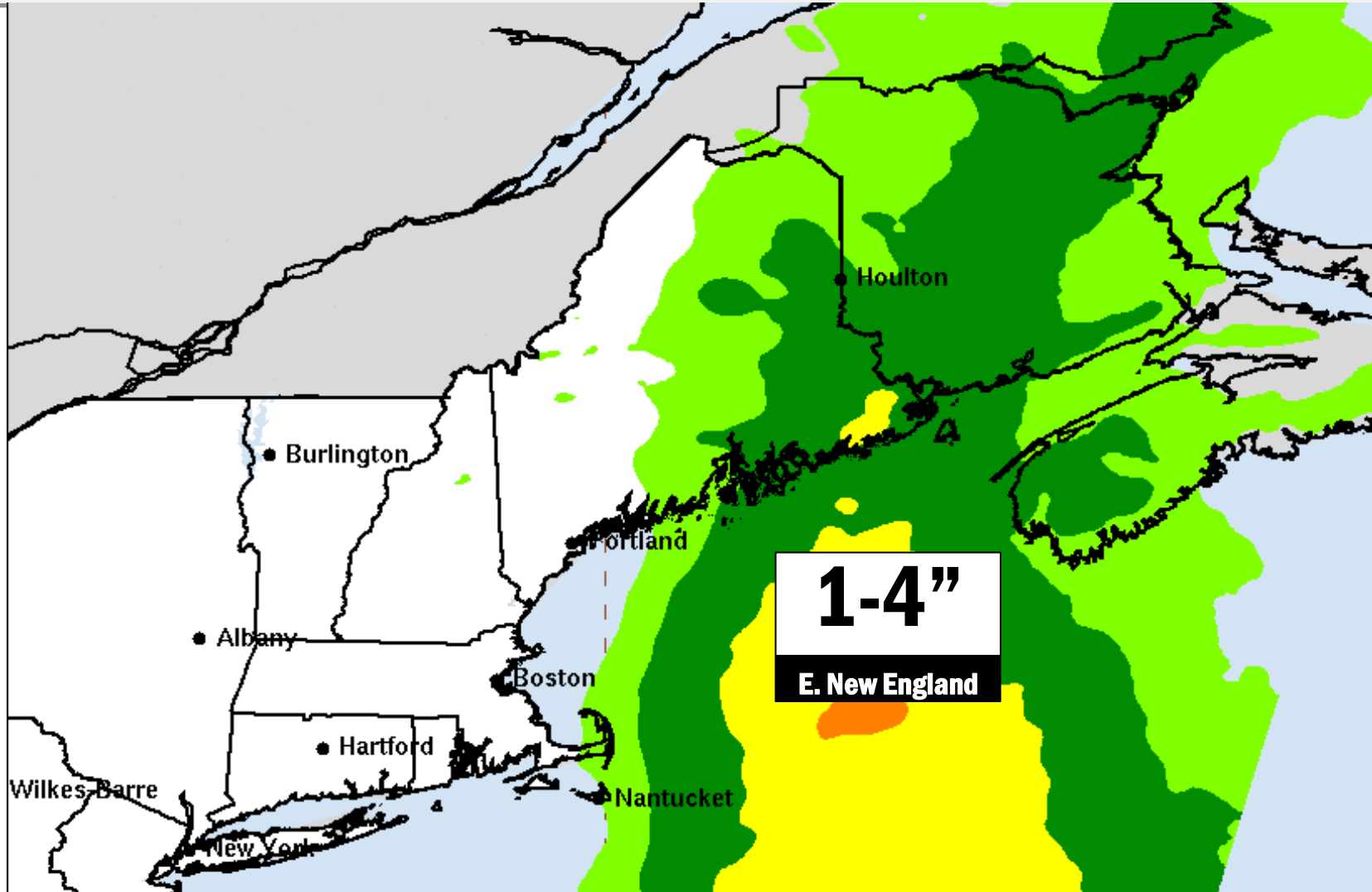
## PEAK STORM SURGE FORECAST





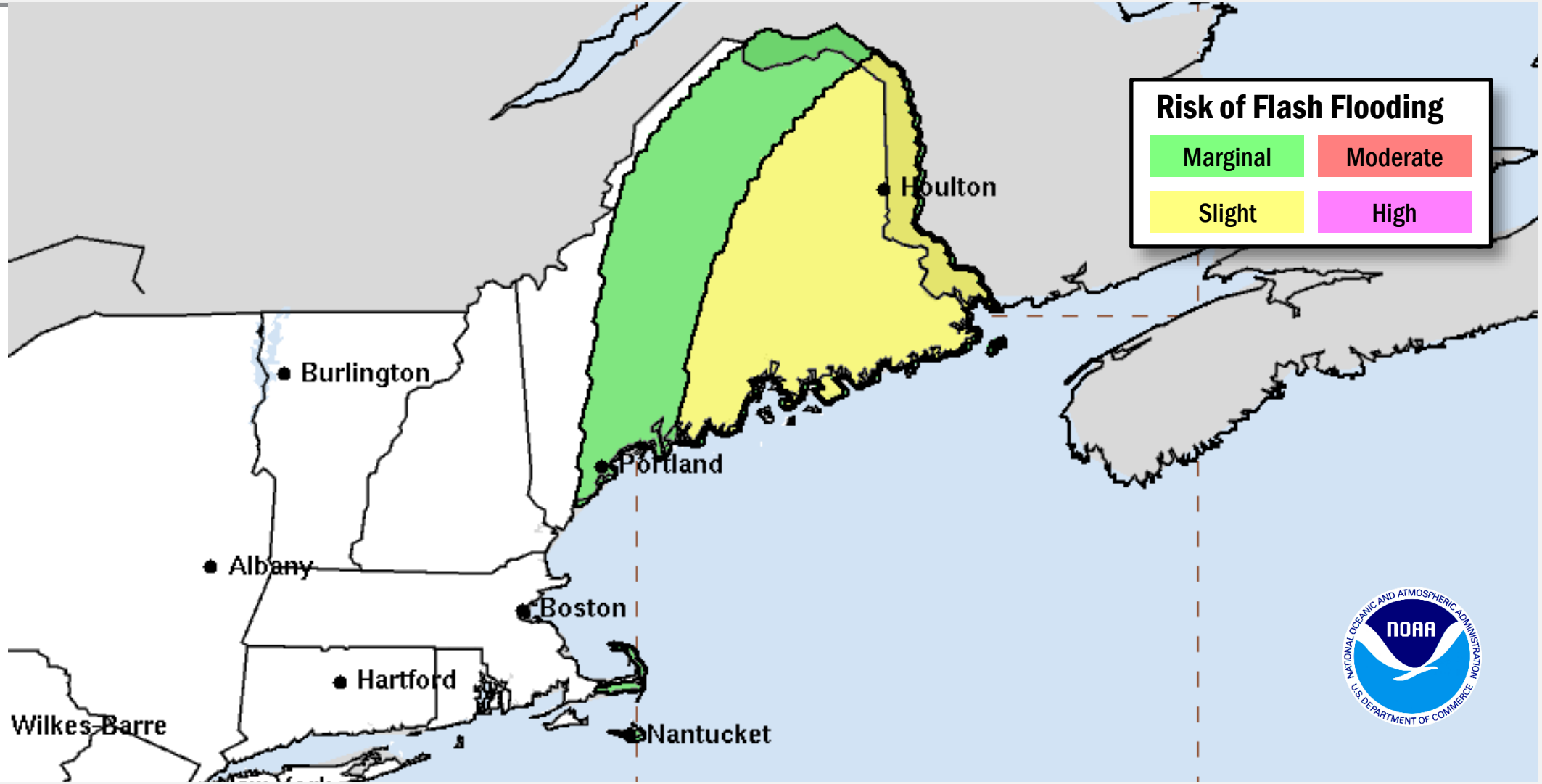
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## 48 HOUR RAINFALL



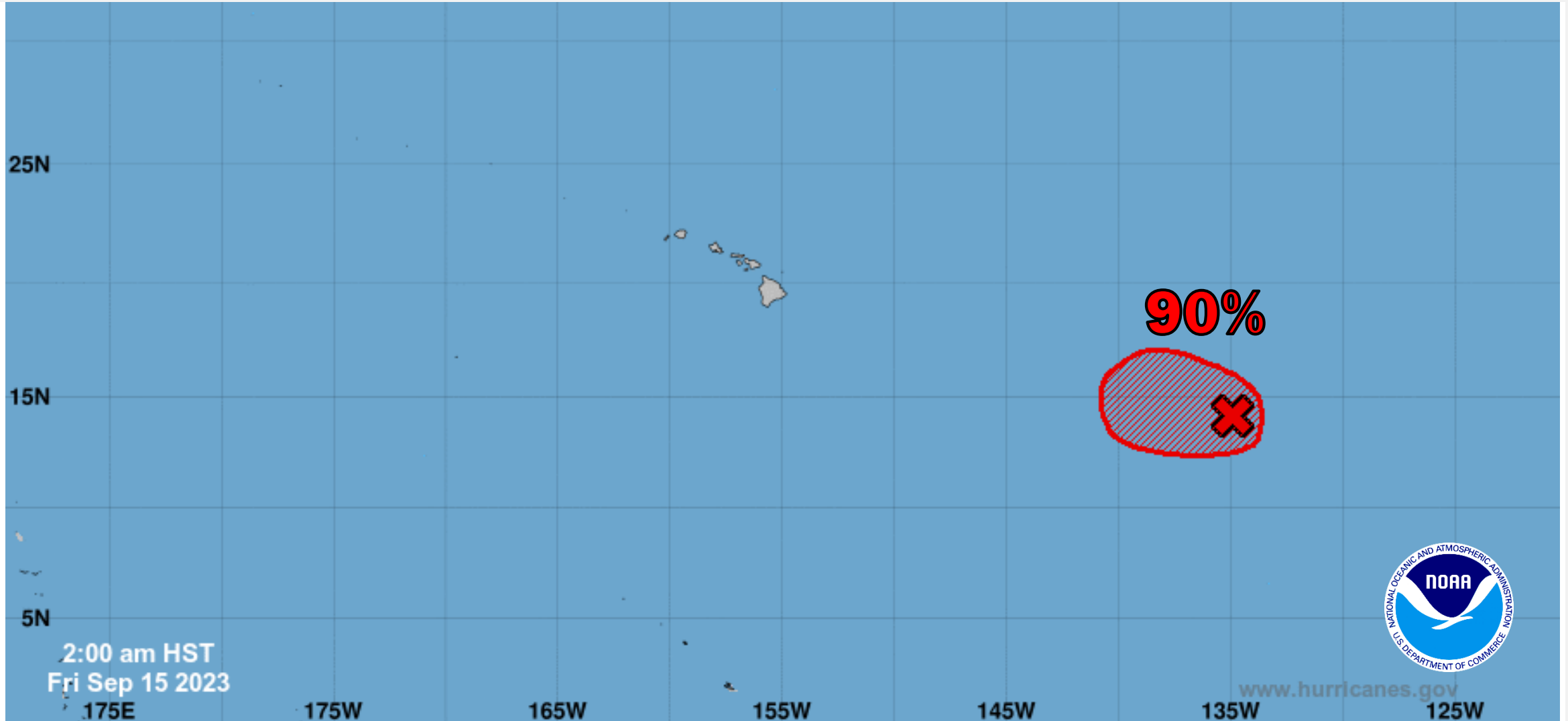
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## EXCESSIVE RAINFALL OUTLOOK SATURDAY



# Central/East Pacific Overview

## TROPICAL OUTLOOK



# Hurricane Lee – New England

**Current Situation:** Hurricane Lee is SSE of Nantucket, MA moving north, with an increase in forward speed expected through Saturday. Tropical Storm Warnings issued from Westport, MA northward to the US/Canadian border. Heavy rain from Lee may produce localized urban and small stream flooding across eastern New England.

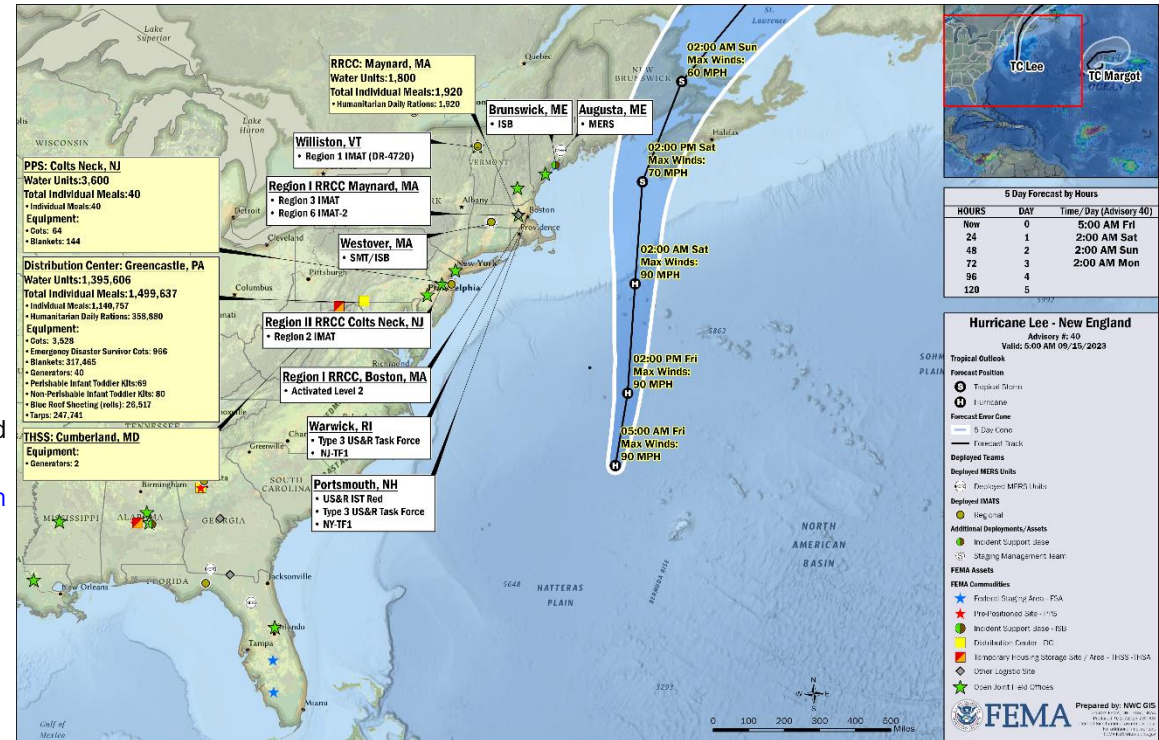
**State / Local Response:** (R1 SLB as of 3:00 p.m. ET, Sep 14)

- FEMA Region I: MA, ME, NH EOCs: Enhanced Monitoring (TC Lee)
  - ME will transition to Partial Activation at 6:00 p.m. ET
  - NH will transition to Partial Activation at 8:00 p.m. ET
  - MA will transition to Full Activation on Sep 16
  - Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe EOC (MA) at Partial Activation (TC Lee)
  - FEMA-3598-EM-ME approved Sep 15

- FEMA Region II: NJ EOC: Monitoring

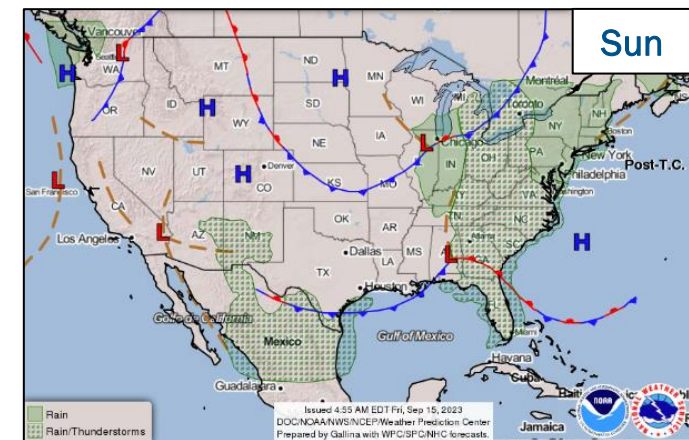
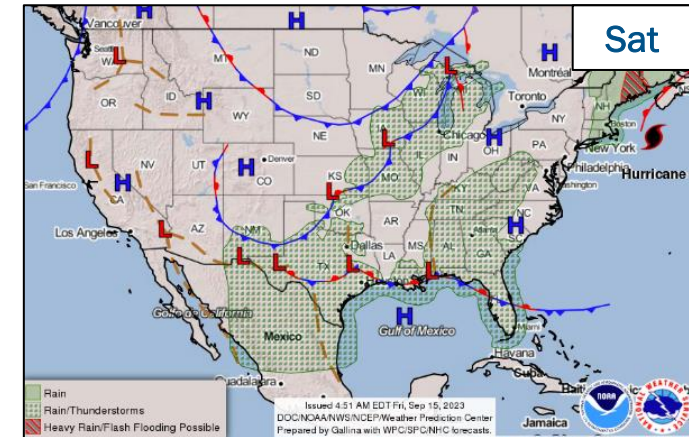
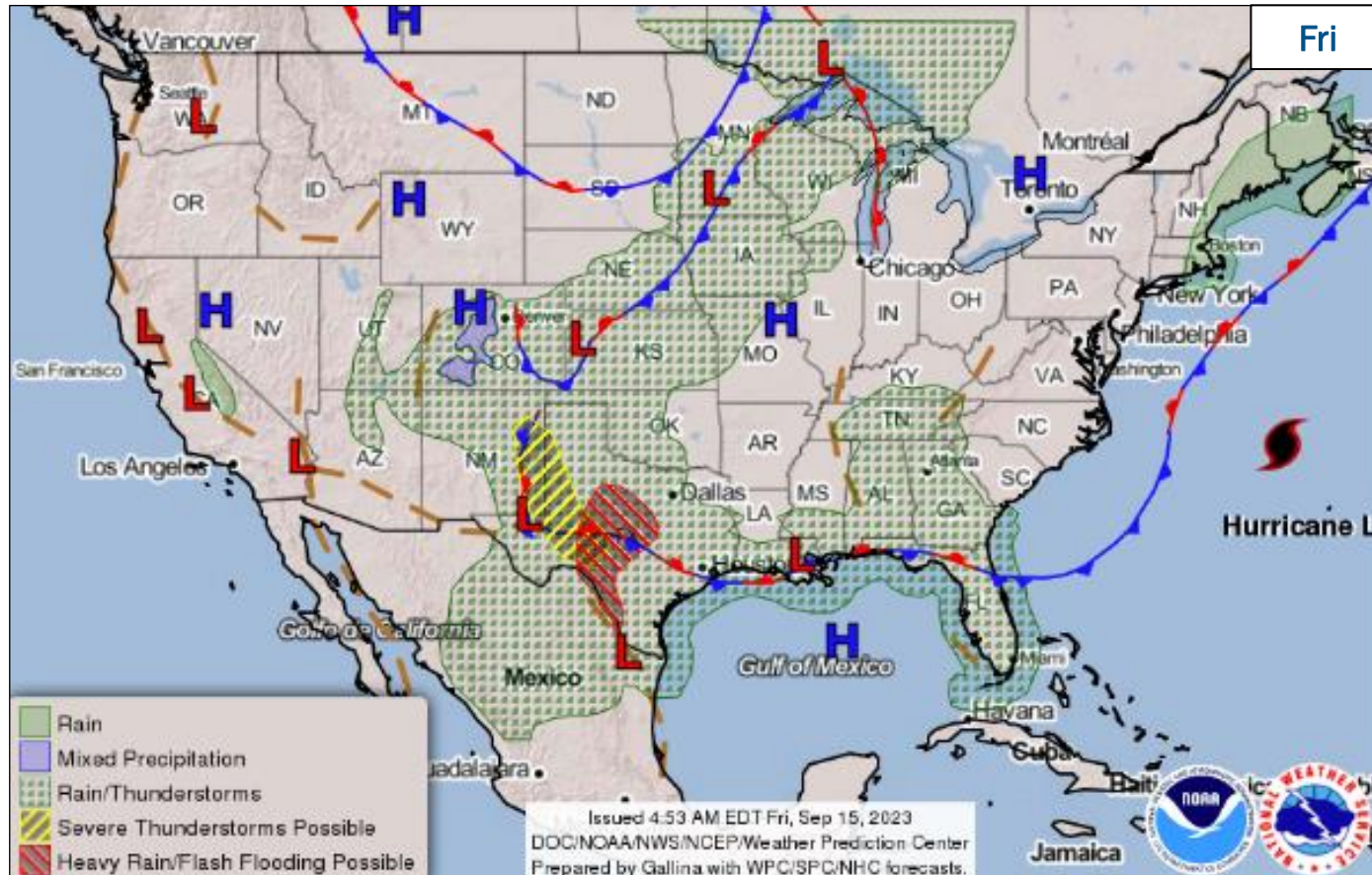
**FEMA / Federal Response:**

- Region I: RWC at Enhanced Watch (Day shift only); RRCC: Level II (Day Shift only) w/ ESFs 1,2,3,5 (virtual),6,8,9,10,13,14 and DCE
  - FEMA R1 IMAT deployed to Augusta, ME
  - FEMA LNO deployed to MA/ME/NH/RI & coordinating w/ tribes; Tribal Nation LNO activated
  - FEMA R1 in coordination with all 6 states and tribes
- Region II: RWC at Enhanced Watch (Day Shift only); RRCC rostered (will transition to Level III on 9/17 for UNGA)
  - R2 IMAT deployed to RRCC at Colts Neck, NJ
- FEMA HQ
  - NRCC activated (Day Shift only)
  - FEMA R3 IMAT and R6 IMAT-2 deployed to R1 RRCC
- FEMA Logistics:
  - NISB Team Alpha deployed to Brunswick, ME
  - SMT Fort Worth deployed to Westover ARB, MA to establish ISB; Staging Team deployed with shuttle fleet power units
  - Generators are en route to Brunswick, ME; Generator Bravo Pack are en route to Westover ARB, MA; Additional generators available at DC Green
  - US&R: Red IST staged in Nashua, NH; NY-TF1 staged in Portsmouth, NH; and NJ-TF1 staged in Warwick, RI.



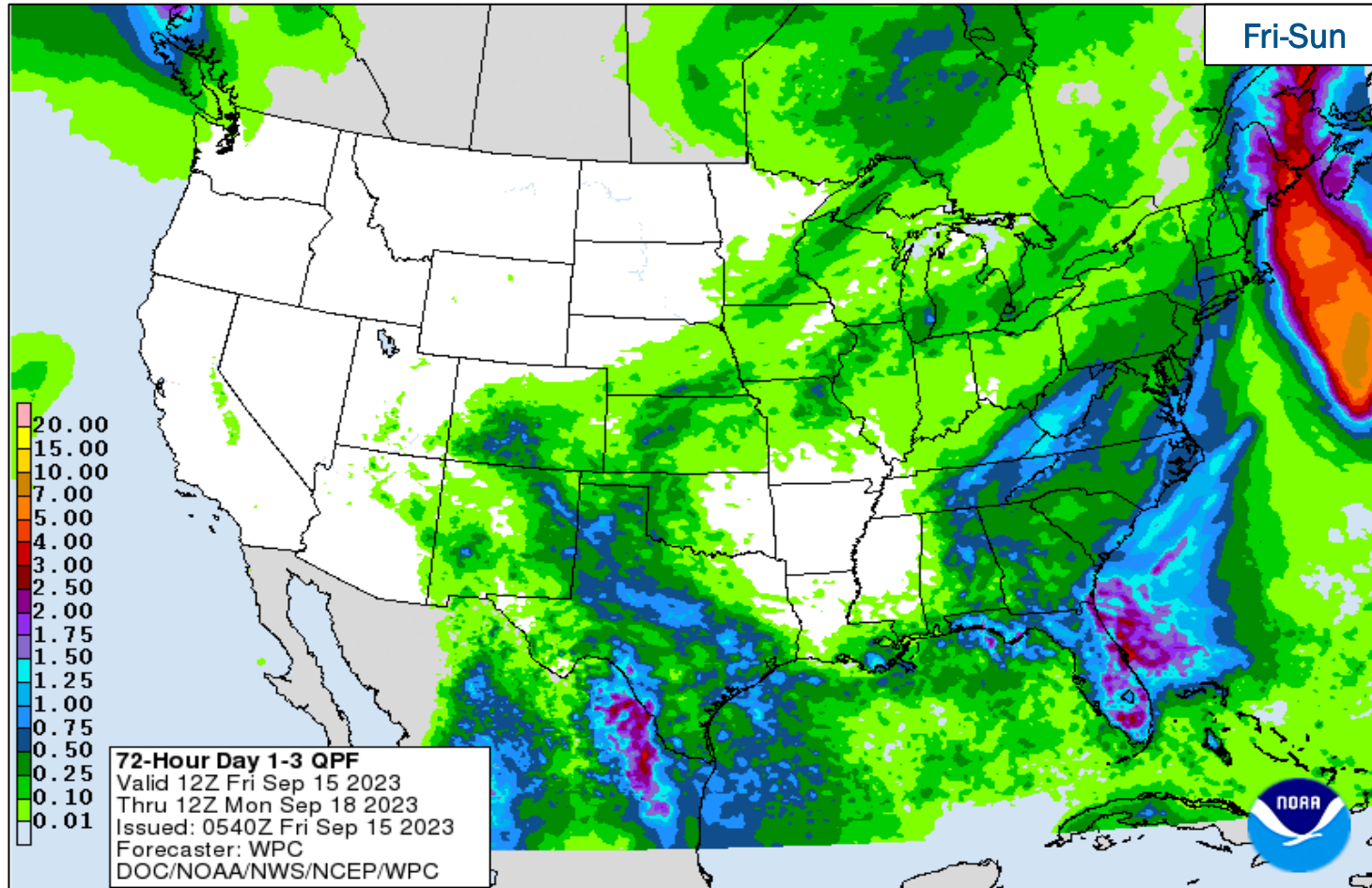
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# National Weather Forecast

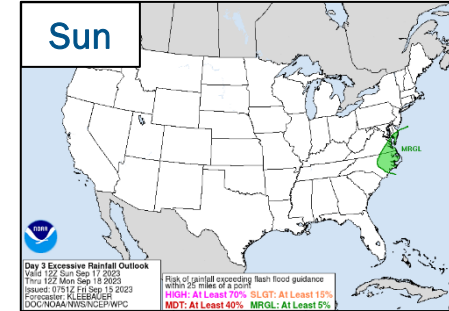
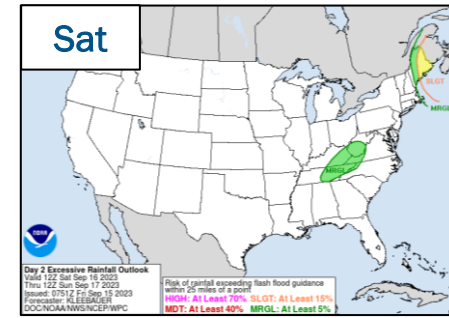
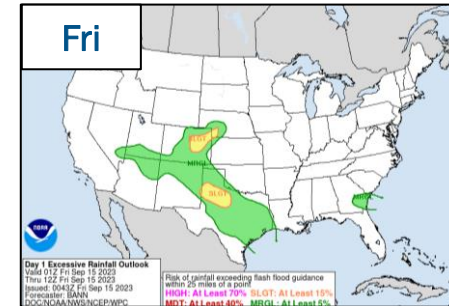


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# Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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# FEMA Common Operating Picture

**16 + 6** Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices  
**79 + 3** Major Disasters Emergency Declarations  
**7** Direct Housing Missions  
**26** RSF-Supported Disasters

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### FEMA HQ

NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Activated

### FEMA REGIONS

Watch	RRCC
Enhanced I	Level II
Enhanced II	Rostered
Monitoring III	Rostered
Monitoring IV	Rostered
Monitoring V	Rostered
Monitoring VI	Rostered
Monitoring VII	Rostered
Monitoring VIII	Rostered
Monitoring IX	Rostered
Monitoring X	Rostered

**Notes:**

RWC/RRCC:  
 - NRCC: TC Lee (Dayshift)  
 - RI RWC & RRCC: TC Lee (Day shift)  
 - RII RWC: TC Lee (Day shift)

STATE EOCs:  
 - VI: Flooding  
 - MS/NJ/WV: Severe Weather  
 - FL: TC Idalia  
 - CA/HI/LA/WA: Wildfires  
 - NM/TX: Ongoing Threats Monitoring  
 - CO: Public Health Support, Avian Influenza, and Suncor Refinery  
 - AZ/CO: SW Border Coordination  
 - CA/NV: TC Hilary  
 - CNMI: Typhoon Mawar  
 - MA/ME/NH: TC Lee

### Surge Capacity Force

Rostered	Deployed
8,223 (+5)	57

### N-IMATs

2-5 Teams Available

Red	
White	
Blue	
Gold	
HS	Training

### R-IMATs

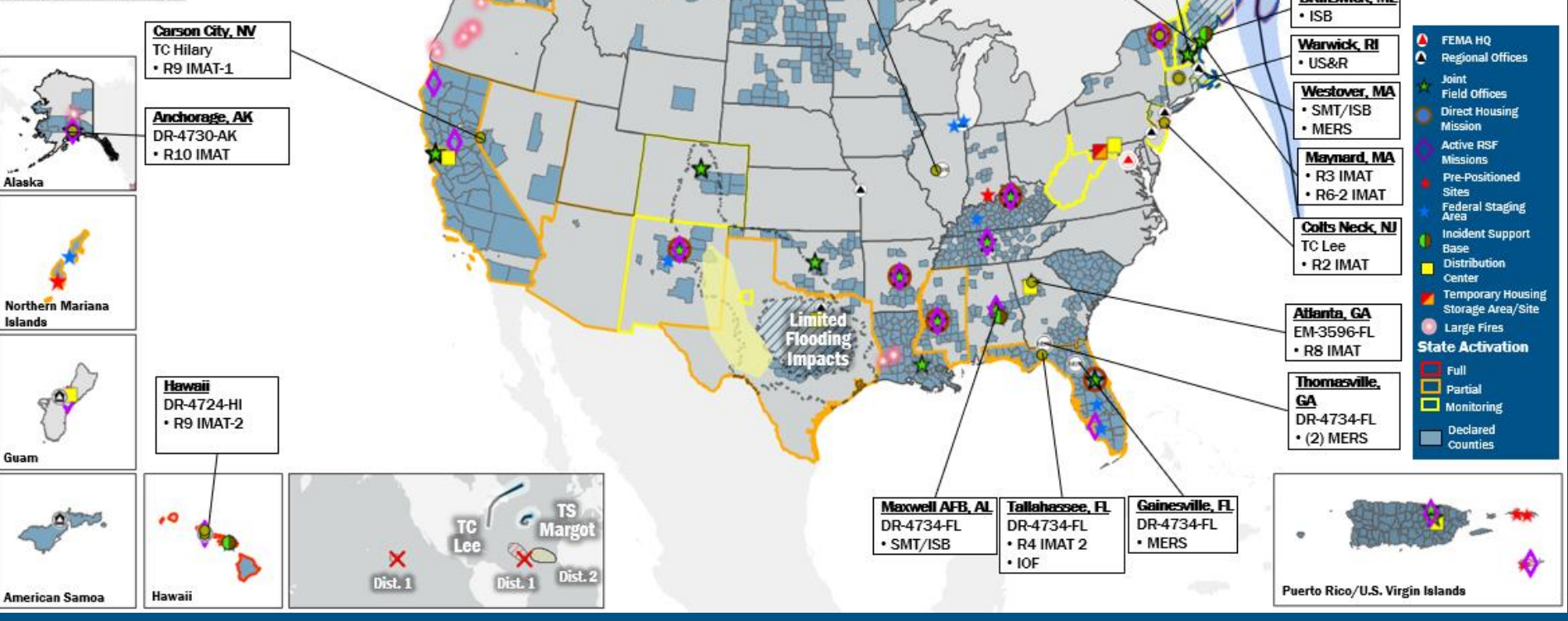
0-3 Teams Available

I	ME
II	NJ
III	MA
IV-1	Personnel
IV-2	FL
V	IL
VI-1	1
VI-2	MA
VII	Demobilizing
VIII	GA
IX-1	NV
IX-2	HI
X	AK

Legend:  
 - Fully Mission Capable (FMC)  
 - Partially Mission Capable (PMC)  
 - Not Mission Capable (NMC)  
 - Deployed

### REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

JFO/VJFO	DR	EM
I	3/0	11 1
II	1/1	4 0
III	0/0	0 0
IV	7/1	20 2
V	1/0	2 0
VI	3/1	6 0
VII	0/0	1 0
VIII	0/1	8 0
IX	0/1	16 0
X	1/1	11 0



## IM Workforce

13,710 (+34) Assigned  
 4,613 (-39) Unavailable  
 6,911 (+59) Deployed

16% / 2,186 (+14) Available

## IM Cadre Availability

19 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Acquisitions: 20% (46/228); Civil Rights: 16% (23/141); Disability Integration: 11% (6/55); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 10% (116/1,207); External Affairs: 15% (78/507); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 12% (97/819); Field Leadership: 7% (9/135); Hazard Mitigation: 11% (138/1,248); Human Resources: 11% (20/175); Individual Assistance: 24% (639/2,621); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 21% (63/296); Information Technology: 19% (124/647); Logistics: 16% (240/1,528); Operations: 7% (23/348); Public Assistance: 5% (120/2,204); Planning: 7% (33/470); Safety: 6% (5/80); Security: 17% (23/139)

### MERS

> 66%

36 Assigned  
 0 Unavailable  
 5 Deployed

31 Available

### US&R

> 66%

28 Assigned  
 4 Unavailable  
 2 Deployed

22 Available

### FCO

≤ 1 Type I

50 Assigned  
 6 Unavailable  
 42 (+1) (28 FCOR) Deployed

2 (-1) Available

# Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
I	VT	Flooding Aug 3-8	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	2	1	8/21 – TBD
III	WV	Flooding Aug 28-30	IA	8	0	9/19 – TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
V	MI	Severe Weather and Flash Flooding Aug 25-26	IA	9	0	9/24 – TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
IX	CA	Hurricane Hilary Aug 18-22	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	8	0	8/29 – TBD
	NV	Hurricane Hilary Aug 18-22	IA	1	1	9/6 – 9/7
			PA	4	1	8/31 – TBD



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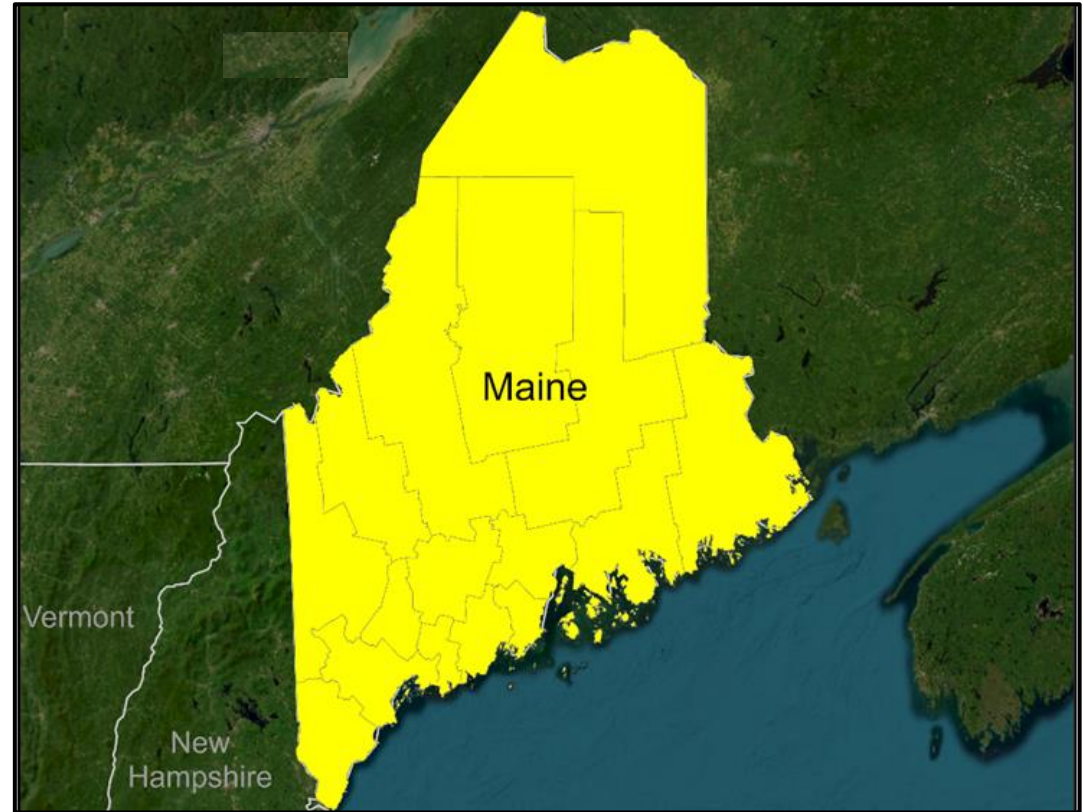
# Emergency Declaration Approval – Maine

**Declaration Type:** Emergency Declaration – FEMA-3598-DR-ME  
**Requested:** Sep 14

**Approved:** Sep 14  
**Incident:** Hurricane Lee  
**Incident Period:** Sep 14

**Provides:**  
**PA:** 16 counties

**FCO:** William F. Roy



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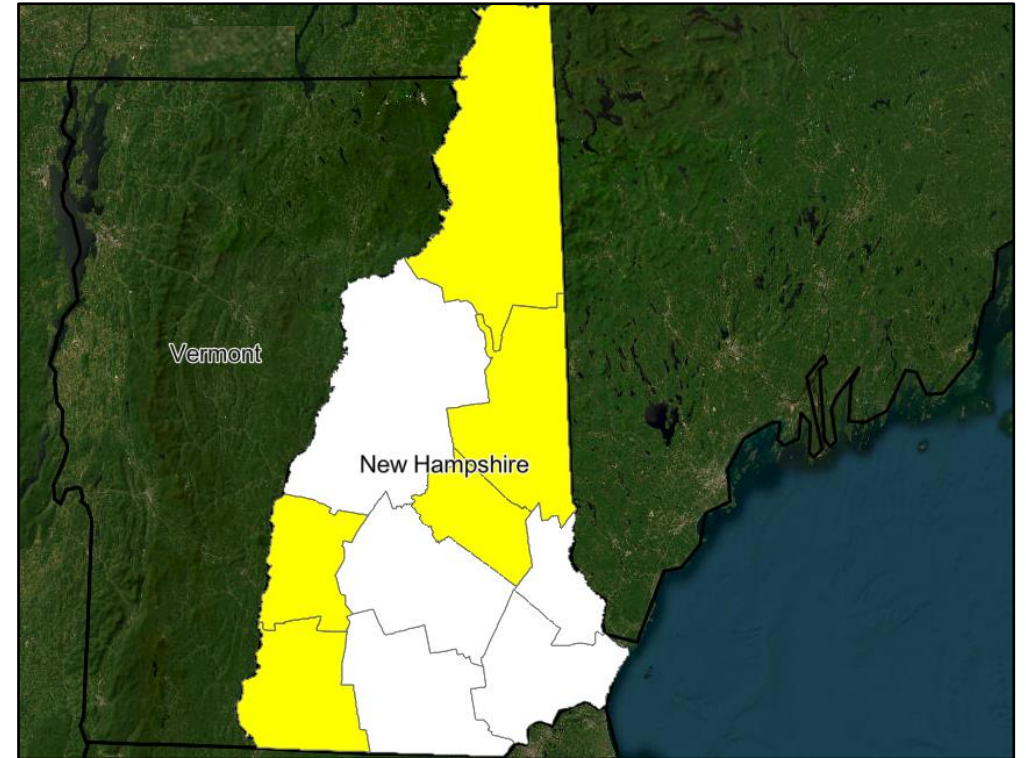
# Declaration Approval – New Hampshire

**Declaration Type:** Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4740-DR-NH  
**Requested:** Aug 30

**Approved:** Sep 14  
**Incident:** Severe Storms and Flooding  
**Incident Period:** Jul 9–17

**Provides:**  
**PA:** 3 counties  
**Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide

**FCO:** William F. Roy



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# Declaration Request – Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

**Declaration Type:** Major Disaster – Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

**Requested:** Sep 14

**Incident:** Tropical Storm Hilary

**Incident Period:** Aug 19-21

**Requested:**

- **PA:** Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians



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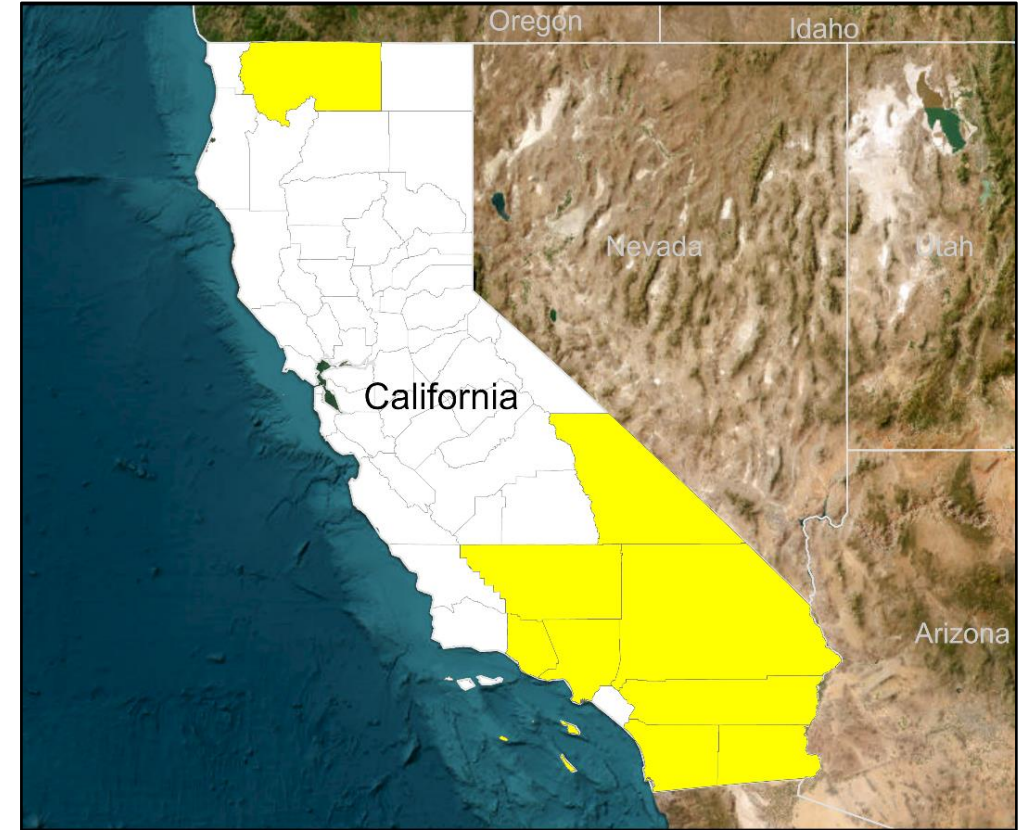
# Declaration Request – California

**Declaration Type:** Major Disaster Declaration – California  
**Requested:** Sep 14

**Incident:** Tropical Storm Hilary  
**Incident Period:** Aug 19-21

**Requested:**

- **PA:** 9 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



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# Declaration Request – Kansas

**Declaration Type:** Major Disaster Declaration – Kansas

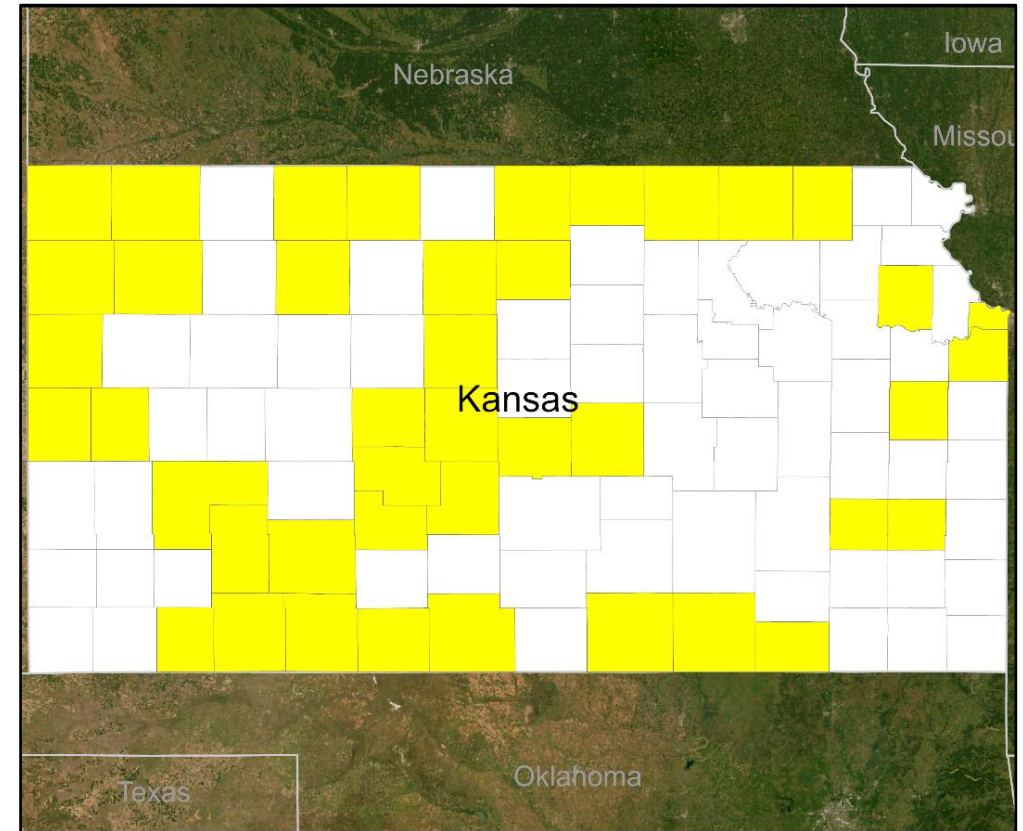
**Requested:** Sep 8

**Incident:** Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding

**Incident Period:** Jun 27 – Aug 8

**Requested:**

- **PA:** 43 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



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# Declaration Requests in Process – 16

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
OH – Train Derailment	DR	X	X	X	Jul 3
NH – Severe Storms, and Flooding – <b>APPROVED</b>	DR		X	X	Jul 28
PA – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Jul 31
UT – Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 11
KY – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X			Aug 18
AR – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Aug 22
MT – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 25
NH – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 30
AK – Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Sep 5
TN – Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, and Tornado	DR	X	X	X	Sep 5
MO – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 5
NH – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm – <b>APPEAL</b>	DR		X	X	Sep 6
Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope (ICAS) – Severed Undersea Fiber Optic Line – <b>APPEAL</b>	EM		X		Aug 23
La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians (LJBLI) – Tropical Storm Hilary	DR	X	X	X	Aug 23
KS – Severe storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 8
ME – Hurricane Lee – <b>APPROVED</b>	EM		X		Sep 14
CA – Tropical Storm Hilary	DR		X	X	Sep 14
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (ACBCI) – Tropical Storm Hilary	DR		X	X	Sep 14



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