

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Operations / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations:

- No new significant incidents / operations

## Disaster Declaration Activity:

- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – IL
- FMAG Approval: Hydra Fire – TX

## Hazard Monitoring:

- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Southwest to Southern Rockies, Southern Plains to Great Lakes
- Tropical Activity:
  - Atlantic:
    - Disturbance 1: Low (30%)
  - Eastern and Central Pacific:
    - Disturbance 1: Low (20%)
    - Disturbance 2: Medium (50%)
    - Disturbance 3: Low (30%)
  - Western Pacific:
    - Tropical Depression 24W

## Event Monitoring:

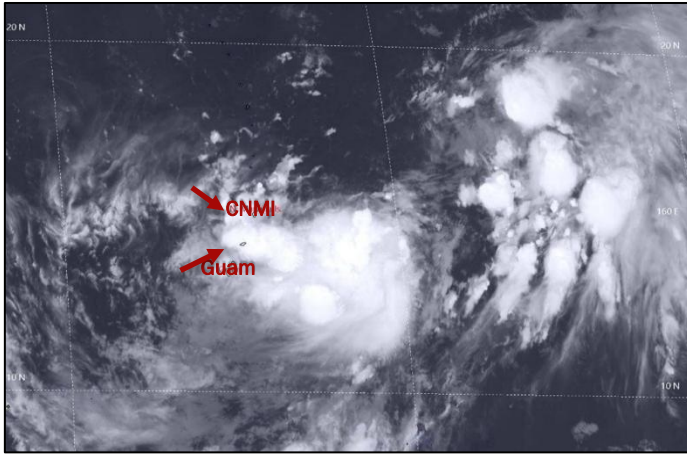
- No new significant events



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# Tropical Outlook

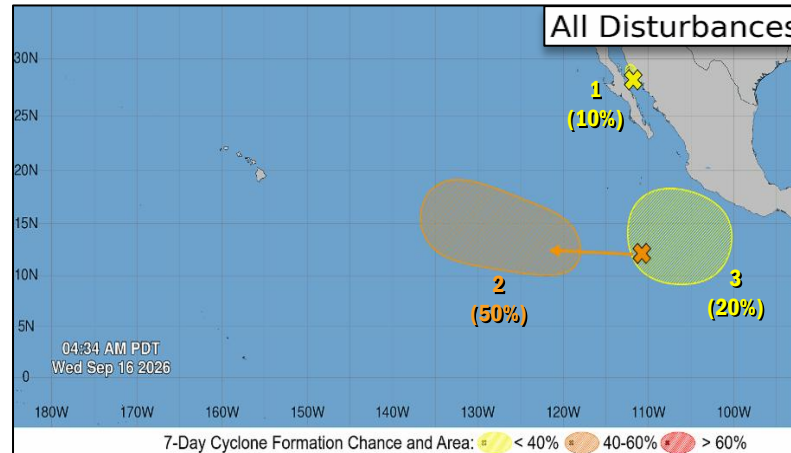
## Western Pacific



**Tropical Storm 24W** (Advisory #4, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

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## Eastern and Central Pacific



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

- Located over the central Gulf of California
- Although development chances appear to be decreasing, heavy rains will likely continue across portions of the state of Sonora
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (20%); 7-day: Low (20%)

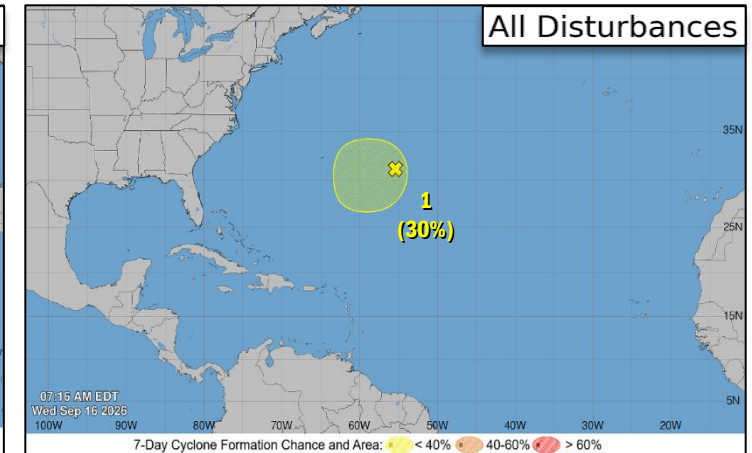
**Disturbance 2:** (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located SW of southwestern Mexico
- Environmental conditions appear conducive for gradual development, and this system could become a tropical depression early next week
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Medium (50%)

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

- Located well to the south of the southern tip of Baja California
- Conditions appear conducive for some development over the weekend
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Low (30%)

## Atlantic



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

- Located several hundred miles E of Bermuda
- Environmental conditions are forecast to become more conducive for development in a few days
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (10%); 7-day: Low (30%)

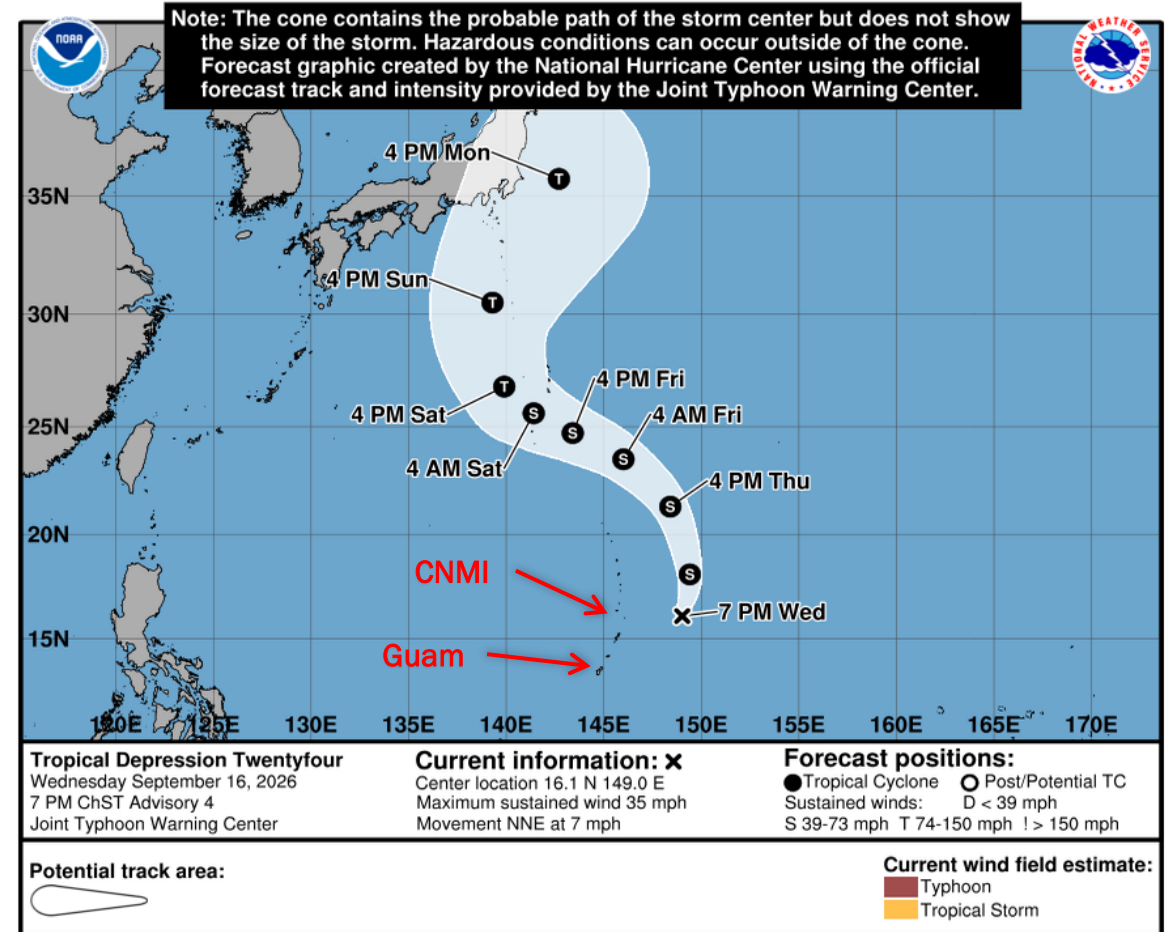


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# Tropical Depression 24W– Western Pacific

**Situation:** (Advisory #4, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

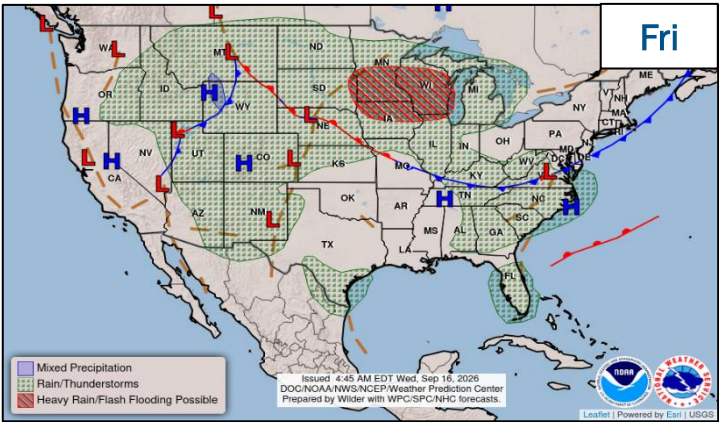
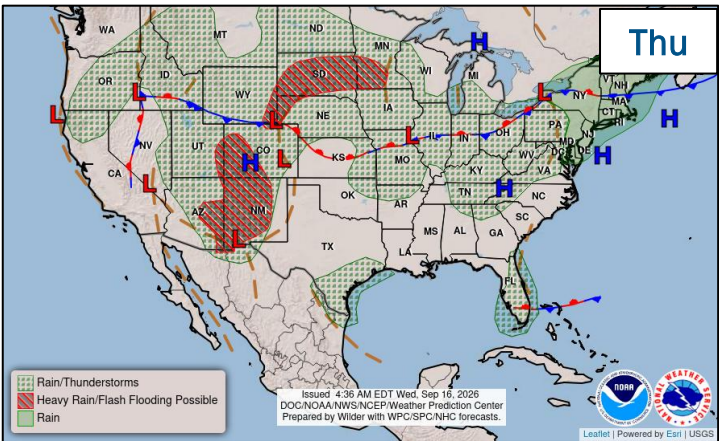
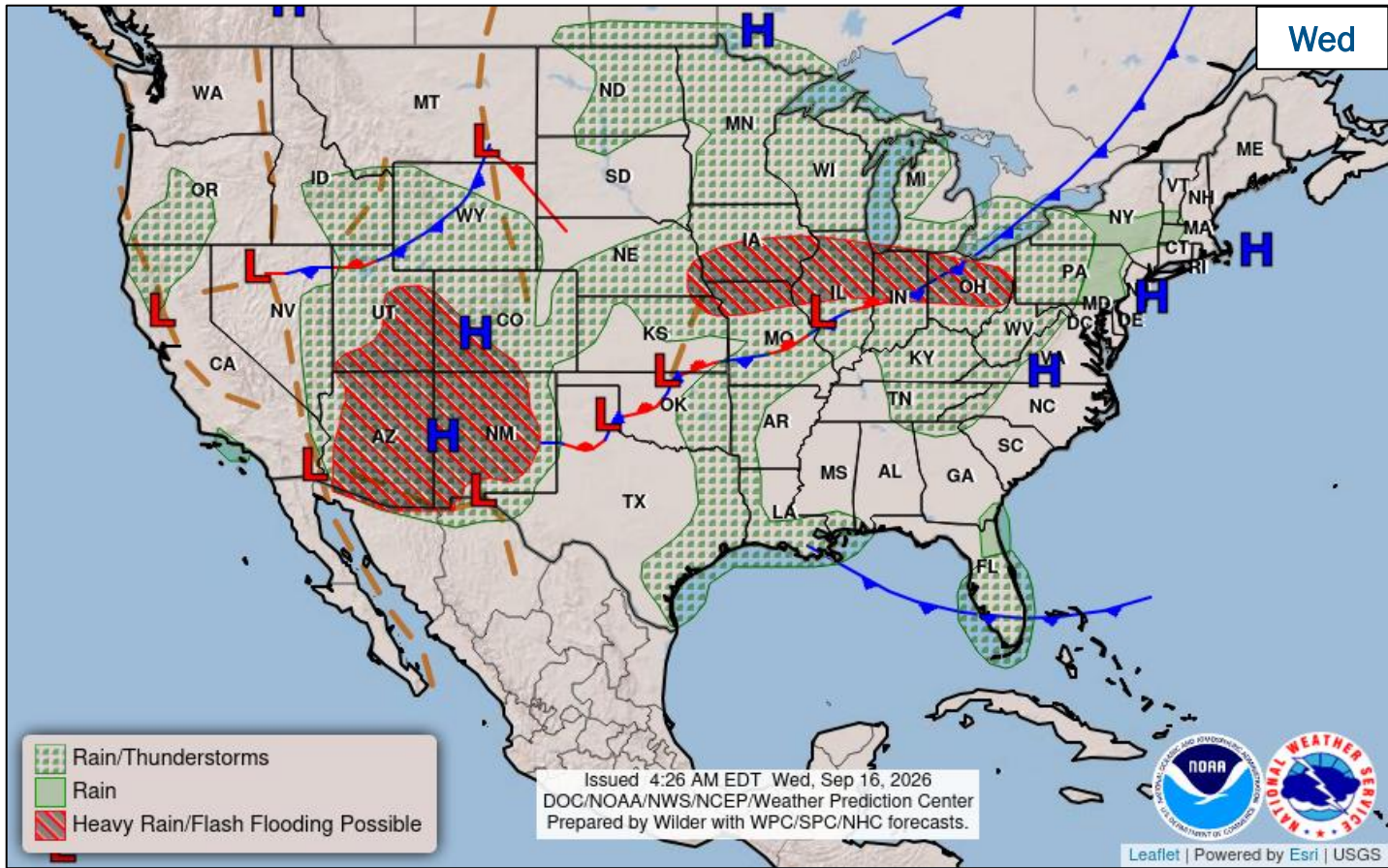
- Located 230 miles ENE of Saipan
- Maximum sustained winds of 35 mph
- Moving NNE at 7 mph
- Expected to turn toward the north-northwest with a dramatic increase in forward speed through Thursday
- 24W is forecast to intensify through Thursday possibly becoming a tropical storm



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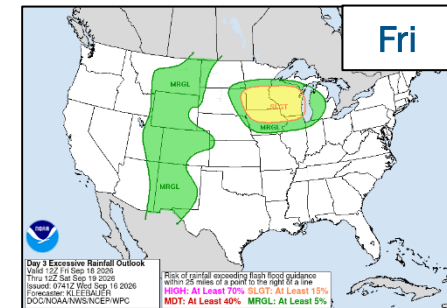
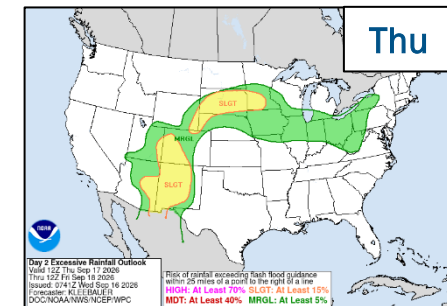
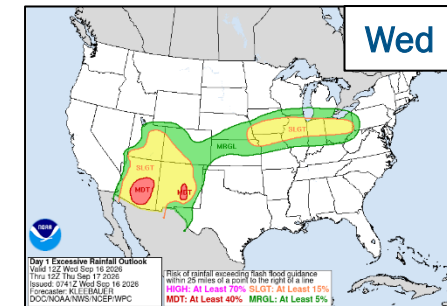
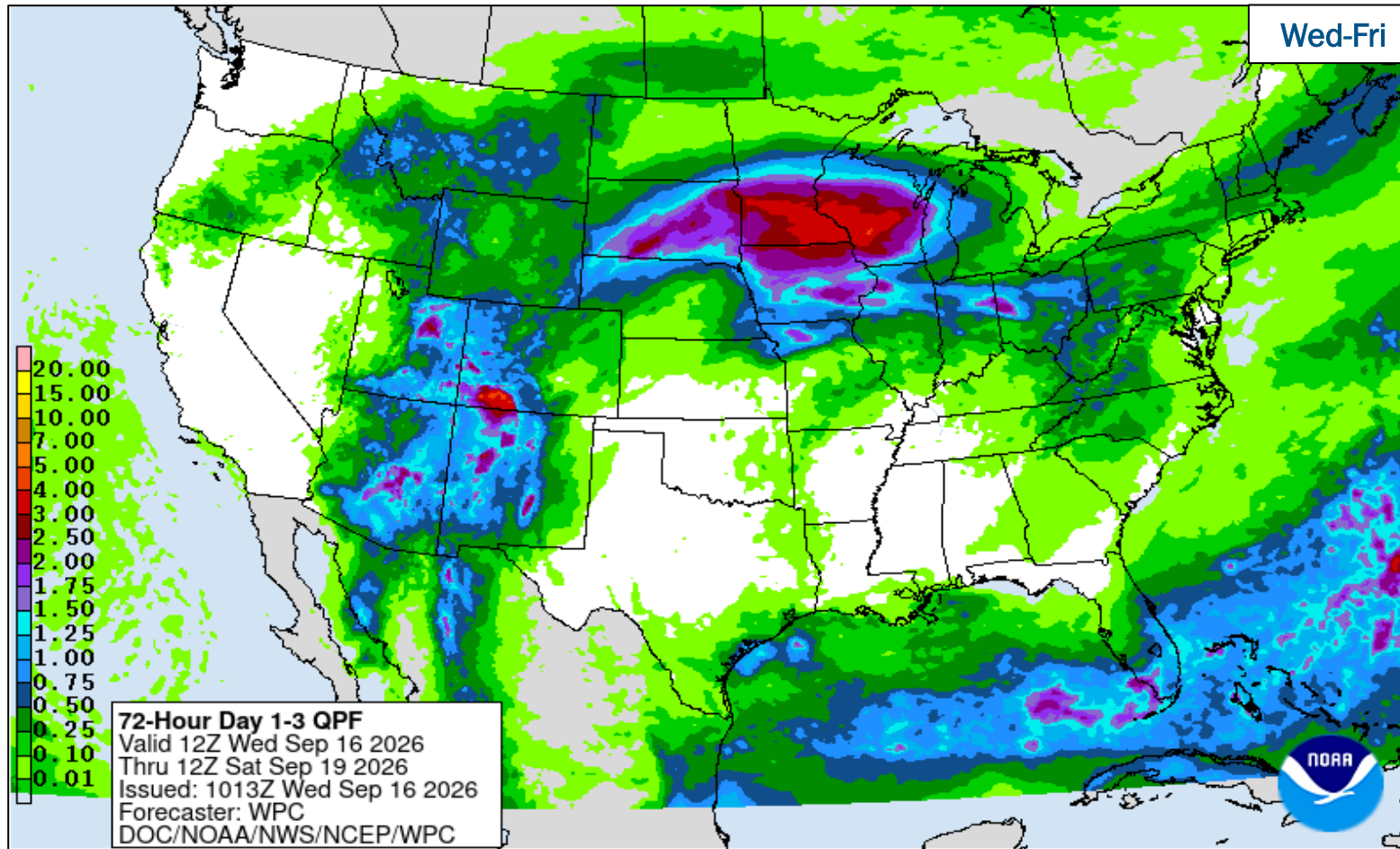
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# National Weather Forecast



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# Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall

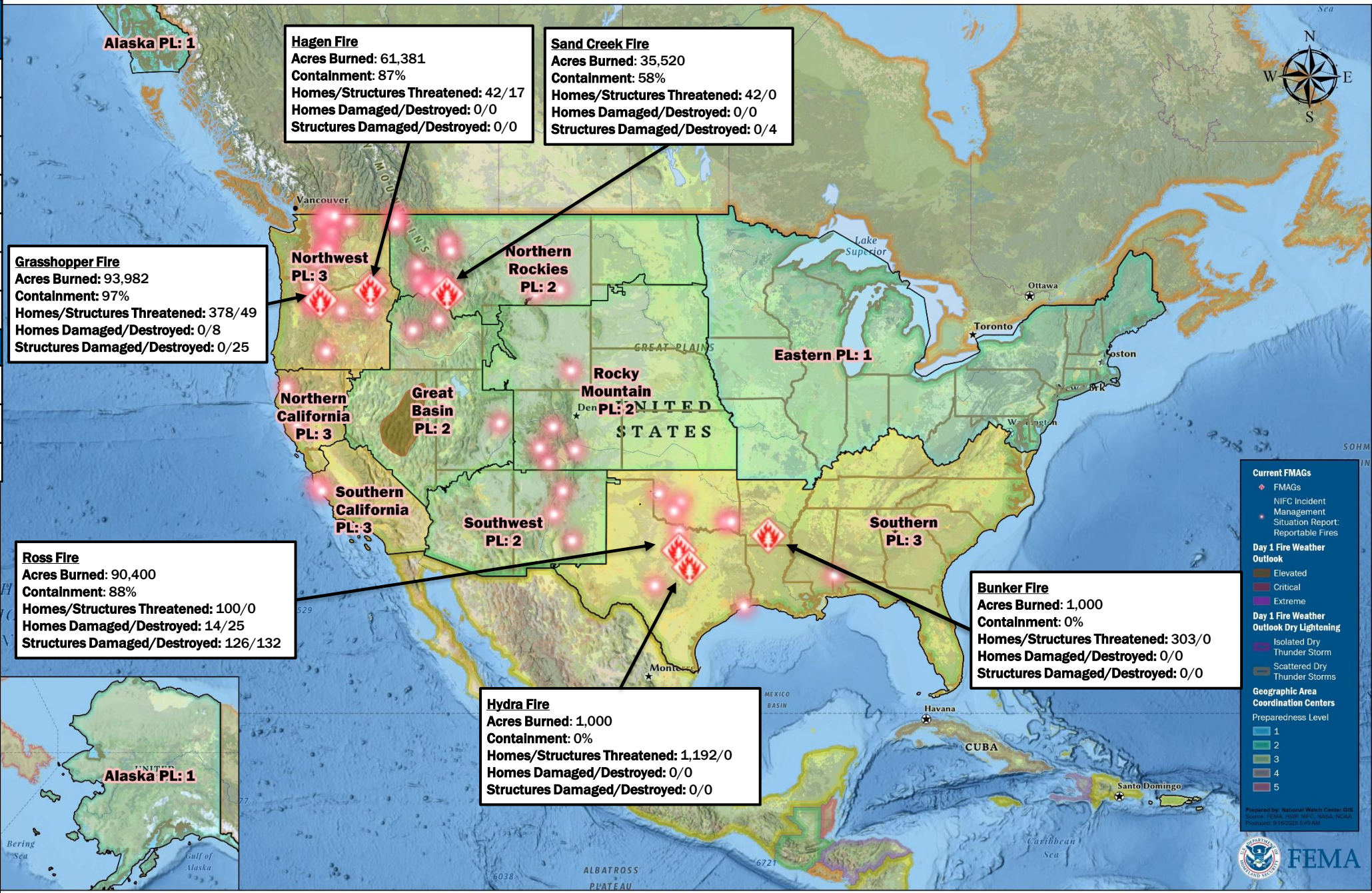


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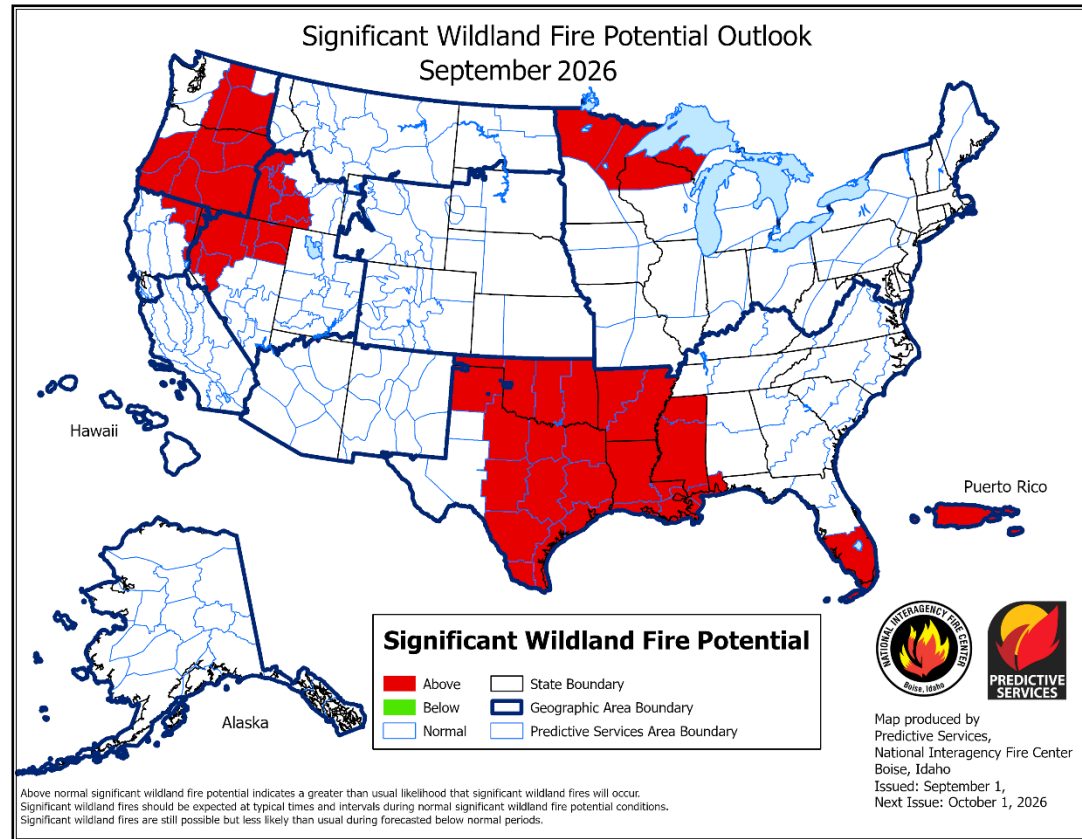
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| INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY<br>(24-hour period) | Light<br>(60 fires) |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| New Large Fires                             | 9                   |
| Large Fires Contained                       | 3                   |
| Uncontained Large Fires                     | 61                  |
| Year-to-Date Acres Burned                   | 8,514,803           |
| Total Responders                            | 11,510              |
| Type 1 IMTs Deployed                        | 0                   |
| Complex IMTs Deployed                       | 11                  |
| FMAGS                                       | Total               |
| 2026 (FYTD)                                 | 63                  |
| 2025                                        | 75                  |
| 3 Year Average                              | 53                  |

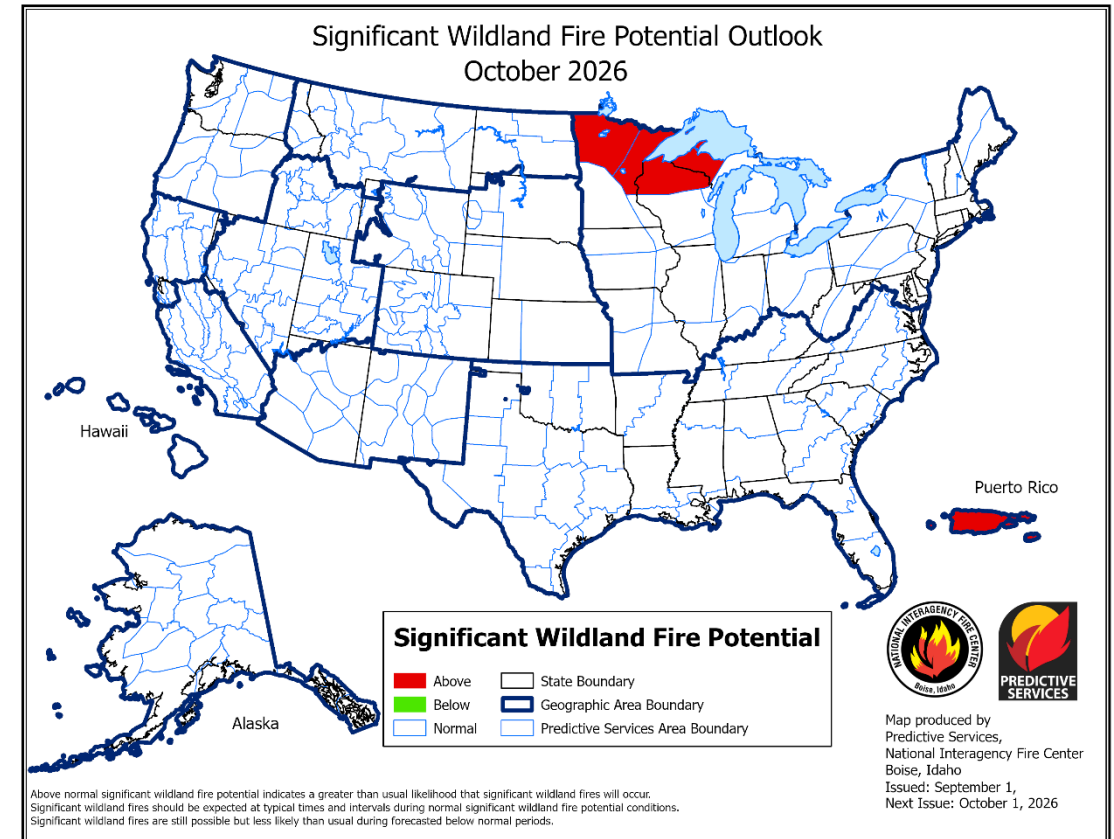
| Preparedness Levels: |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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                                                                                          |



# Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook – Sep– Oct



September



October



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# Hydra Fire – Texas

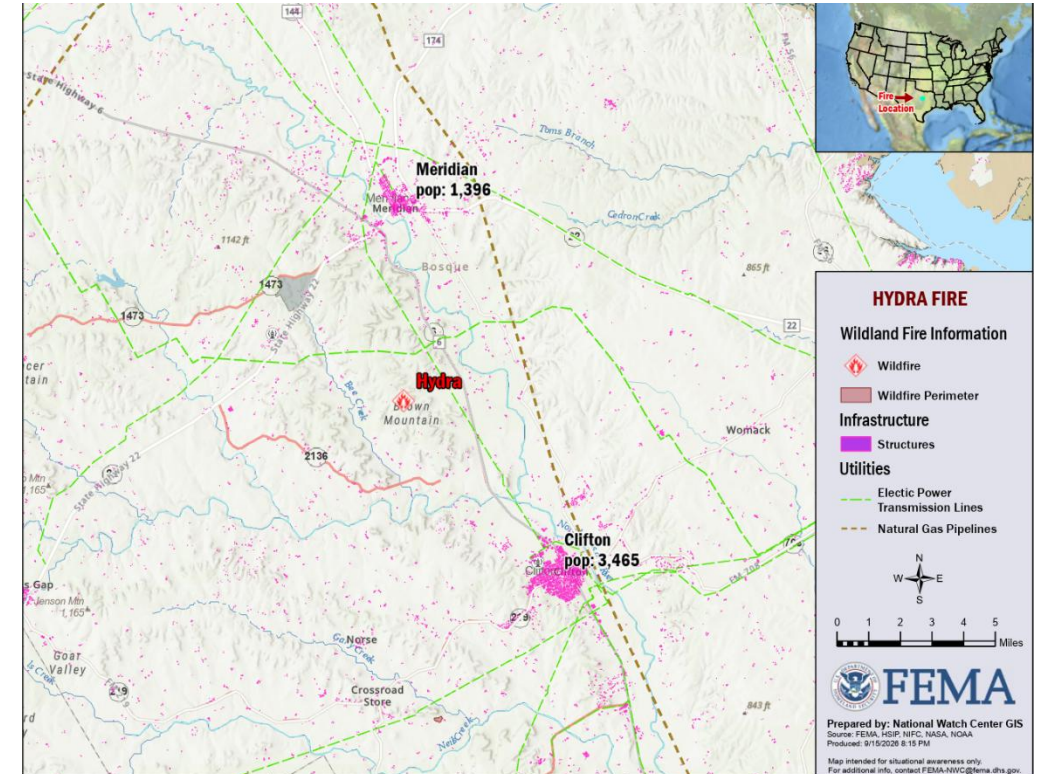
| Fire Name<br>(County, ST) | FMAG #     | Acres<br>Burned | Percent<br>Contained | Evacuations | Structures (Homes / Other) |         |           | Fatalities /<br>Injuries |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|
|                           |            |                 |                      |             | Threatened                 | Damaged | Destroyed |                          |
| Hydra<br>(Bosque, TX)     | 5677-FM-TX | 1,000           | 0%                   | 1,500       | H: 1,192                   | H: 0    | H: 0      | 0 / 0                    |
|                           |            |                 |                      |             | O: 0                       | O: 0    | O: 0      |                          |

**Situation:** The Acting Region 6 Administrator approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Hydra Fire on Sep 15. The fire has burned approximately 1,000 acres with 0% containment near Meridian, Bosque County, TX (pop. approx. 1,400), threatening 1,192 primary homes, schools, a senior center, government facilities, and a watershed in the area. A mandatory evacuation order is in effect for approx. 1,500 people. There are no reports of damage to structures, injuries, or fatalities. A shelter is open in Clifton, TX.

## **Response:**

- FMAG approved Sep 15
- TX SEOC is at Partial Activation (Wildfires)
- Region 6 Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- NWC is Monitoring

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

18,862  
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,325 / 34%  
Deployed

6,147 / 33%  
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,390 / 33%  
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: TC Lowell  
• 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   | 14 | 0  | 1   |
| R5  | 0   | 3  | 0  | 0   |
| R6  | 4   | 7  | 3  | 3   |
| R7  | 0   | 9  | 0  | 0   |
| R8  | 0   | 9  | 1  | 0   |
| R9  | 1   | 6  | 6  | 0   |
| R10 | 4   | 7  | 1  | 0   |

### Heavy Rainfall Flooding Impacts

Alaska

Commonwealth of  
Northern Mariana  
Islands

Guam

### Flash Flooding Poss.

American Samoa

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

**Guam**  
DR-4921-GU &  
EM-3648-GU  
• ISB Delta

**Hawaiian Islands**  
DR-4936-HI, DR-4909-HI  
& EM-3652-HI  
• R9 IMAT-1  
• N IMAT-RED (Demob on 9/18)  
• SMTs Hawaii & Tracy

Dist. 1  
Dist. 2  
Dist. 3

**Camp Murray, WA**  
EM-3650-WA  
• R10 IMAT

**Pine Ridge, SD**  
DR-4941-OST  
• R8 IMAT

**Indianapolis, IN**  
DR-4933-IN  
EM-3651-IN  
• R5 IMAT

- National IMAT
- Regional IMAT
- Incident Support Base
- Staging Management Team
- Pre-Positioned Site
- Distribution Center
- Joint Recovery Office
- FMAGs
- Large Fires
- State Activation Levels
  - Full
  - Partial
  - Monitoring
  - Normal
  - Declared Counties

## Regional Readiness

Watch RRCC IMAT

Region 1



Region 2



Region 3



Region 4



Region 5



Region 6



Region 7



Region 8



Region 9



Region 10



## Regional Notes

Watches/RRCCs:  
• R2 Watch: Equipment  
• R5 Watch: Staffing  
• R9 Watch: Severe Weather  
• R10 RRCC: Staffing

State EOCs:  
• FL/MS/TN: Previous Incidents  
• AK/AR/CO/ID/NV/OK/TX/UT/WA: Wildfires  
• IL/KY: Severe Weather  
• MP: TC Bavi/Saudel  
• PR/VA: Drought  
• IN: 4933-DR-IN/3651-EM-IN  
• HI: TC Lowell

IMATs:  
• R1: Staffing  
• R3: Staffing  
• R4-1/2: Staffing  
• R5: 3651-EM-IN  
• R8: 4941-DR-OST  
• R9-1: 3652-EM-HI/4909-DR-HI/4936-DR-HI  
• R9-2: 4910-DR-MP  
• R10: 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              | 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            | 32 (29 FCO) |
| Available           | 5           |

# Declaration Request – Illinois

**Declaration Type:** Major Disaster – IL

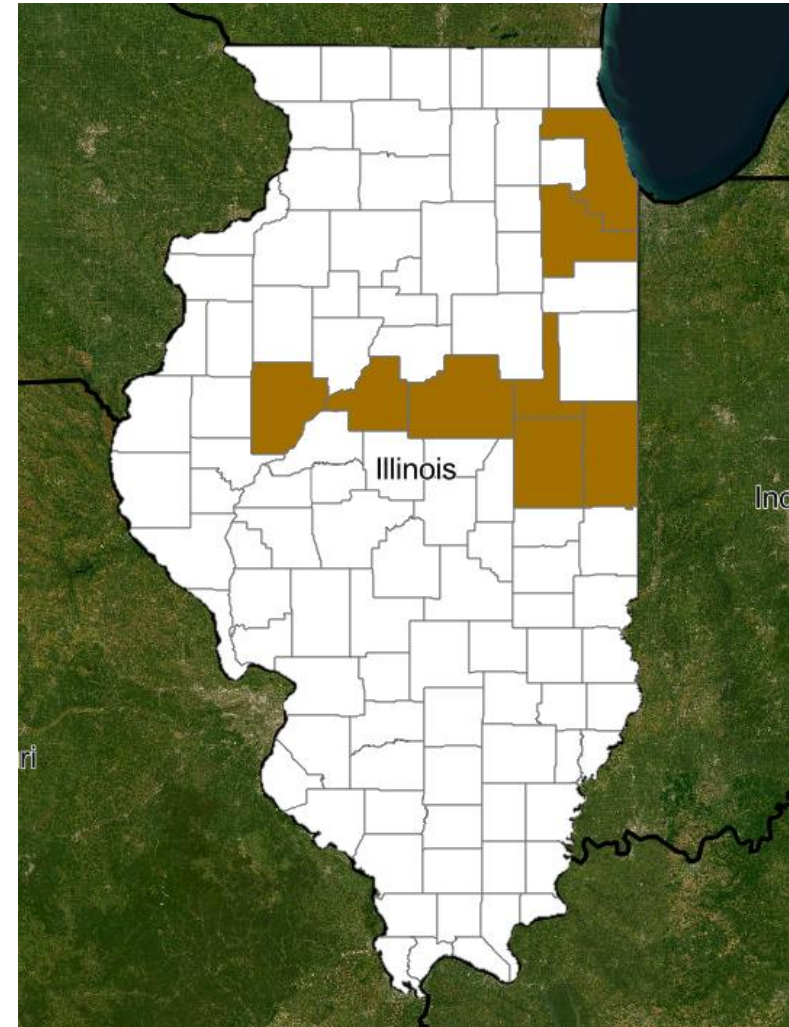
**Date Requested:** Sep 15

**Incident:** Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding

**Incident Period:** Aug 11-16

**Requested:**

- **IA/PA:** 8 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



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# Declaration Requests in Process – 15

| State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description                             | Type | IA | PA | HM | Requested |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----|----|----|-----------|
| NH – Severe Storm and Flash Flooding – Appeal                                | DR   |    | X  | X  | Jul 8     |
| 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    |
| MN – Severe Storms and Flooding                                              | DR   | X  |    | X  | Aug 20    |
| UT – Cottonwood Fire, Flooding, and Mudslides                                | DR   |    | X  | X  | Aug 22    |
| WI – Severe Storms and Tornado                                               | DR   | X  | X  | X  | Aug 26    |
| WV – Severe Storm, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides – Appeal              | DR   | X  |    | X  | Aug 31    |
| NE – Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding – Appeal                | DR   |    | X  | X  | Aug 31    |
| OH – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, Flooding, and Landslides | DR   | X  |    | X  | Sep 2     |
| OK – Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds                                   | DR   |    | X  | X  | Sep 2     |
| TN – Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds                                    | DR   | X  | X  | X  | Sep 8     |
| HI – Hurricane Lala                                                          | DR   | X  | X  | X  | Sep 8     |
| HI – Hurricane Lowell                                                        | DR   | X  | X  | X  | Sep 9     |
| WV – Severe Storms and Flooding                                              | DR   | X  |    | X  | Sep 12    |
| IL – Severe Storms, Straight Line winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding             | DR   | X  | X  | X  | Sep 15    |



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