

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- No new significant incidents / operations

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Southern Plains
- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Northern Plains
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Tropical Depression Seven
 - Disturbance 2: Low 20%
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Disturbance 1 (EP96): High (90%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events

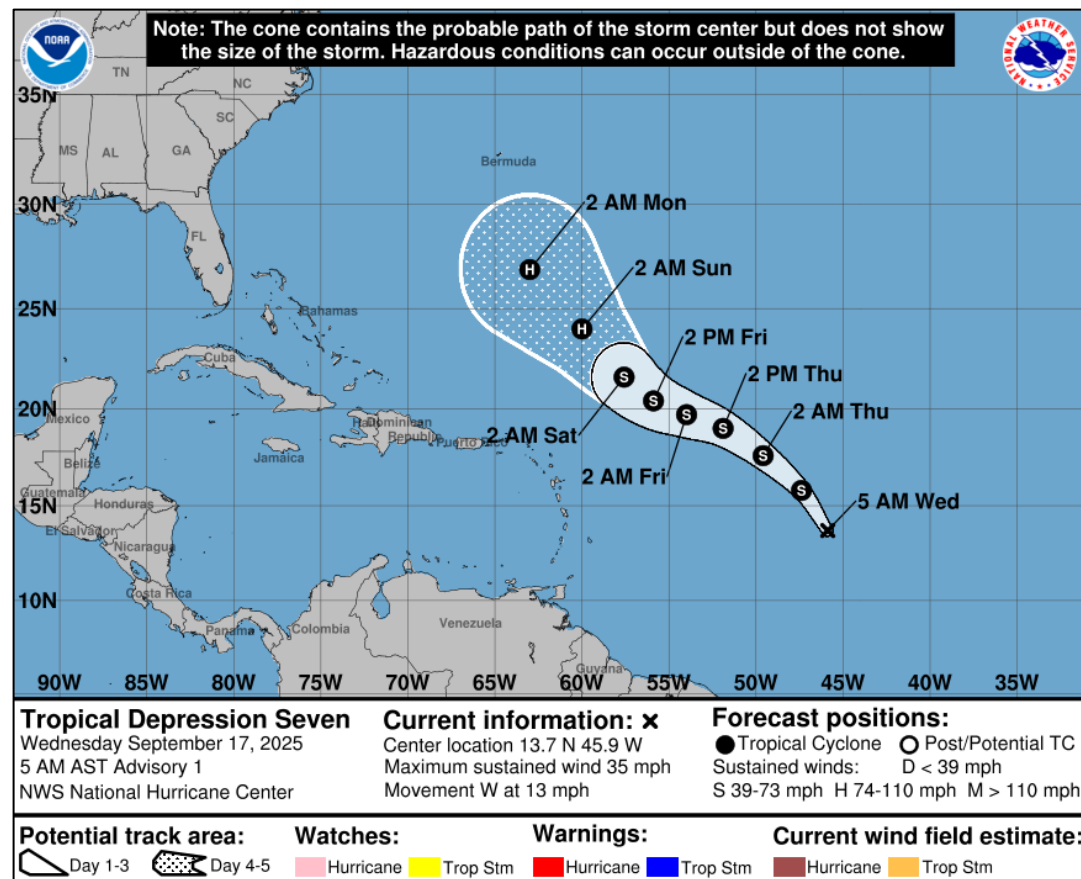


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Tropical Depression Seven – Atlantic

Situation: (Advisory #1, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

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- Maximum sustained winds 35 mph
- Moving W at 13 mph
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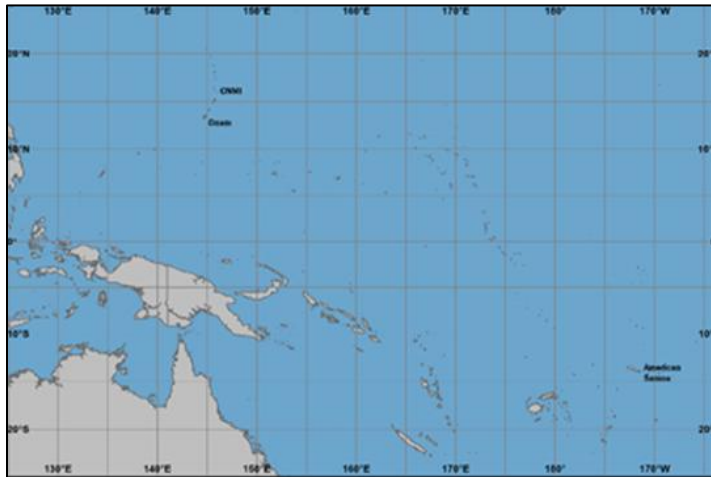


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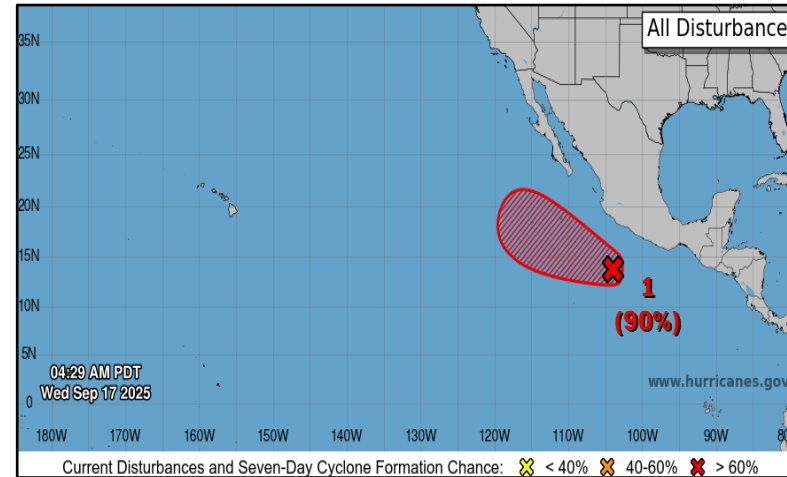
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



- No tropical cyclones threatening U.S. territories

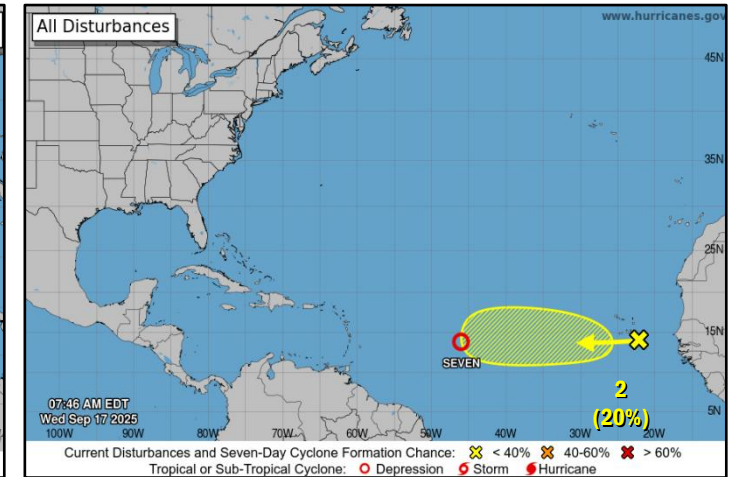
Central and Eastern Pacific



Disturbance 1 (EP96): (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located a few hundred miles off the coast of southern Mexico
- Environmental conditions appear conducive for gradual development of this system; a tropical depression is likely to form during the next couple of days
- Formation chance – 48-hour: High (70%); 7-day: High (90%)

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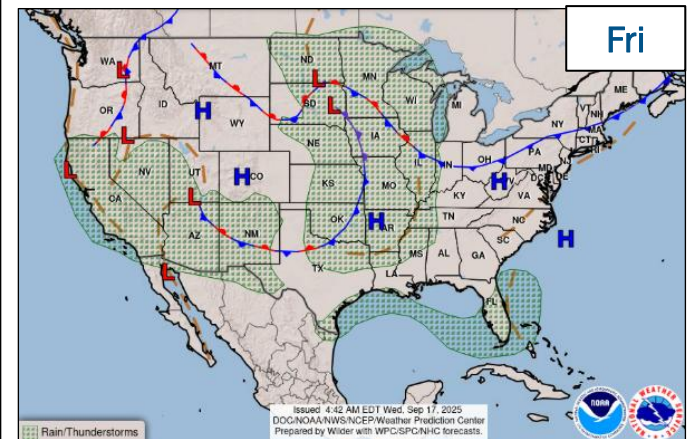
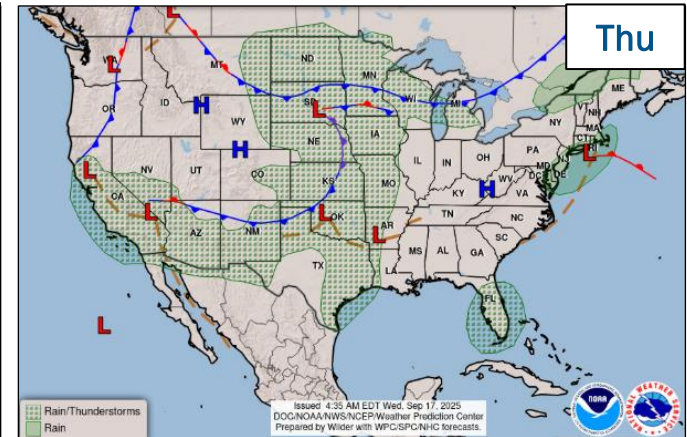
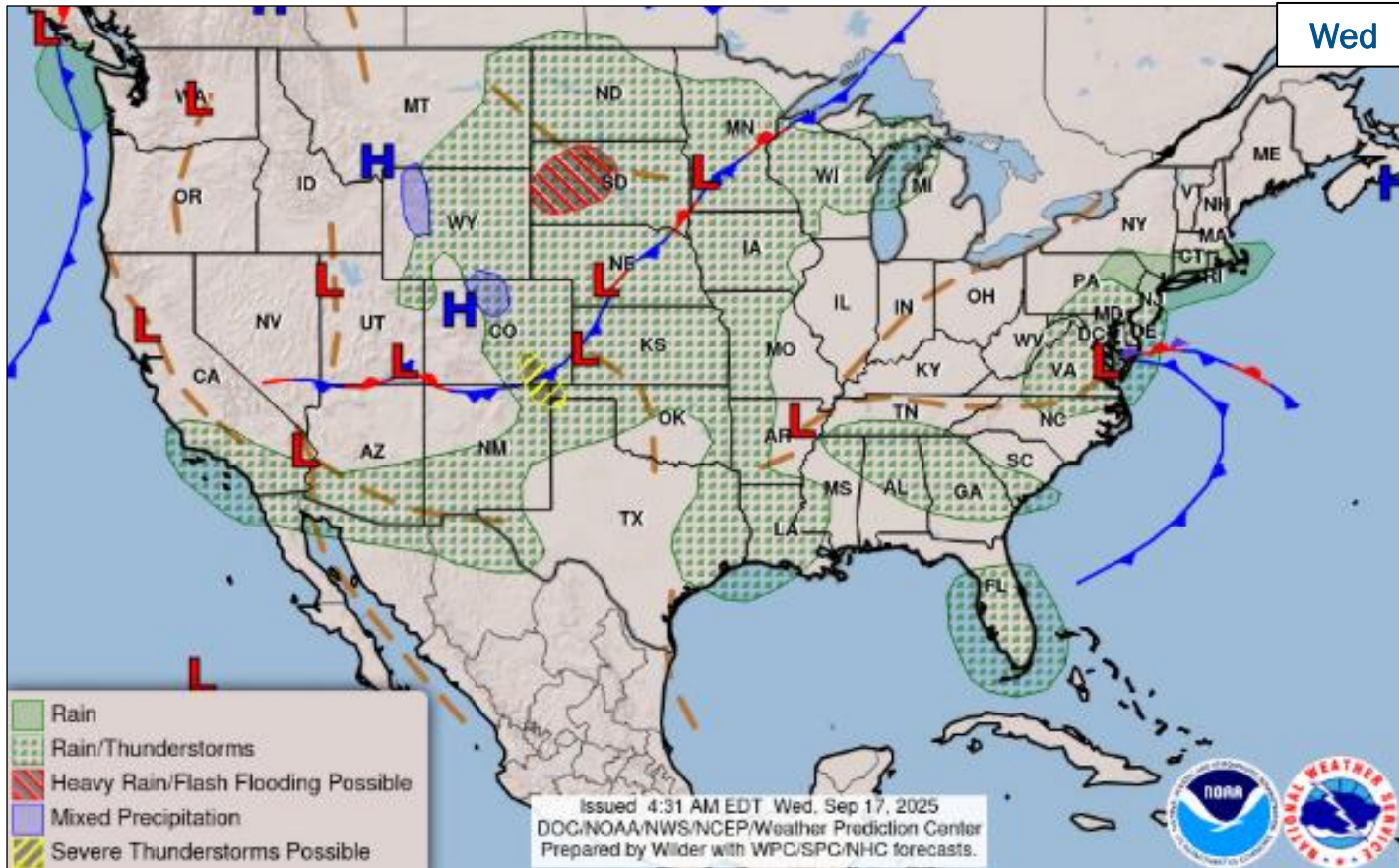
- Located E and SE of Cabo Verde Islands
- Environmental conditions are only marginally conducive
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (10%); 7-day: Low (20%)



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National Fire Activity *(as of Sep 17)*

National Preparedness Level

PL 3

Initial Attack Activity <i>(24-hour period)</i>	Light <i>(101 fires)</i>	
New Large Fires	1	
Large Fires Contained	1	
Uncontained Large Fires	40	
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	4,382,993	
Total Responders	14,806	
Complex IMTs Committed	17	

Preparedness Levels Legend

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	
Windy Rock (Powell, MT) FINAL	5611-FM-MT	6,025	48% (+3)	M: LIFTED	H: 0 (-36)	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 10
				V: 0	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

17 Joint Field Offices **63** + **7** Major Disasters **12** Direct Housing Missions **7** RSF-Supported Disasters **6** Joint Recovery Offices

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FEMA HQ		
NWC	NRCC	
Monitoring	Steady State	
FEMA REGIONS		
Watch	RRCC	
Monitoring	R1	Rostered
Monitoring	R2	Rostered
Monitoring	R3	Rostered
Monitoring	R4	Rostered
Monitoring	R5	Rostered
Monitoring	R6	Rostered
Monitoring	R7	Rostered
Monitoring	R8	Rostered
Monitoring	R9	Rostered
Monitoring	R10	Rostered

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	
Blue	
Gold	
HS	

R-IMATs	
≥ 7 Teams Available	
R1	3
R2	
R3	1
R4 (1)	
R4 (2)	
R5	WI (Sep 15)
R6 (1)	
R6 (2)	TX (Jul 6)
R7	2
R8	Reconstituting
R9 (1)	CA (Jan 8)
R9 (2)	
R10	

Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

- R5 Watch: Staffing (Dayshift 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET)

State EOCs:

- AZ/HI/OR/WA/WY: Wildfires
- FL: Previous Incidents
- MD/NM/TX: Flooding
- VT: Drought

Volunteer Force	
Rostered	Deployed
7,985	3
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered	Deployed
7,726	1

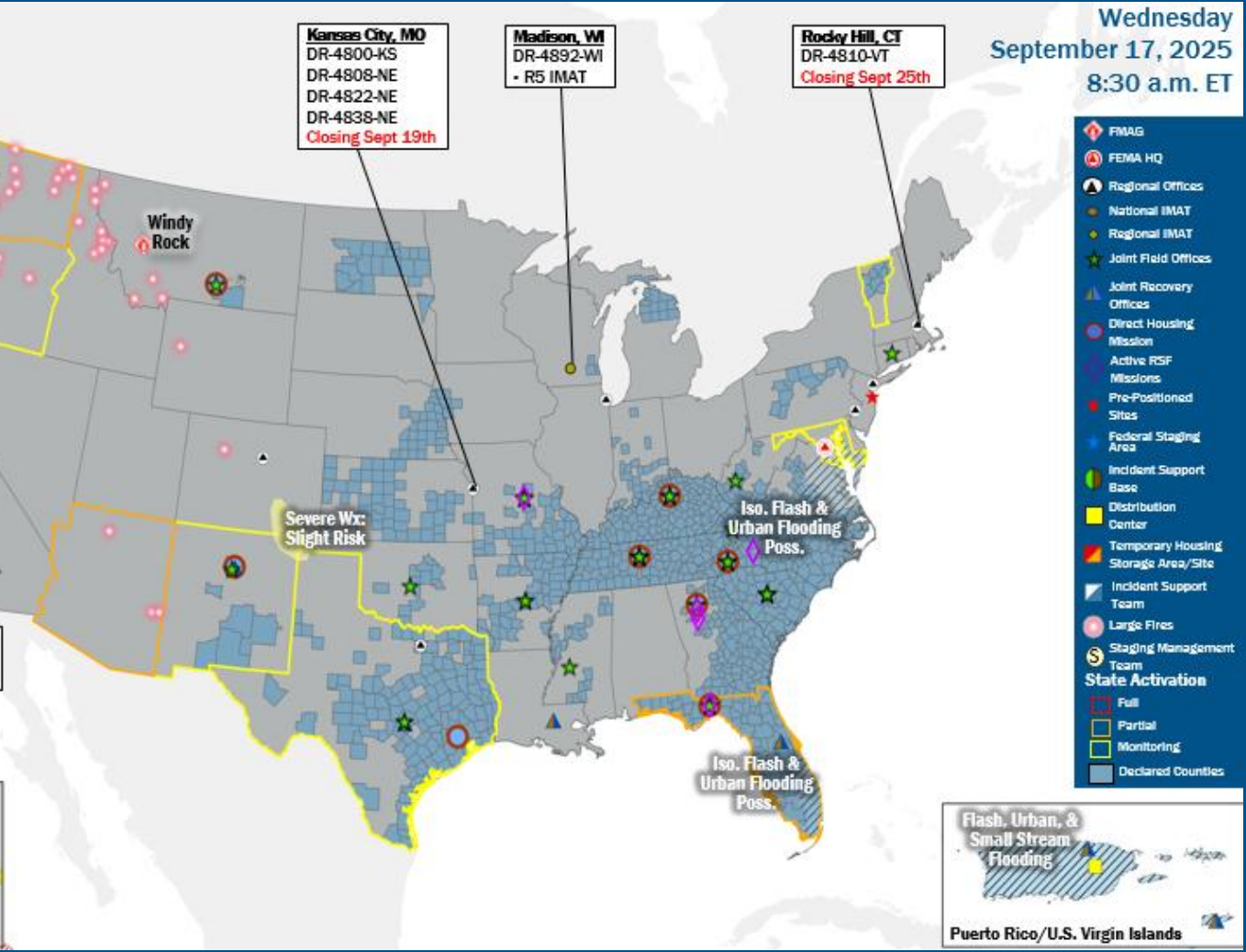
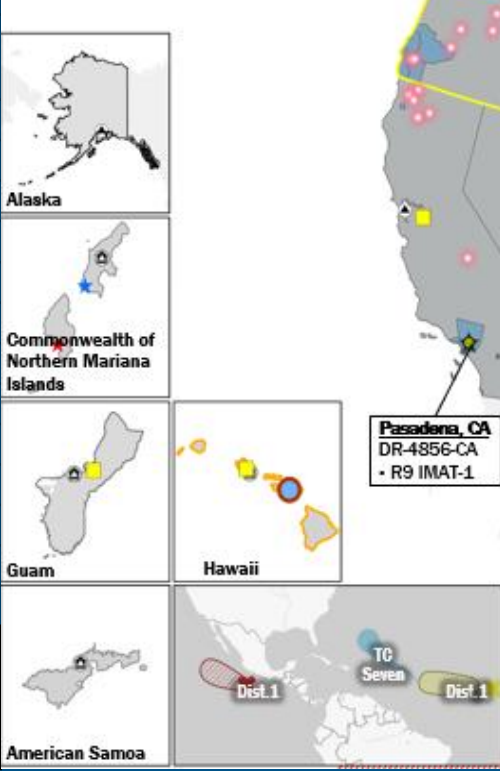
Fully Mission Capable (FMC)

Partially Mission Capable (PMC)

Not Mission Capable (NMC)

Deployed

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	1	1	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	2	7	1	0
R4	7	21	5	1
R5	0	3	0	0
R6	4	9	1	3
R7	1	14	0	0
R8	1	4	0	0
R9	1	3	0	0
R10	0	1	0	0



- FMAG
- FEMA HQ
- Regional Offices
- National IMAT
- Regional IMAT
- Joint Field Offices
- Joint Recovery Offices
- Direct Housing Mission
- Active RSF Missions
- Pre-Positioned Sites
- Federal Staging Area
- Incident Support Base
- Distribution Center
- Temporary Housing Storage Area/Site
- Incident Support Team
- Large Fires
- Staging Management Team
- State Activation
 - Full
 - Partial
 - Monitoring
 - Declared Counties

IM Workforce

11,906 (-5) Assigned
4,117 (-8) Unavailable
4,809 (+83) Deployed

25% (-1) / 2,980 (-70) Available

IM Cadre Availability

Alternative Dispute Resolution: 23% (7/31); Civil Rights: 11% (12/106); Disaster Field Training Operations: 13% (9/69); Disability Integration: 17% (3/18); External Affairs: 15% (47/322); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 9% (62/691); Field Leadership: 7% (9/121); Financial Management: 22% (41/187); Hazard Mitigation: 13% (104/797); Human Resources: 17% (29/166); Logistics: 25% (375/1,524); Operations: 17% (63/362); Public Assistance: 16% (341/2,092); Planning: 9% (32/362); Safety: 20% (18/91); Security: 18% (20/112)

16 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

MERS
≥ 66%

36 Assigned
6 Unavailable
0 Deployed

30 Available

US&R
≥ 66%

28 Assigned
1 Unavailable
0 Deployed

27 Available

FCO
≤ 1 Type I

40 Assigned
4 Unavailable
34 (20 FCOR) Deployed

2 Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
R8	CO	Elk and Lee Fires Aug 6-14	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	9/8 - TBD



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Declaration Requests in Process – 9

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
MD – Severe Storm and Flooding (Appeal)	DR		X	X	Aug 19
OK – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding (Appeal)	DR		X	X	Aug 19
LLBO* – Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds	DR	X	X	X	Aug 19
IL – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X		X	Aug 21
VT – Severe Storm and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 22
AK – Chevak Public Safety Building Fire	DR		X	X	Aug 28
ND – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes	DR		X	X	Sep 4
NE – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 4
IL – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X		X	Sep 15

* Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



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