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# Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Ops / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- No significant incidents / ops

## Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Montana
- Severe Weather – Upper Midwest
- Tropical Activity:
  - Atlantic:
    - Disturbance 1: Med (60%)
    - Disturbance 2: Low (20%)

## Disaster Declaration Activity

- Major Disaster Declaration Request – SC

## Event Monitoring

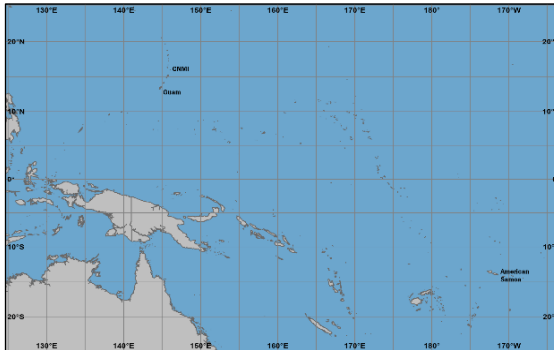
- No significant events



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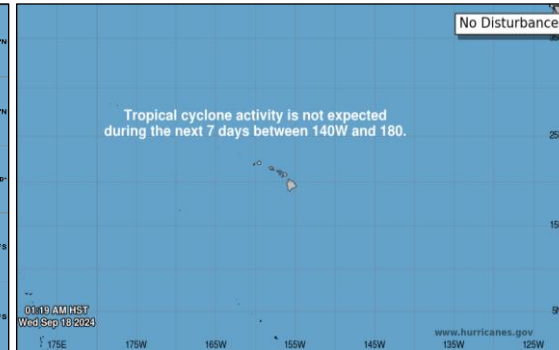
# Tropical Outlook

## Western Pacific



- No areas of concern for Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or American Samoa

## Central Pacific



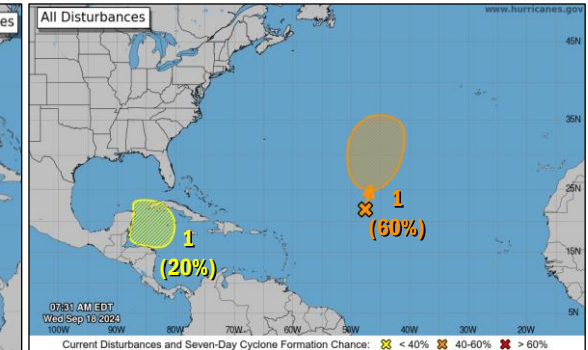
- No tropical cyclones expected during the next 7 days

## Eastern Pacific



- No tropical cyclones expected during the next 7 days

## Atlantic



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

- Located over the central subtropical Atlantic as remnants of Gordon
- Moving NNE at 5-10 mph
- A tropical depression or storm could re-form in a few days
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (30%); 7-day – Med (60%)

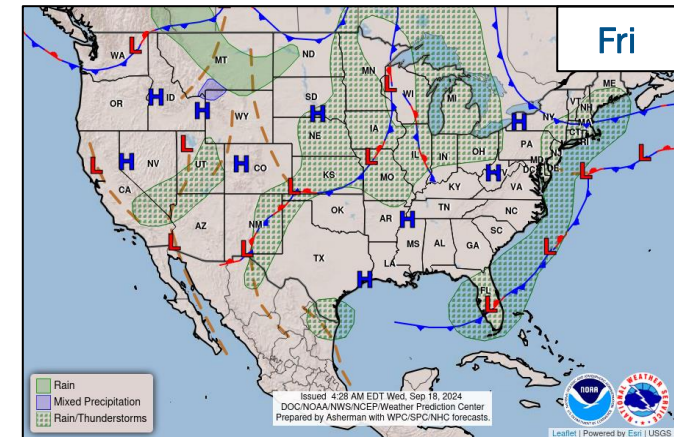
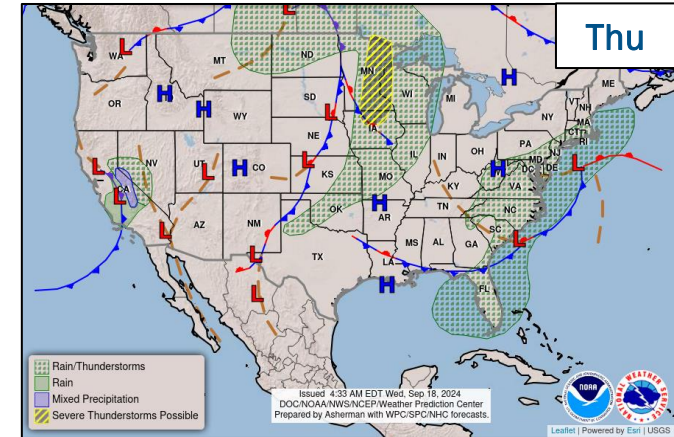
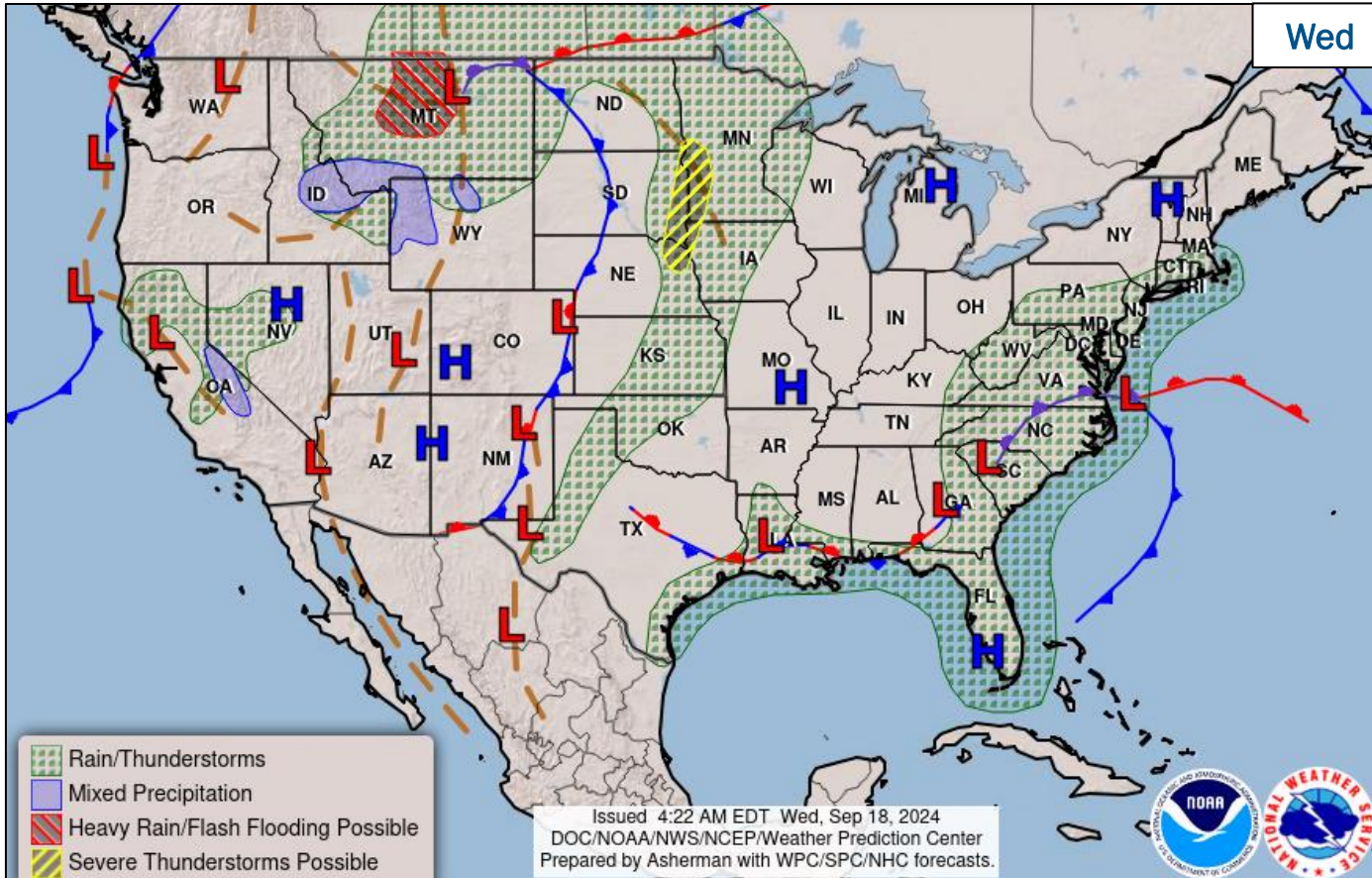
### Disturbance 2: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located in the northwestern Caribbean Sea
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (0%); 7-day – Low (20%)



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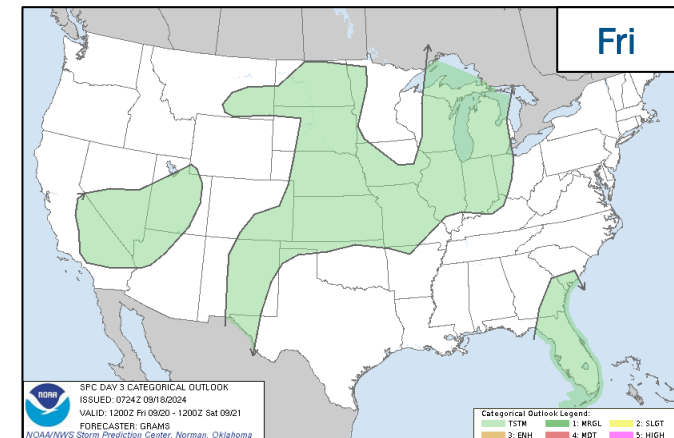
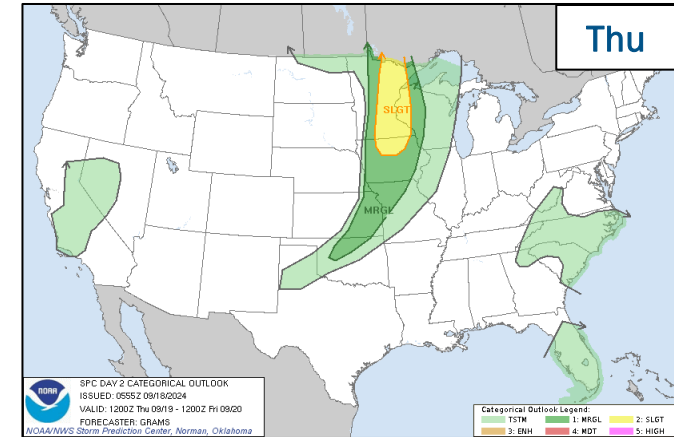
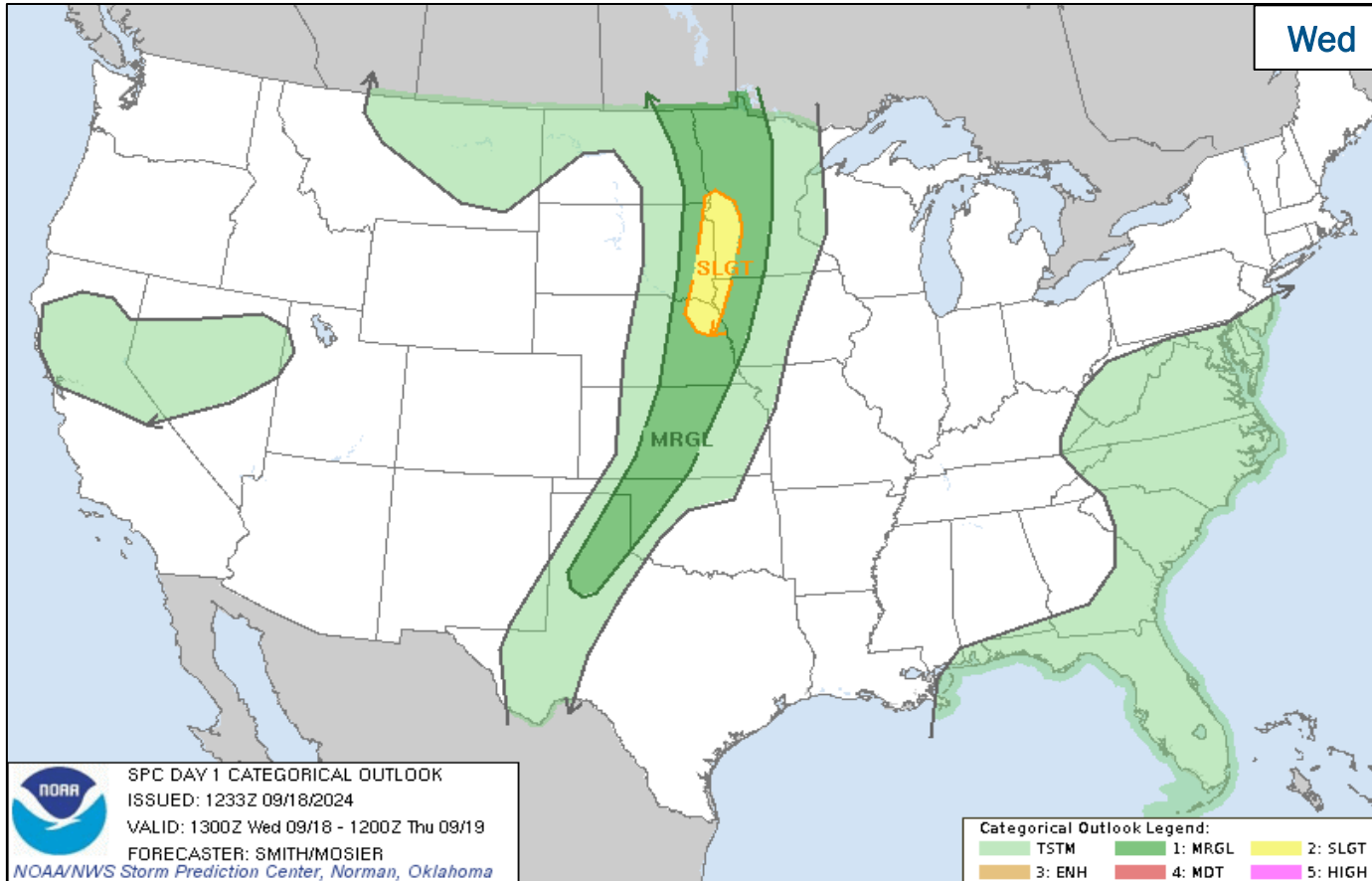
# National Weather Forecast



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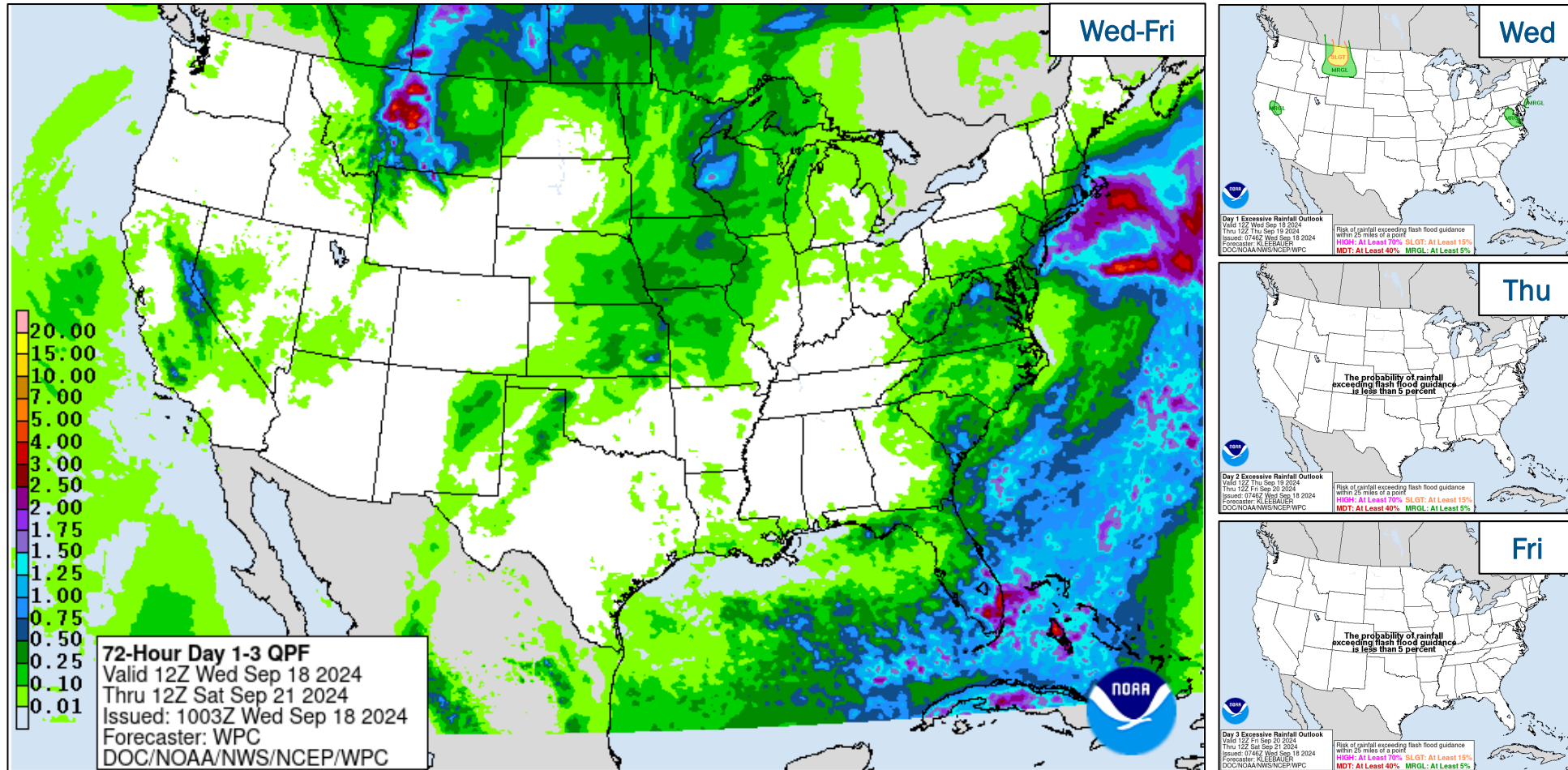
# Severe Weather Outlook



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# Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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# National Fire Activity *(as of Sep 18)*

## National Preparedness Level

**PL 5**

Initial Attack Activity (24-hour period)	Light (155 fires)
New large fires:	1
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:	55
Cumulative Acres Burned	7,330,120
Total Responders	24,750
Type 1 IMTs deployed	2
Complex IMTs deployed	25 of 41



### 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	
Bridge (Los Angeles/San Bernadino, CA)	5537-FM-CA	54,795 (+21)	35% (+1)	M: 5,680 (-6,723)	H: 4,189 (+1,751)	H: 5	H: 40	0 / 4 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 220 (-282)	O: 11 (+3)	O: 33 (+12)	
Airport (Riverside, CA)	5538-FM-CA	23,519	31%	M: 22,963	H: 20,780	H: 11	H: 120	0 / 15 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 23	O: 40	
Rail Ridge (Grant/Crook/Wheeler, OR)	5534-FM-OR	162,305 (+27)	38% (+5)	M: 19	H: 203	H: 1	H: 2	0 / 14
				V: 0	O: 301	O: 0	O: 6	

(Evacuations: M = Mandatory / V = Voluntary; Structures: H = Homes and Mixed Commercial/Residential / O = Non-residential Commercial/Other Minor Structures)



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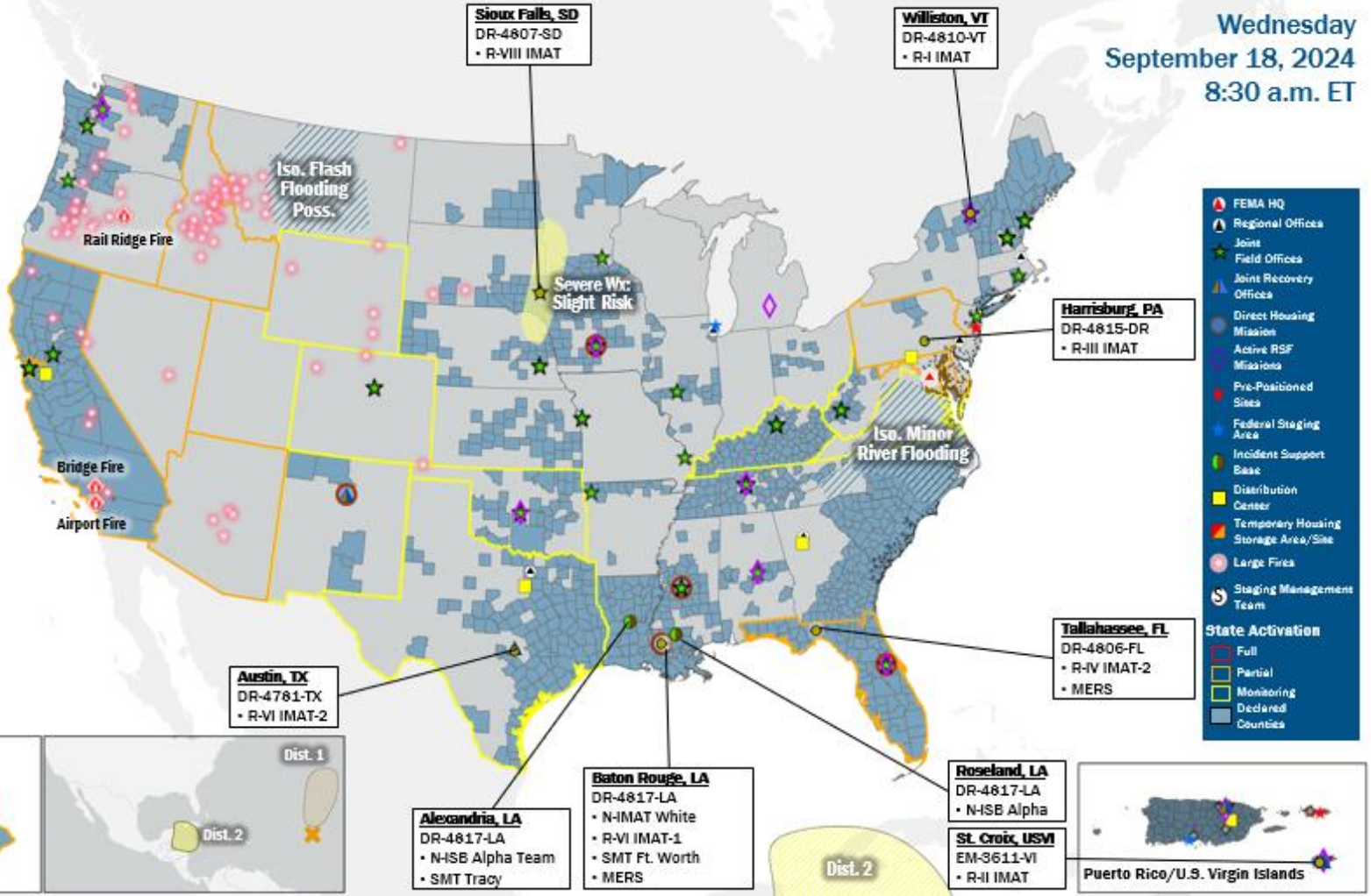
# FEMA Common Operating Picture

**23 + 5** Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices Supporting  
**101+ 8** Major Disasters Emergency Declarations  
**12** Direct Housing Missions **17** RSF-Supported Disasters **5** Joint Recovery Offices

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FEMA HQ		N-IMATs 2-5 Teams Available	
NWC	NRCC	Red	
Monitoring	Steady State	White	LA (Sep 10)
FEMA REGIONS		Blue	
Watch	RRCC	Gold	
Monitoring	I	Rostered	
Monitoring	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:		<b>R-IMATs 4-6 Teams Available</b>	
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:	State EOCs:	I	VT (Aug 19)
• NSTR	• OK: Severe Weather	II	VI (Aug 9)
	• HI/OK/NM/NV/ID/WY/CA: Wildfires	III	PA (Sep 12)
	• AZ: SW Border	IV-1	2
	• CO: Hwy. 50 closure/Avian Flu	IV-2	FL (Aug 2)
	• AK/NM/AZ/UT: Flooding	V	1
	• FL/PA: TC Debby	VI-1	LA (Sep 10)
	• WV: Drought	VI-2	TX (May 17)
	• KY: Active Shooter	VII	Reconstituting
	• TX: TC Francine	VIII	SD (Aug 16)
	• VA: Operation FREE	IX-1	Personnel
	• MD/VA: Waste Incident	IX-2	Personnel
Volunteer Force		X	Personnel
Rostered 7,840	Deployed 12	Fully Mission Capable (FMC)	
Surge Capacity Force		Partially Mission Capable (PMC)	
Rostered 7,785	Deployed 0	Not Mission Capable (NMC)	
		Deployed	

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO/VJO	DR	EM	JRO
I	4/0	16	2	0
II	2/1	4	2	2
III	1/0	4	0	0
IV	5/0	25	4	0
V	2/0	3	0	0
VI	2/0	9	0	3
VII	3/1	10	0	0
VIII	0/1	4	0	0
IX	2/1	18	0	0
X	3/1	8	0	0



	FEMA HQ
	Regional Offices
	Joint
	Field Offices
	Joint Recovery Offices
	Direct Housing Mission
	Active RSF
	Microsites
	Pre-Positioned Sites
	Federal Staging Area
	Incident Support Base
	Distribution Center
	Temporary Housing Storage Area/Store
	Large Fires
	Staging Management Team
<b>State Activation</b>	
	Full
	Partial
	Monitoring
	Declared
	Counties

## IM Workforce

13,646 (-23) Assigned  
 4,886 (+28) Unavailable  
 6,437 (+99) Deployed

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17% / 2,323 (-65) Available

## IM Cadre Availability

16 (+1) Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Disability Integration: 16% (7/43); Disaster Survivor Assistance 25% (302/1188); External Affairs: 23% (119/521); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 14% (115/814); Field Leadership: 14% (21/146); Financial Management 21% (49/229); Hazard Mitigation: 9% (110/1,188); Human Resources: 5% (9/168); Individual Assistance: 10% (247/2,531); Information Technology: 21% (135/639); Logistics: 12% (192/1,572); Operations: 13% (45/341); Public Assistance: 13% (282/2,237); Planning: 7% (32/462); Safety: 3% (3/93); Security: 17% (24/139)

## MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned  
 0 Unavailable  
 2 Deployed

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34 Available

## US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned  
 1 Unavailable  
 0 Deployed

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27 Available

## FCO

2 Type I

52 Assigned  
 5 Unavailable  
 43 (32 FCOR) Deployed

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4 Available

# Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties/Jurisdictions		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
I	CT	Severe Storms & Flooding Aug 18-19	IA	3	3	8/29 - 9/5
			PA	3	0	9/9 - TBD
II	PR	Tropical Cyclone Ernesto Aug 13-15	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	61	58	8/30 - TBD
III	PA	Tropical Storm Debby Aug 9-10	IA	4	0	9/16 - TBD
			PA	14	0	9/16 - TBD
IX	CA	Park Fire and Borel Fire Jul 24 and continuing	IA	3	3 (+1)	8/28 - 9/17
			PA	0	0	N/A
X	ID	Gwen Fire Jul 25 - Aug 9	IA	1	0	9/16 - TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A



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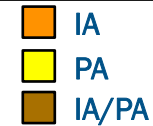
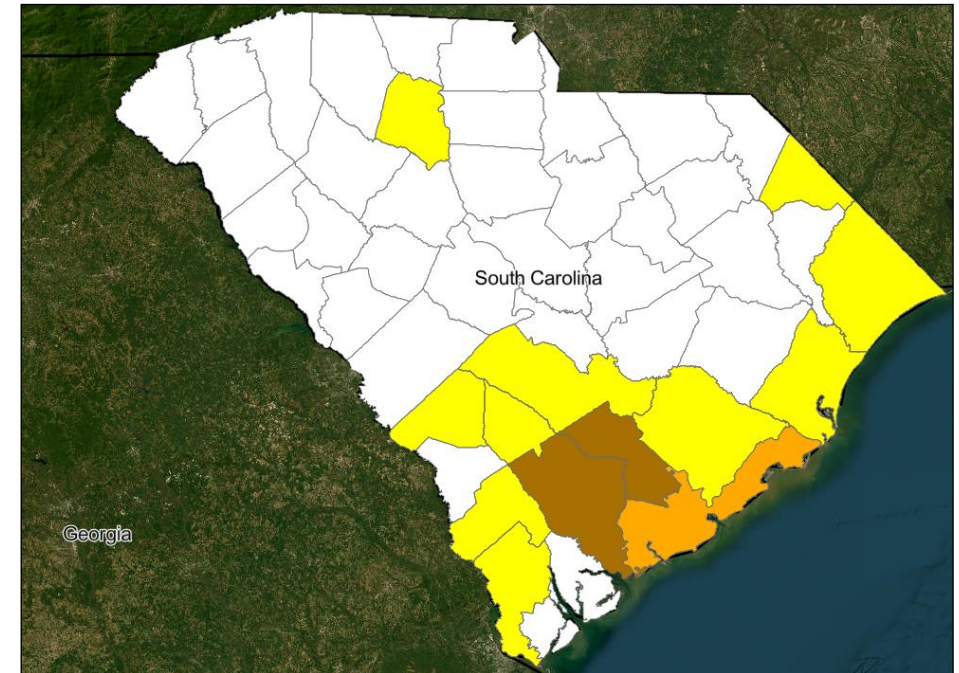
# Declaration Request – South Carolina

**Declaration Type:** Major Disaster Declaration – SC  
**Requested:** Sep 16

**Incident:** Tropical Storm Debby  
**Incident Period:** Aug 4-22

**Requested:**

- **IA:** 1 county
- **PA:** 10 counties
- **IA/PA:** 2 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



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# Declaration Requests in Process – 17

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
OH – Train Derailment	DR	X	X	X	Jul 3, 2023
NY – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	EM		X		Jul 20
SCA* – Watch Fire	DR	X	X	X	Aug 16
CTBYN** – Wildfires	DR	X	X	X	Aug 23
SRMT*** – Severe Storm and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 26
IL – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR	X		X	Aug 28
VT – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR	X	X	X	Aug 28
NE – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 29
KS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 3
NE – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 6
NY – Remnants of Tropical Storm Debby	DR		X	X	Sep 6
CT – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Sep 9
GA – Hurricane Debby	EM	X	X	X	Sep 11

\* San Carlos Apache Tribe, \*\* Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, \*\*\* Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe



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State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
MI – Severe Storm and Tornadoes (APPEAL)	DR	X		X	Sep 11
CRST**** – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Sep 12
USVI – Tropical Storm Ernesto	DR		X	X	Sep 13
SC – Tropical Storm Debby	DR	X	X	X	Sep 16

\*\*\*\*Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe



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