

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- No significant incidents / operations

Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy Rain / Thunderstorms – portions of the Northern Intermountain to the Southeast
- Mixed Precipitation – portions of the Pacific Northwest to the Southern Rockies
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Hurricane Nigel (CAT 2)
 - Disturbance 1: High (70%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (30%)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Kenneth
 - Disturbance 1: Low (30%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (20%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- One Amendment issued

Event Monitoring

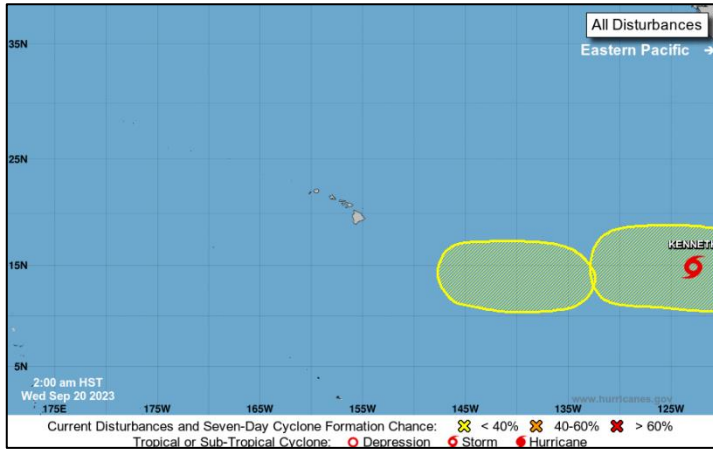
- 78th United Nations General Assembly



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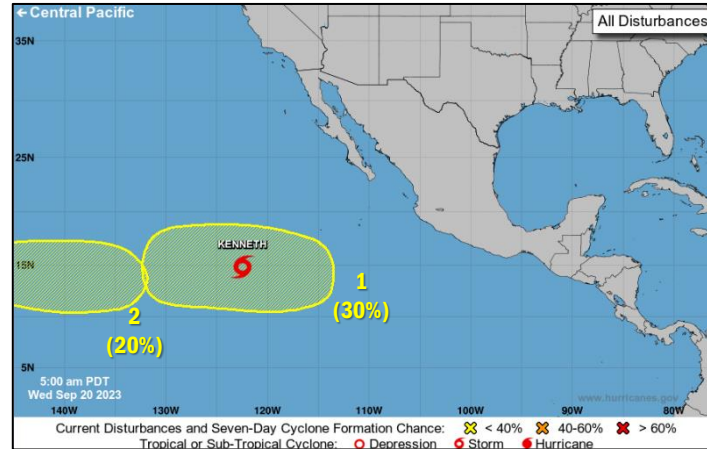
Tropical Outlook – Seven Day

Central Pacific



- No tropical cyclones are expected during the next 7 days

Eastern Pacific



Tropical Storm Kenneth (Advisory # 2 as of 2:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 995 hundred miles WSW of the southern tip of the Baja California
- Maximum sustained winds 45 mph; moving 16 mph
- Some strengthening during the next day or so; weakening expected to begin on Thursday
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 80 miles

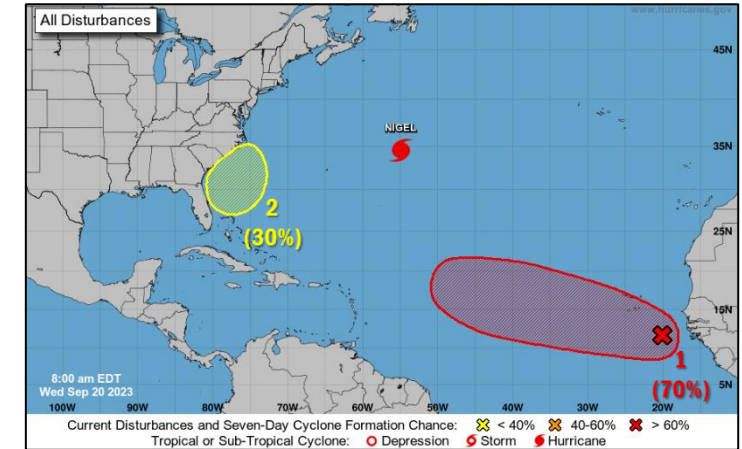
Disturbance 1: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Forecast to form southwest of the southern tip of Baja, California peninsula
- Some slow development possible this weekend Formation chance - 48 hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Low (30%)

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

- Area of low pressure expected to form southeast of Hawaiian Islands
- Some gradual development possible late this weekend
- Formation chance - 48 hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Low (20%)

Atlantic



Hurricane Nigel (CAT 2): (Advisory #20, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 590 miles ENE of Bermuda
- Maximum sustained winds 100 mph
- Moving N at 16 mph
- Hurricane-force-winds extend outward up to 60 miles
- Become a strong post-tropical cyclone by Friday

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

- Located W coast of Africa
- A tropical depression is likely to form late this week or weekend
- Moving W at 10-15 mph
- Formation chance - 48 hour: Low (10%); 7-day: High (70%)

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

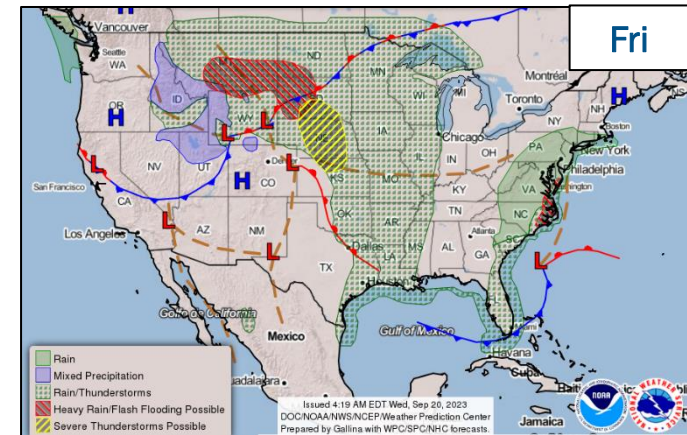
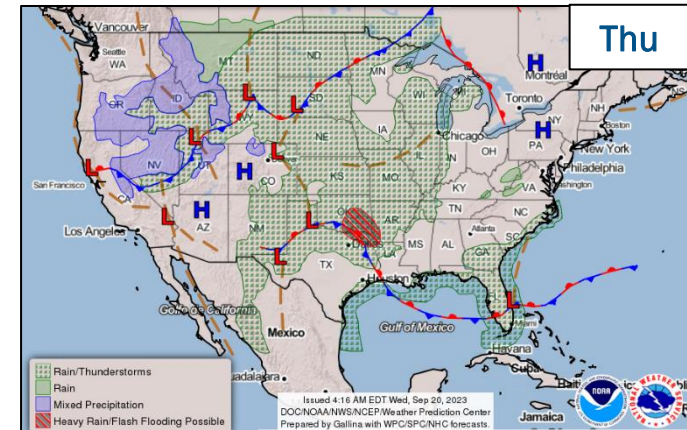
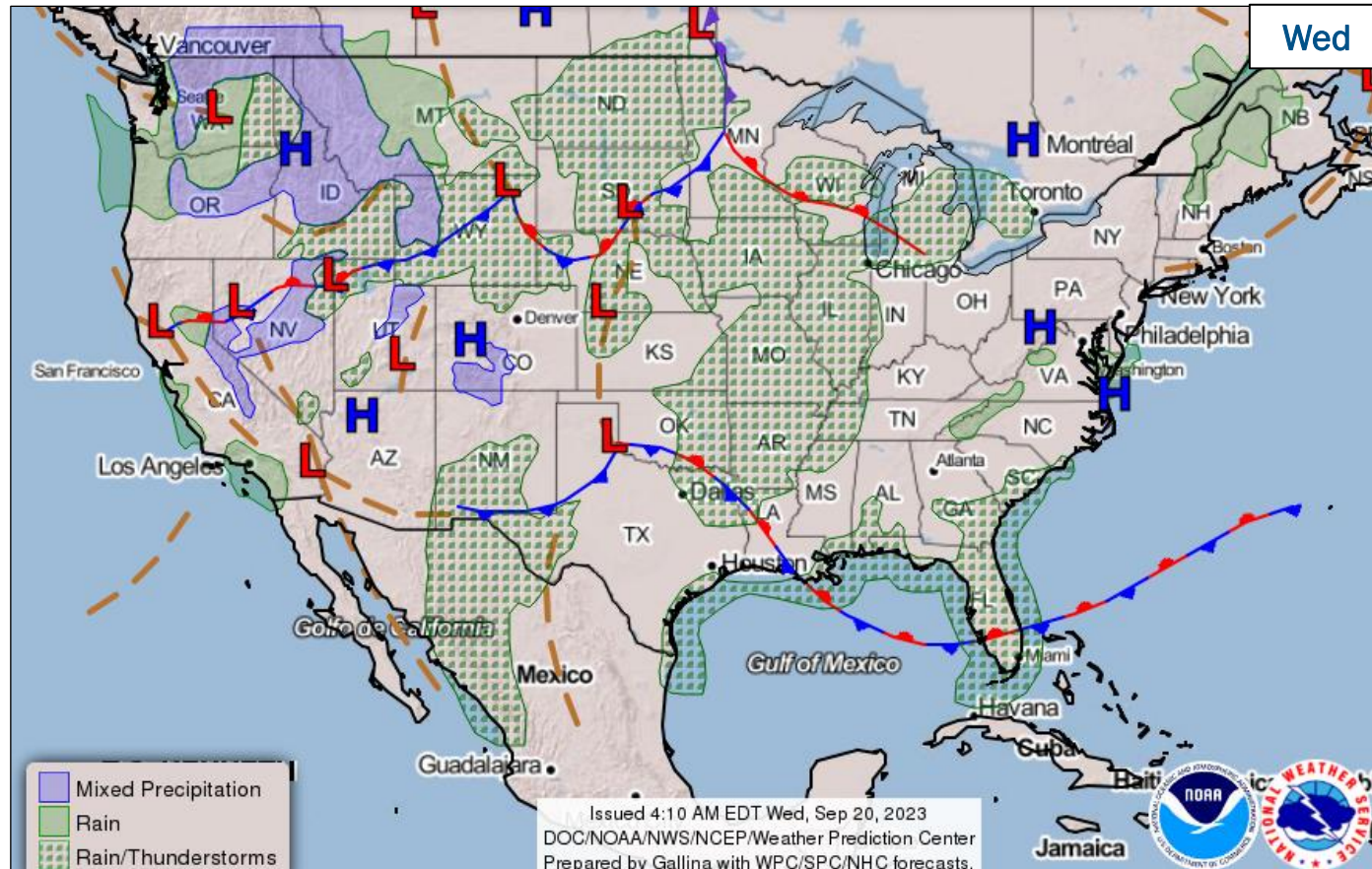
- Forecast to form east of the Florida peninsula
- Some subtropical characteristics this weekend
- Formation chance - 48 hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Low (30%)



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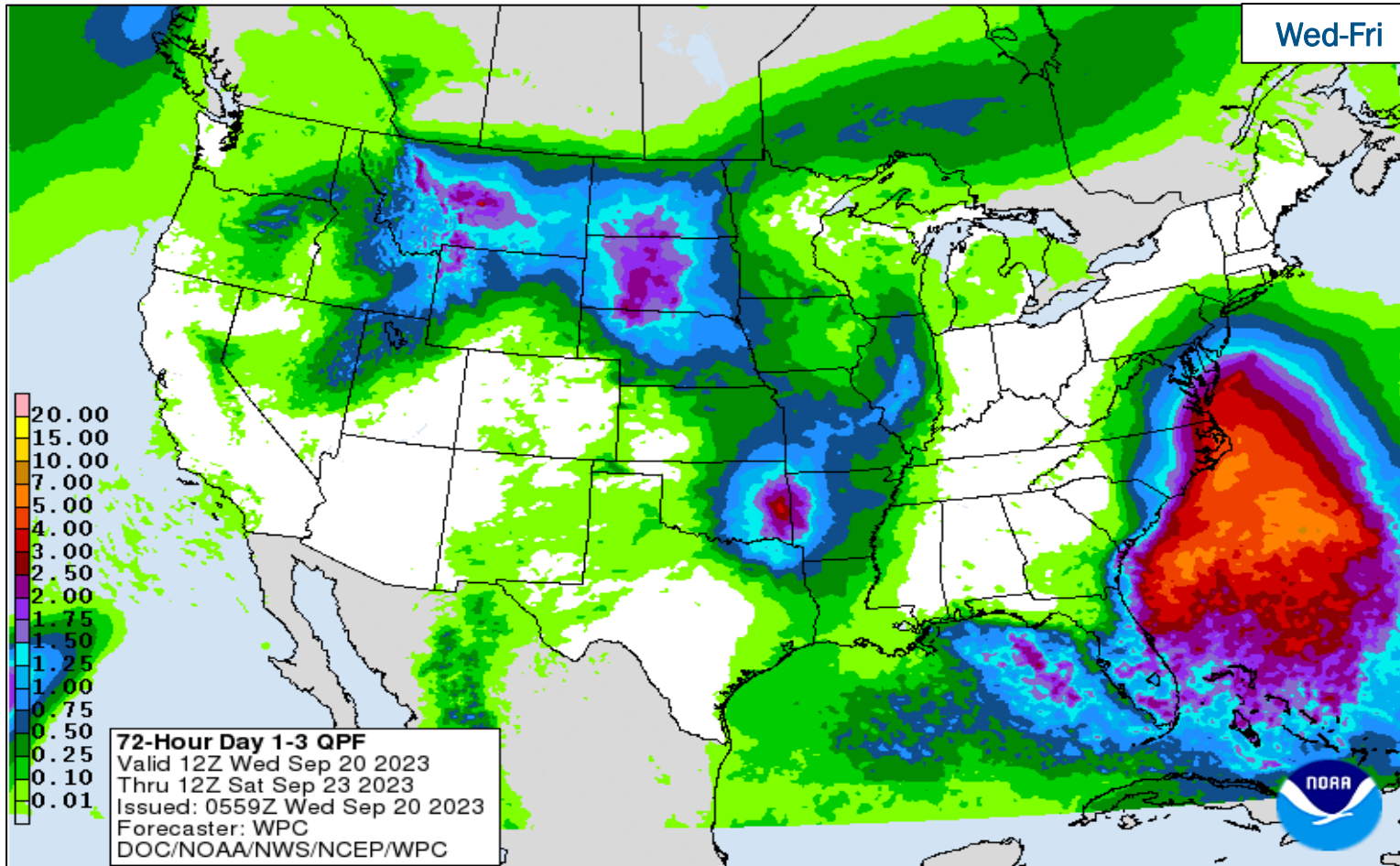
National Weather Forecast



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Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall

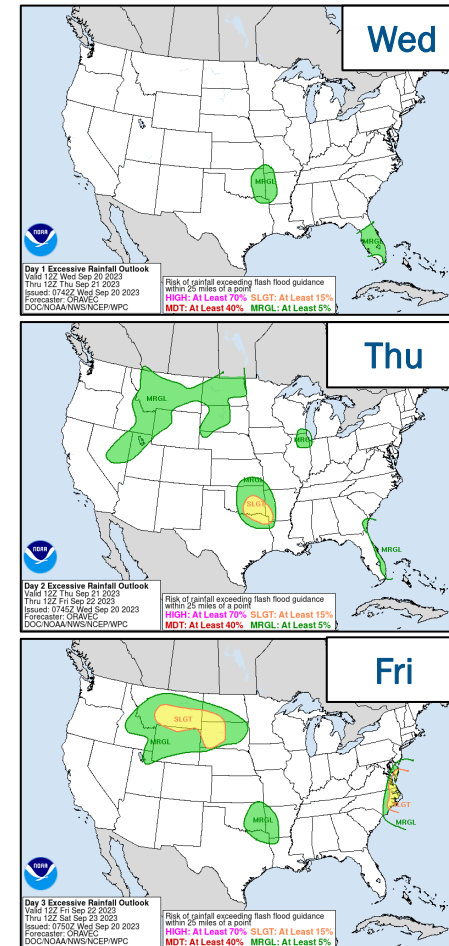


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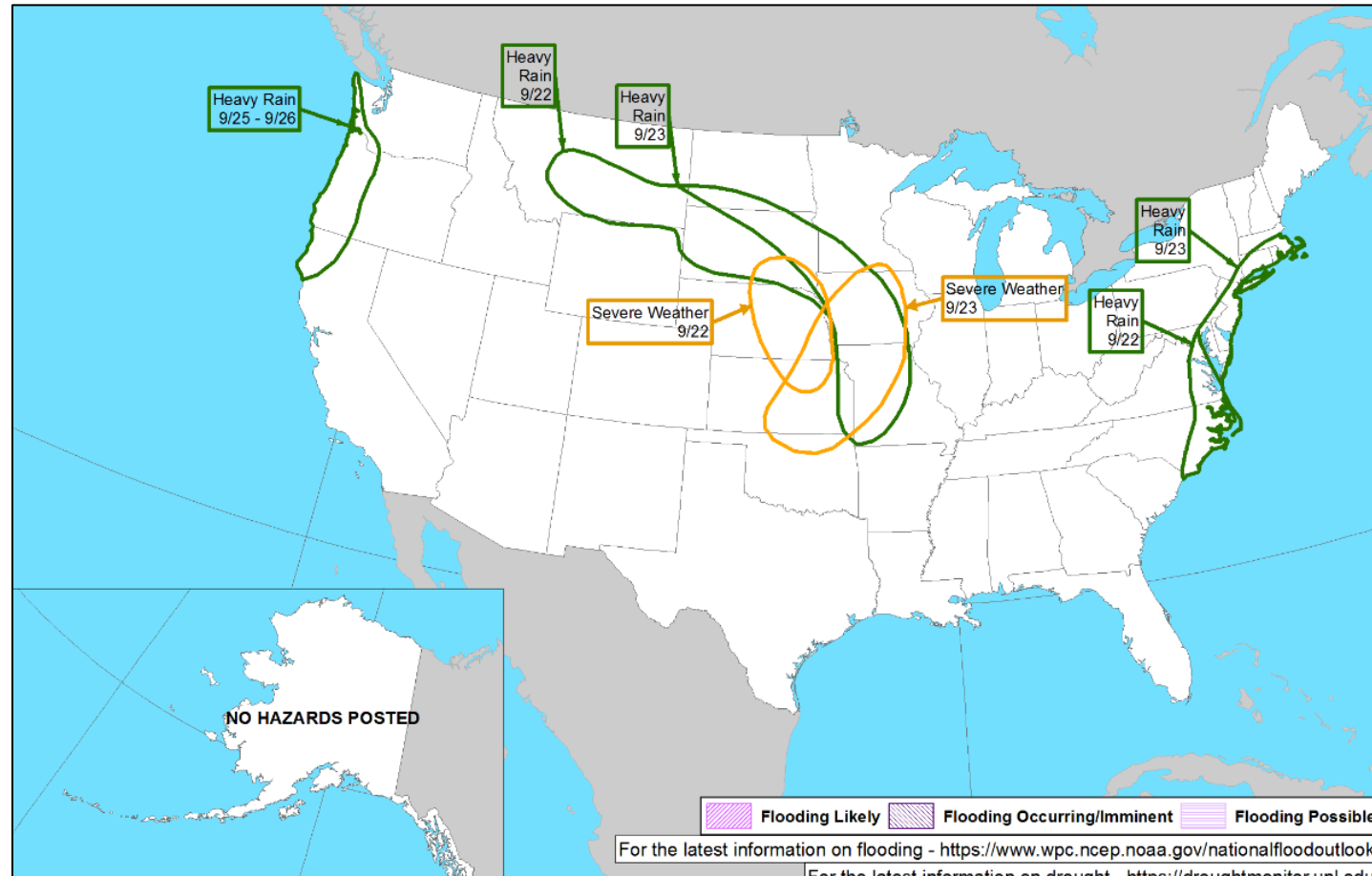
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Hazards Outlook – Sep 22-26



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National Fire Activity *(as of Sep 20)*

National Preparedness Level

PL3

Initial Attack Activity (24-hour period)	Light (94 fires)	
New large fires:	2	
Large fires contained:	2	
Uncontained large fires:	36	
Cumulative Acres Burned	2,197,812	
Total Responders (2023 Fire Season)	8,236	
Type 1 IMTs deployed	3 of 16	
Type 2 IMTs deployed	7 of 33	

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 county; 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 nations wildland firefighting resources committed
PL 5	Extremely high levels of fire activity; 80% of nations firefighting resources committed

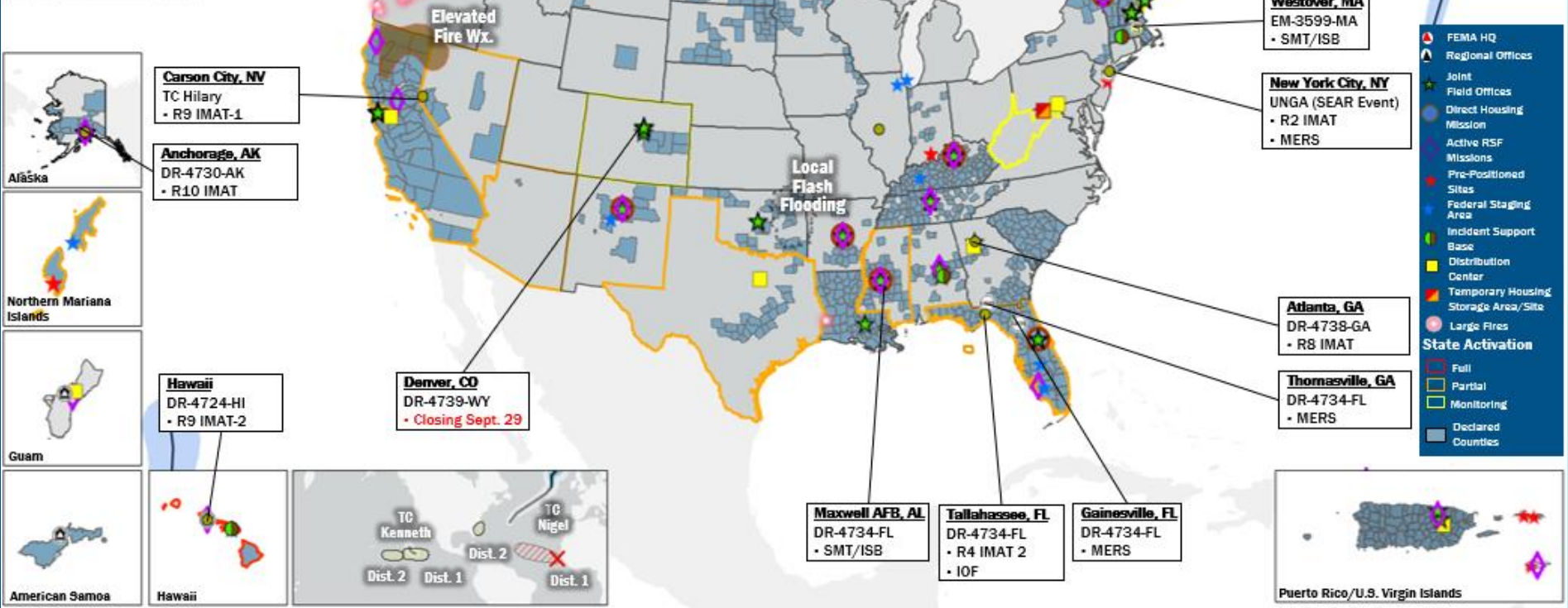
FEMA Common Operating Picture

16 + 6 Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices
79 + 4 Major Disasters Emergency Declarations
8 Direct Housing Missions
26 RSF-Supported Disasters

FEMA HQ		
NWC	NRCC	
Monitoring	Activated	
FEMA REGIONS		
Watch	RRCC	
Monitoring	I	Rostered
Monitoring	II	Level III
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: Sustained Ops - RII RRCC: UNGA 9/17-23 (Dayshift)	STATE EOCs: - MS/WV: Severe Weather - FL: TC Idalia - TX: Ongoing Threats Monitoring - CO: Public Health Support, Avian Influenza, and Suncoar Refinery - AZ/CO: SW Border Coordination - CA/HI/WA: Wildfires - CA/NV: TC Hilary - CNMI: Typhoon Mawar - ME/VA: TC Lee	
Surge Capacity Force		
Rostered 8,224	Deployed 55	

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	
Blue	
Gold	
HS	Training
R-IMATs	
3-6 Teams Available	
I	VT
II	NY
III	Reconstituting
IV-1	Personnel
IV-2	FL
V	Reconstituting
VI-1	
VI-2	Reconstituting
VII	Reconstituting
VIII	GA
IX-1	NV
IX-2	HI
X	AK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully Mission Capable (FMC) Partially Mission Capable (PMC) Not Mission Capable (NMC) Deployed 	

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN			
	JFO/VJFO	DR	EM
I	3/0	11	2
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



Wednesday
September 20, 2023
8:30 a.m. ET

IM Workforce

13,682 (+8) Assigned
 4,466 (+15) Unavailable
 6,730 (-49) Deployed

18% / 2,486 (+42) Available

IM Cadre Availability

17 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Acquisitions: 19% (43/227); Civil Rights: 18% (25/141); Disability Integration: 9% (5/55); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 22% (270/1,210); External Affairs: 20% (100/507); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 13% (109/818); Field Leadership: 7% (10/133); Hazard Mitigation: 11% (142/1,246); Human Resources: 16% (27/174); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 20% (58/296); Information Technology: 18% (117/647); Logistics: 20% (312/1,527); Operations: 9% (30/346); Public Assistance: 6% (135/2,204); Planning: 8% (38/460); Safety: 10% (8/80); Security: 16% (22/139)

MERS

> 66%

36 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 2 (-4) Deployed

34 (+4) Available

US&R

> 66%

28 Assigned
 4 Unavailable
 0 Deployed

24 Available

FCO

≤ 1 Type I

50 Assigned
 6 Unavailable
 41 (-2) (28 FCOR) Deployed

3 (+2) 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 24-26	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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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 Storm and Flooding	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
La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians (LJBLI) – Tropical Storm Hilary	DR	X	X	X	Aug 23
AR – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Aug 22
Inupiat Community of the Artic Slope (ICAS) – Severed Undersea Fiber Optic Line – APPEAL	EM		X		Aug 23
MT – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 25
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 – APPEAL	DR		X	X	Sep 6
KS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 13
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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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-4720-DR-VT	9	Sep 19	Changes the incident period of declared disaster to Jul 7 - 21, 2023



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