

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, September 20, 2024

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- No significant incidents / operations

Hazard Monitoring

- Rain / Thunderstorms – Southwest to the Great Lakes, and Southeast
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Disturbance 1: Low (20%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (20%)
 - Disturbance 3: Medium (40%)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Disturbance 1: Medium (40%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – NY
- 6 Amendments issued

Event Monitoring

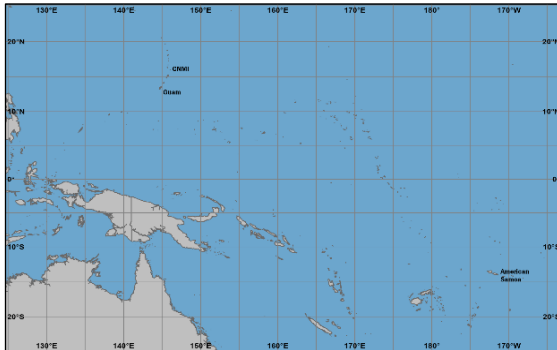
- 79th United Nations General Assembly – NY



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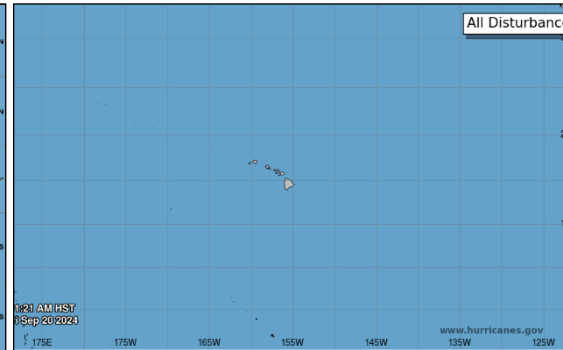
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



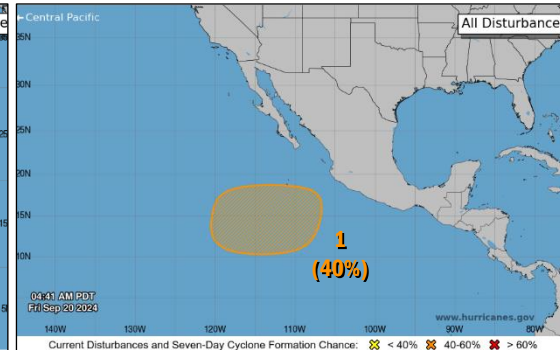
- No areas of concern for Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or American Samoa

Central Pacific



- No tropical cyclones expected during the next 7 days

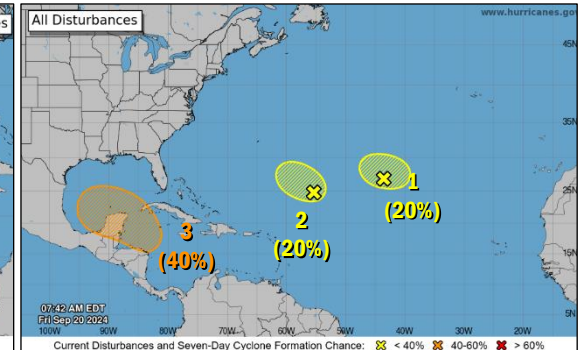
Eastern Pacific



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

- Located SW of the southwestern coast of Mexico
- Slow development of the system [this weekend](#)
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (near 0%); 7-day – **Med (40%)**

Atlantic



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

- Located **several thousand miles SW of the Azores**
- Some development of this system is possible over the next several days
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (20%); 7-day – Low (20%)

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

- Located **650 miles NE of northern Leeward Islands**
- Some development of this system is possible
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (20%); 7-day – Low (20%)

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

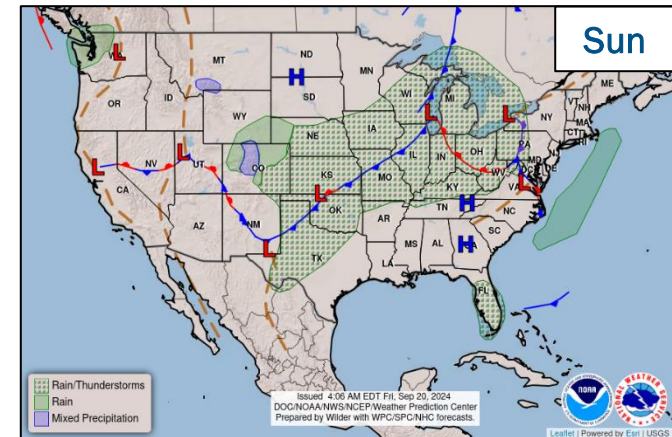
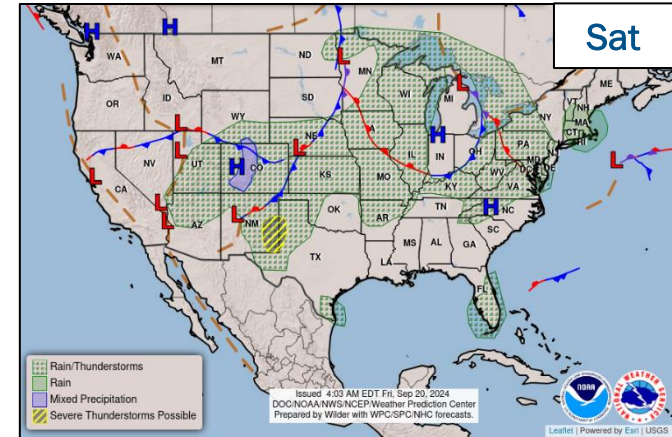
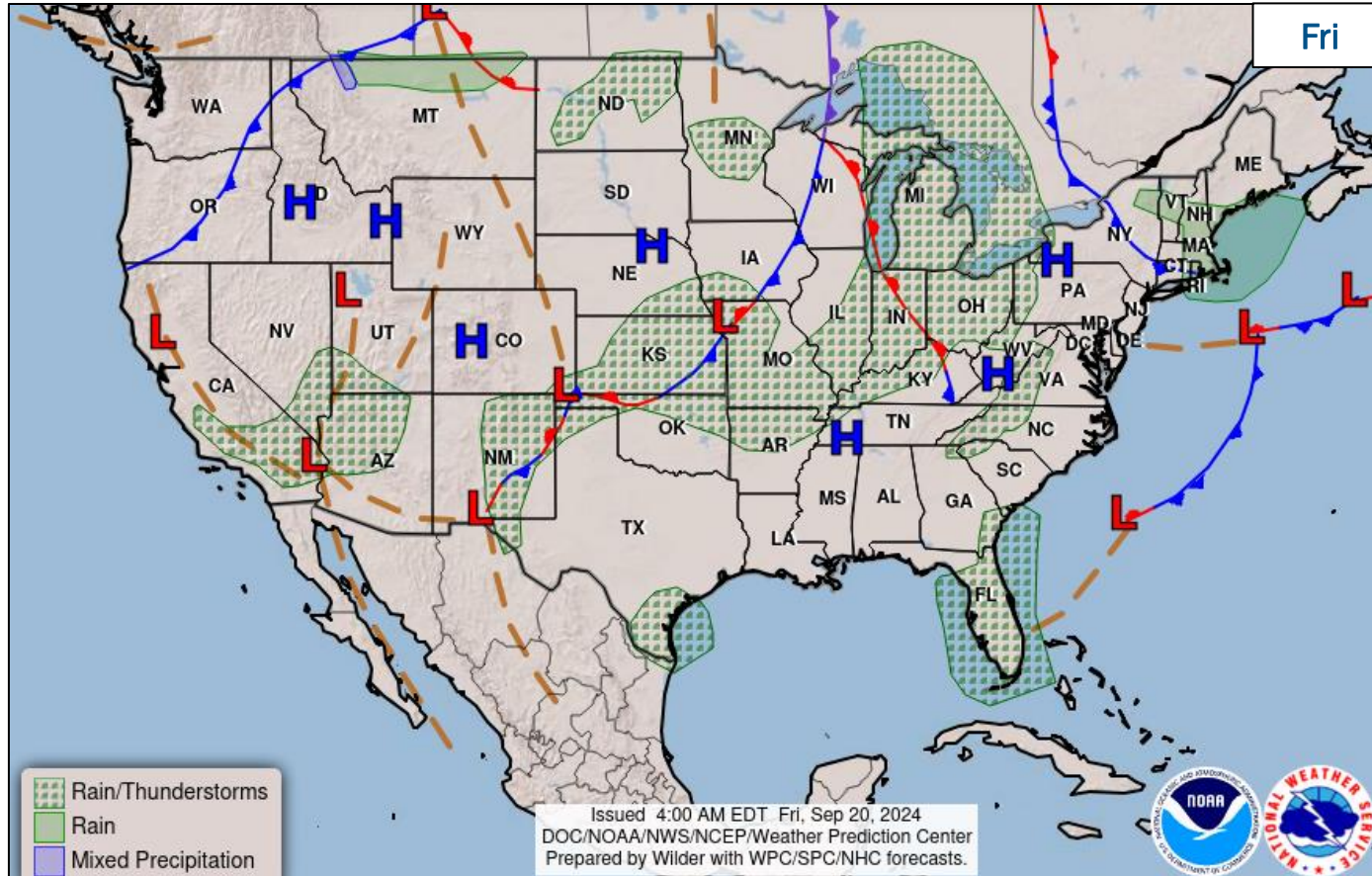
- Located over the NW Caribbean Sea and SE Gulf of Mexico
- Tropical depression could form by the middle of next week
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (near 0%); 7-day – Medium (40%)

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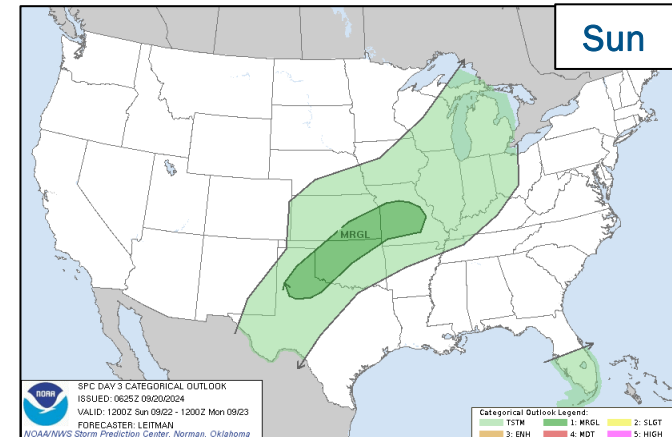
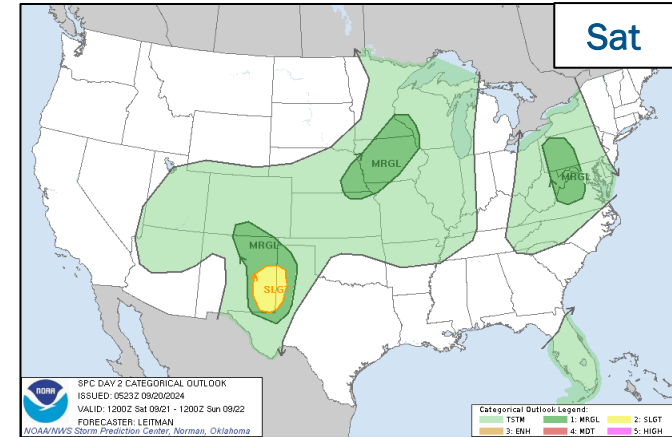
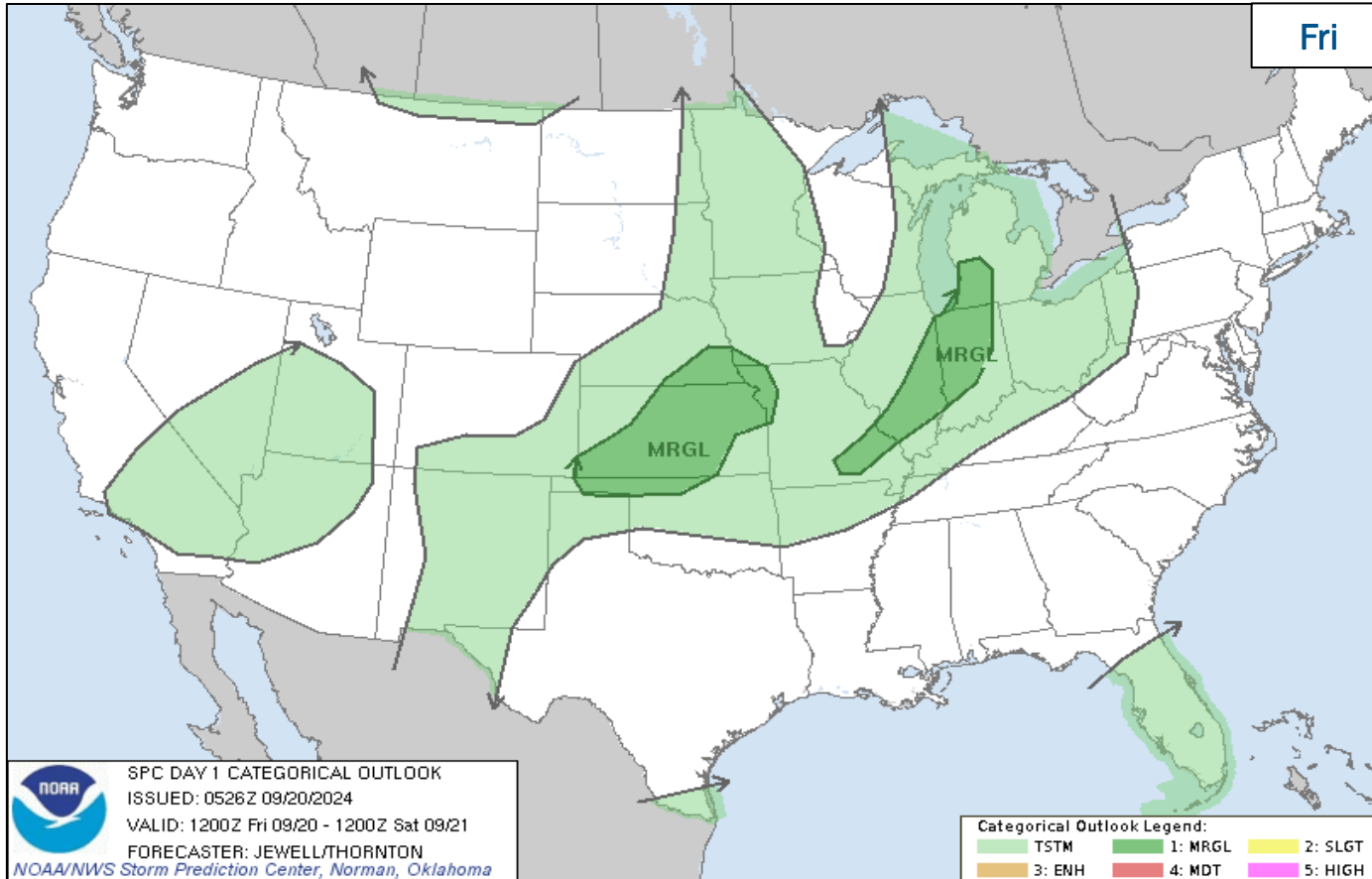
National Weather Forecast



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Severe Weather Outlook



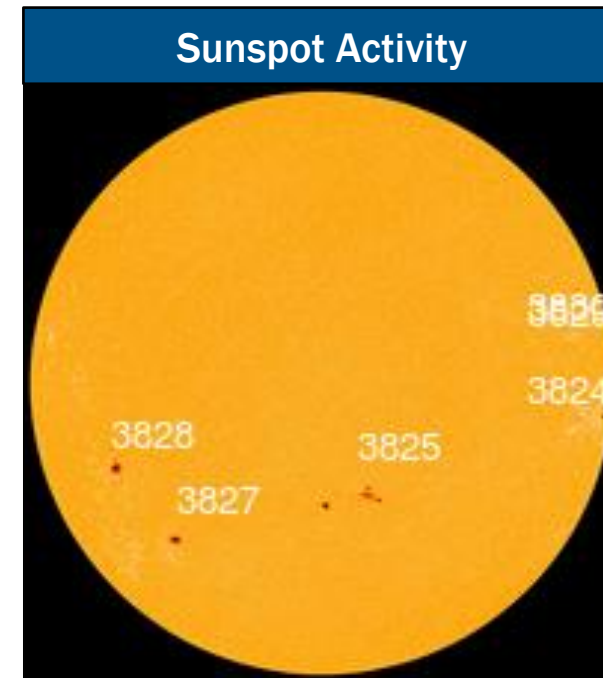
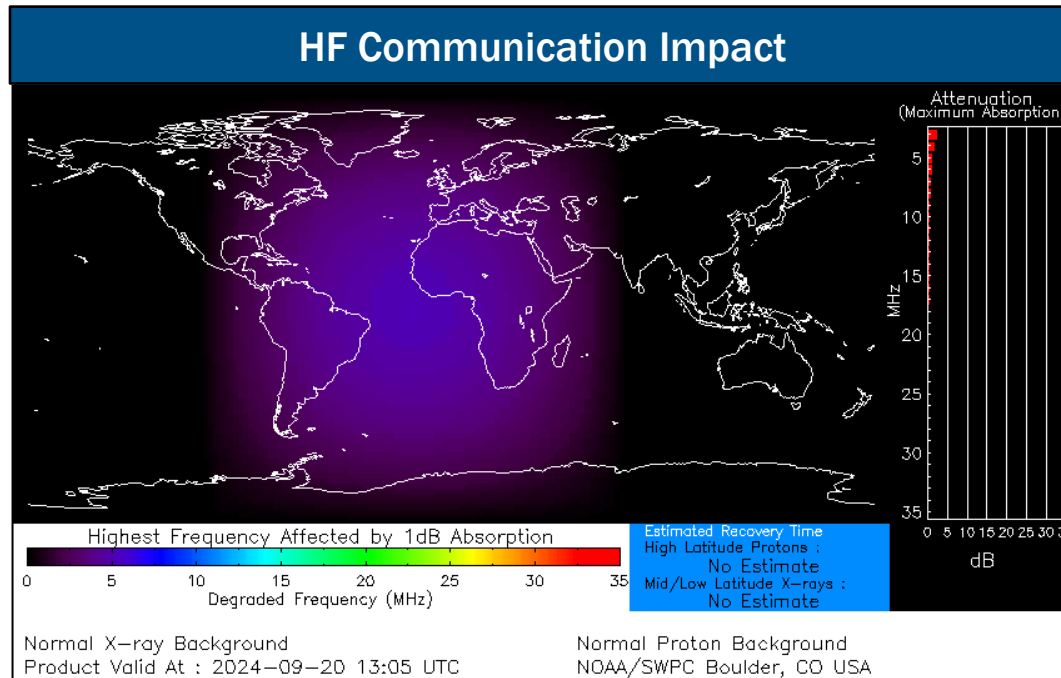
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Space Weather Outlook

Minor	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	Minor	G1	None	None
Next 24 Hours	None	None	None	None

For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to: <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation>
 For further information on Sunspot Activity refer to: <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/phenomena/sunspotssolar-cycle>



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79th United Nations General Assembly

Situation: The 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) opened in New York, NY on September 10, 2024, and will continue through September 30, 2024. September 22-28 has been designated an NSSE. There are 193 members of the UNGA.

- 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

State/Local Response:

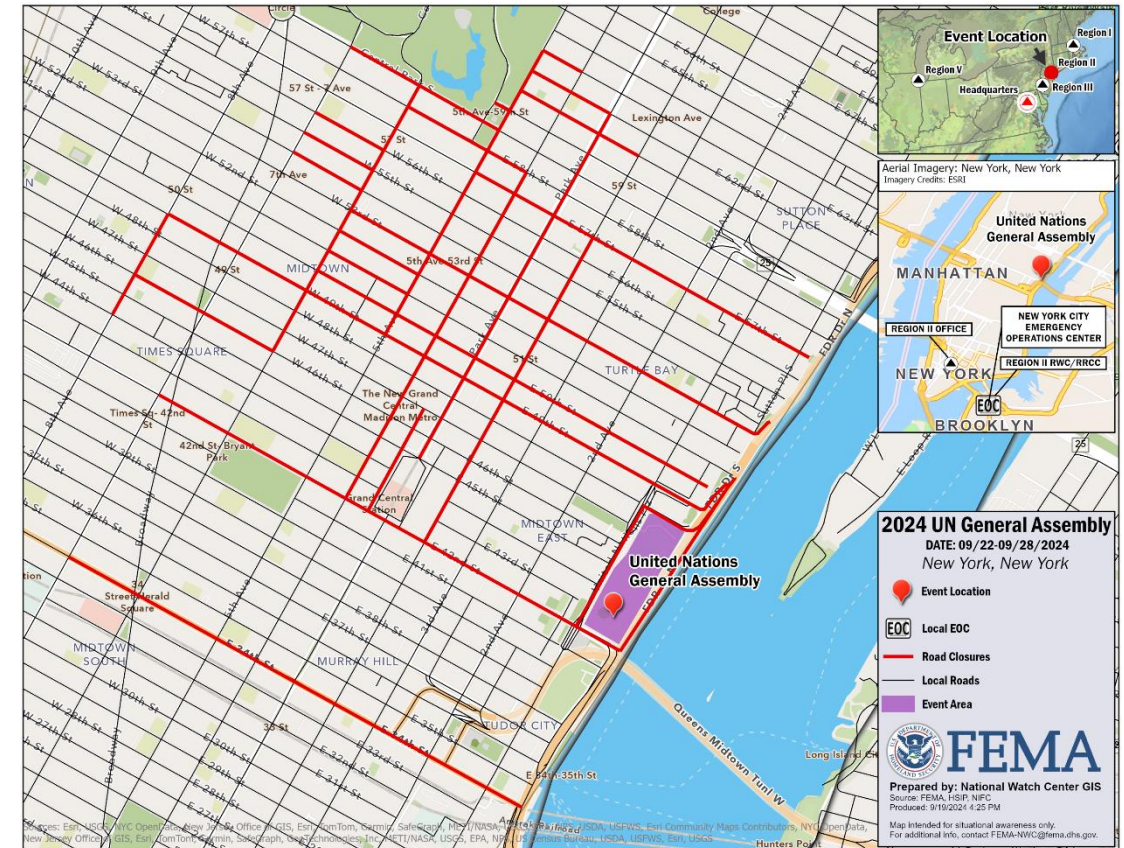
- NY SEOC is at Normal Operations
- New York City EOC is at Normal Operations

FEMA Region II:

- RWC is Monitoring; RRCC will activate to Level III (day shift) on Sep 22
- Regional LNO's deployed to FBI IOC, NYPD JOC, UN JOC, USSS MACC
- Region II IMAT deployed to USVI (TC Ernesto), supporting UNGA remotely

FEMA Headquarters:

- NWC continues to monitor, 24/7; NRCC is at Steady State
- NWC – Threat Monitoring Team LNO deploying to NY Sep 23
- National IMAT Blue, the US&R system, CMCU, and DEST are on alert
- MERS will provide communications and mobile command functions to Region II and other Federal agencies as directed



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National Fire Activity *(as of Sep 19)*

National Preparedness Level

PL 5

Initial Attack Activity <i>(24-hour period)</i>	Light <i>(52 fires)</i>	
New large fires:	1	
Large fires contained:	1	
Uncontained large fires:	52	
Cumulative Acres Burned	7,330,640	
Total Responders	23,721	
Type 1 IMTs deployed	3	
Complex IMTs deployed	22 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	53% (+12)	M: 386	H: 4,189	H: 5	H: 42	0 / 4
				V: 0	O: 220	O: 14	O: 39	
Airport (Riverside, CA)	5538-FM-CA	23,519	42% (+3)	M: 22,963	H: 20,780	H: 11	H: 120	0 / 16 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 23	O: 40	
Rail Ridge (Grant/Crook/Wheeler, OR) FINAL	5534-FM-OR	162,345	50%	M: LIFTED	H: 71 (-132)	H: 1	H: 2	0 / 14
				V: 0	O: 101 (-200)	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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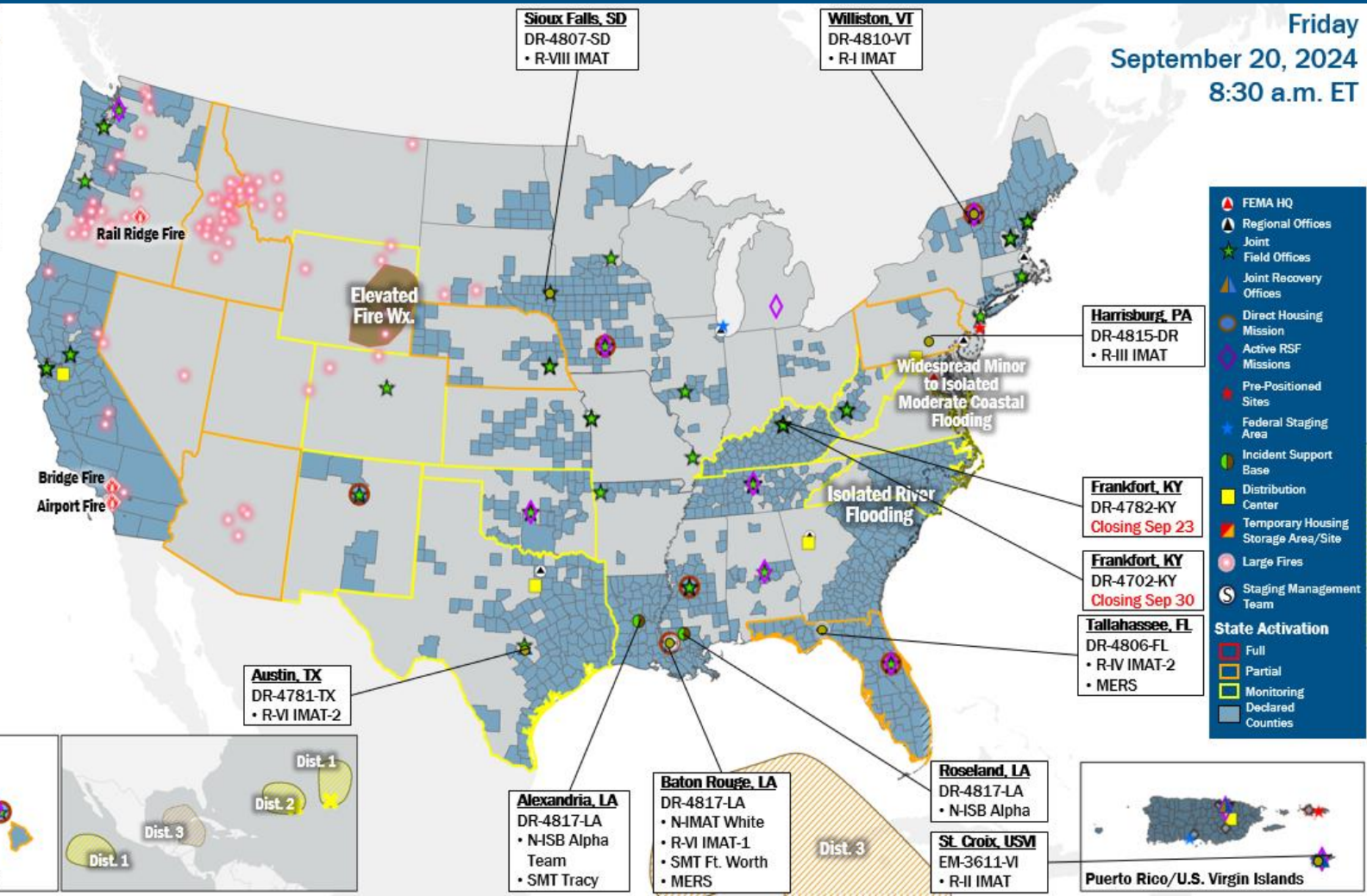
FEMA Common Operating Picture

28 + 5 Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices Supporting
99 + 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	HS	
Alt Location	II	R-IMATs 4-6 Teams Available	
Monitoring	III	I	VT (Aug 19)
Monitoring	IV	II	USVI (Aug 9)
Monitoring	V	III	PA (Sep 12)
Monitoring	VI	IV-1	2
Monitoring	VII	IV-2	FL (Aug 2)
Monitoring	VIII	V	1
Monitoring	IX	VI-1	LA (Sep 10)
Monitoring	X	VI-2	TX (May 17)
Notes:		VII	Reconstituting
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:	State EOCs:	VIII	SD (Aug 16)
• RII RWC: (Alt Location Dayshift only 7am-7pm)	• OK: Severe Weather	IX-1	Personnel
	• HI/OK/NM/NV/ND/WY/UT/NE: Wildfires	IX-2	Personnel
	• AZ: SW Border	X	Personnel
	• CO: Hwy. 50 closure/Avian Flu		
	• NM/AZ: Flooding		
	• FL/PA: TC Debby		
	• WV: Drought		
	• KY: Active Shooter		
	• TX: TC Francine		
	• VA: Op. FREE / Med Waste		
Volunteer Force			
Rostered 7,840	Deployed 12		
Surge Capacity Force			
Rostered 7,785	Deployed 0		

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
JFO/VJFO	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	5/0	9	0	3
VII	3/1	10	0	0
VIII	1/1	2	0	0
IX	2/1	18	0	0
X	3/1	8	0	0



IM Workforce

13,645 (-8) Assigned
 4,815 (-11) Unavailable
 6,522 (-4) Deployed

17% / 2,308 (+7) Available

IM Cadre Availability

15 (-1) Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Disability Integration: 16% (7/43); External Affairs: 22% (113/522); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 12% (101/815); Field Leadership: 16% (23/147); Financial Management: 21% (48/229); Hazard Mitigation: 8% (100/1,186); Human Resources: 7% (12/171); Individual Assistance: 9% (229/2,529); Information Technology: 22% (138/639); Logistics: 1.1% (171/1,572); Operations: 14% (47/341); Public Assistance: 13% (286/2,238); Planning: 6% (29/461); Safety: 4% (4/93); Security: 18% (25/139)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 2 Deployed

34 Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned
 1 Unavailable
 0 Deployed

27 Available

FCO

1 Type I

52 Assigned
 7 (+2) Unavailable
 42 (-1) (32 FCOR) Deployed

3 (-1) 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
IV	NC	Tropical Cyclone Debby Aug 5-19	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	9/23 - TBD
X	ID	Gwen Fire Jul 25 - Aug 9	IA	1	1 (+1)	9/16 - 9/17
			PA	0	0	N/A



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Declaration Request – New York

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration

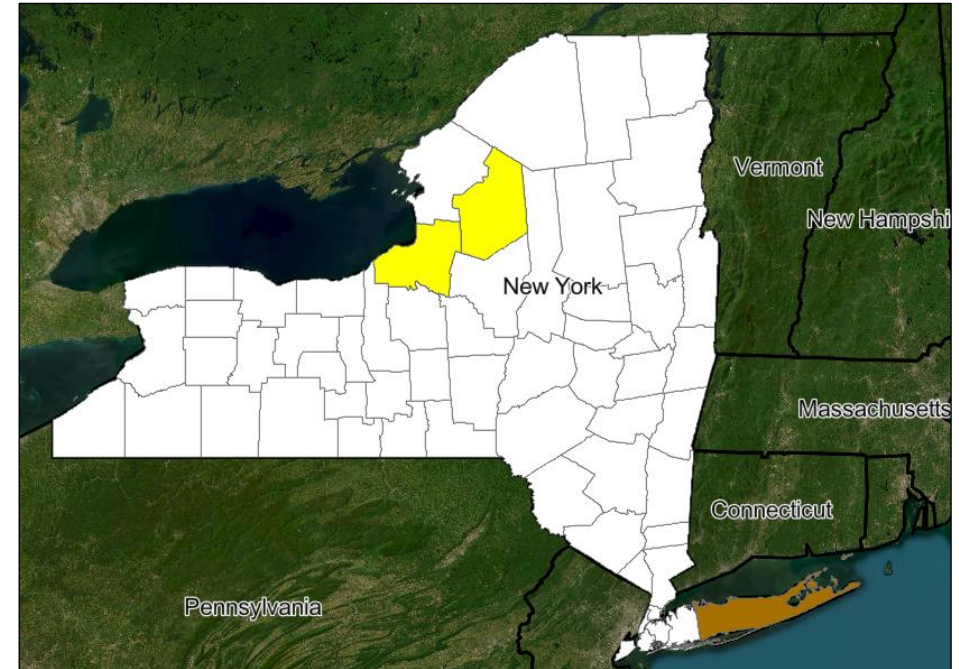
Requested: Sep 18

Incident: Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds and Flooding

Incident Period: Aug 18-19

Requested:

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



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Declaration Requests in Process – 18

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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Declaration Requests in Process – 18 (cont.)

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
NY – Severe Storms, Straight -Line Winds and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Sep 18

****Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe



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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-4719-DR-ME	2	Sep 17	Appoints Georgeta Dragoiu as FCO, replacing Robert V. Fogel
FEMA-4754-DR-ME	3	Sep 17	Appoints Georgeta Dragoiu as FCO, replacing Robert V. Fogel
FEMA-4764-DR-ME	1	Sep 17	Appoints Georgeta Dragoiu as FCO, replacing Robert V. Fogel
FEMA-4785-DR-ME	1	Sep 17	Appoints Georgeta Dragoiu as FCO, replacing Robert V. Fogel
FEMA-4733-DR-BPT*	2	Aug 30	Appoints Yolanda J. Jackson as FCO, replacing Catharine O. Fan
FEMA-4768-DR-OR	3	Aug 30	Appoints Yolanda J. Jackson as FCO, replacing Catharine O. Fan

*Burns Paiute Tribe



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