

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, September 21, 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 / operations

## Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – New Mexico and Texas
- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Central / Southern Rockies
- Tropical Activity:
  - Atlantic:
    - Disturbance 1: Low (10%)
    - Disturbance 2: Low (10%)
    - Disturbance 3: Medium (60%)
    - Disturbance 4: Low (30%)
  - Eastern Pacific:
    - Disturbance 1: Medium (50%)
  - Central Pacific:
    - Disturbance 1: Low (20%)

## Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approvals: Major Disaster Declaration – IL, CT, and St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – AK

## Event Monitoring

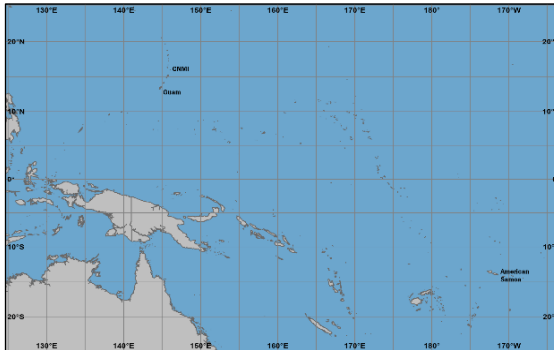
- 79<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly – NY



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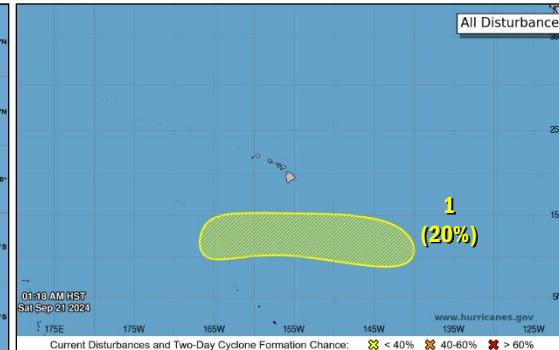
# Tropical Outlook

## Western Pacific



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

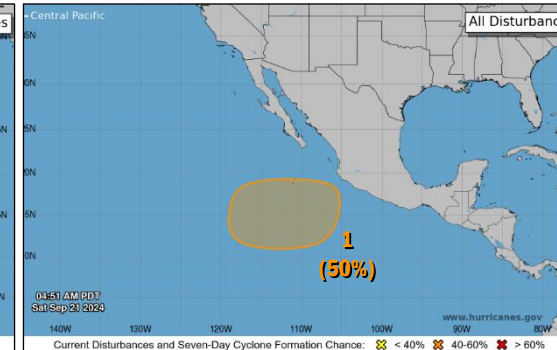
## Central Pacific



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

- Located 1,000 miles SE of Hilo, HI
- Some slow development of this system is possible
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (near 0%); 7-day – Low (20%)

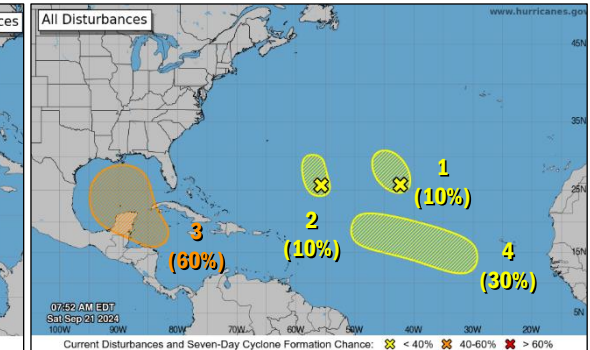
## Eastern Pacific



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

- Located SW of the southwestern coast of Mexico
- Slow development of the system
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (near 0%); 7-day – Med (50%)

## Atlantic



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

- Located over 1,000 miles SW of the Azores
- Significant development is not expected
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (10%); 7-day – Low (10%)

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

- Located 700 miles NE of Leeward Islands
- Significant development is not expected
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (10%); 7-day – Low (10%)

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

- Located over the NW Caribbean Sea
- Gradual development is possible
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (near 0%); 7-day – Medium (60%)

### Disturbance 4: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

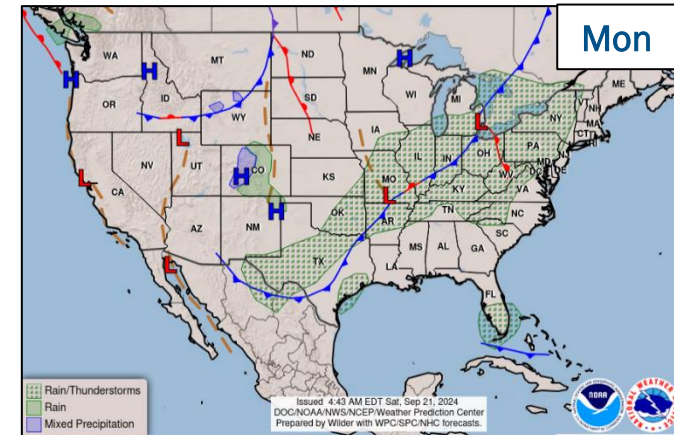
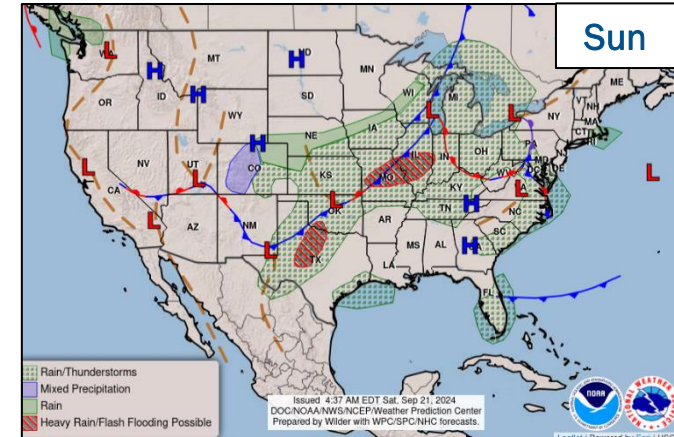
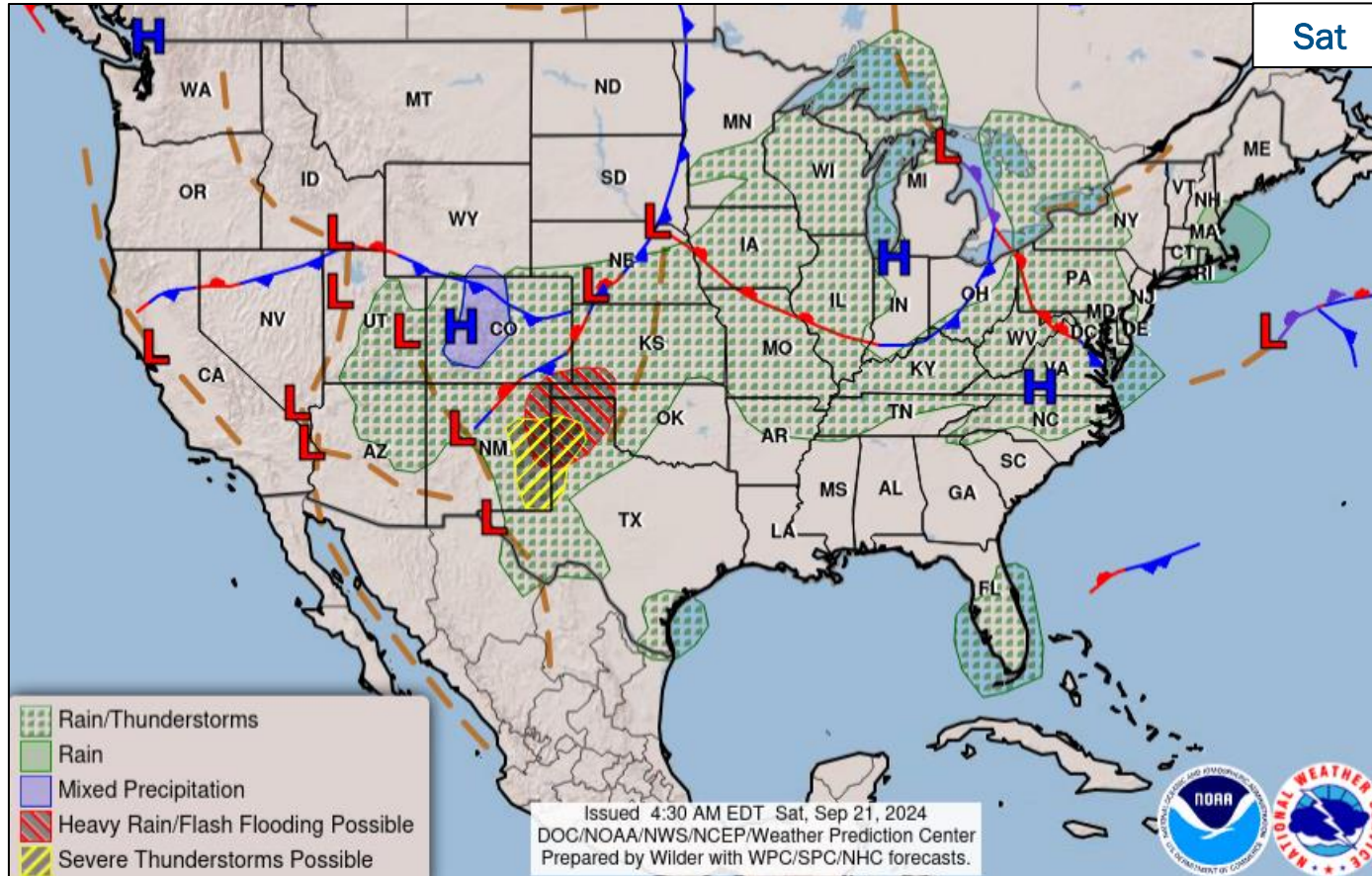
- Expected to move W off coast of Africa
- Gradual development is possible next week
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (near 0%); 7-day – Low (30%)

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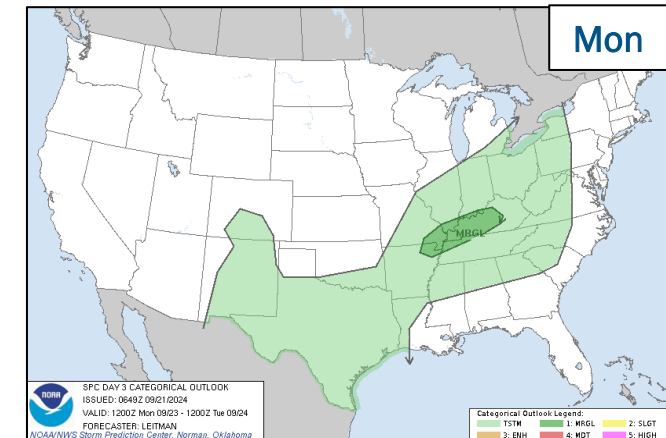
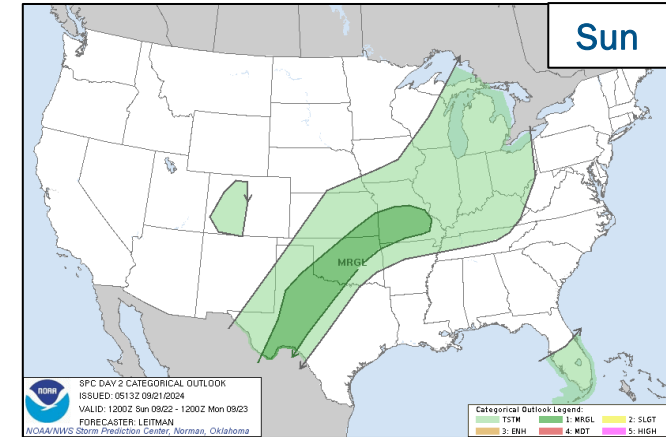
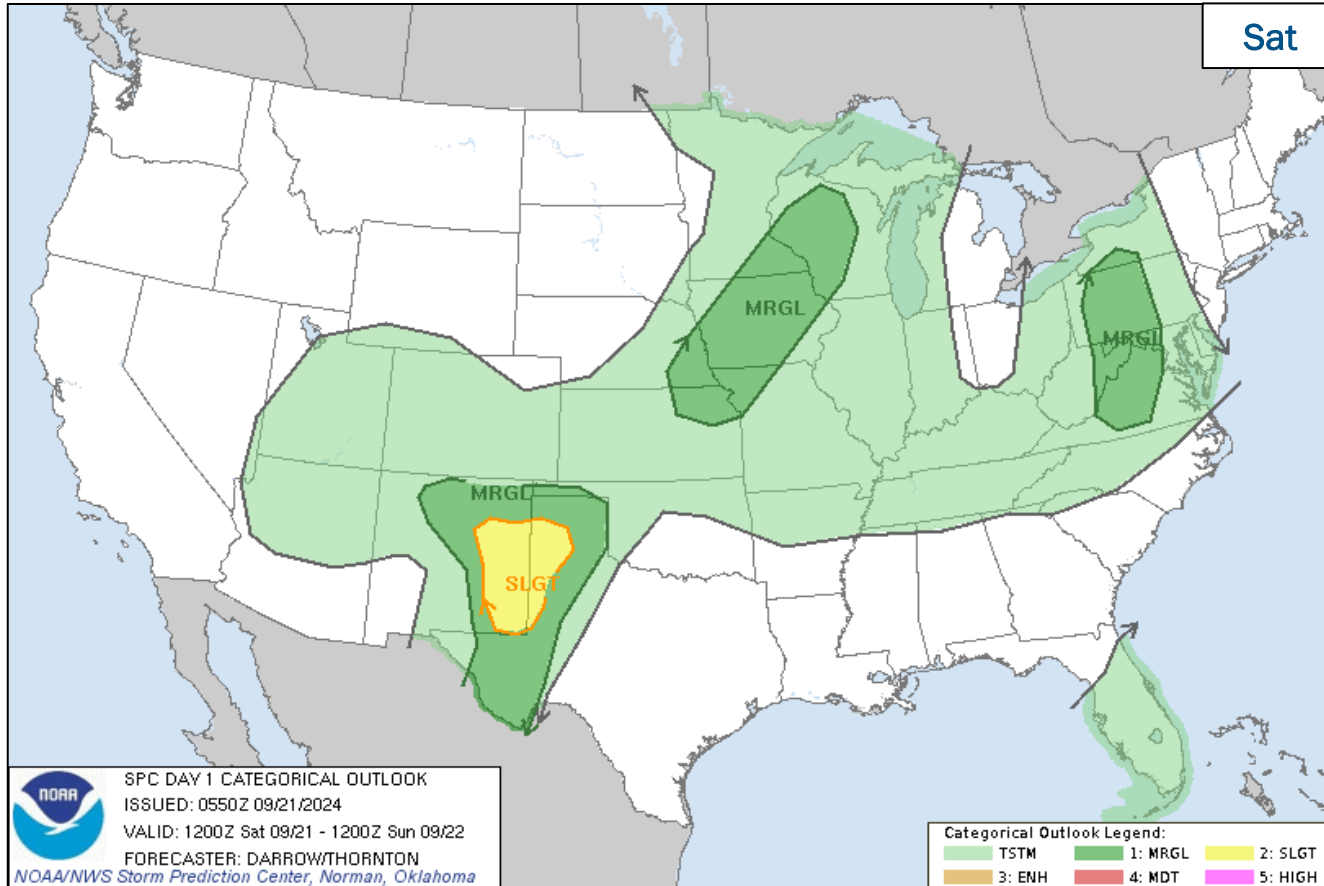
# National Weather Forecast



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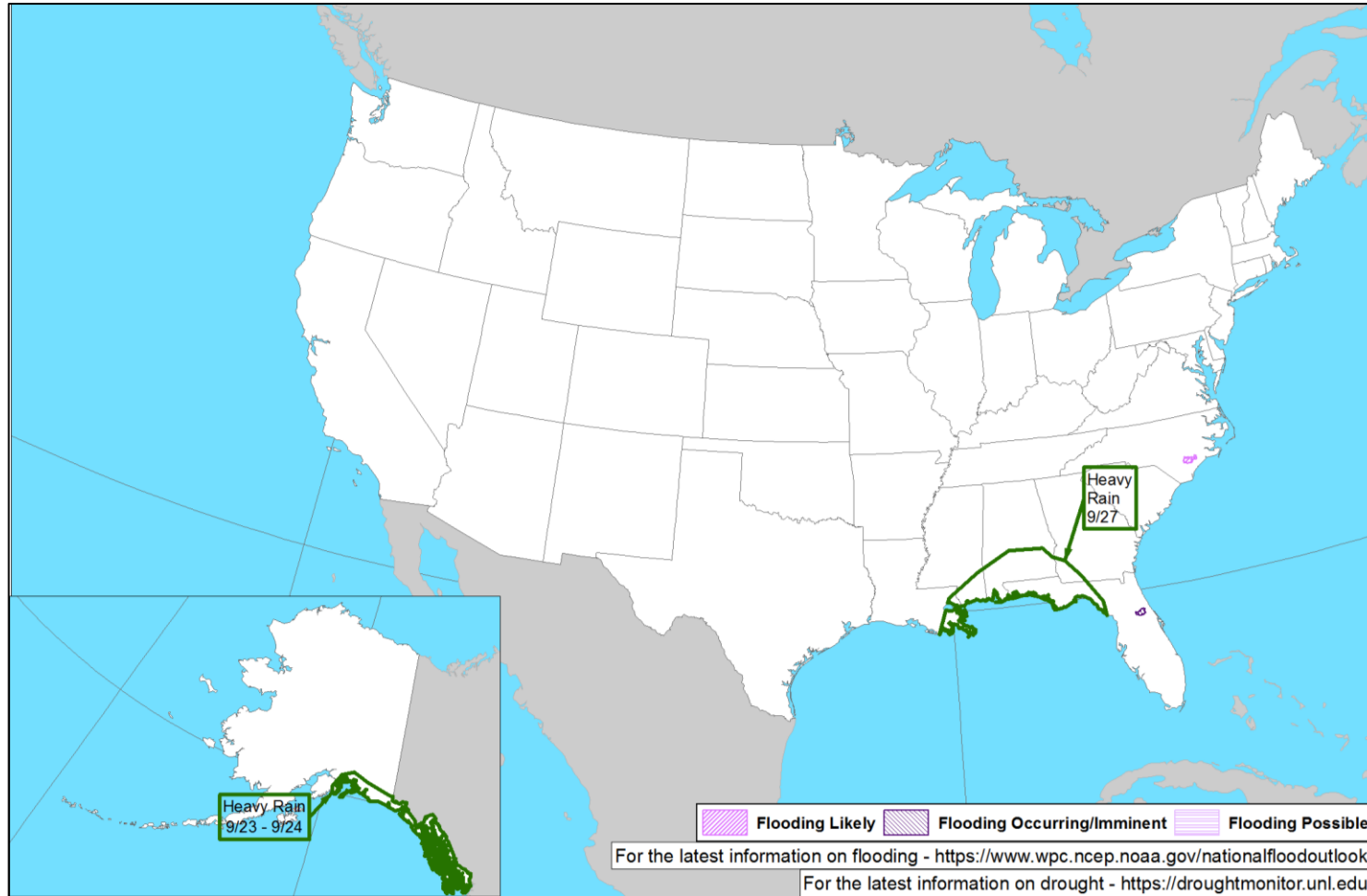
# Severe Weather Outlook



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# Hazards Outlook – Sep 23-27

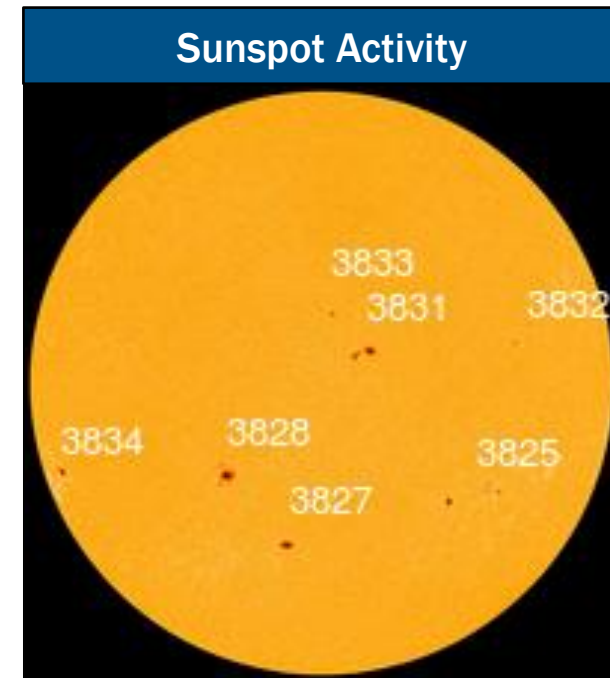
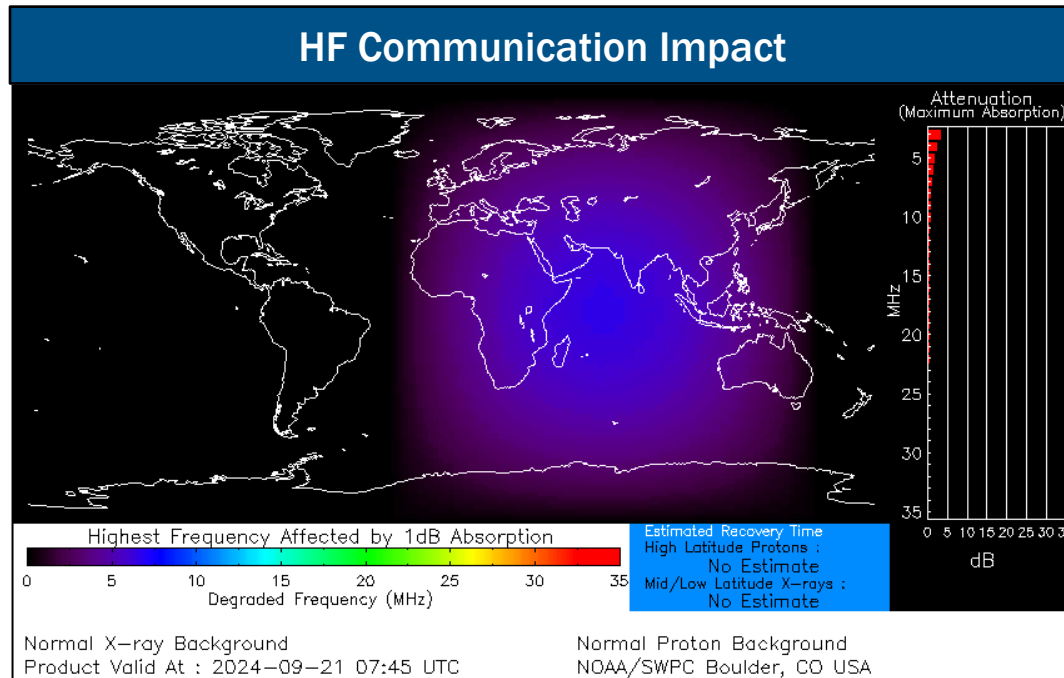


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# Space Weather Outlook

Minor	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	None	None	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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# 79<sup>th</sup> 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:

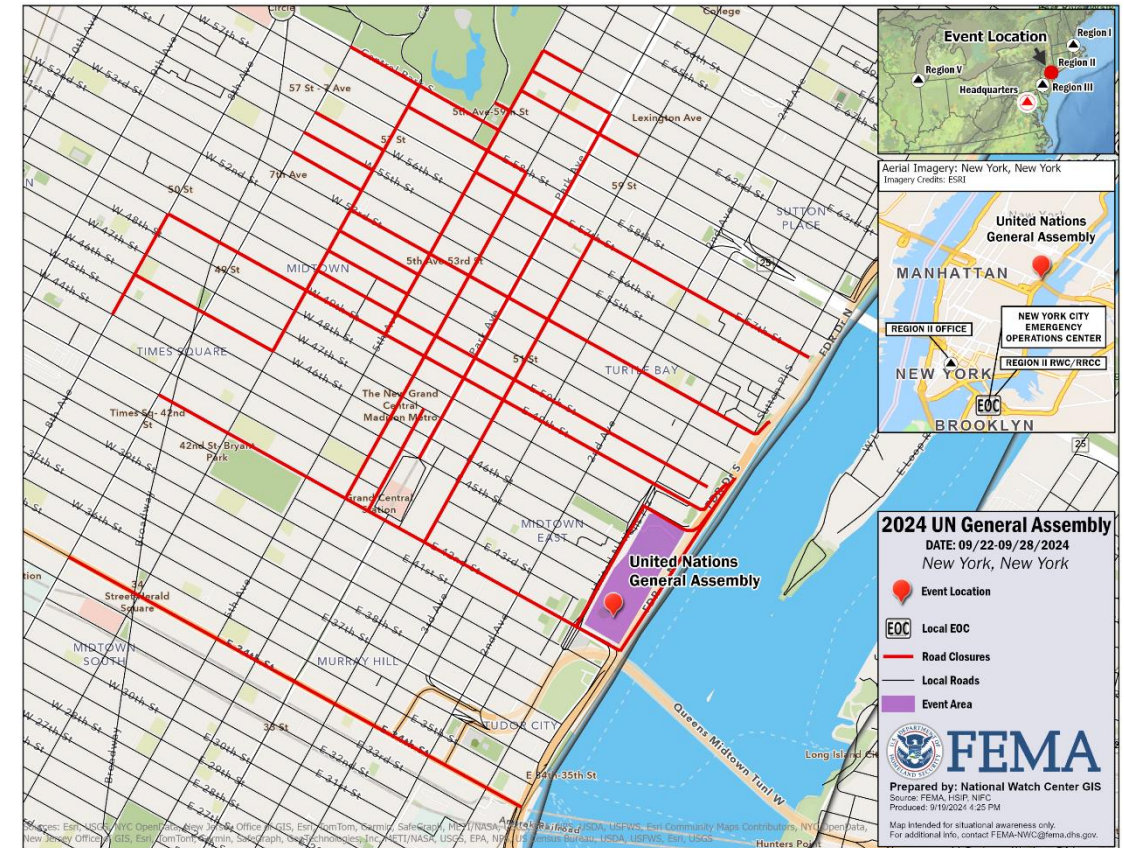
- NY SEOC is at Normal Operations
- New York City EOC is at Normal Operations

## 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 20)*

## National Preparedness Level

**PL 4**

Initial Attack Activity <i>(24-hour period)</i>	Light <i>(162 fires)</i>
New large fires:	0
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:	46
Cumulative Acres Burned	7,328,123
Total Responders	21,338
Type 1 IMTs deployed	2
Complex IMTs deployed	20 of 41



### Preparedness Levels Legend

<b>PL 1</b>	Minimal fire activity; many resources available
<b>PL 2</b>	Large wildland fires burning throughout country; resources mobilized from other areas
<b>PL 3</b>	Wildfire activity ongoing throughout 25% of country; National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) sets priorities, allocates resources, and mobilizes assets at national level
<b>PL 4</b>	High levels of fire activity and areas are competing for firefighting resources; 60% of the nation's wildland firefighting resources committed
<b>PL 5</b>	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	59% (+6)	M: 386	H: 3,853 (-336)	H: 5	H: 42	0 / 5 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 204 (-16)	O: 14	O: 39	
Airport (Riverside, CA)	5538-FM-CA	23,519	62% (+20)	M: 22,963	H: 20,780	H: 11	H: 120	0 / 21 (+5)
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 23	O: 40	

(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

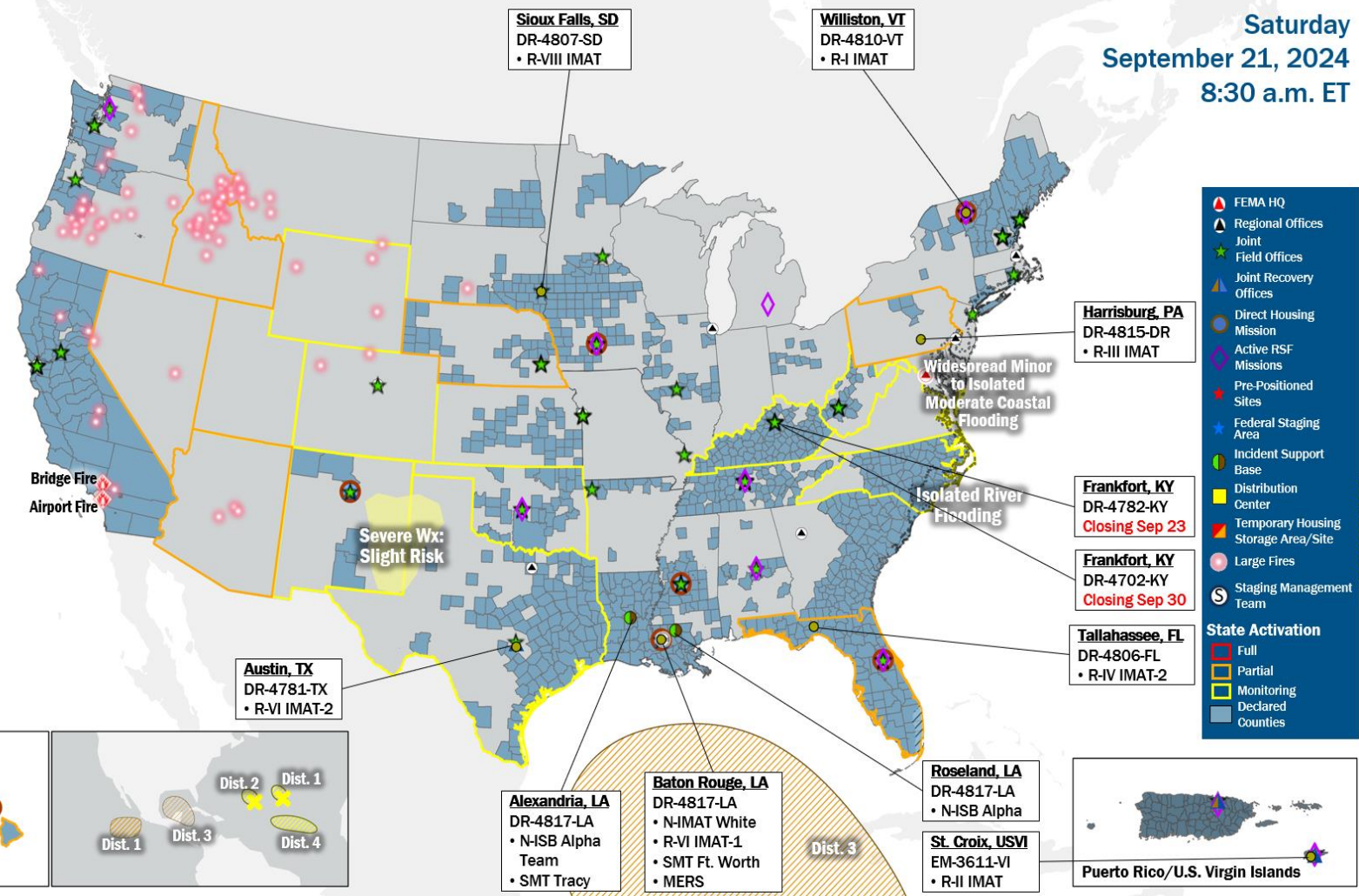
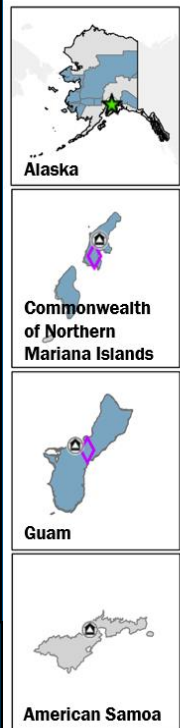
**28 + 5** Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices Supporting  
**102+ 8** Major Disasters Emergency Declarations  
**12** Direct Housing Missions **17** RSF-Supported Disasters **5** Joint Recovery Offices

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FEMA HQ	
NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Steady State
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
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:	
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:	State EOCs:
• NSTR	• OK: Severe Weather
	• HI/OK/NM/NV/ID/WY/UT/NE: Wildfires
	• AZ: SW Border
	• CO: Hwy. 50 closure/Avian Flu
	• NM/AZ: Flooding
	• FL/PA: TC Debby
	• WV: Drought
	• KY: Active Shooter
	• TX: TC Francine
	• VA: Operation FREE
Volunteer Force	
Rostered 7,840	Deployed 12
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 7,785	Deployed 0

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	LA (Sep 10)
Blue	
Gold	
HS	
R-IMATs	
4-6 Teams Available	
I	VT (Aug 19)
II	USVI (Aug 9)
III	PA (Sep 12)
IV-1	2
IV-2	FL (Aug 2)
V	1
VI-1	LA (Sep 10)
VI-2	TX (May 17)
VII	Reconstituting
VIII	SD (Aug 16)
IX-1	Personnel
IX-2	Personnel
X	Personnel

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO/VJFO	DR	EM	JRO
I	4/0	17	2	0
II	2/1	5	2	2
III	1/0	4	0	0
IV	5/0	25	4	0
V	2/0	4	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



**Legend**

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

## IM Workforce

**13,609 (-36) Assigned**  
**4,845 (+30) Unavailable**  
**6,436 (-86) Deployed**

**17% / 2,328 (+20) Available**

## IM Cadre Availability

**16 (+1) Cadres ≤ 25% Availability**

Civil Rights Cadre: 25% (41/163); Disability Integration: 16% (7/43); External Affairs: 21% (112/521); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 12% (101/813); Field Leadership: 16% (23/147); Financial Management: 22% (51/229); Hazard Mitigation: 8% (100/1,183); Human Resources: 6% (11/171); Individual Assistance: 10% (245/2,524); Information Technology: 22% (139/637); Logistics: 12% (186/1,565); Operations: 14% (47/341); Public Assistance: 13% (288/2,231); Planning: 6% (29/460); Safety: 3% (3/93); Security: 20% (28/137)

## 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 Unavailable  
 41 (-1) (32 FCOR) Deployed

**4 (+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
IV	NC	Tropical Cyclone Debby Aug 5-19	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	9/23 - TBD



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# Declaration Approval – Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

**Declaration Type:** Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4818-DR-SRMT  
**Requested:** Aug 26

**Date Approved:** Sep 20  
**Incident:** Severe Storm and Flooding  
**Incident Period:** Aug 8-10

**Provides:**

- **PA:** All tribal lands
- **Hazard Mitigation:** All tribal lands

**FCO:** Catharine O. Fan



■ PA



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# Declaration Approval – Illinois

**Declaration Type:** Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4819-DR-IL

**Requested:** Aug 28

**Date Approved:** Sep 20

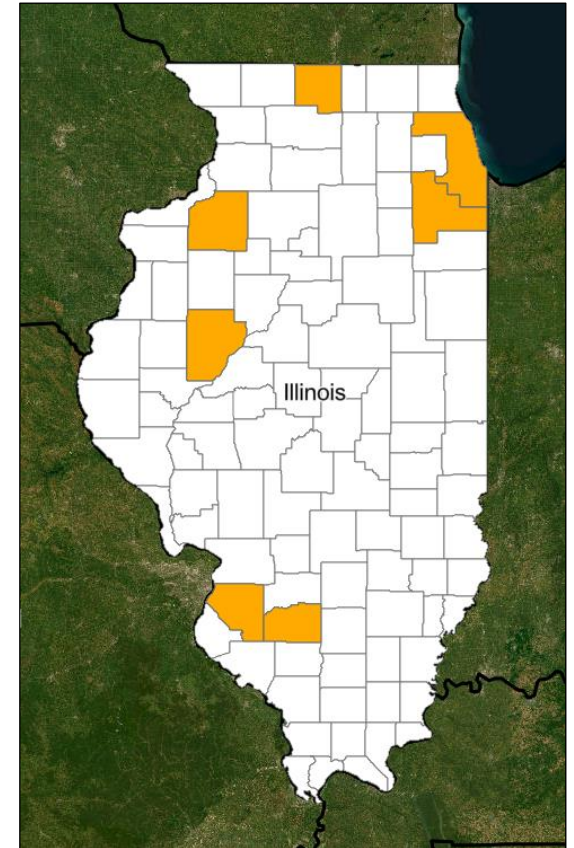
**Incident:** Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding

**Incident Period:** Jul 13-16

**Provides:**

- **IA:** 7 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide

**FCO:** Darrin Ricketts



■ IA



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# Declaration Approval – Connecticut

**Declaration Type:** Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4820-DR-CT  
**Requested:** Sep 9

**Date Approved:** Sep 20

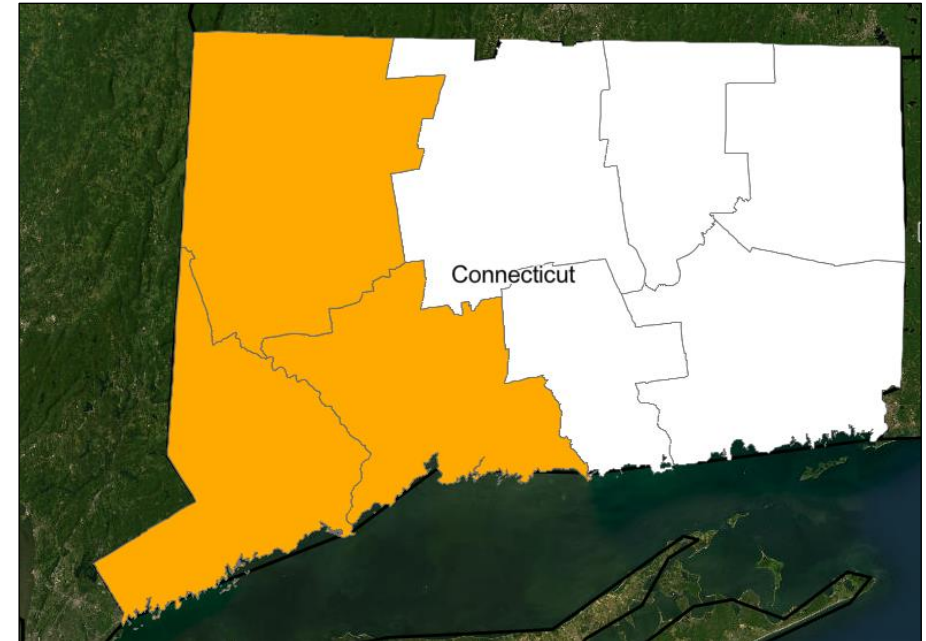
**Incident:** Severe Storm, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides

**Incident Period:** Aug 18-19

**Provides:**

- **IA:** 3 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide

**FCO:** Robert F. Vogel



■ IA



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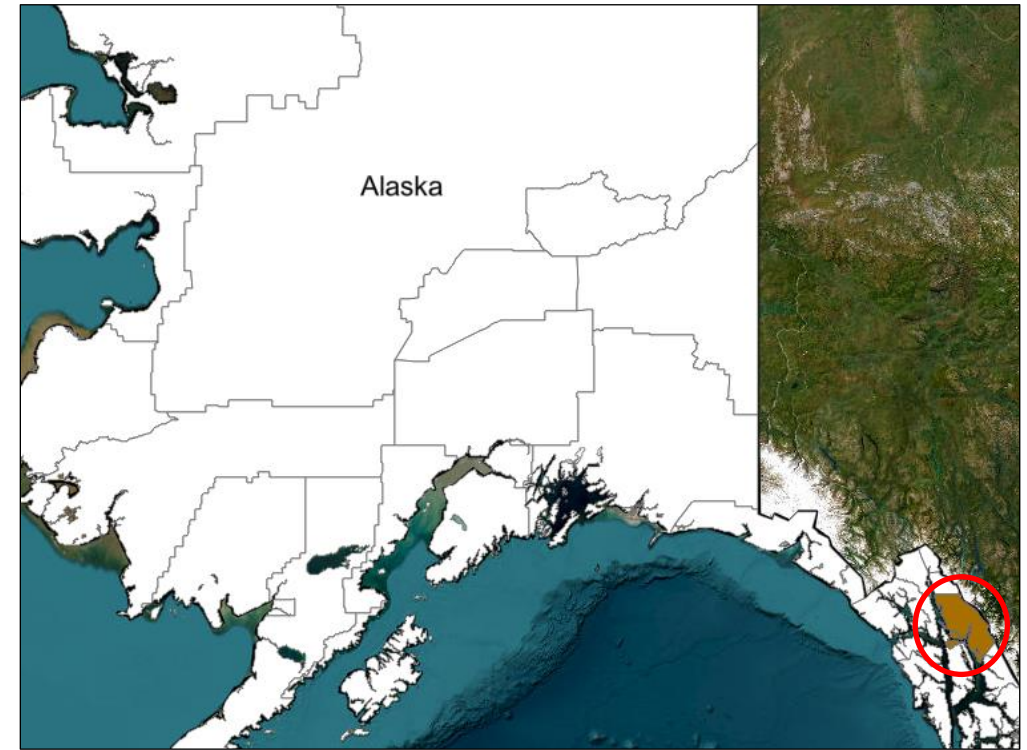
# Declaration Request – Alaska

**Declaration:** Major Disaster Declaration – AK  
**Requested:** Sep 19

**Incident:** Flooding  
**Incident Period:** Aug 5-6

**Requested:**

- **IA/PA:** 1 City/Borough
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



■ IA/PA



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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, 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 – <a href="#">Approved</a>	DR		X	X	Aug 26
IL – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding – <a href="#">Approved</a>	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 – <a href="#">Approved</a>	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 – 16 (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
AK – Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Sep 19

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



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