

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, September 24, 2022

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Post-Tropical Cyclone Fiona – PR
- Tropical Storm Ian Preparations - FL

Hazard Monitoring

- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Post-Tropical Cyclone Fiona; Tropical Storm Gaston; Tropical Storm Hermine, Tropical Storm Ian
 - Disturbance 1: Low (30%)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Newton

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approval: Major Disaster Declaration – Alaska
- Amendment No. 2 to FEMA-4671-DR-PR

Event Monitoring

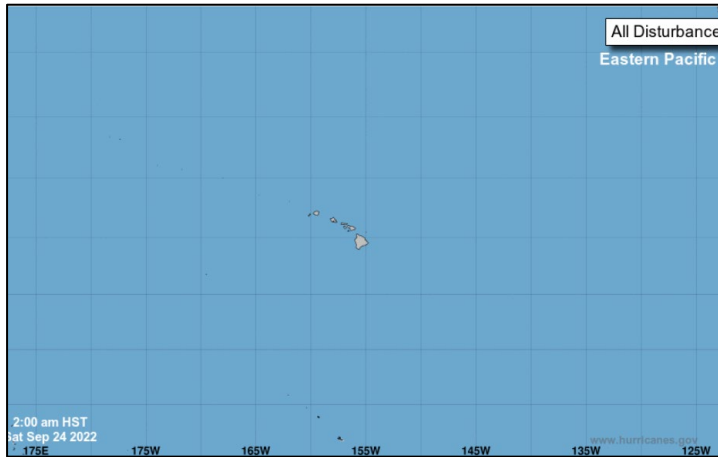
- 77th United Nations General Assembly (NSSE)



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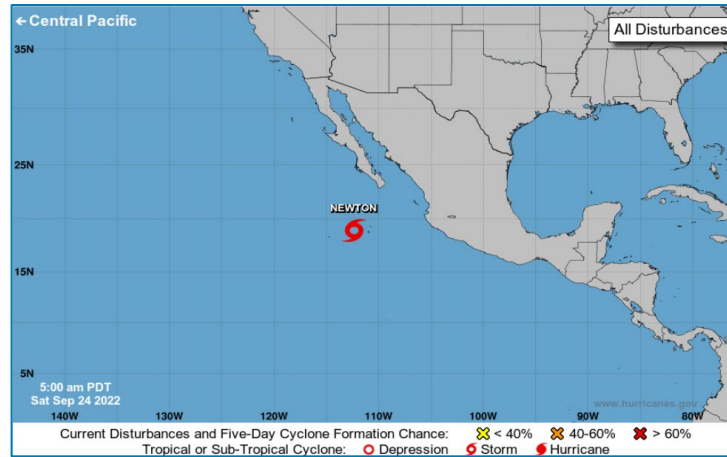
Tropical Outlook – Five Day

Central Pacific



- No tropical cyclones expected during the next 5 days

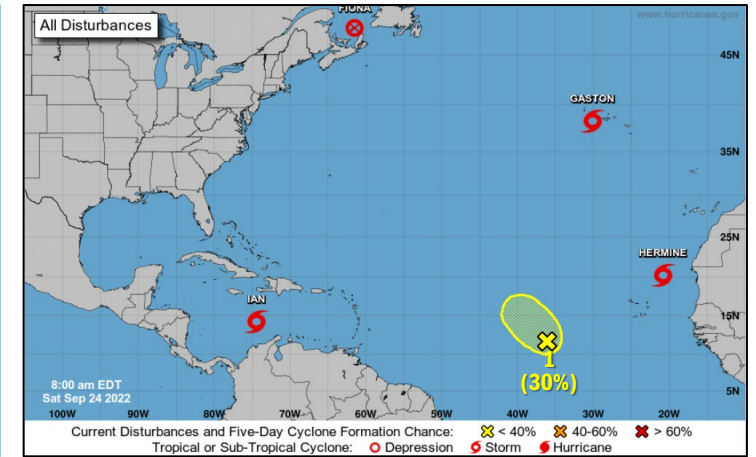
Eastern Pacific



[Tropical Storm Newton](#) (Advisory #11 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 320 miles SSW of southern tip of Baja California, Mexico
- Moving WNW at 9 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 40 mph
- Expected to weaken to a tropical depression later today and degenerate to a remnant low by late Sunday or early Monday
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 45 miles

Atlantic



[Post-Tropical Cyclone Fiona](#) (Advisory #40A; See following slide)

[Tropical Storm Gaston](#) (Advisory #16A; See following slide)

[Tropical Storm Ian](#) (Advisory #5A; See following slide)

[Tropical Storm Hermine](#) (Advisory #4 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- 360 miles NE of the Cabo Verde Islands
- Moving N at 10 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 40 mph
- Weakening is expected to begin tonight, could become a remnant low on Monday
- Tropical storm force winds extend 45 mph

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

- Several hundred miles WSW of the Cabo Verde Islands
- Some slow development is possible over the next several days
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (20%); 5-day: Low (30%)



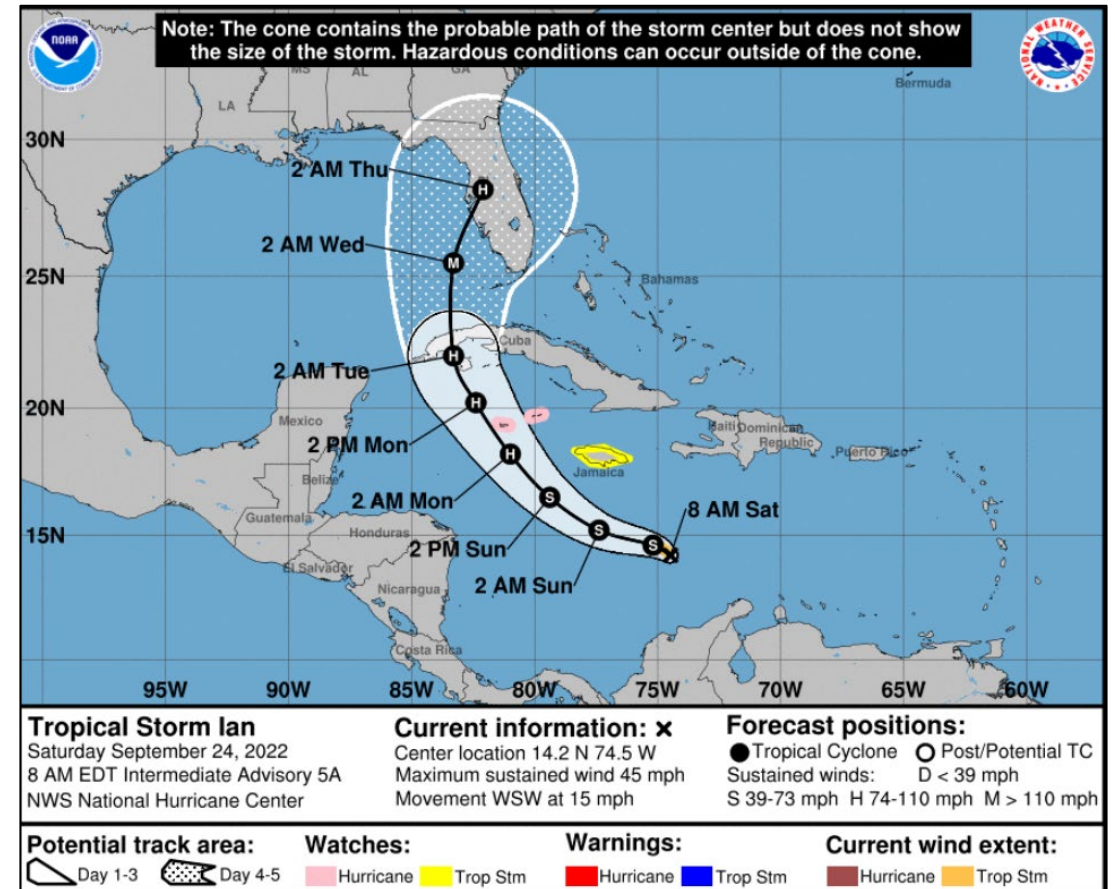
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Tropical Storm Ian – Atlantic

Tropical Storm Ian (Advisory #5A as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 300 miles SSE of Kingston, Jamaica
- Moving WSW at 15 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 45 mph
- Strengthening is forecast during the next few days; expected to become a hurricane late Sunday or Sunday night
- Tropical storm force winds extend 45 miles
- Rainfall: Heavy rains could begin as early as Monday in the FL Keys and south FL; limited flash and urban flooding is possible



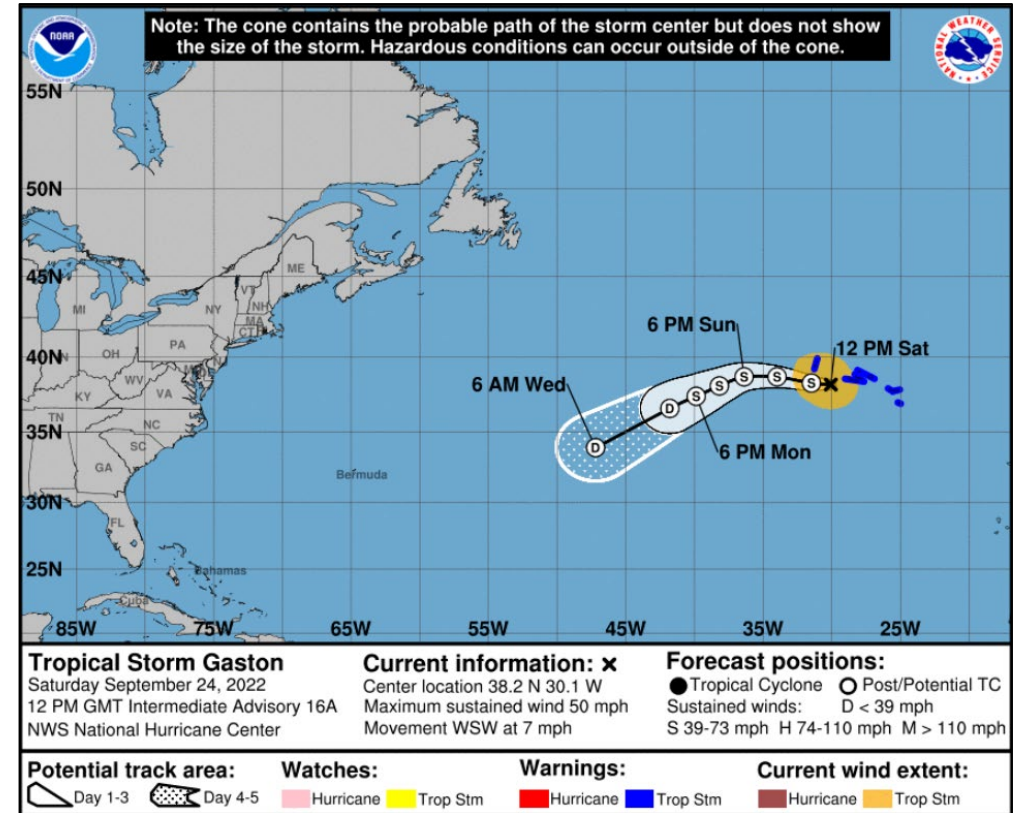
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Tropical Storm Gaston – Atlantic

Tropical Storm Gaston: (Advisory #16A as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 80 miles W of Faial Island in the Central Azores
- Moving WSW at 7 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 50 mph
- Gradual weakening is forecast over the next few days; expected to become a post-tropical cyclone later today
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 175 miles



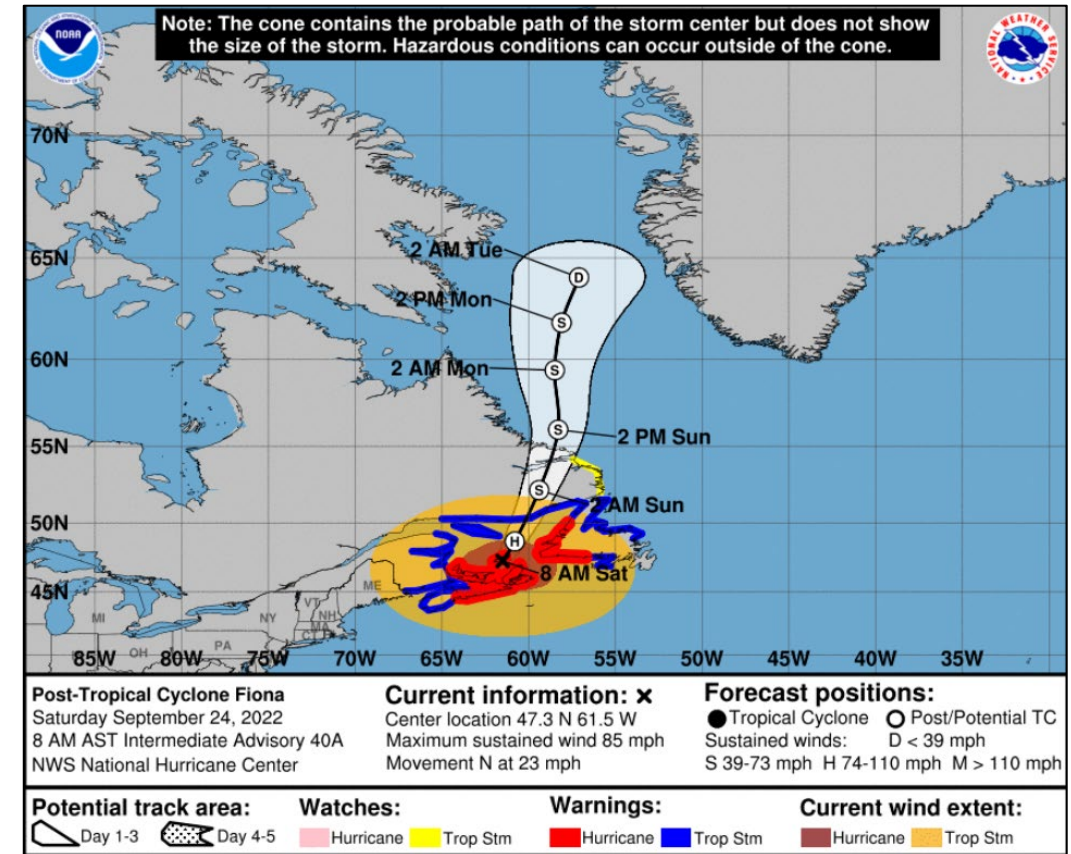
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Post-Tropical Cyclone Fiona – Atlantic

Hurricane Fiona (CAT 1) (Advisory #40A as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 200 miles NE of Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Moving N at 23 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 85 mph
- Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 175 miles; tropical storm force winds extend 405 miles



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Port-Tropical Cyclone Fiona



Current Situation:

Localized urban and small stream flooding will be possible through early this weekend due to a strong tropical disturbance south of Puerto Rico bringing additional rain; accumulations are expected to be less than 2 inches. Soils remain near-saturated from significant amounts of rainfall associated with Hurricane Fiona, so any additional rainfall could quickly lead to runoff and flooding.

Lifeline Impacts: (NRCC SLB, as of 6:00 p.m. ET)

Safety and Security:

PR National Guard and local fire departments continue search and rescue operations

Food, Water, Shelter:

- 27 (-4) shelters open with 324 (-64) occupants in PR (ARC Midnight Shelter Count as of 6:51 a.m. ET)
- 73% of PRASA water customers with service; boil water advisory remains in effect throughout PR

Health and Medical:

- PR: 5 confirmed fatalities
- All hospitals are operational; 45 on grid power, 25 (-15) on generator power in PR

Energy: (DOE SITREP, as of 10:00 a.m. ET, Sep 23)

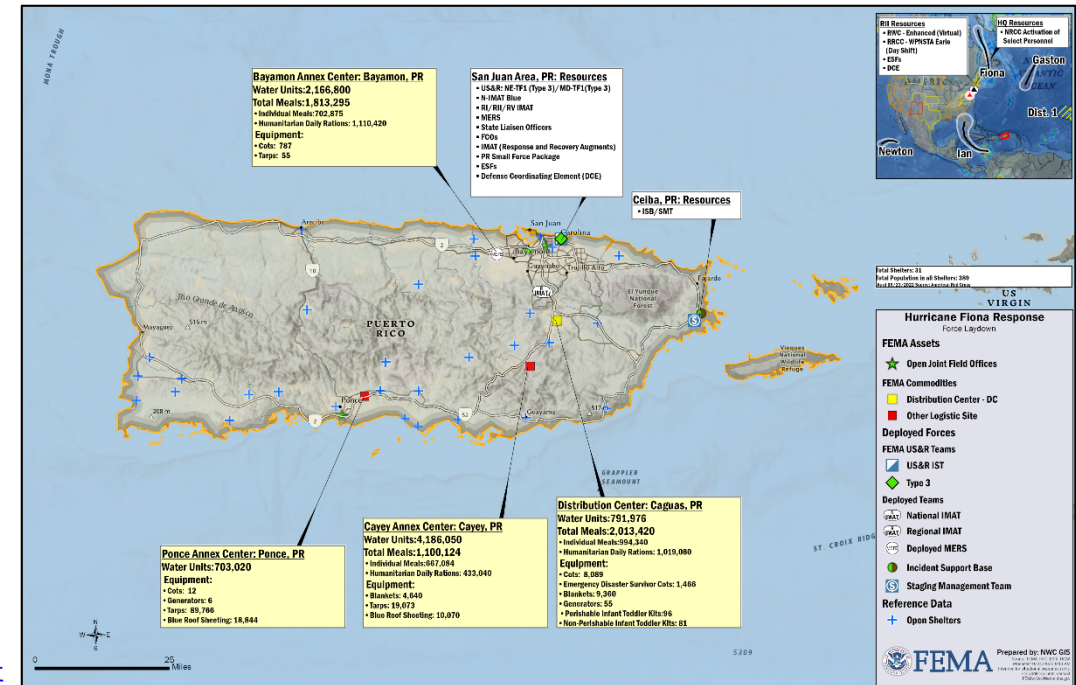
- PR: 936k (-64k) (63% of customers) remain without power

Transportation

- All ports open without restriction
- Airports: Mercedita Airport in Ponce re-opened and remains on generator power; Aguadilla Airport is operating on grid and generator power; all other major airports open and operational

State / Local Response:

- PR EOC at Partial Activation



FEMA / Federal Response:

- NRCC is activated; NWC continues to monitor and provide updates
- Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4671-DR-PR approved Sep 21
- Emergency Declaration FEMA-3583-EM-PR approved Sep 18
- 573 (+66) FEMA responders deployed to PR; 83 supporting virtually; 539 (-26) OFA responders supporting
- National IMAT Blue deployed to PR
- US&R MD-TF1, NE-TF1; White IST is redeploying to Region IV
- ISB, SMT and MERS deployed to PR
- Region II RRCC at Level III (day shift)
- Regions I, II, and V IMATs deployed to PR

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Tropical Storm Ian – Preparations

Current Situation:

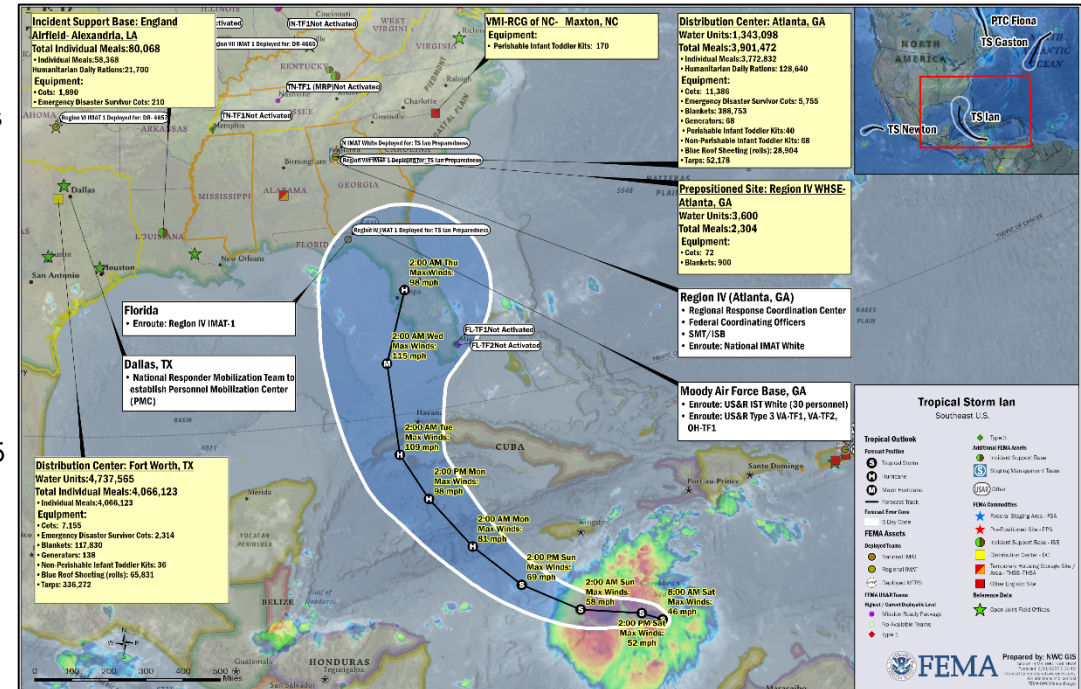
Tropical Storm Ian is forecast to become a hurricane late Sunday or Sunday night and is forecast to approach the Florida peninsula at or near major hurricane strength. Significant impacts from storm surge, hurricane force winds and heavy rainfall are possible. Heavy rains could begin as early as Monday in the Florida Keys and south Florida.

State / Local Response:

- FL EOC at Normal Operations; Governor declared a state of emergency

FEMA / Federal Response:

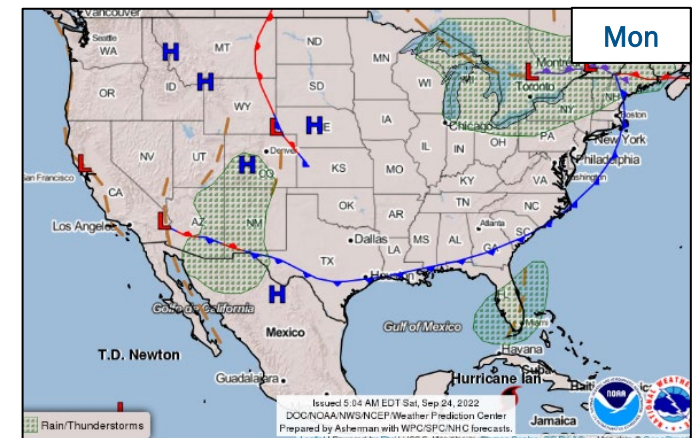
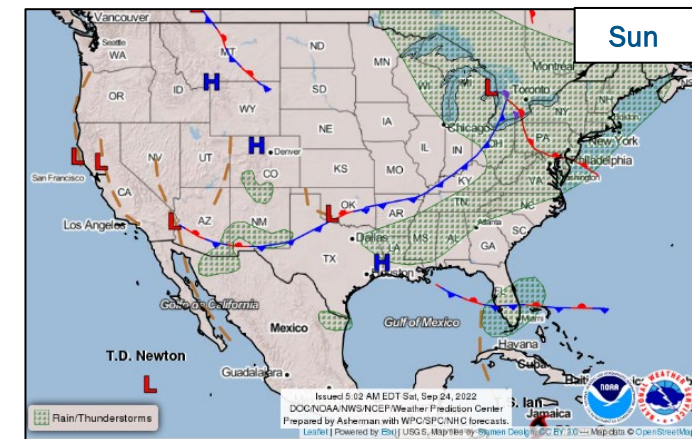
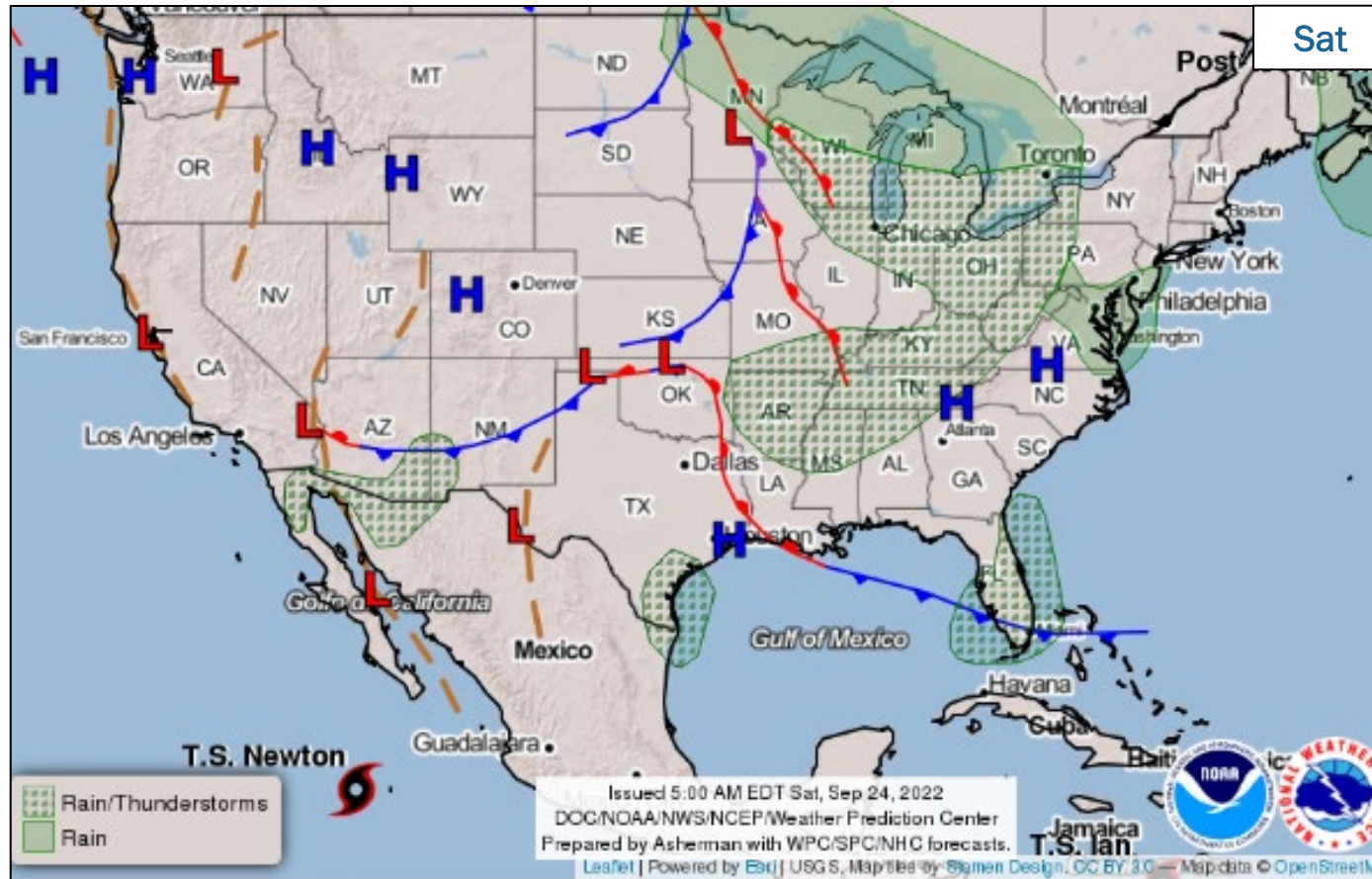
- Region IV:
 - RWC is at Enhanced Watch (day shift) through September 24
 - RRCC will activate at Level III, day shift, with all ESFs and DCE on September 25
 - Region IV IMAT-1 is deploying to FL
 - Region VIII IMAT is deploying to Region IV (Atlanta, GA)
- HQ:
 - NRCC is Activated (day shift) for TC Fiona
 - National IMAT White is deploying to Region IV (Atlanta, GA)
 - Three Type 3 US&R teams (VA-TF1, VA-TF2, OH-TF1) and White IST are deploying to Moody AFB Georgia
 - National Responder Mobilization team is deploying to Dallas, TX to establish a Personnel Mobilization Center (PMC)
 - NWC continues to monitor and provide updates



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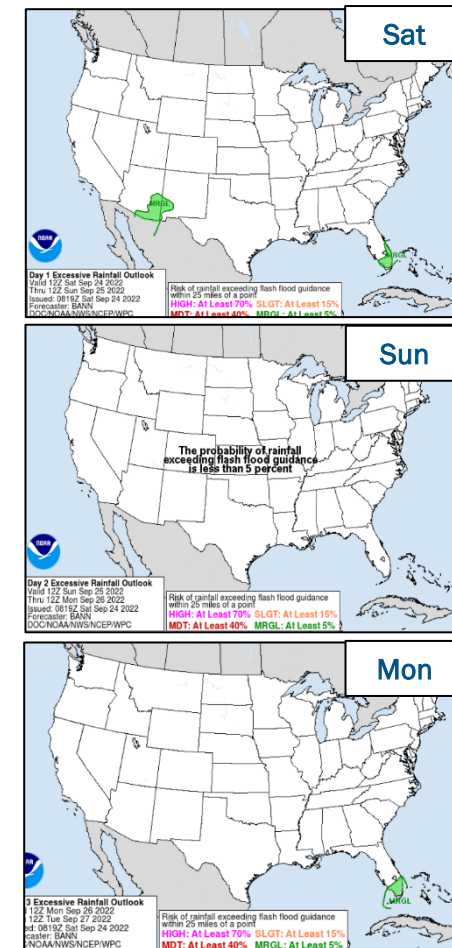
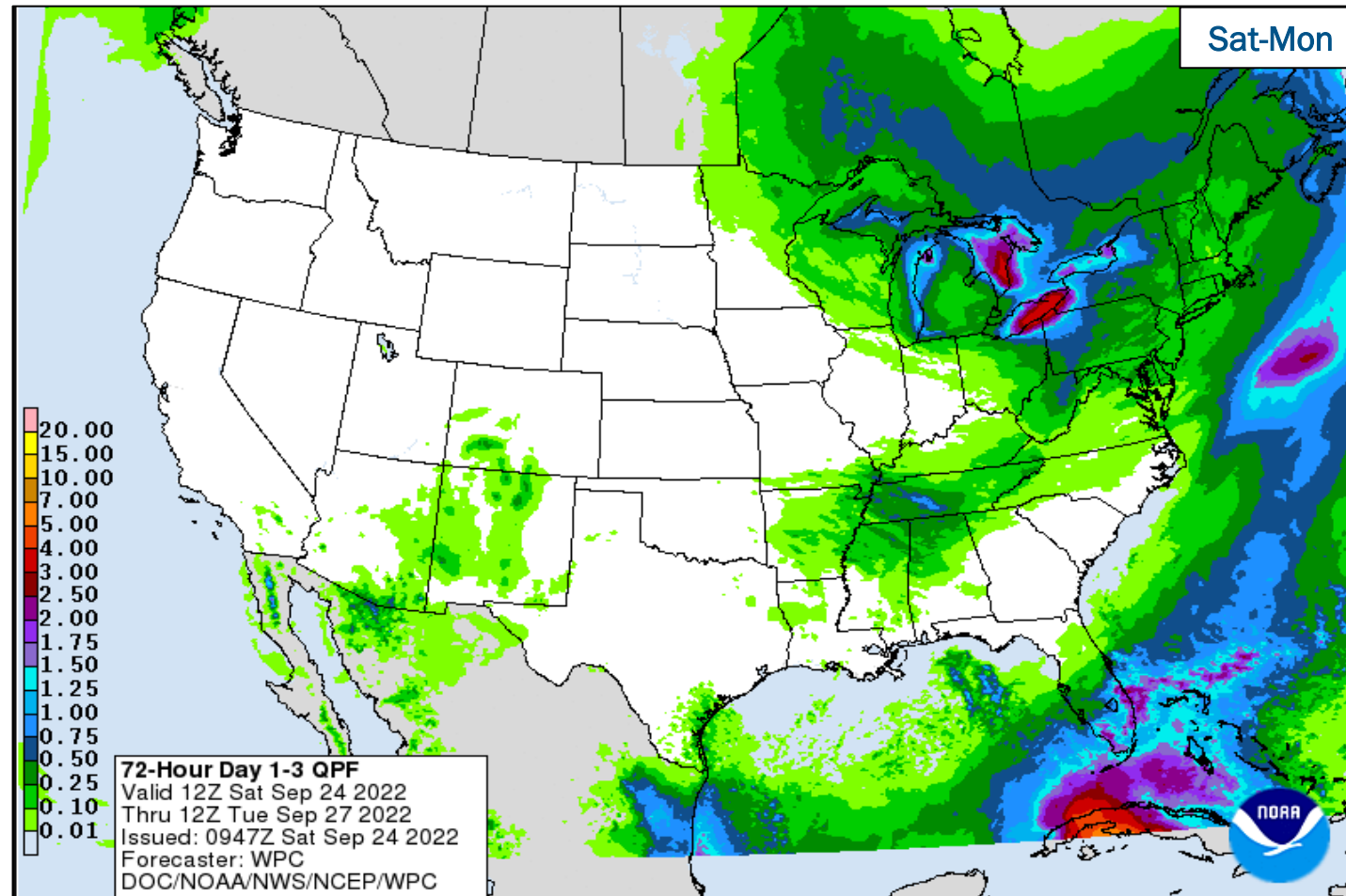
National Weather Forecast



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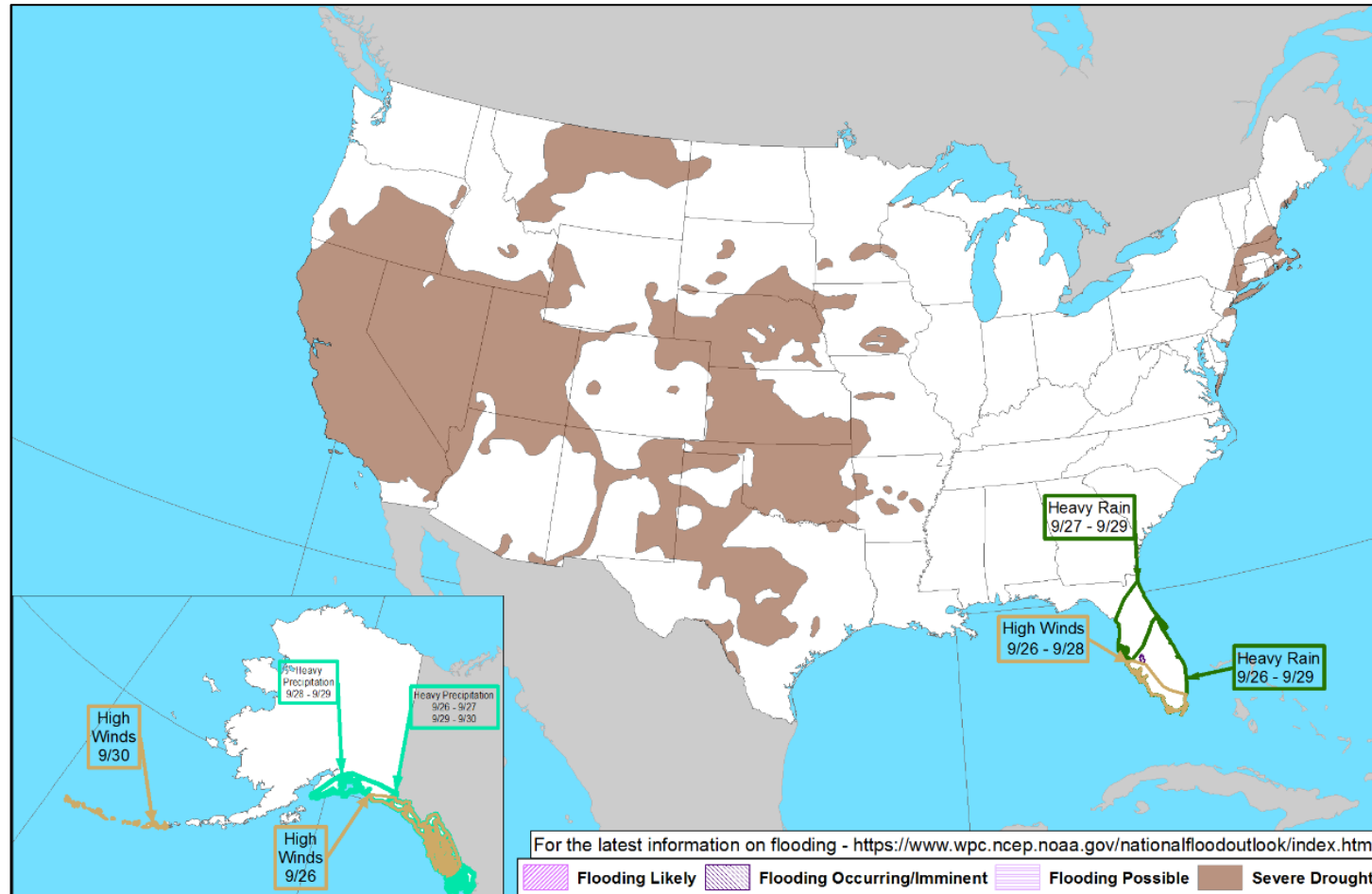
Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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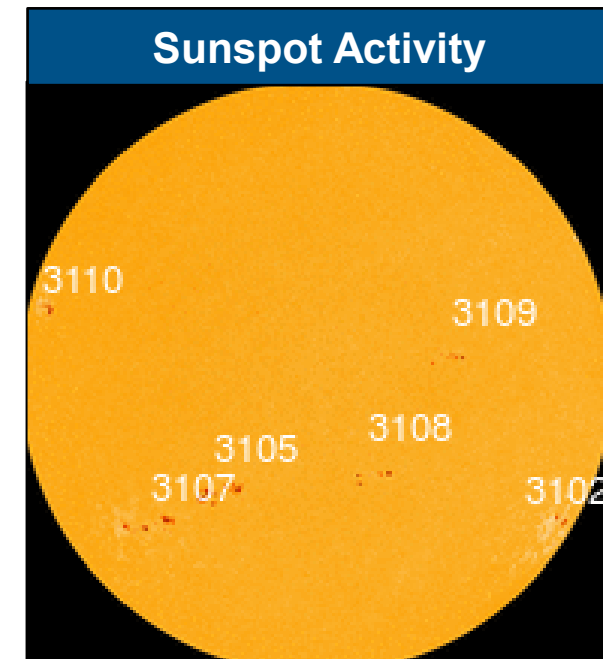
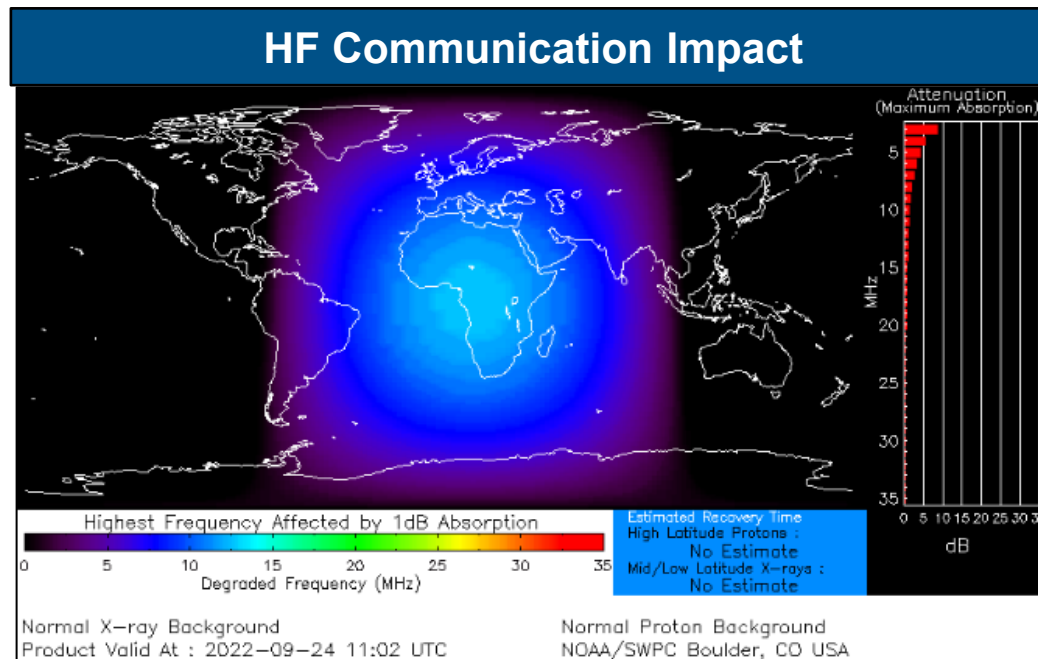
Hazards Outlook – Sep 26-30



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Space Weather Outlook

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

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Joint Field
Offices

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Virtual Joint
Field Offices

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Major
Disasters

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Emergency
Declarations

Saturday
September 24, 2022
8:00 a.m. ET

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NWC
Monitoring

NRCC
Activated

FEMA REGIONS

Watch

RRCC

Monitoring	I	Rostered
Monitoring	II	Level III
Monitoring	III	Rostered
Enhanced	IV	Rostered
Monitoring	V	Rostered
Monitoring	VI	Rostered
Monitoring	VII	Rostered
Monitoring	VIII	Rostered
Monitoring	IX	Rostered
Enhanced	X	Rostered

Notes:

RWCs/RRCCs: • Region II RRCC: TC Fiona • NRCC: TC Fiona • Region IV RWC: TC Ian	STATE EDCs: • NJ: Remnants of Ida, Monkey Pox, Avian Flu • GA: Supply Chain Disruptions • IL: SW Border Bus Reception • KS: All Hazards • GA/KY/MN/MS/MT/NM/ : Flooding • CO: Avian Influenza • WA: Monkeypox, Wildfires • AZ/CO/NM: Wildfires • AS: Seismic Activity • TN: Severe Weather • MS: Jackson Water Crisis • AK: West Coast Storms • PR: TS Fiona
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Surge Capacity Force

Rostered Members: 7,511

N-IMATs

2-4 Teams Available

Red

White

Blue

Gold

PR

R-IMATs

4 - 6 Teams Available

I

II

III

IV-1

IV-2

V

VI-1

VI-2

VII

VIII

IX-1

IX-2

X

PR

PR

FL

PR

OK

MO

1

Personnel

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Fully Mission Capable (FMC)
Partially Mission Capable (PMC)
Not Mission Capable (NMC)
Deployed

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN			
	JFO/VJFO	DR	EM
I	3/0	9	1
II	3/3	6	4
III	1/0	1	0
IV	1/1	4	2
V	1/0	3	0
VI	2/1	4	3
VII	2/1	5	0
VIII	1/1	5	0
IX	0/1	6	0
X	2/1	14	0



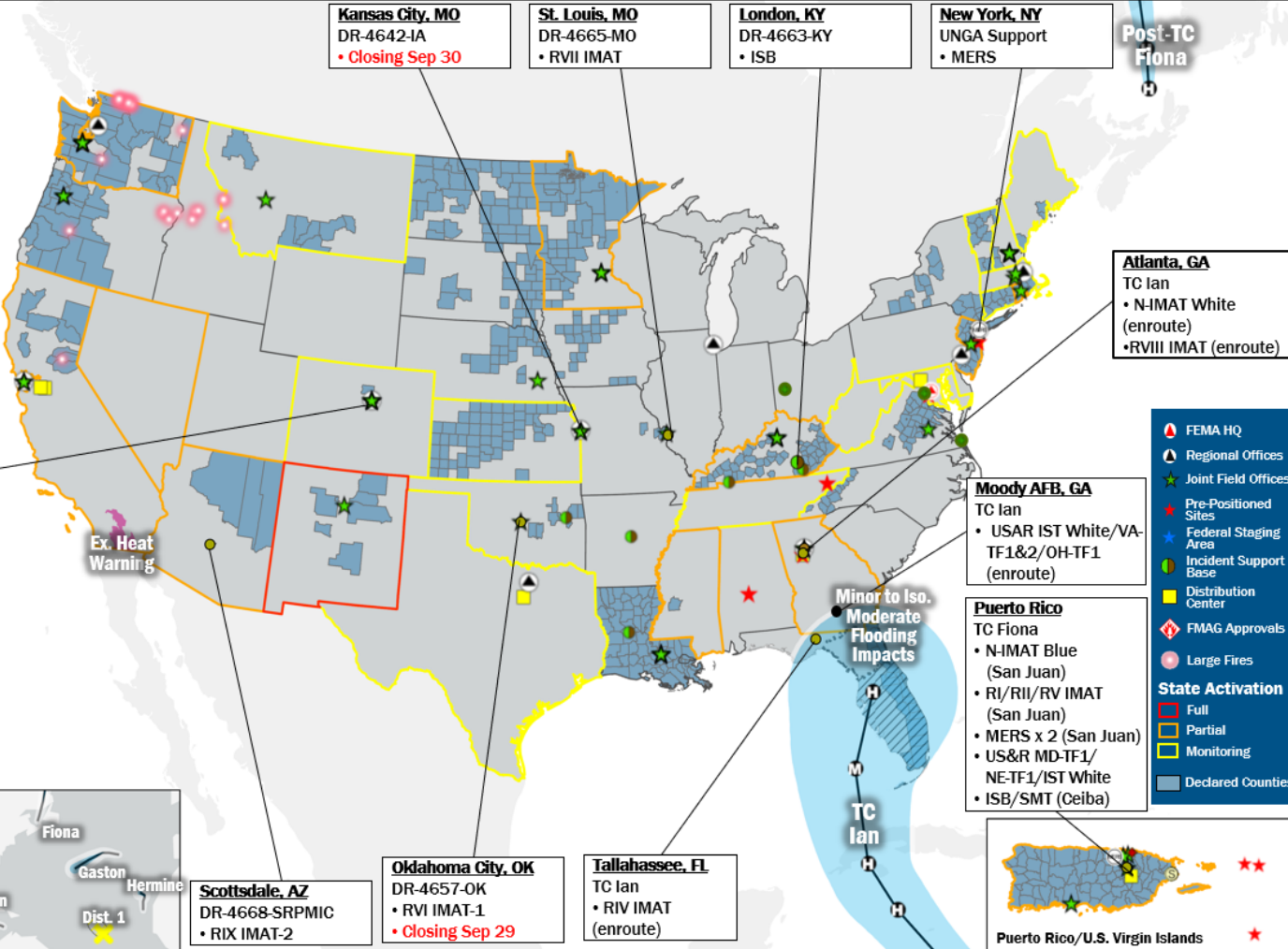
Anchorage, AK
DR-4672-AK
• RX IMAT
• MERS



Denver, CO
DR-4634-CO
• Closing Sep 30



Pago Pago, AS
Volcano Vailulu'u
• MERS



- FEMA HQ
- Regional Offices
- Joint Field Offices
- Pre-Positioned Sites
- Federal Staging Area
- Incident Support Base
- Distribution Center
- FMAG Approvals
- Large Fires
- State Activation
 - Full
 - Partial
 - Monitoring
- Declared Counties

IM Workforce

13,474 (-6) Assigned
4,051 (-14) Unavailable
5,316 (+35) Deployed

30% (-1) / 4,107 (-27) Available

IM Cadre Availability

≤ 25% Availability
Civil Rights: 9% (10/114); Disability Integration: 16% (10/63); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 24% (203/858); Field Leadership: 16% (23/140); Hazard Mitigation: 17% (227/1,304); Human Resources: 22% (38/174); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 12% (34/285); Operations: 22% (80/366); Public Assistance: 18% (406/2,311); Planning: 13% (62/487); Safety: 22% (17/76)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned
0 Unavailable
3 Deployed

33 Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned
0 Unavailable
5 (+3) Deployed

23 (-3) Available

FCO

≤ 1 Type I

51 Assigned
1 Unavailable
38 (-1) (23 FCO) Deployed

12 (+1) Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
III	WV	Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 12-13	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	8/26 – TBD
		Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 12 – Aug 15	IA	2	0	TBD
			PA	7	0	TBD
VI	NM	Monsoons Jun 20 and continuing	IA	17	0	TBD
			PA	17	0	6/22 – TBD
VIII	UT	Summer Flash Flooding Aug 19-21	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	2	2 (+2)	9/20 – 9/22



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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-4671-DR-PR	2	Sep 22	Adds 5 municipalities for Individual Assistance

Declaration Approval – Alaska

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4672-DR-Alaska
Requested: Sep 20, 2022

Date Approved: Sep 23, 2022

Incident: Severe Storm, Flooding, and Landslides

Incident Period: Sep 15 to 20, 2022

Requested:

- **IA/PA:** 4 Regional Educational Attendance Areas (REAA)
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide
- **FCO:** Timothy B. Manner



■ IA/PA



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Declaration Requests in Process – 3

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
IL – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X		X	Aug 30
VA – Flooding and Mudslides	DR	X	X	X	Sep 9
OR – Wildfires and Straight-line Winds	EM		X		Sep 9
AK – Severe Storm, Flooding, and Landslides - APPROVED	DR	X	X	X	Sep 20



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