

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Tropical Storm Helene – Southeast

Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Southeast
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Tropical Storm Helene
 - Disturbance 1: High (80%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (20%)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Disturbance 1: High (70%)
 - Central Pacific:
 - Disturbance 1: Low (10%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approval: Emergency Declaration – FL
- Approval: Major Disaster Declaration – GA
- Approval: Major Disaster Declaration – NE
- Approval: Major Disaster Declaration – Conf. Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
- Approval: Major Disaster Declaration – KS
- Approval: Major Disaster Declaration – NY

Event Monitoring

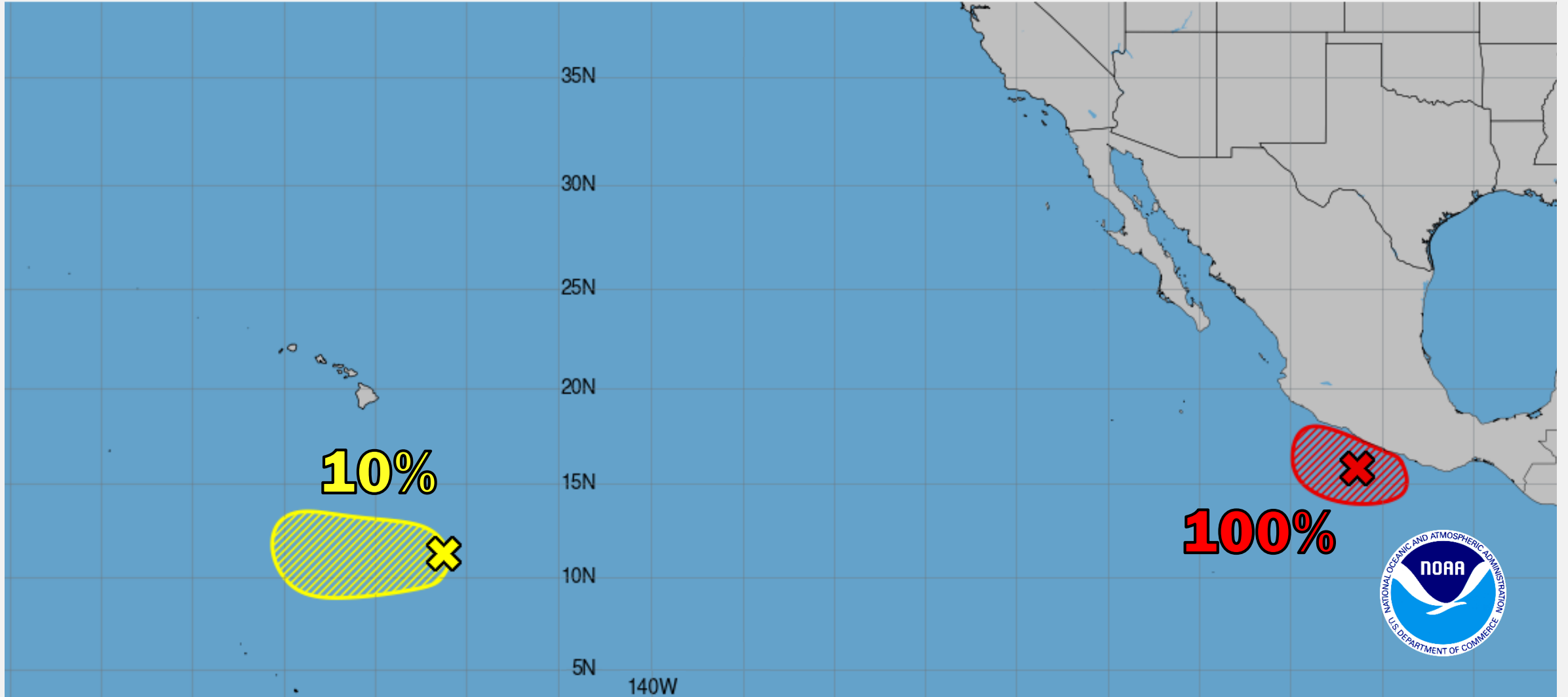
- 79th United Nations General Assembly – NY



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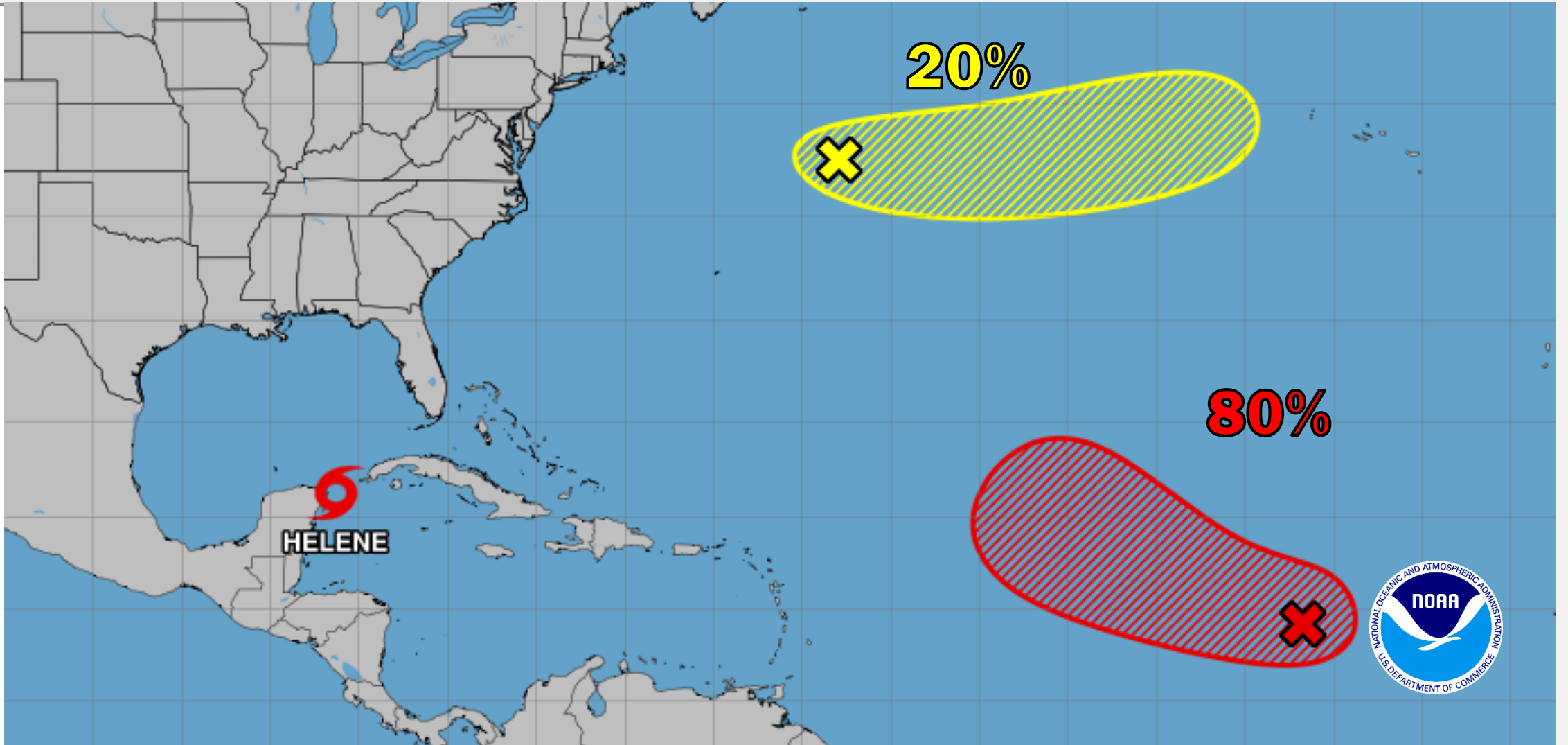
Pacific Overview

TROPICAL OUTLOOK



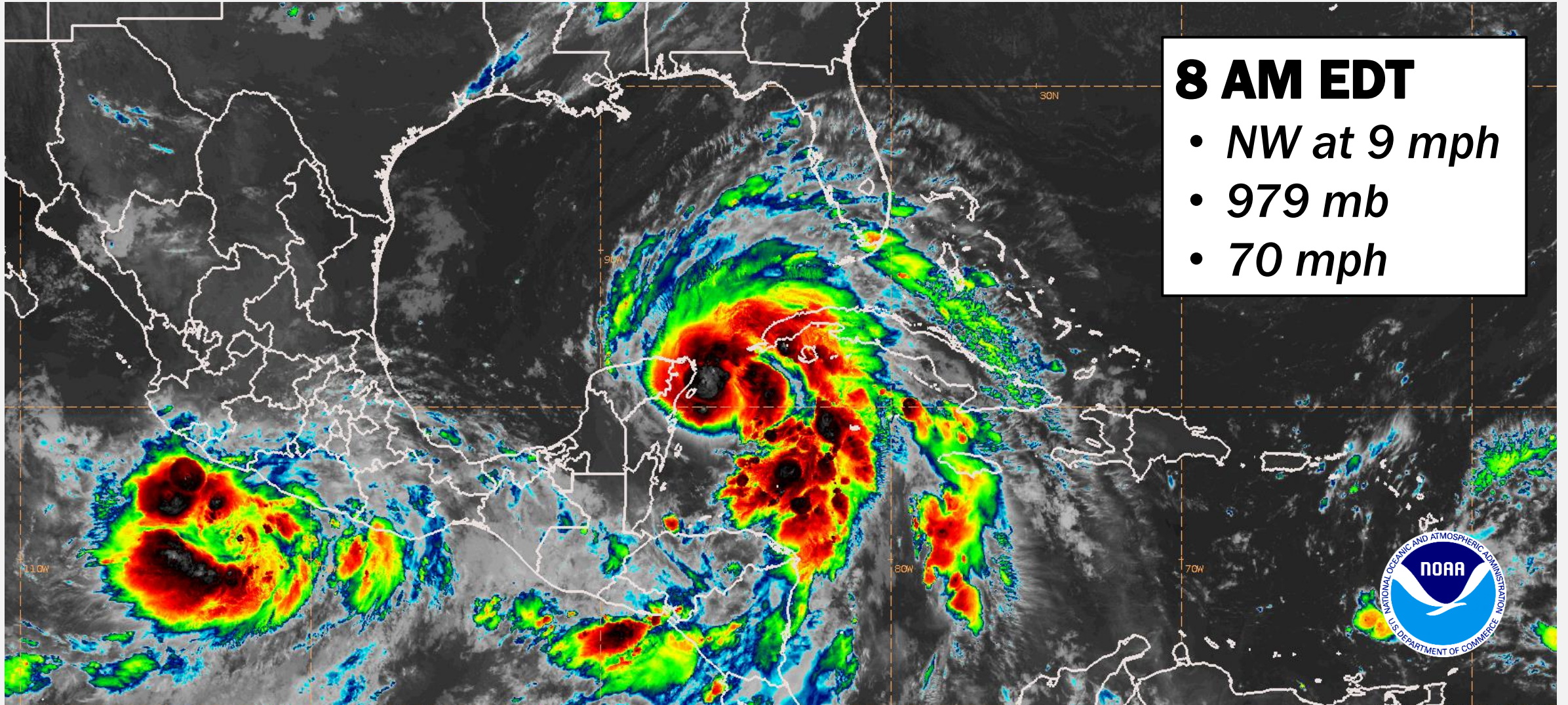
Atlantic Overview

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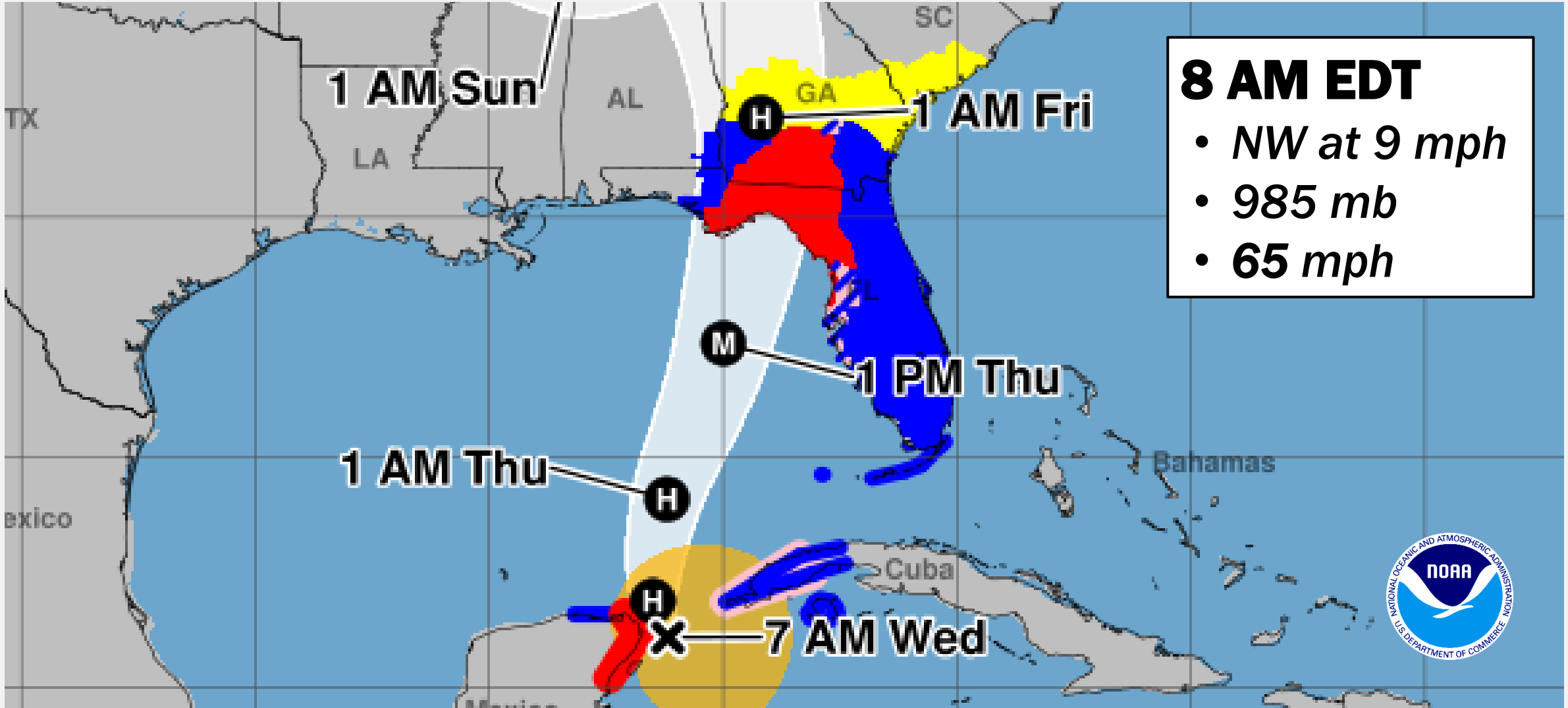
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SATELLITE LOOP



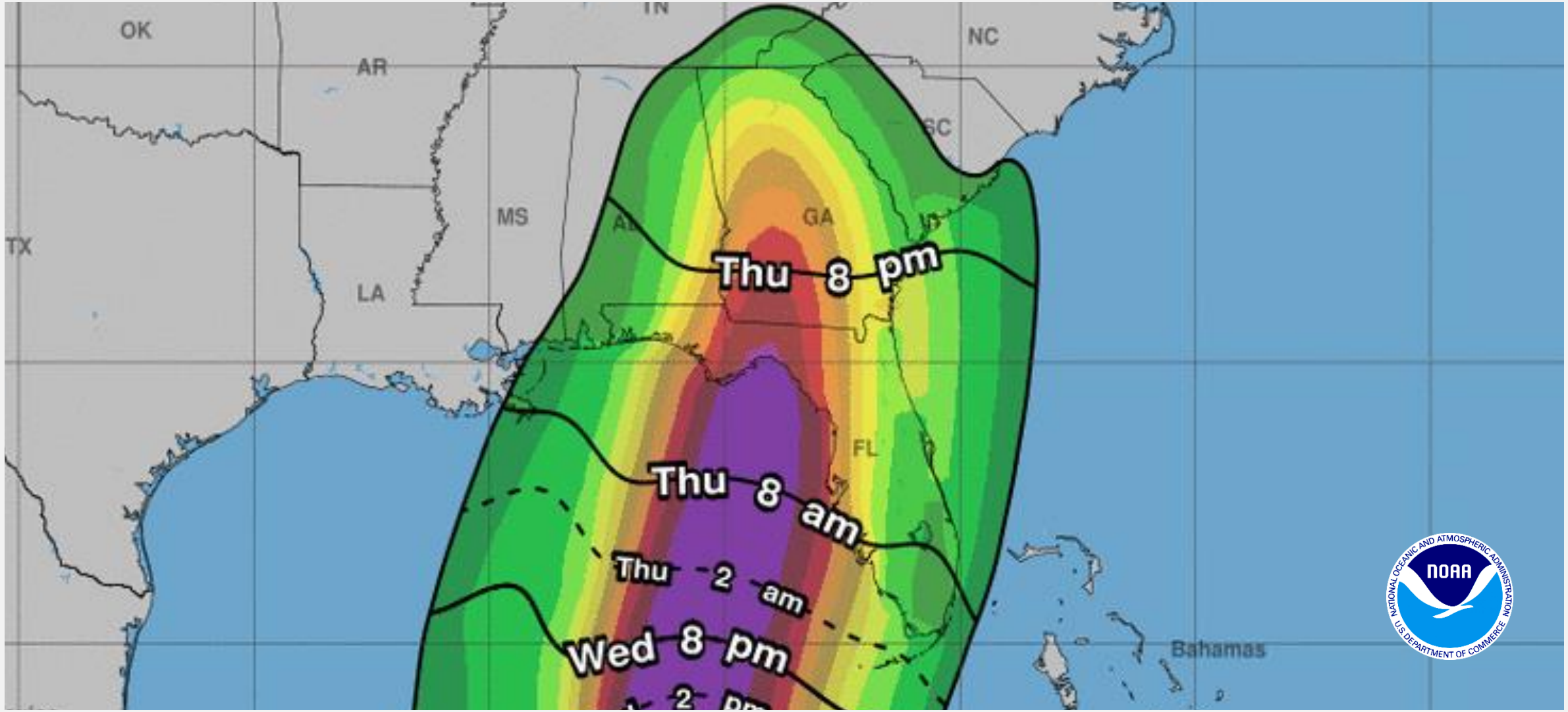
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FORECAST TRACK



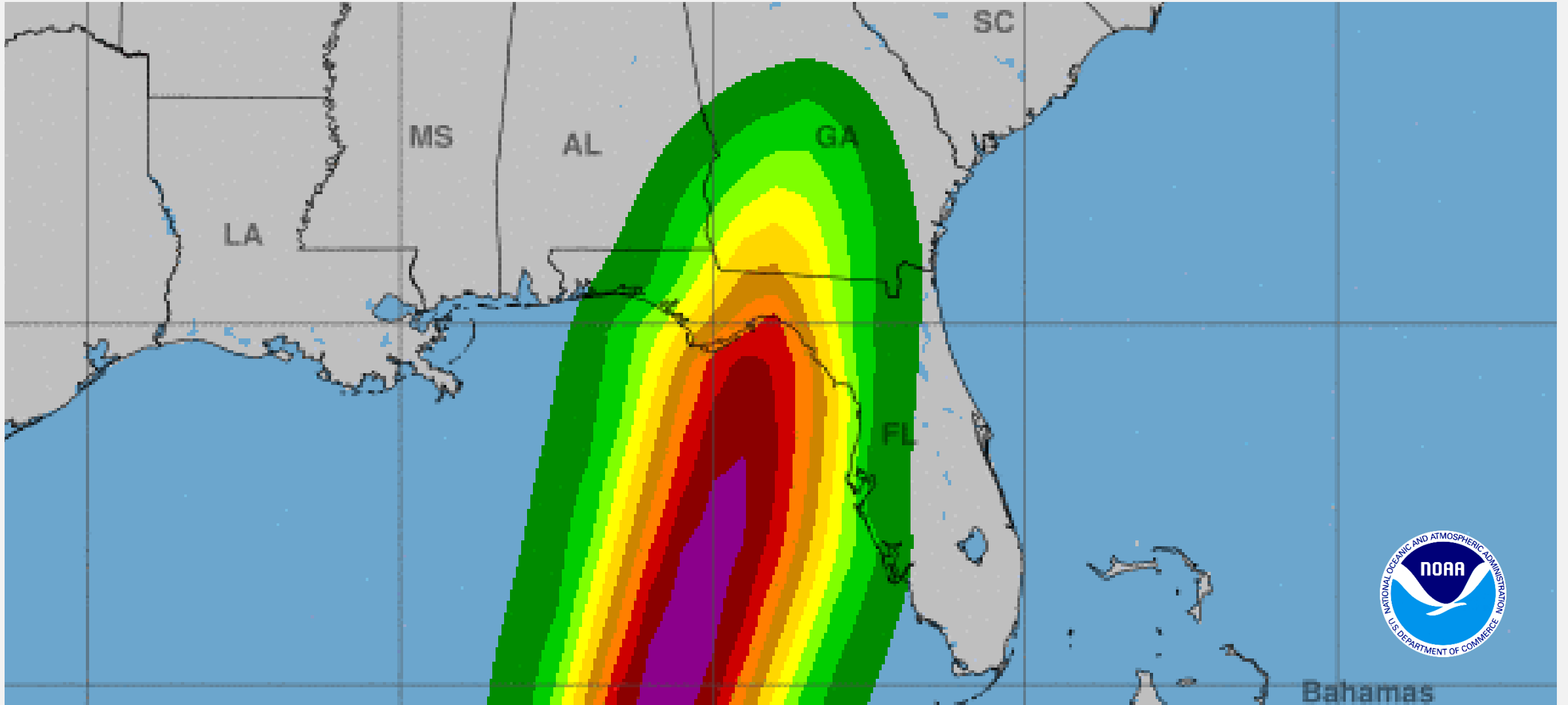
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MOST LIKELY ARRIVAL OF TS WINDS



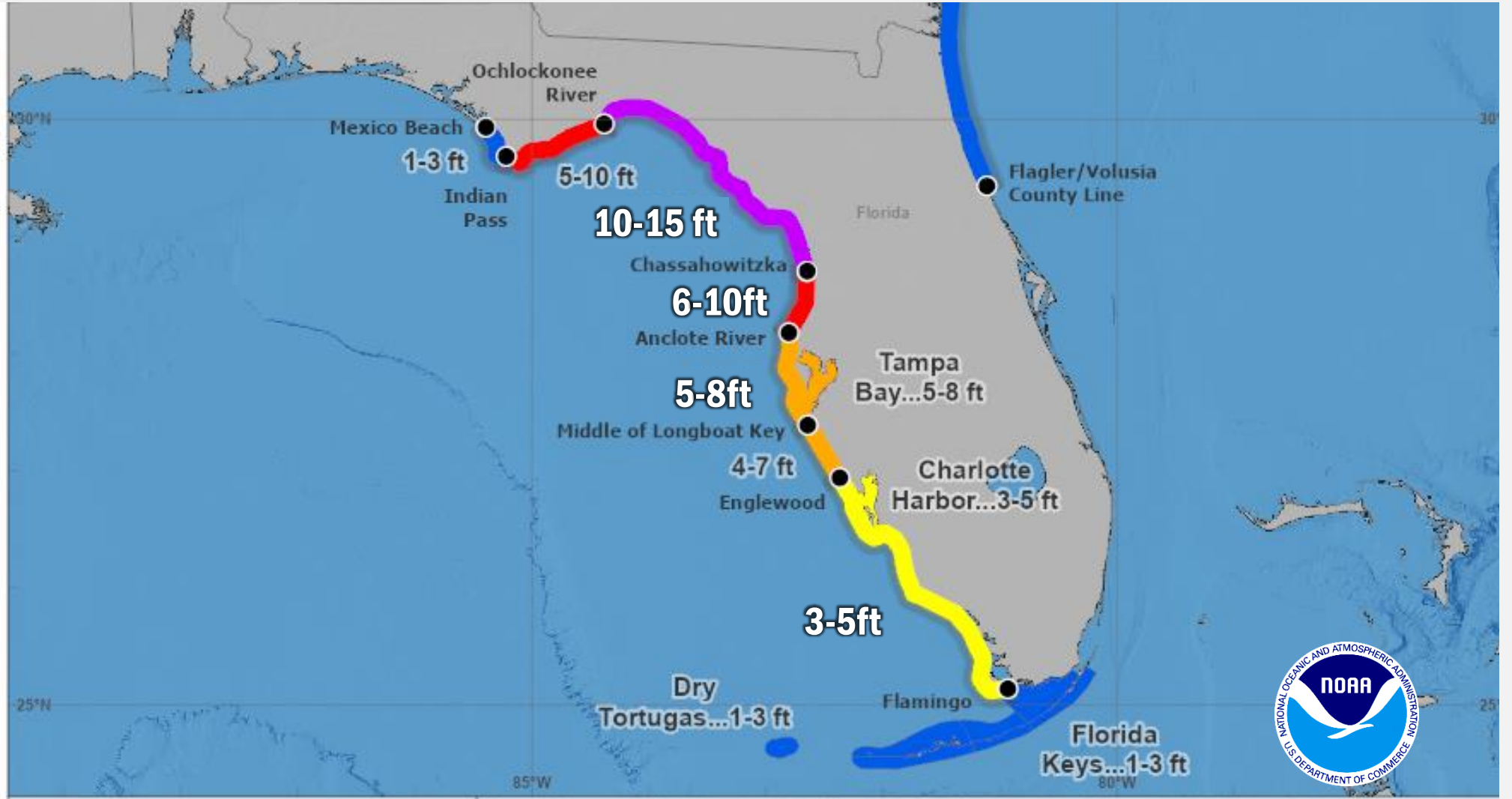
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STRONG TS WIND PROBABILITIES



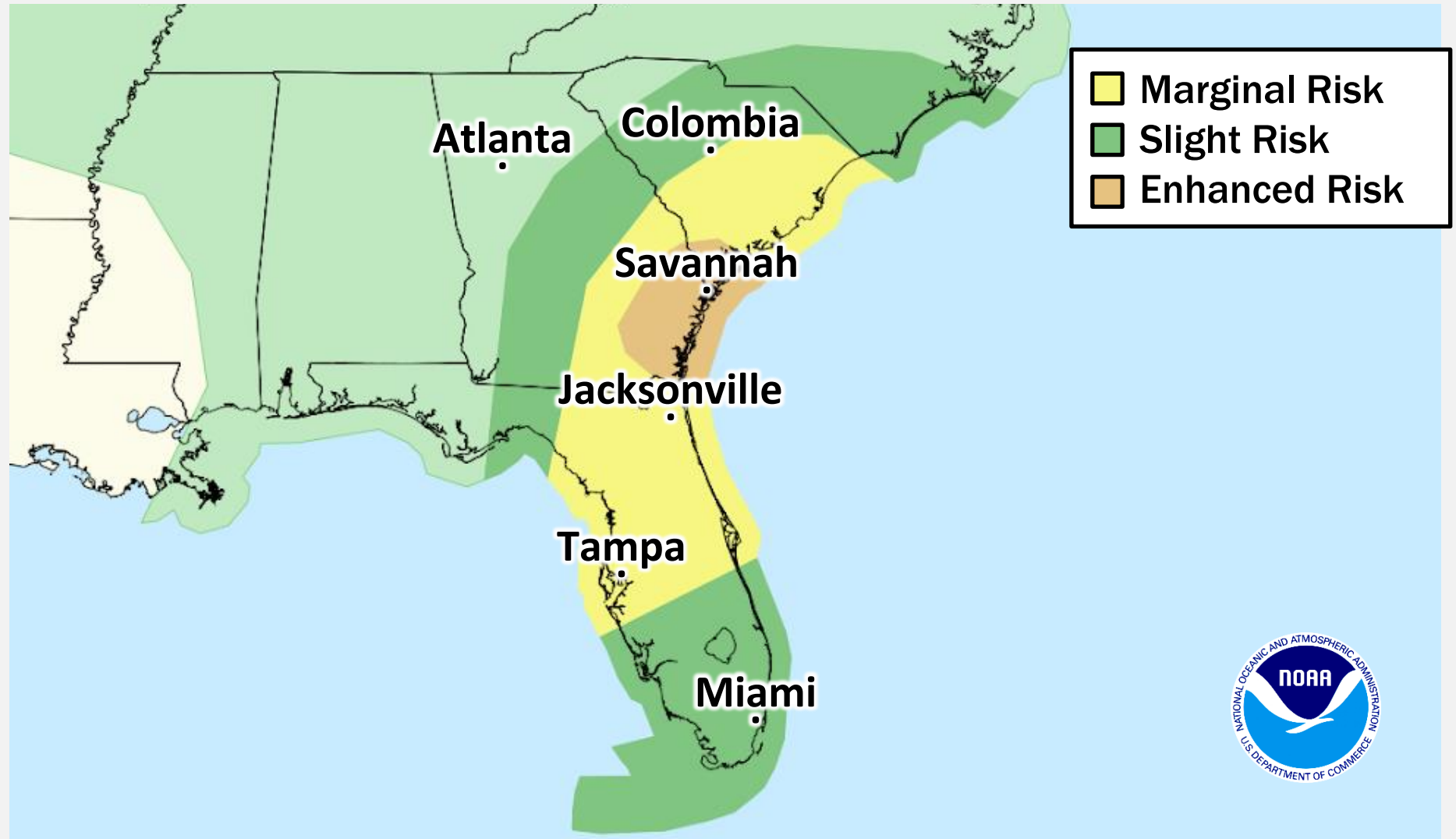
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PEAK STORM SURGE FORECAST



Tropical Storm Helene

SEVERE WEATHER OUTLOOK THURSDAY

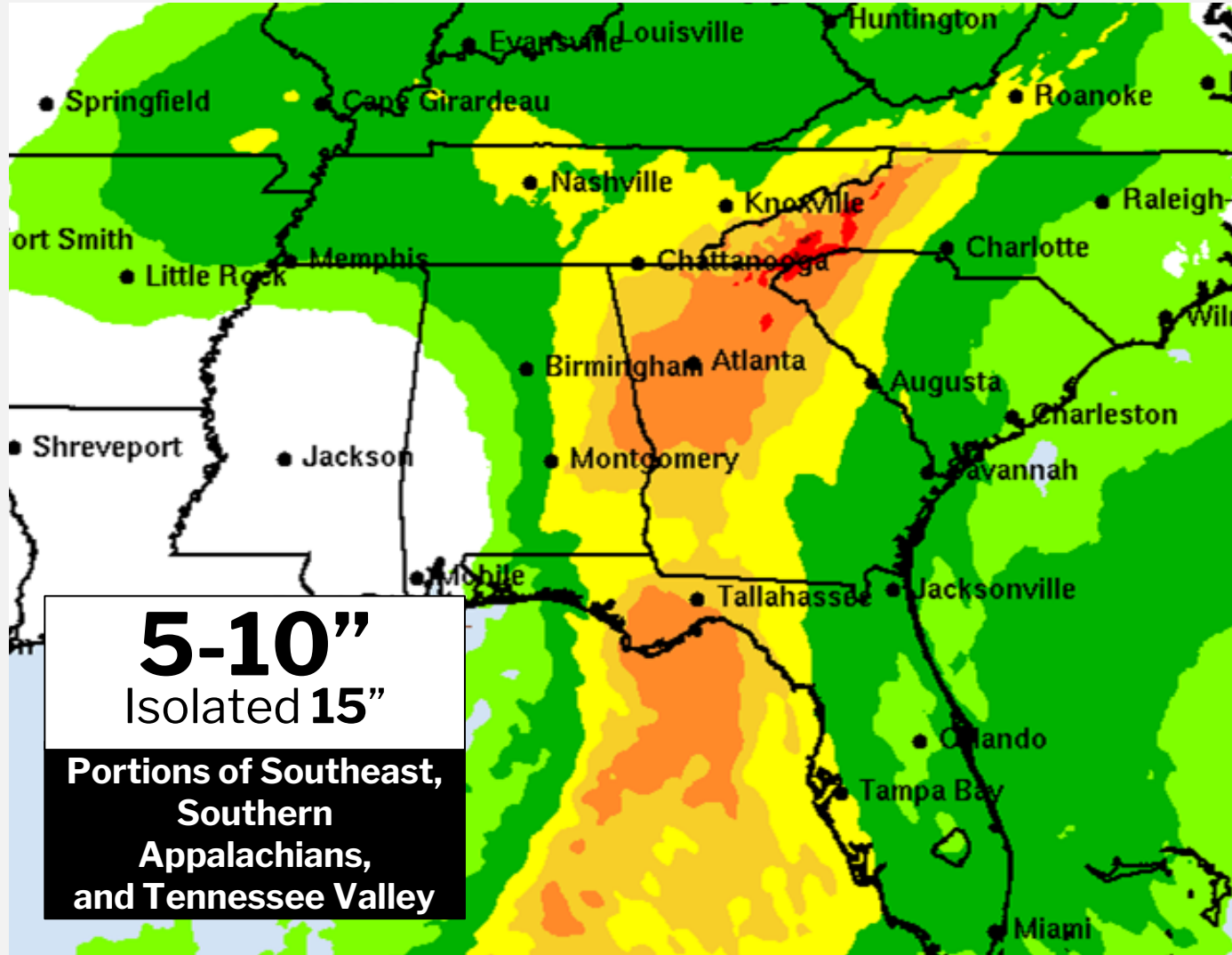
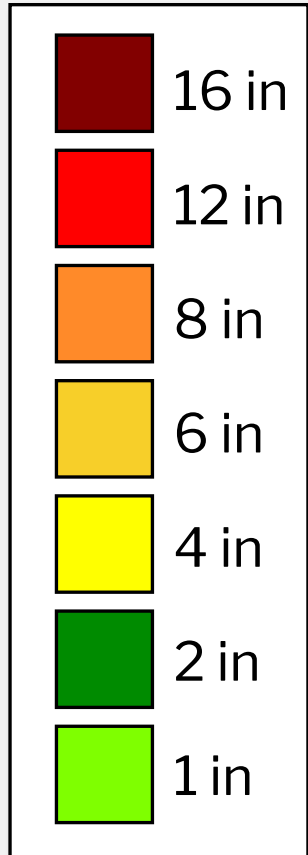


Helene

NWS Weather Prediction Center
Updated 6 AM EDT, Wednesday September 25



5 DAY RAINFALL



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FLASH FLOOD RISK *valid through Monday, 8 AM EDT*

Risk of Flash Flooding

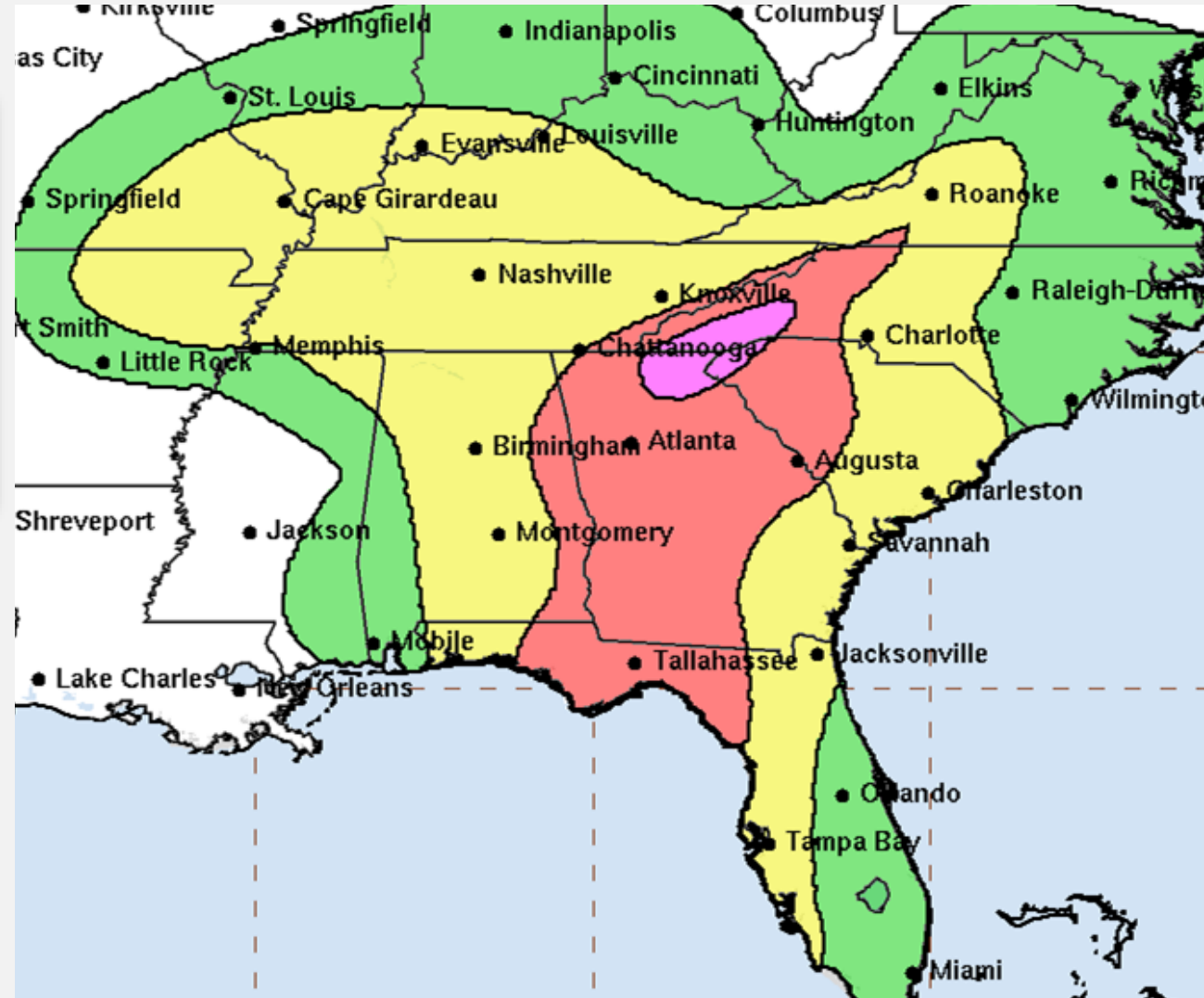
Marginal

Moderate

Slight

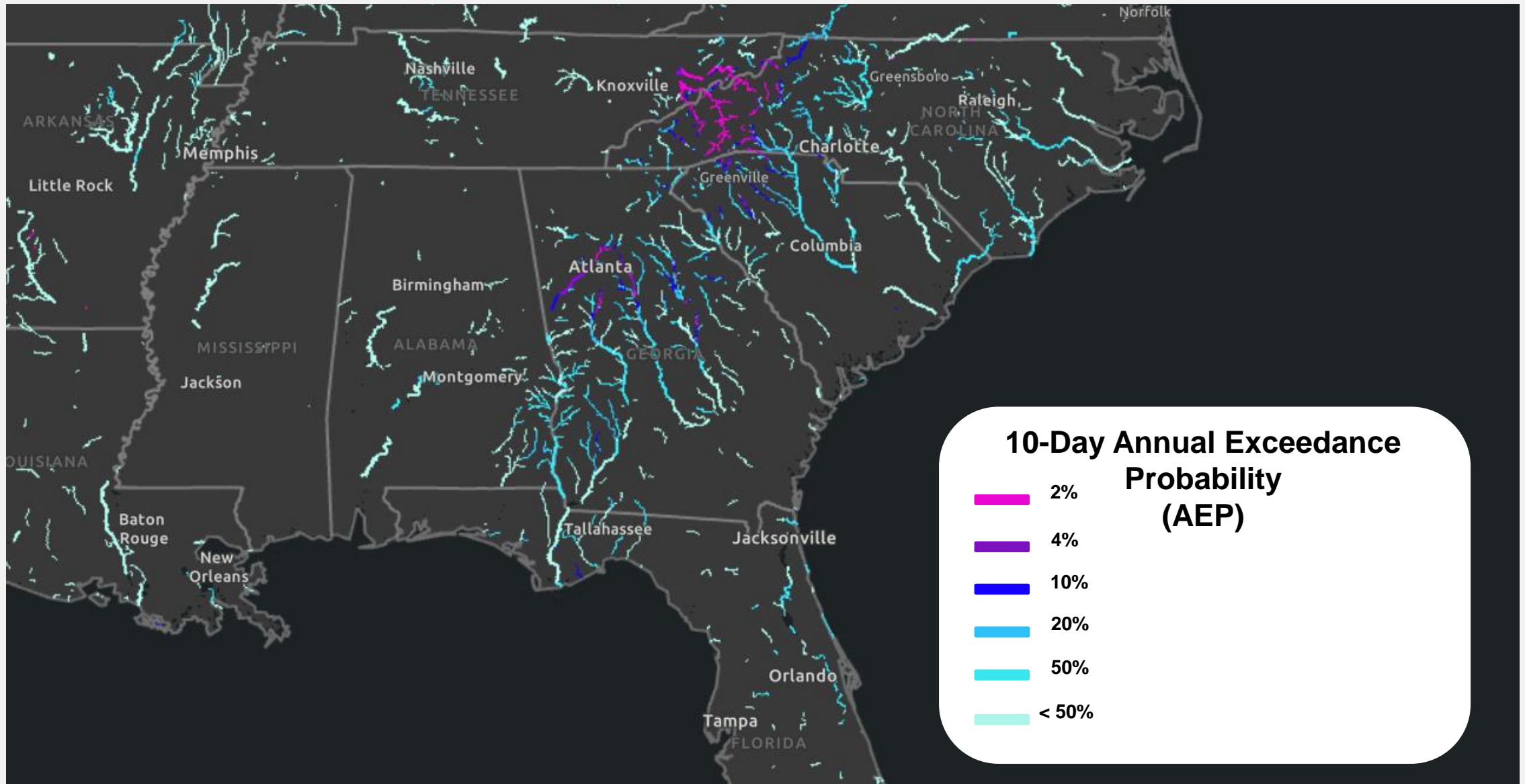
High

Considerable and potentially life-threatening flash and urban flooding is expected across portions of Florida, the Southeast, southern Appalachians, and the Tennessee Valley



Tropical Storm Helene

NWM – 10-Day High Flow Magnitude Forecast



Tropical Storm Helene – Southeast



Situation: Tropical Storm Helene in the Atlantic is forecast to impact the Southeast. FEMA Region IV and FEMA Headquarters are actively preparing and pre-staging resources to support.

Lifelines: (FEMA RIV SLB, as of 3:00 p.m. ET, Sep 24)

Safety & Security: Evacuation orders are in effect

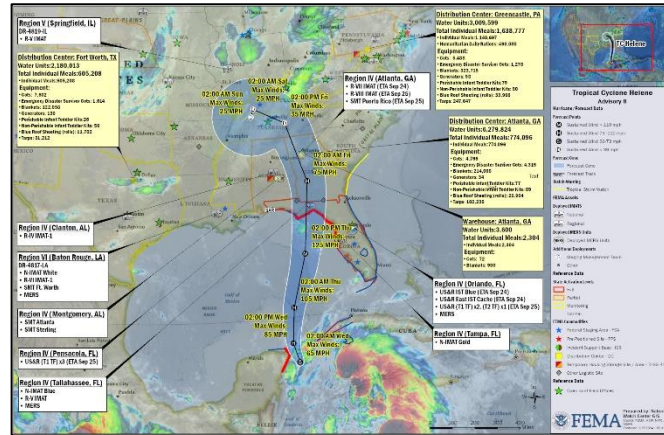
- **FL:**
 - Multiple counties are under evacuation orders with school closures
 - 7 state US&R teams on standby
 - 5 counties with mandatory evacuations (Gulf, Franklin, Taylor, Manatee, and Charlotte); 2 counties with voluntary evacuations (Gadsden and Sarasota)

Health & Medical: FL: 2 Health and Medical task Forces (HMTFs) and 2 Healthcare Site Assessment Teams (HCSATs) staging in Jacksonville

Energy: FL: Local power providers have staged approximately 19k emergency workers to support restoration efforts

Transportation:

- **AL:**
 - Port of Mobile at Port Condition X-RAY; Port of Gulfport and Pascagoula at Port Condition NORMAL (USCG Homeport, as of 10:00 p.m. ET, Sep 24)
 - All airports are operational and monitoring storm updates
- **FL:**
 - Port of Key West at Port Condition YANKEE; Port of Pensacola, St. Joe, Panama City, at Port Condition X-RAY (USCG Homeport, as of 10:00 p.m. ET, Sep 24)
 - All airports are operational and monitoring storm updates
- **GA:** All ports at Port Condition NORMAL (USCG Homeport, as of 10:00 p.m. ET, Sep 24)



State / Tribal:

- **AL:**
 - SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene)
 - Poarch Band of Creek Indians are monitoring; no reported requests for assistance
- **FL:**
 - SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene)
 - Governor declared State of Emergency for 41 counties
 - Emergency Declaration approved on 9/24
 - Seminole Tribe and Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida are monitoring; no reported request for assistance
- **GA:**
 - SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene)
 - Governor declared a State of Emergency (GEMA/HS, as of 5:00 p.m. ET, Sep 24)
- **NC:**
 - SEOC at Monitoring (TC Helene)

FEMA Response:

- **FEMA RIV:**
 - RWC is Monitoring; RRCC activated to Level II with all ESFs
 - Region IV IMAT-1 deploying to AL SEOC 9/25
- **HQ:**
 - NWC is Monitoring; NRCC is at Level I (dayshift only) IMAT
 - N-IMAT Blue deployed to FL SEOC; Gold deploying to Tampa, FL, 9/25
 - FEMA Regions VII deployed to Atlanta, GA
 - FEMA Region VIII IMAT deploying to Atlanta, GA, 9/25
- Logistics**
 - SMT Atlanta and SMT Sterling deployed to Montgomery, AL
 - SMT Puerto Rico deploying to Atlanta, GA, 9/25
- US&R**
 - 6 US&R NIMS Type 1 Task Forces deploying to FL, 9/25
 - Incident Support Team (IST) Blue deployed to Orlando, FL
- MERS**
 - MERS deployed to Tallahassee, FL
 - MERS assets being mobilized for deployment to Maxwell AFB, AL, and Thomasville, GA
 - Additional MERS teams on standby to support US&R and operations in SC and GA if required

The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with Region IV, with continued reporting twice daily in the FEMA National Situation Report (5:00 p.m./3:00 a.m. ET) and the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET).



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Declaration Approval – Florida

Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration – FEMA-3615-EM-FL

Date Requested: Sep 23

Date Approved: Sep 24

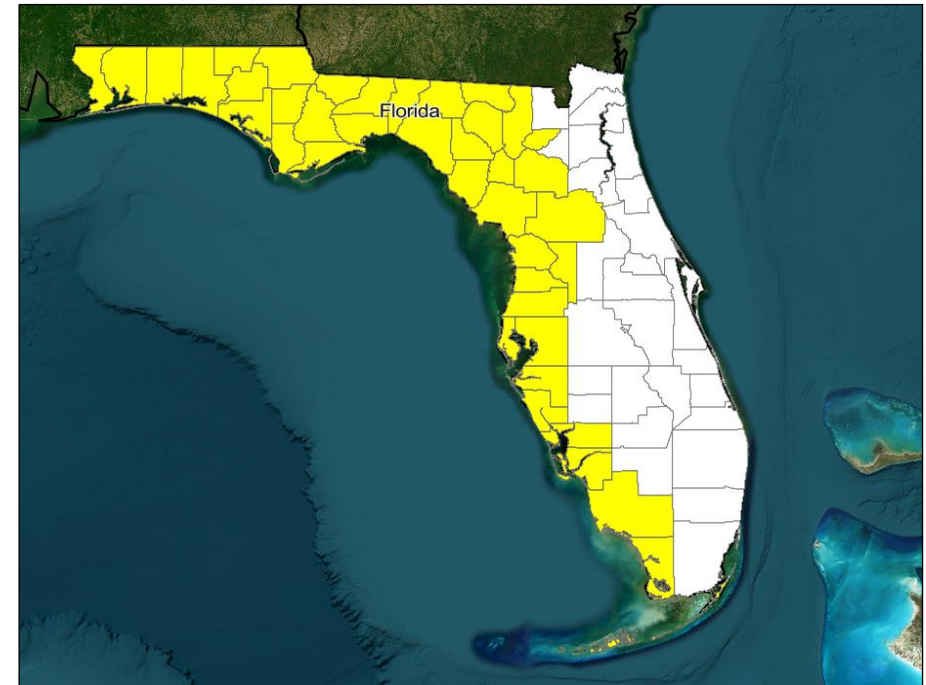
Incident: Tropical Storm Helene

Incident Period: Sep 23, and continuing

Provides:

- **PA:** 41 counties

FCO: John E. Brogan

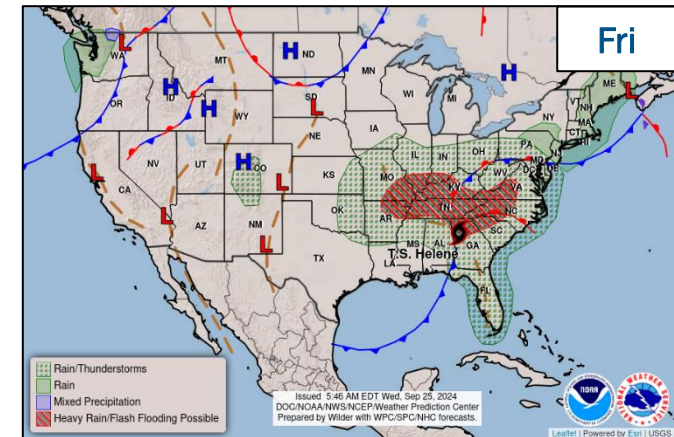
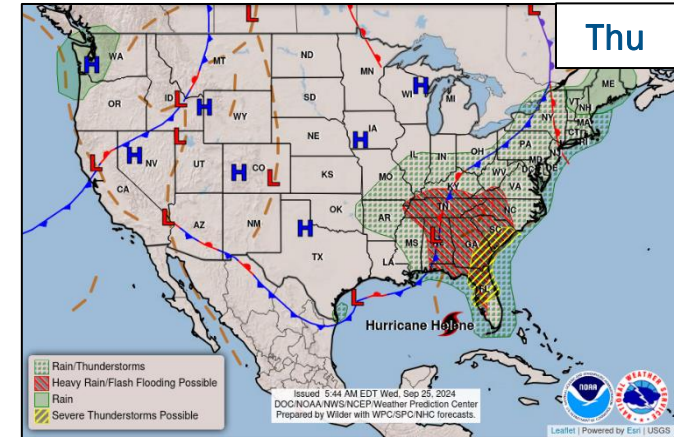
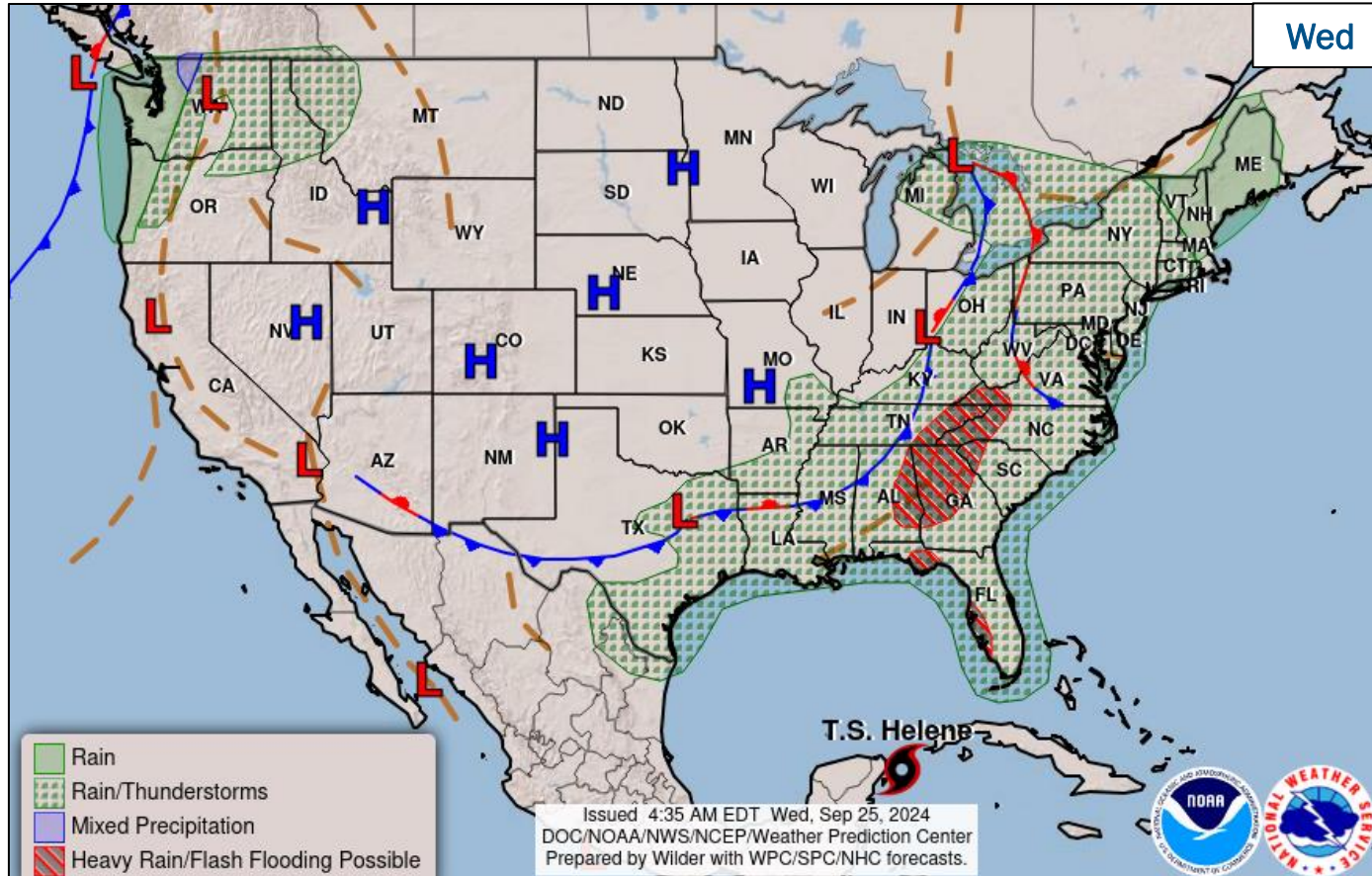


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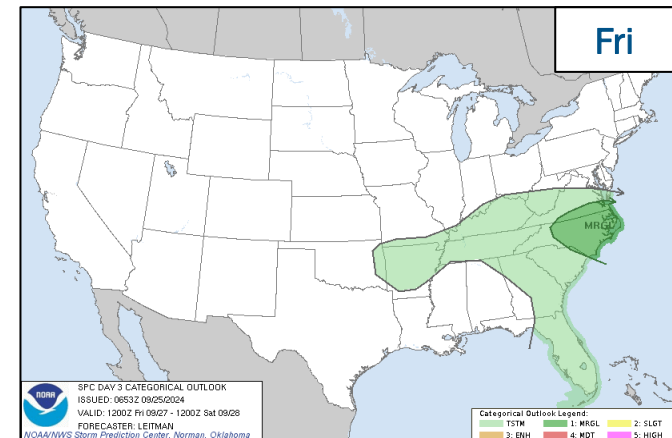
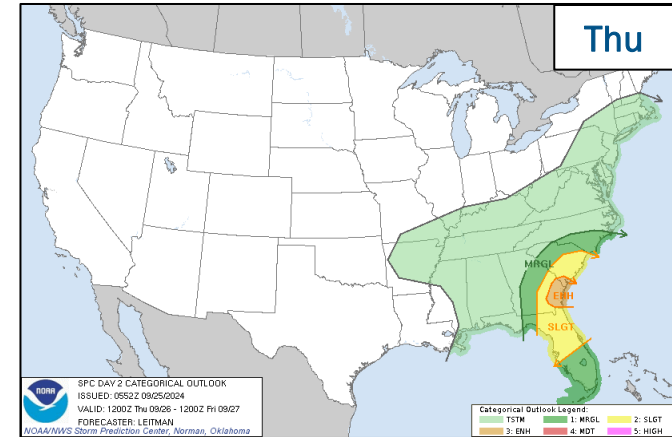
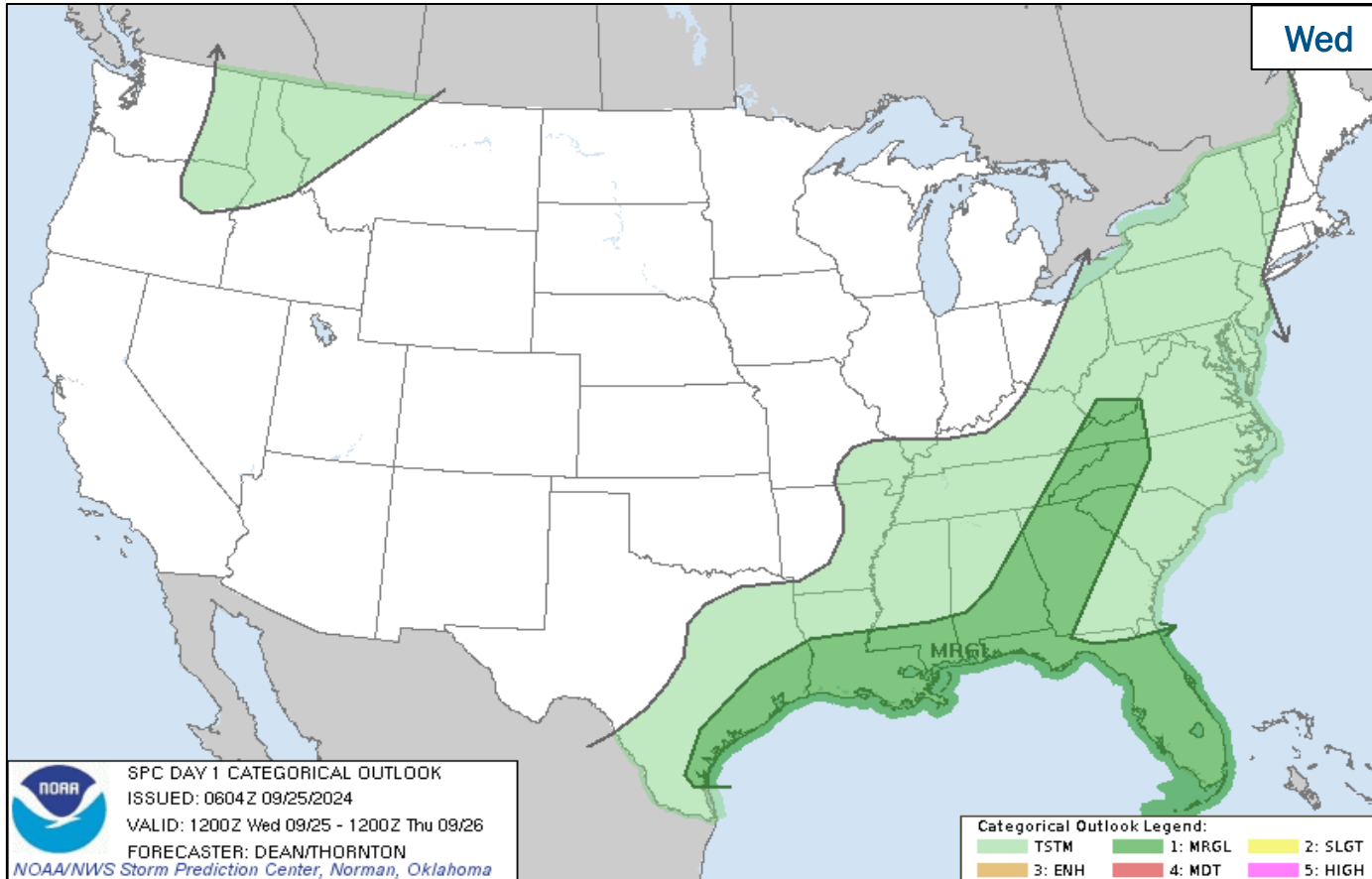
National Weather Forecast



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Severe Weather Outlook



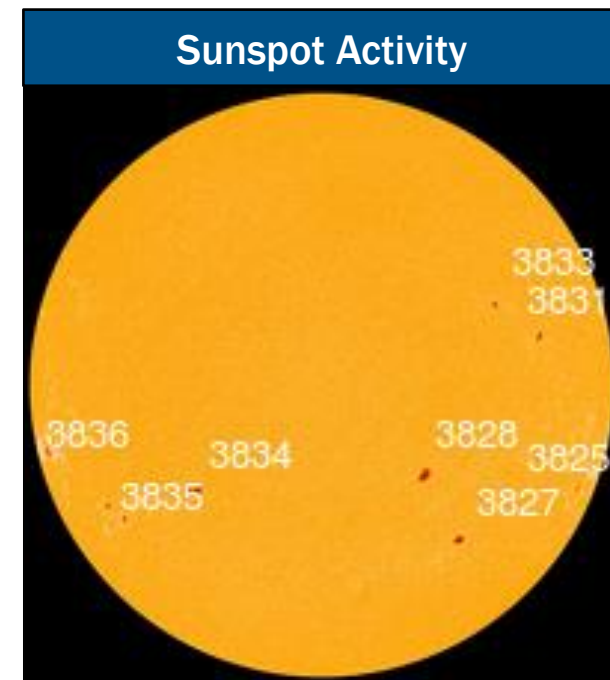
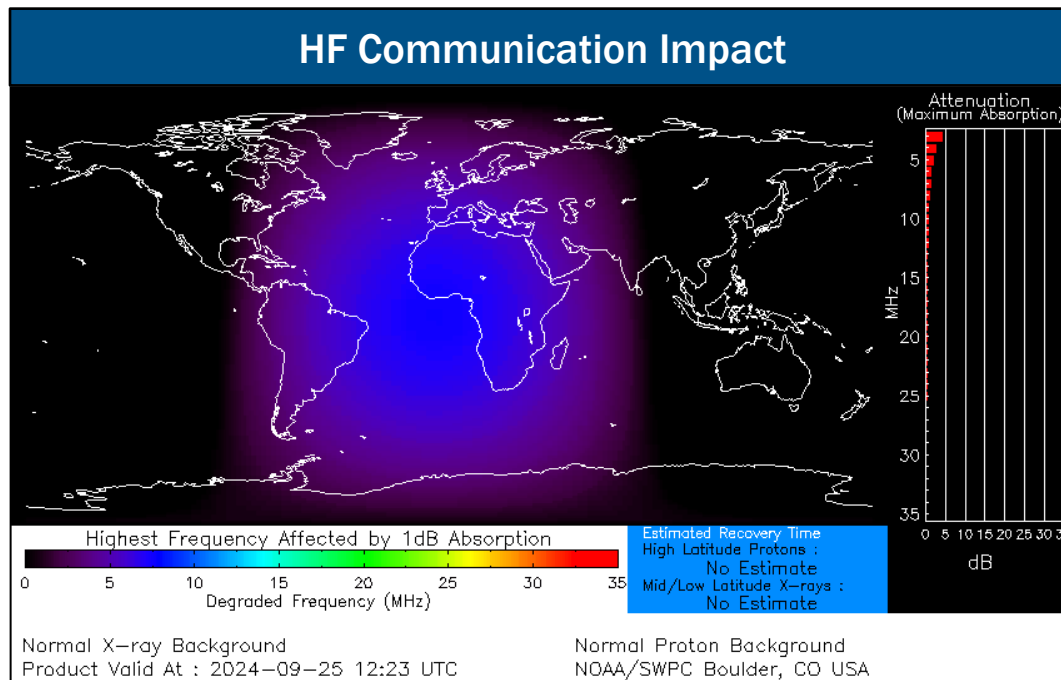
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Space Weather Outlook

Minor	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	Minor	None	None	R1
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>



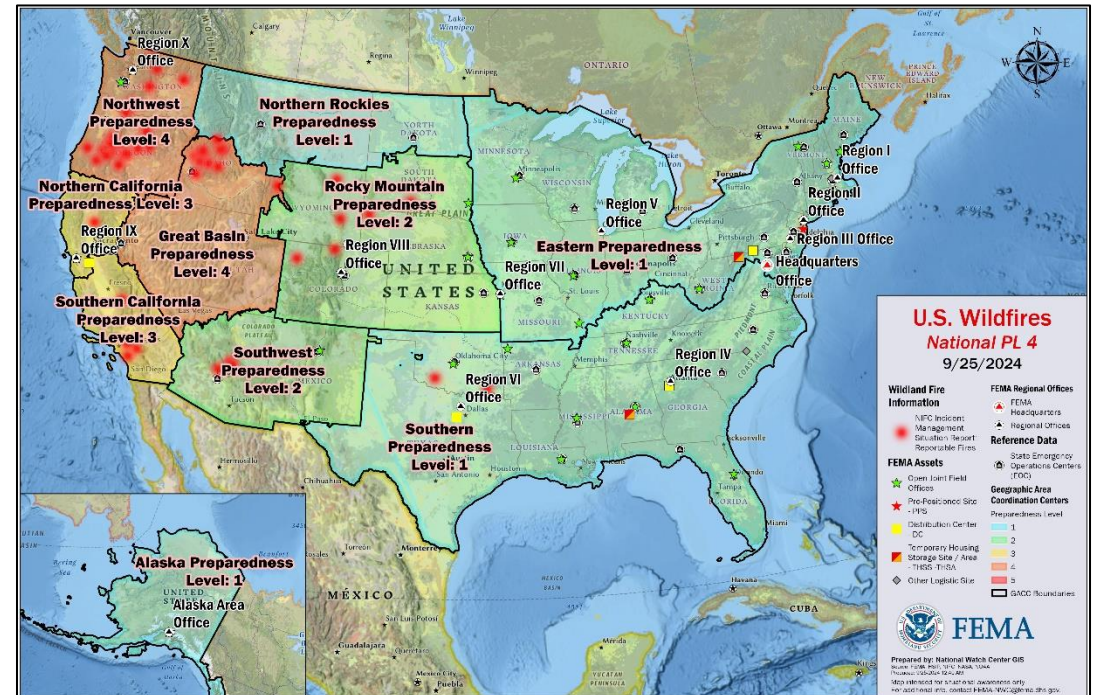
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National Fire Activity *(as of Sep 25)*

National Preparedness Level

PL 4

Initial Attack Activity (24-hour period)	Light (124 fires)
New large fires:	1
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:	34
Cumulative Acres Burned	7,337,303
Total Responders	11,858
Type 1 IMTs deployed	1
Complex IMTs deployed	14 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

FEMA Common Operating Picture

28 + 5 Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices Supporting
106+ 9 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	Level I
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Monitoring I	Rostered
Monitoring II	Level III
Monitoring III	Rostered
Monitoring IV	Level II
Monitoring V	Rostered
Monitoring VI	Rostered
Monitoring VII	Rostered
Monitoring VIII	Rostered
Monitoring IX	Rostered
Monitoring X	Rostered

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	LA (Sep 10)
Blue	FL (Sep 23)
Gold	FL (Sep 23)
HS	

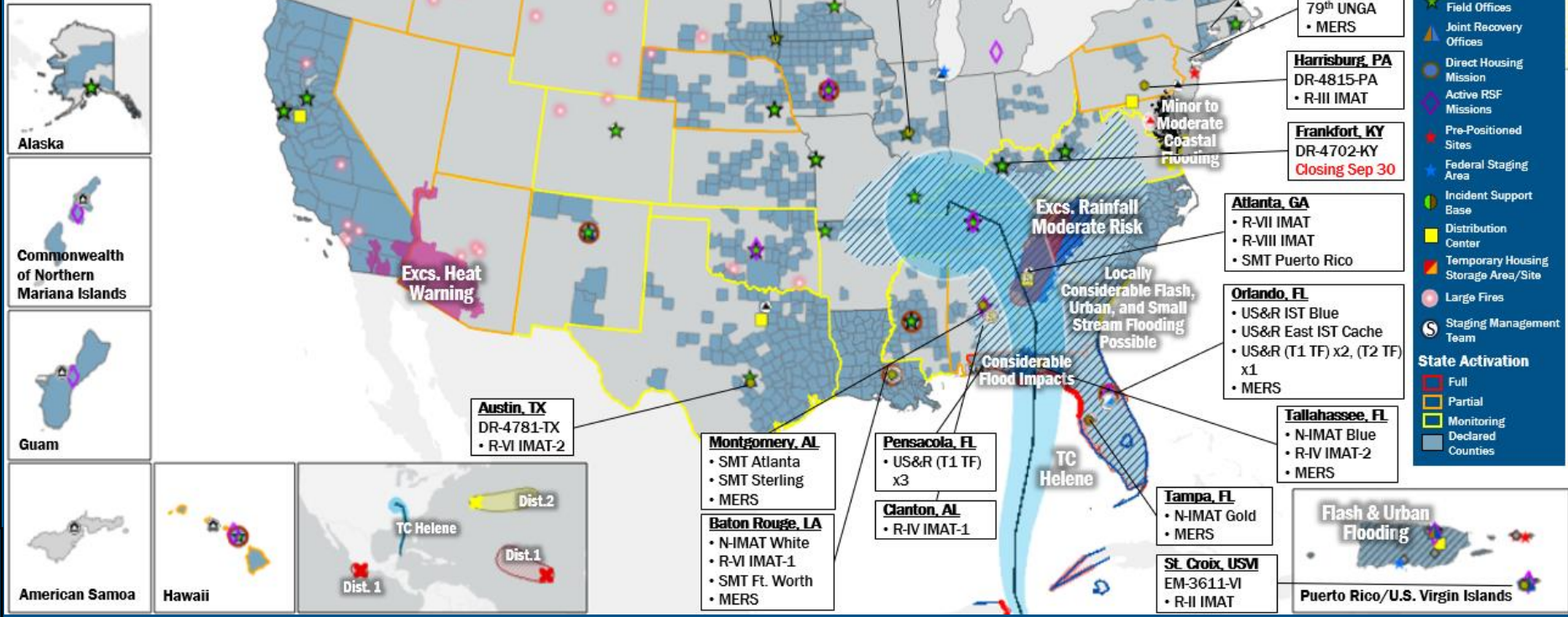
REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO/VJFO	DR	EM	JRO
I	4/0	17	2	0
II	2/1	6	2	2
III	1/0	4	0	0
IV	5/0	26	5	0
V	2/0	4	0	0
VI	5/0	9	0	3
VII	3/1	11	0	0
VIII	1/1	2	0	0
IX	2/1	18	0	0
X	3/1	9	0	0

R-IMATs	
≤ 3 Teams Available	
I	VT (Aug 19)
II	USVI (Aug 9)
III	PA (Sep 12)
IV-1	AL (Sep 24)
IV-2	FL (Aug 2)
V	IL (Sep 23)
VI-1	LA (Sep 10)
VI-2	TX (May 17)
VII	GA (Sep 23)
VIII	GA (Sep 24)
IX-1	Personnel
IX-2	Personnel
X	Personnel

Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:	State EOCs:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRCC: TC Helene R1 RRCC: 79th UNGA RIV RRCC: TC Helene 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OK: Severe Weather HI/OK/NM/NV/ID/WY/UT/NE: Wildfires AZ: SW Border CO: Hwy. 50 closure/Avian Flu NM/AZ: Flooding TX: TC Francine PA: TC Debby WV: Drought KY: Active Shooter VA: Operation FREE FL/AL/GA/MS: TC Helene

Volunteer Force	
Rostered 7,840	Deployed 10
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 7,782 (-2)	Deployed 0



IM Workforce

13,603 (-1) Assigned
 5,007 (+107) Unavailable
 6,845 (+292) Deployed
 13% (-3) / 1,751 (-400) Available

IM Cadre Availability

16 (-1) Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 23% (37/162); Disability Integration: 12% (5/43); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 2% (28/1,182); External Affairs: 11% (59/521); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 13% (102/814); Field Leadership: 12% (18/147); Financial Management: 22% (51/228); Hazard Mitigation: 9% (111/1,183); Human Resources: 8% (14/173); Individual Assistance: 2% (39/2,520); Information Technology: 20% (128/637); Logistics: 12% (181/1,568); Operations: 10% (34/340); Public Assistance: 15% (335/2,229); Planning: 5% (24/458); Safety: 3% (3/93)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 8 (+7) Deployed
 28 (-7) Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned
 1 Unavailable
 6 (+6) Deployed
 21 (-6) Available

FCO

2 Type I

52 Assigned
 9 (+2) Unavailable
 39 (-2) (33 FCO) Deployed
 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
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 – Georgia

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4821-DR-GA

Date Requested: Sep 10

Date Approved: Sep 24

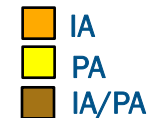
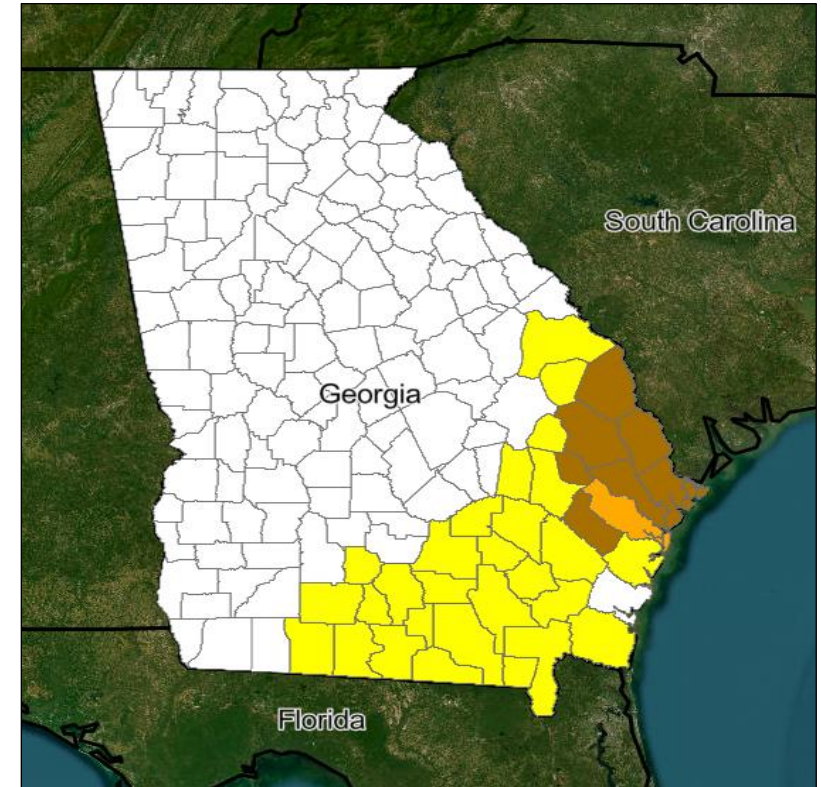
Incident: Tropical Storm Debby

Incident Period: Aug 4-20

Provides:

- **IA:** 1 county
- **PA:** 27 counties
- **IA/PA:** 7 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide

FCO: Kevin A. Wallace, Sr.



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Declaration Approval – Nebraska

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4822-DR-NE

Date Requested: Sep 4

Date Approved: Sep 24

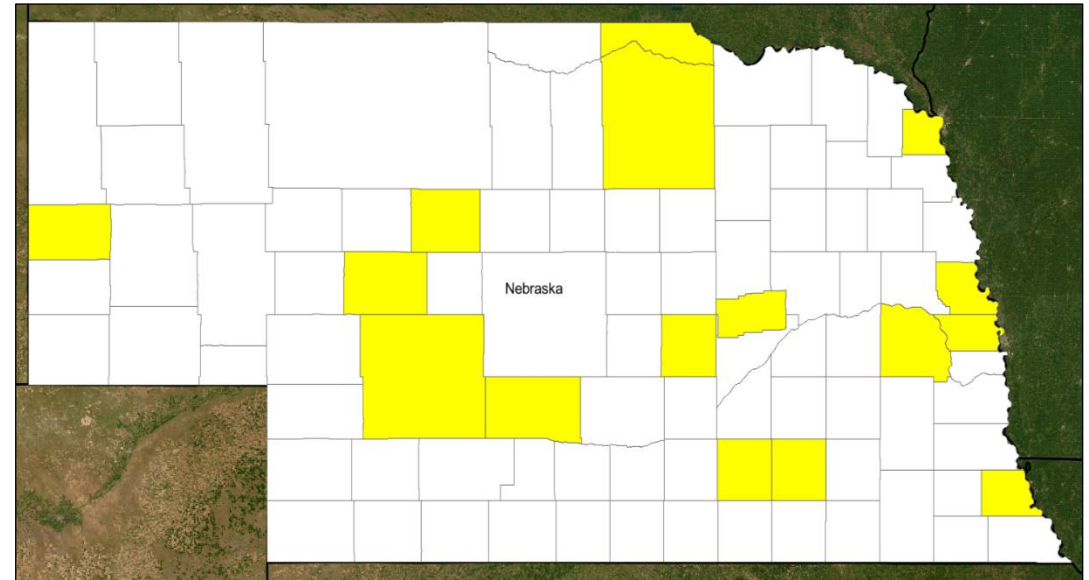
Incident: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding

Incident Period: Jun 20 – Jul 8

Provides:

- **PA:** 16 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide

FCO: Andrew P. Meyer



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Declaration Approval – Conf. Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4823-DR-CTBYN

Date Requested: Aug 23

Date Approved: Sep 24

Incident: Wildfires

Incident Period: Jun 22–Jul 8

Provides:

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

FCO: Tonia Pence



■ IA/PA



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Declaration Approval – Kansas

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4824-DR-KS

Date Requested: Sep 3

Date Approved: Sep 24

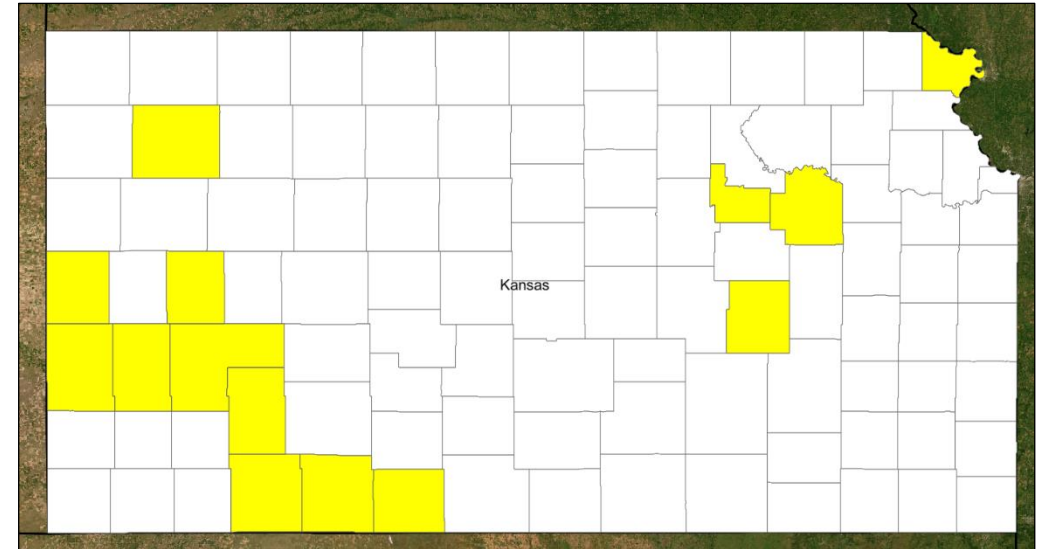
Incident: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding

Incident Period: Jun 26 – Jul 7

Provides:

- **IA:** 14 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide

FCO: Andrew P. Meyer



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Declaration Approval – New York

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4825DR-NY

Date Requested: Sep 6

Date Approved: Sep 24

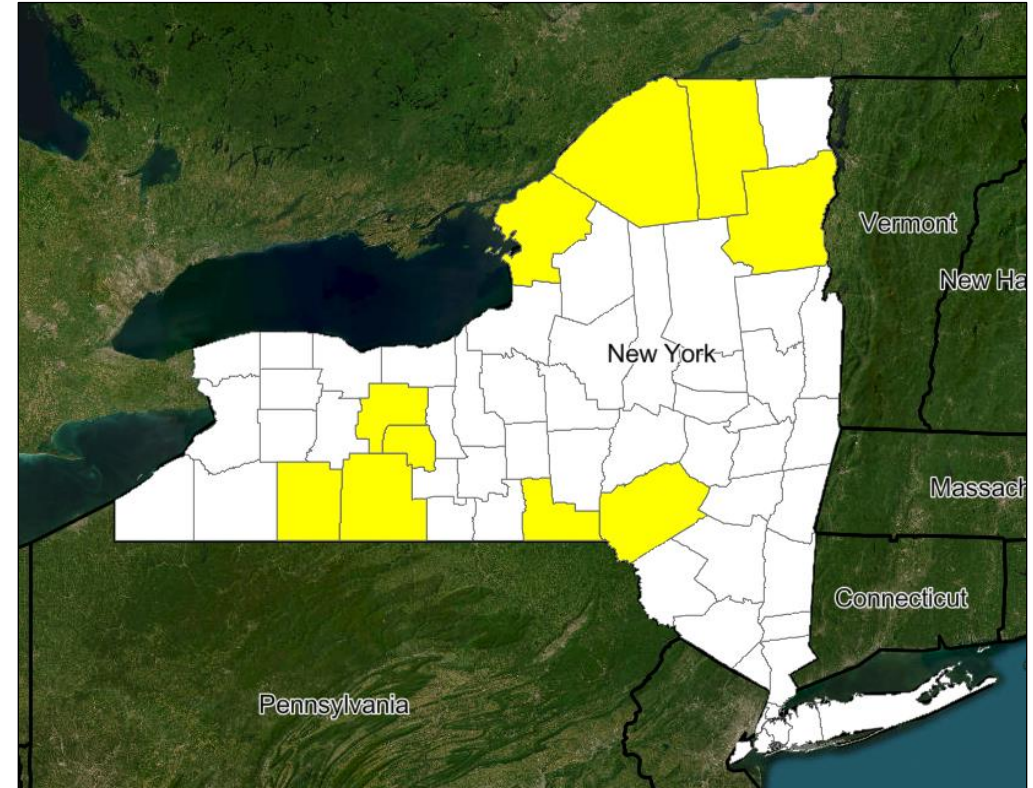
Incident: Remnants of Tropical Storm Debby

Incident Period: August 8 – 10

Provides:

- **PA:** 10 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide

FCO: Lai Sun Yee



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Declaration Requests in Process – 12

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
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 – APPROVED	DR		X	X	Sep 3
NE – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding – APPROVED	DR		X	X	Sep 6
NY – Remnants of Tropical Storm Debby – APPROVED	DR		X	X	Sep 6
GA – Tropical Storm Debby – APPROVED	DR	X	X	X	Sep 10
MI – Severe Storm and Tornadoes (APPEAL)	DR	X		X	Sep 11
CRST*** – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding – APPROVED	DR	X	X	X	Sep 12
USVI – Tropical Storm Ernesto	DR		X	X	Sep 13

* San Carlos Apache Tribe, ** Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, *** Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe



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Declaration Requests in Process – 12 (cont.)

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
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
HT**** – Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Sep 20
FL – Tropical Storm Helene – APPROVED	EM		X		Sep 23

****Havasupai Tribe



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