

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, September 26, 2024

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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Hurricane Helene (CAT 1) – Southeast

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms/ Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Southeast
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Hurricane Helene
 - Tropical Storm Isaac
 - Disturbance 1: High (80%)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm John

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Emergency Declaration - AL
- Request: Emergency Declaration – NC
- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – GA
- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – CA
- One amendment issued

Event Monitoring

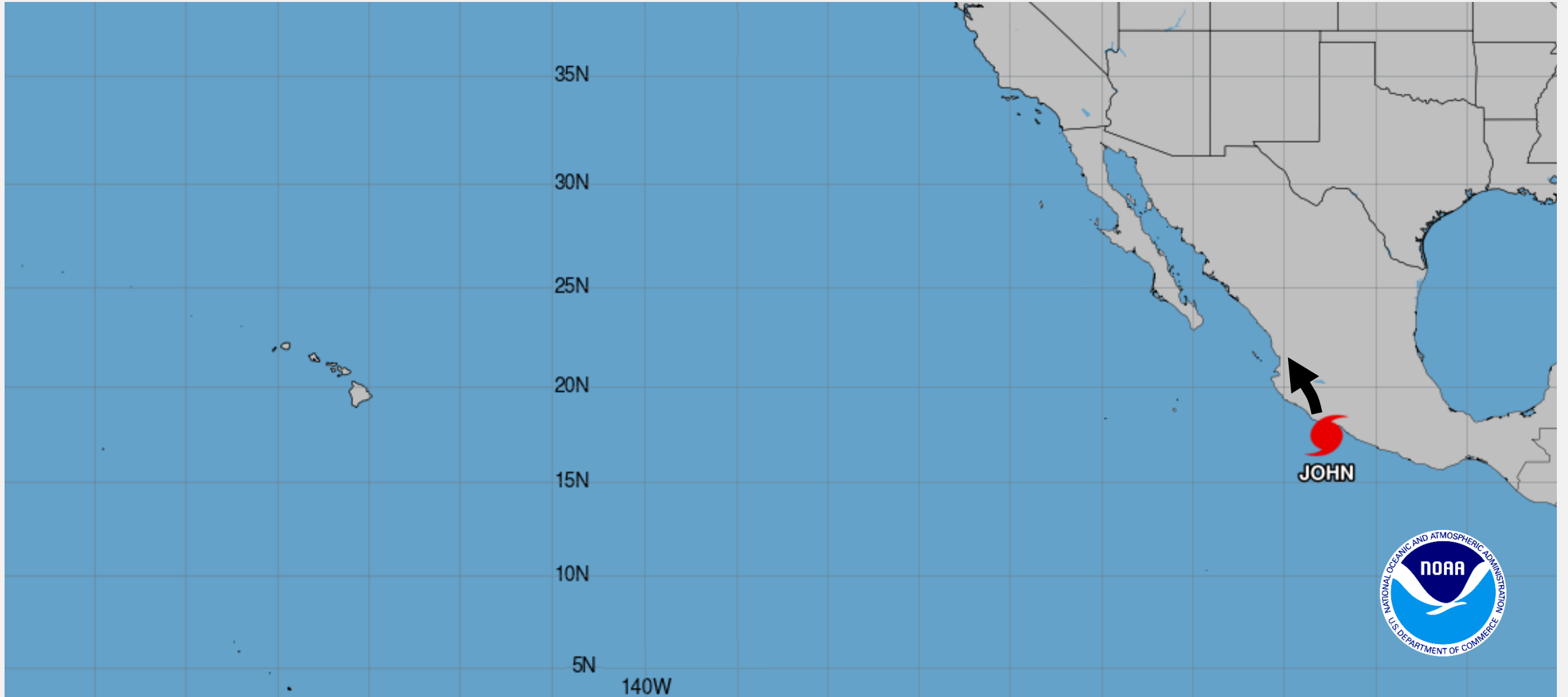
- 79th United Nations General Assembly – NY



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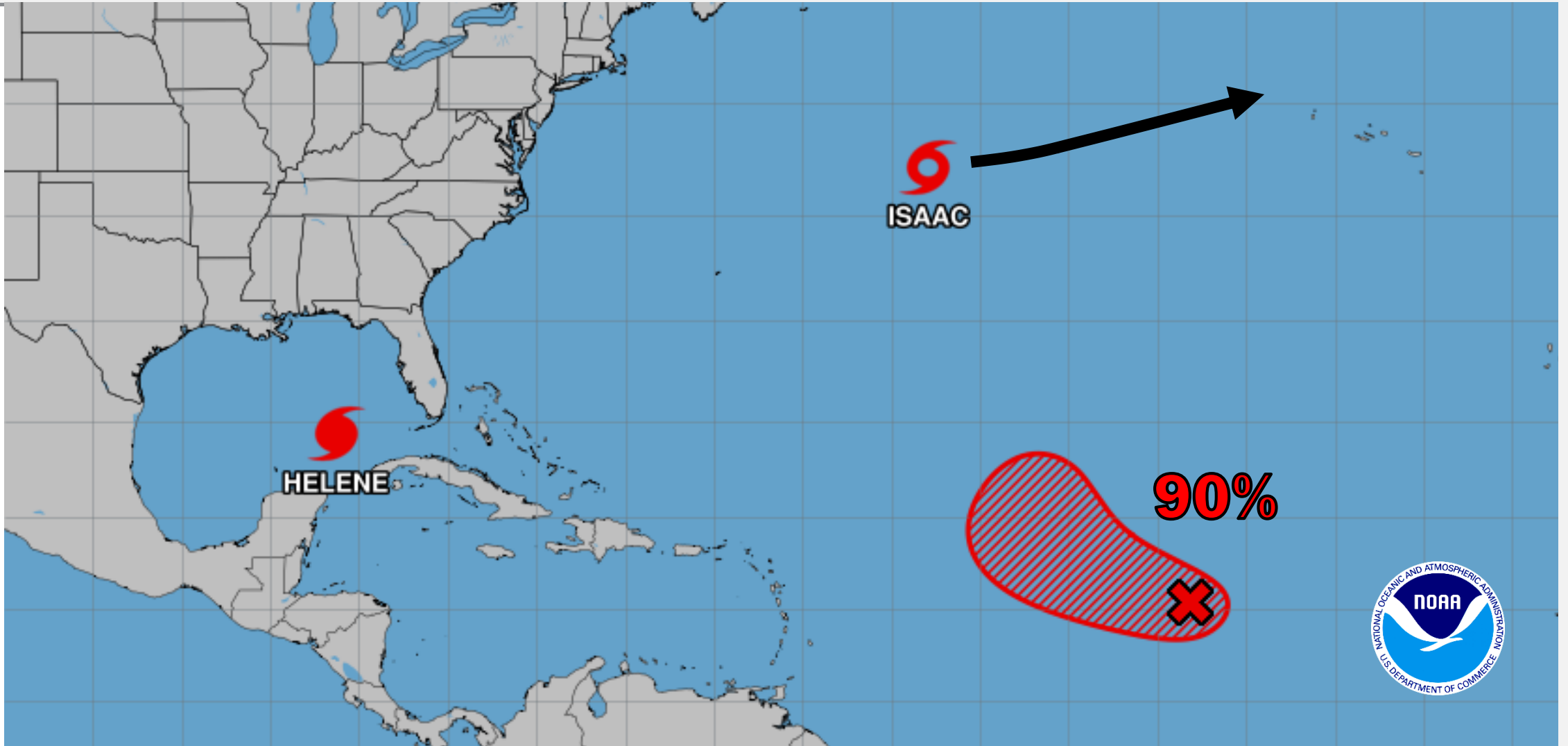
Pacific Overview

TROPICAL OUTLOOK



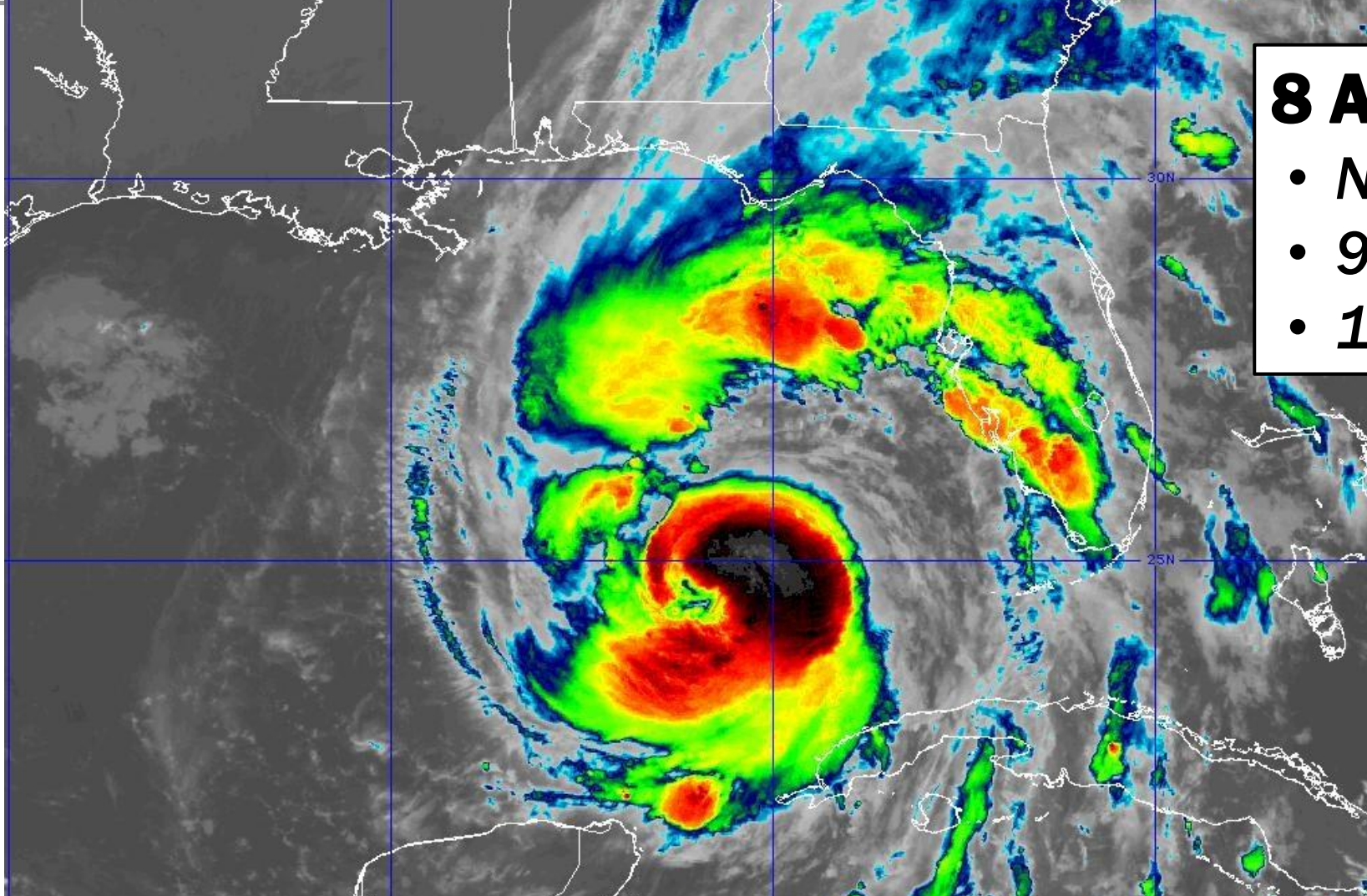
Atlantic Overview

TROPICAL OUTLOOK



Hurricane Helene

SATELLITE LOOP



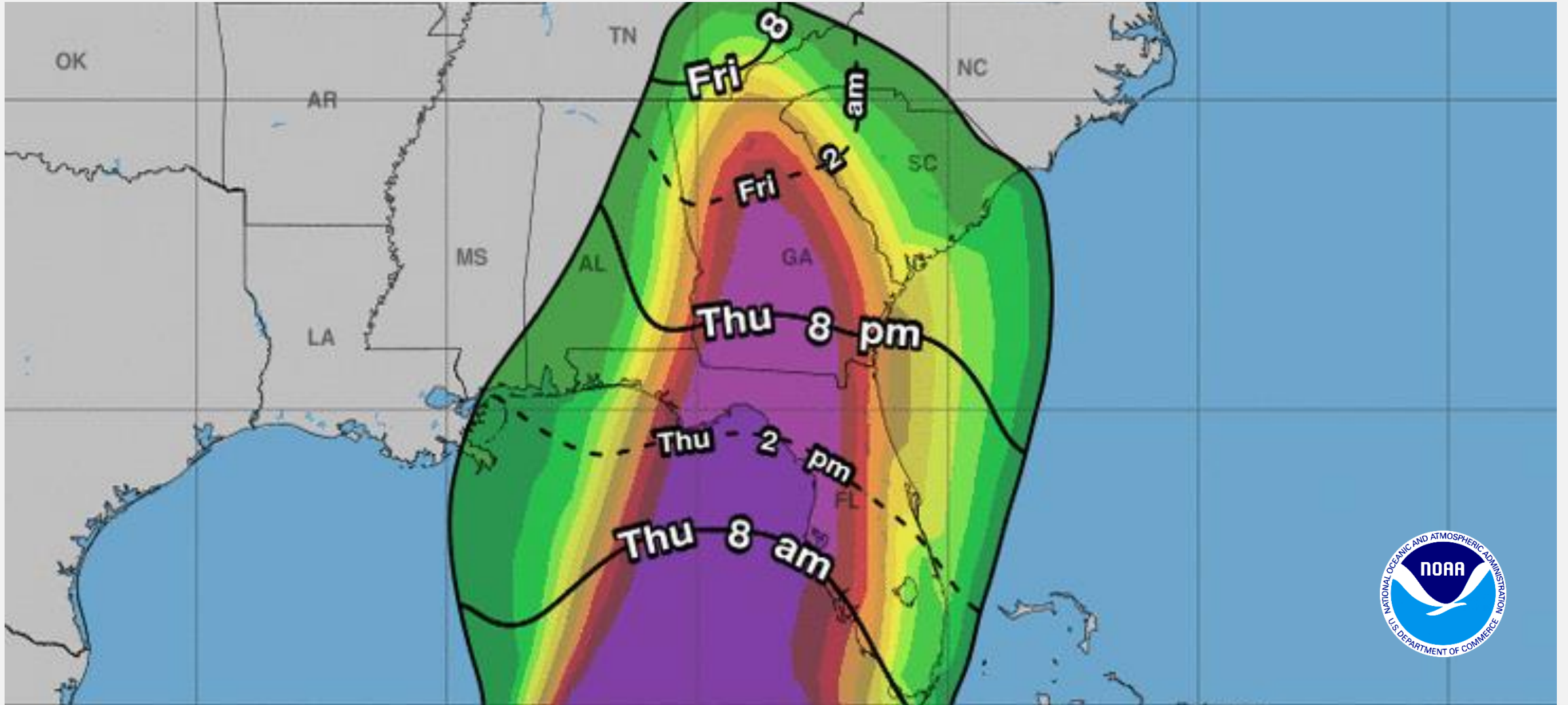
8 AM EDT

- *NNE at 12 mph*
- *960 mb*
- *100 mph*



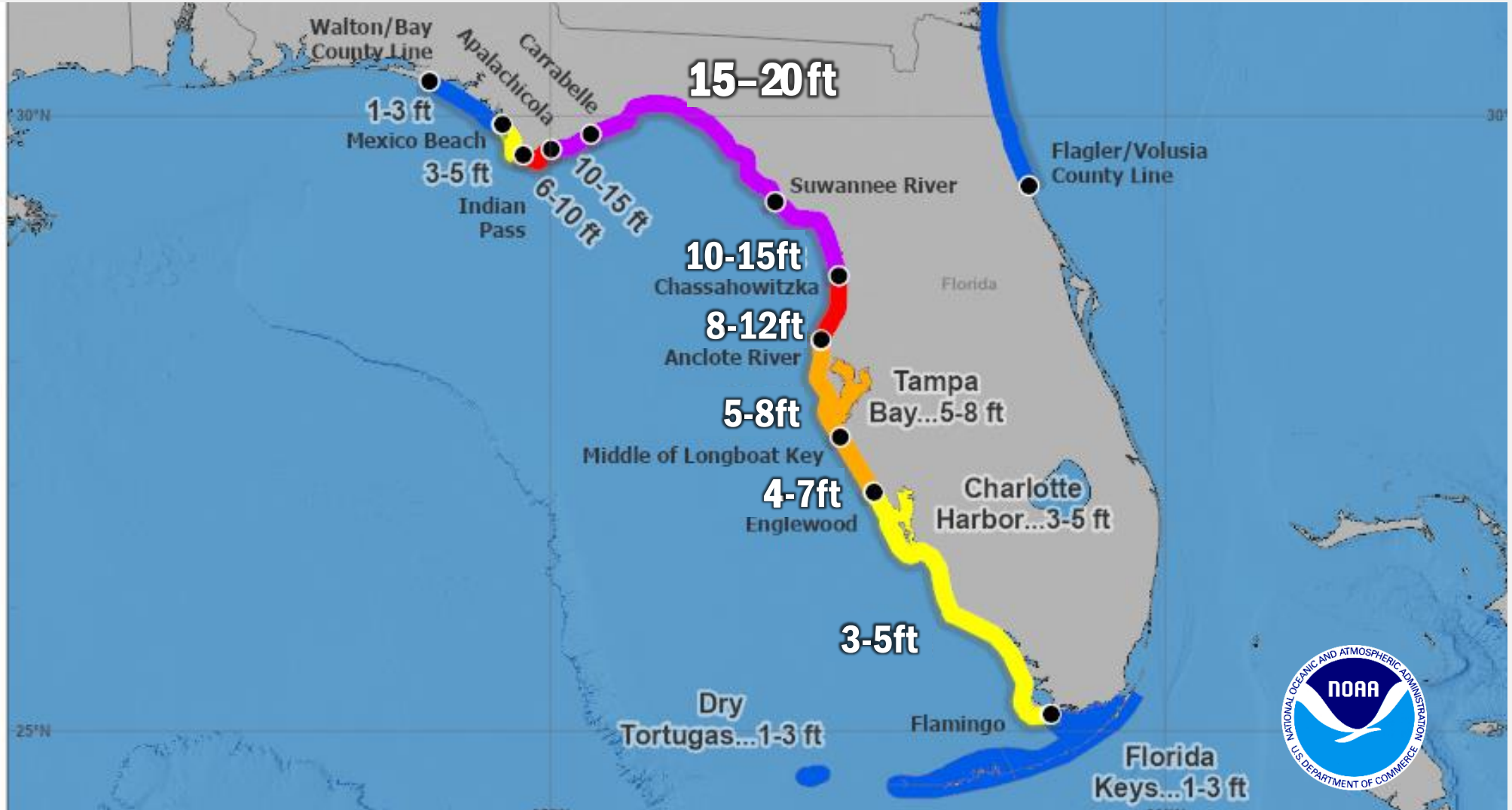
Hurricane Helene

MOST LIKELY ARRIVAL OF TS WINDS



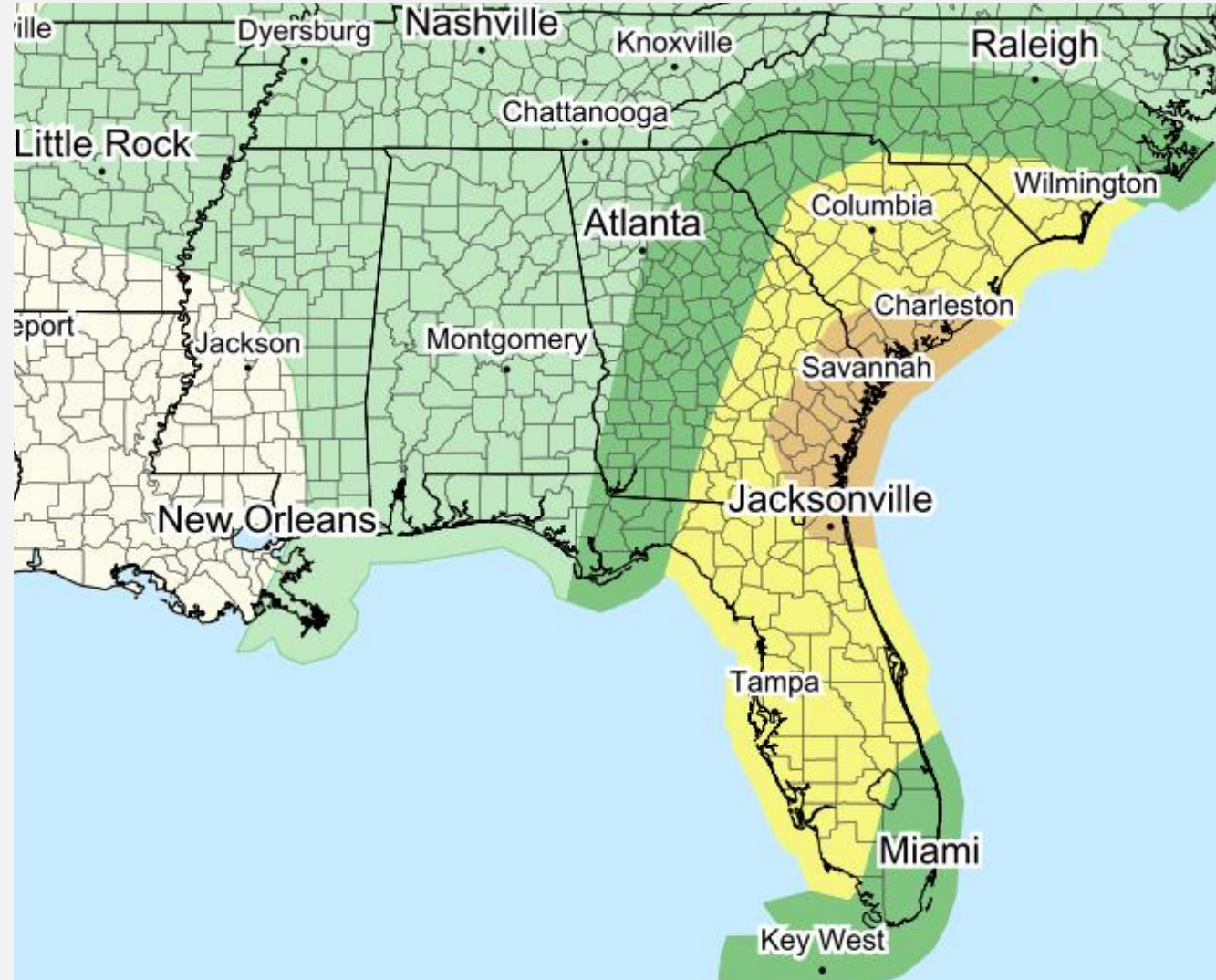
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PEAK STORM SURGE FORECAST

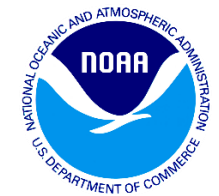


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SEVERE WEATHER OUTLOOK THURSDAY



	Marginal Risk
	Slight Risk
	Enhanced Risk

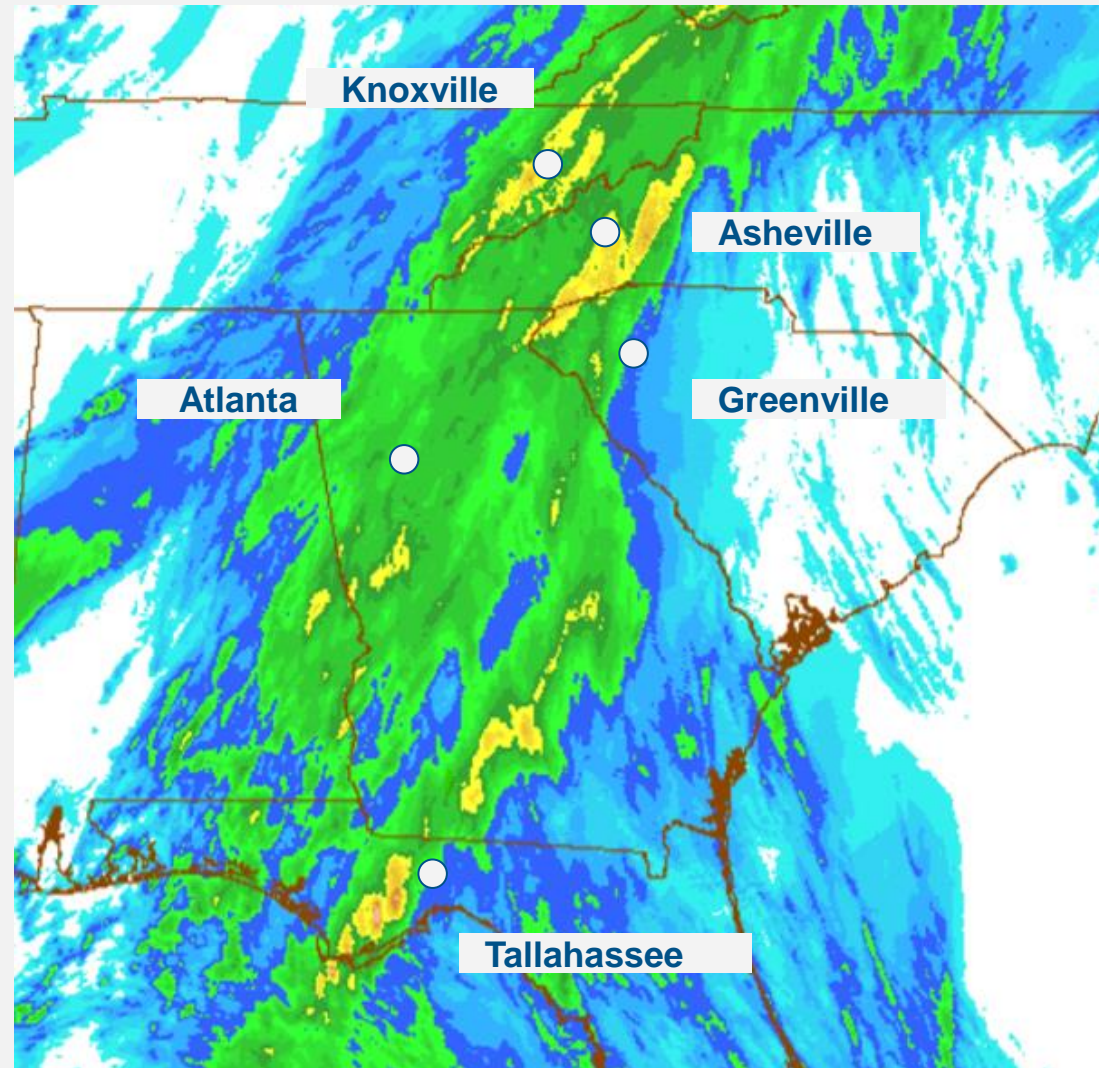
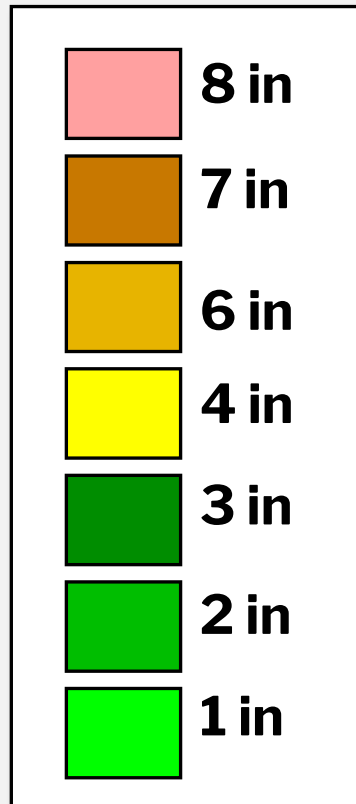


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OBSERVED PRECIPITATION last 24 hours *(preliminary)*



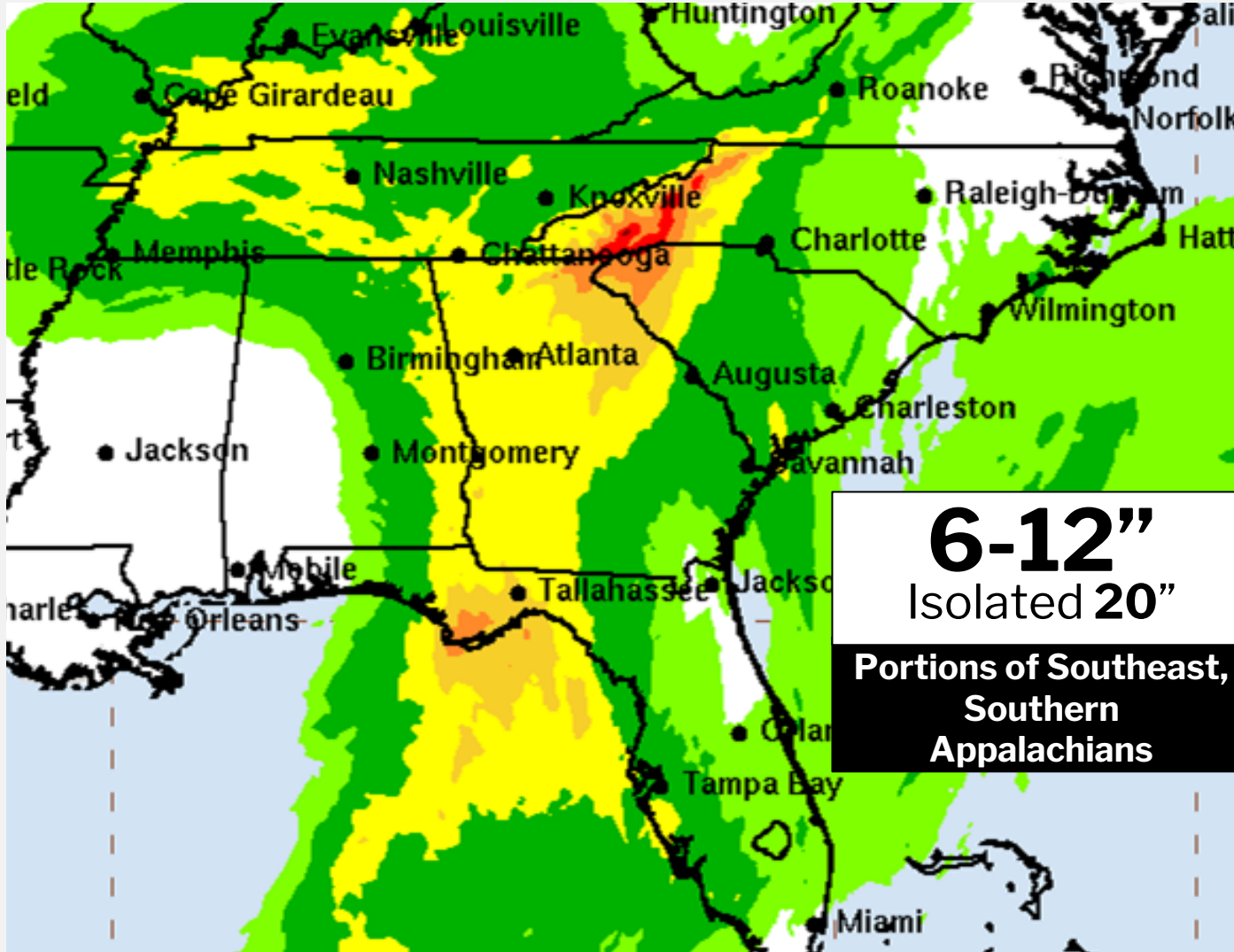
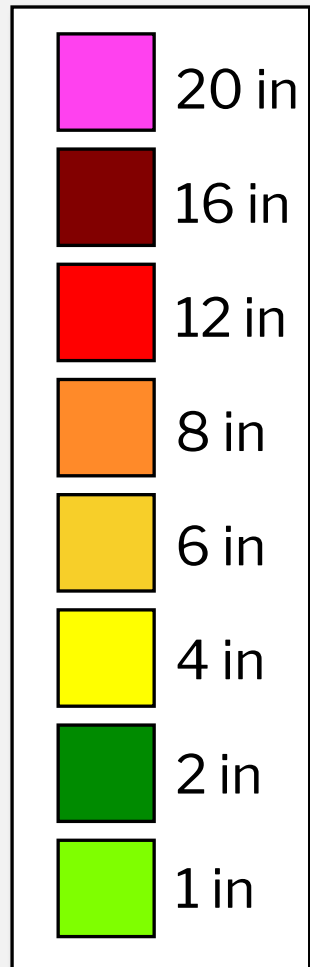
5 AM Wednesday to 5 AM Thursday

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3 DAY RAINFALL *valid through Sunday, 8 AM EDT*



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

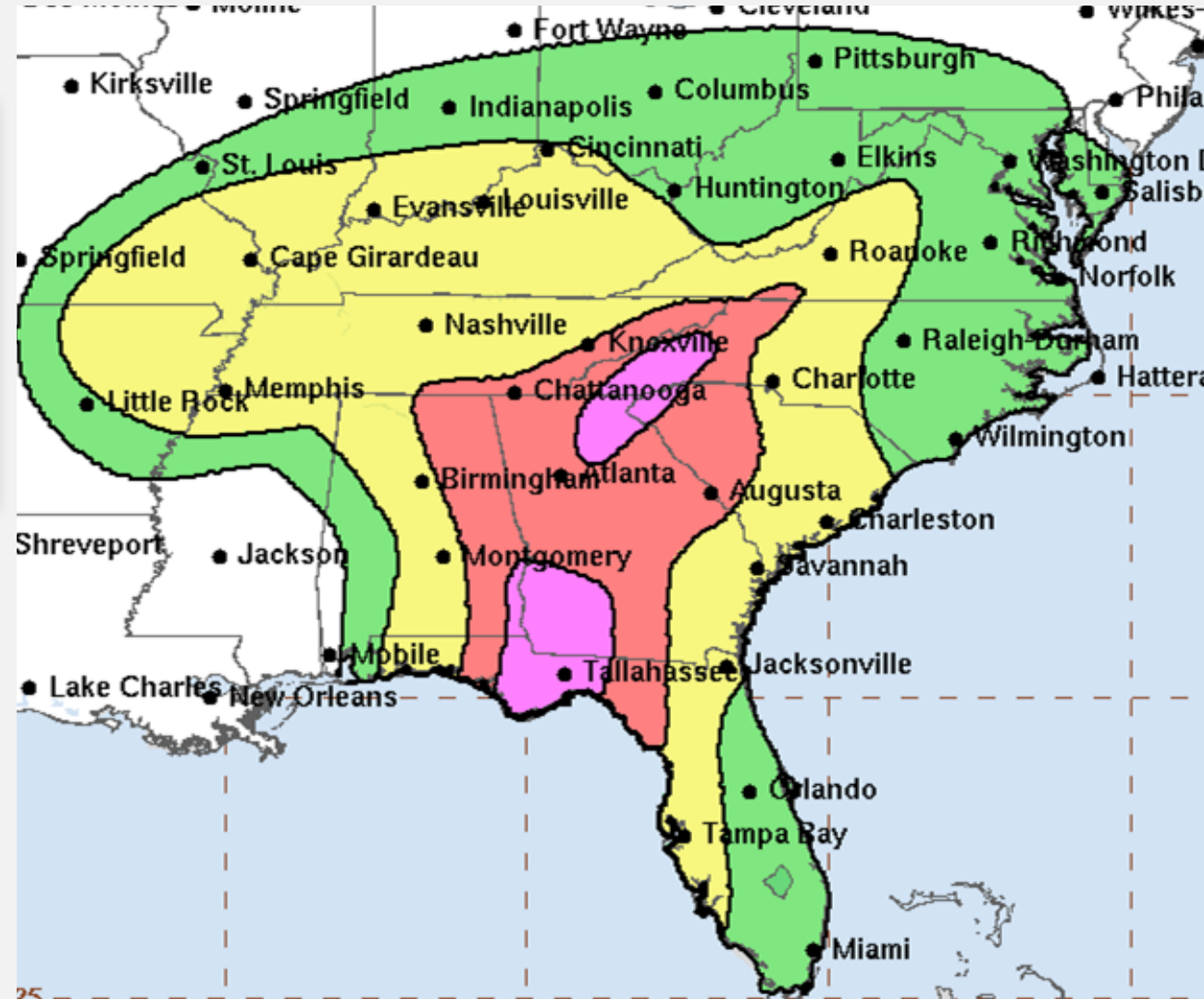
Risk of Flash Flooding

Marginal

Moderate

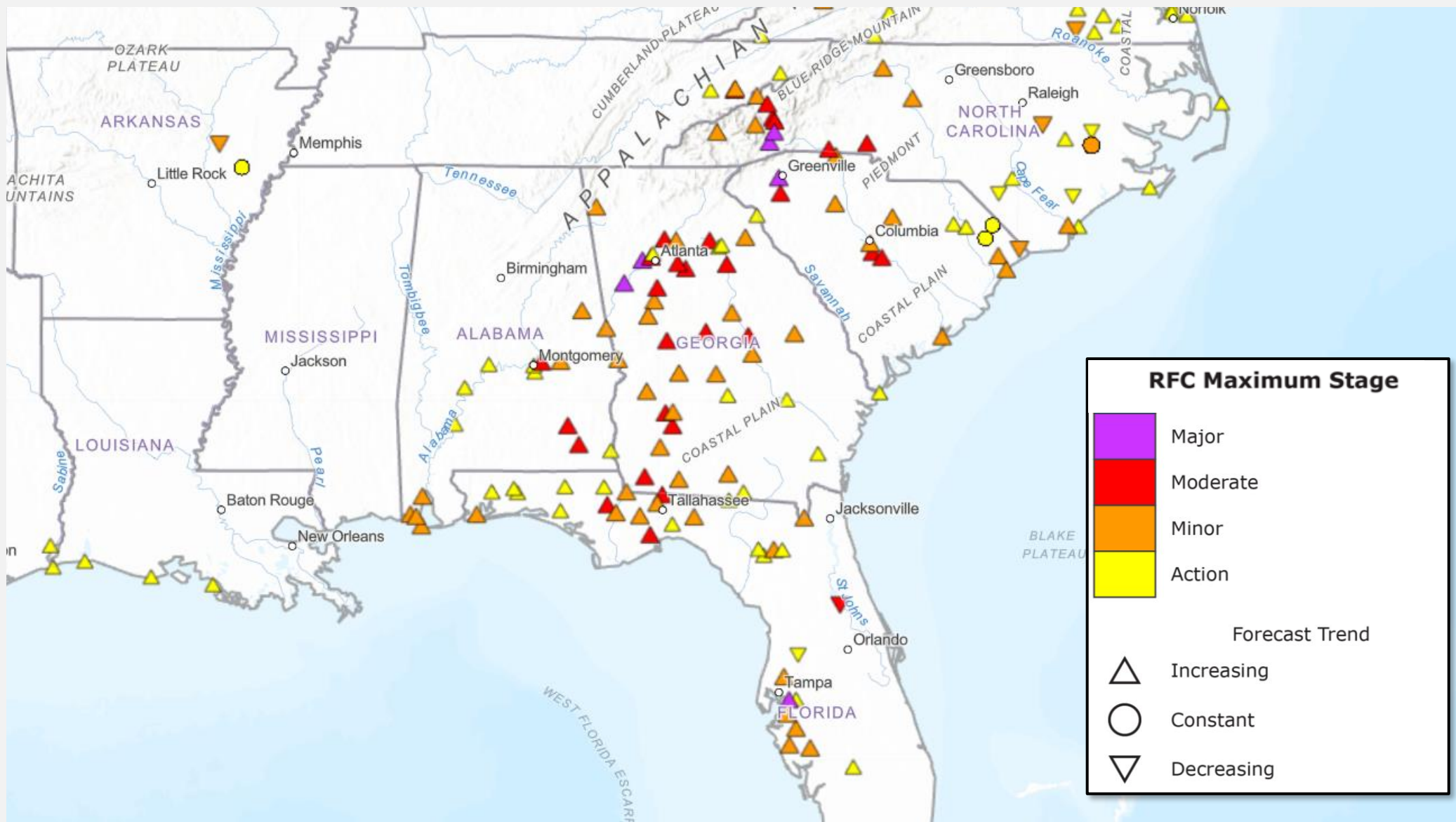
Slight

High

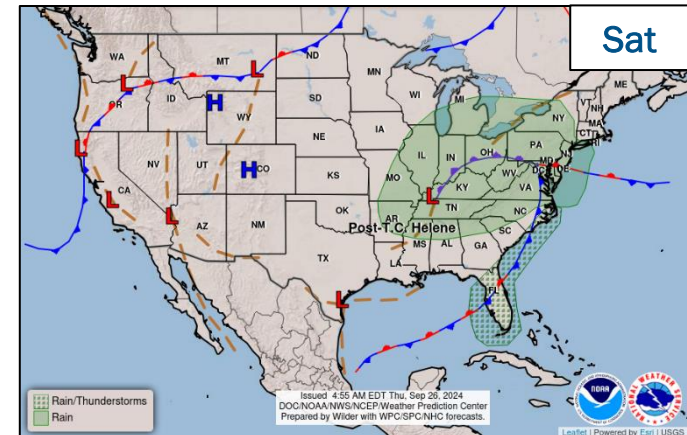
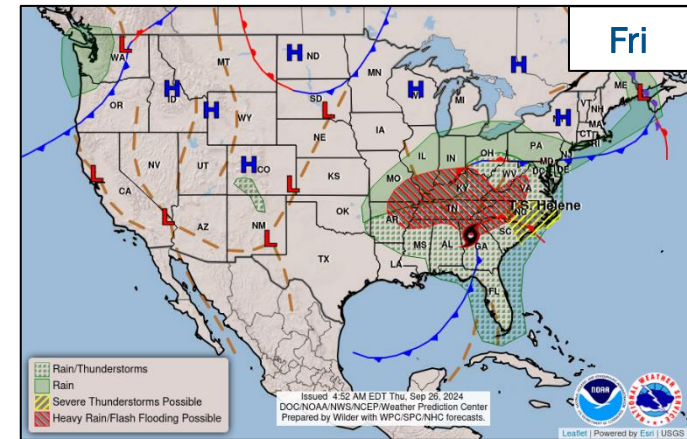
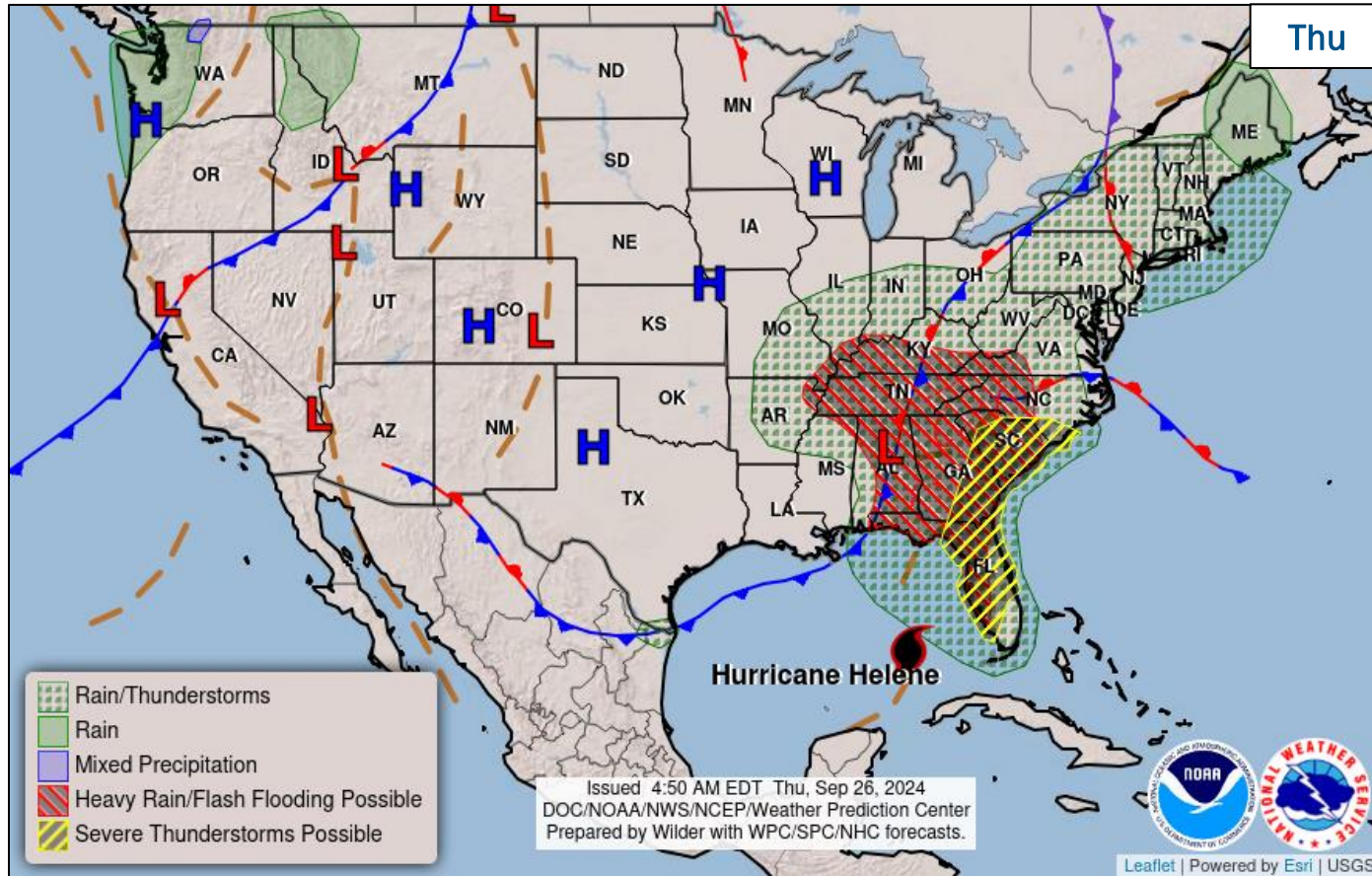


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RFC Max Stage Forecast (Trend)



National Weather Forecast



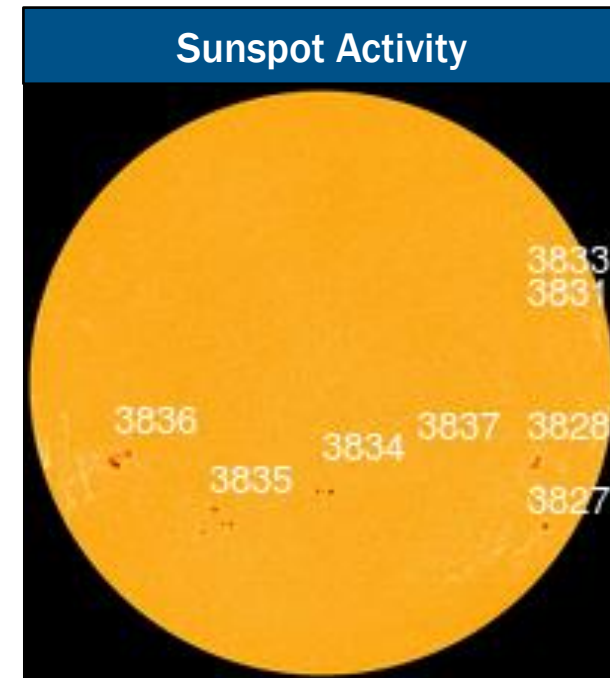
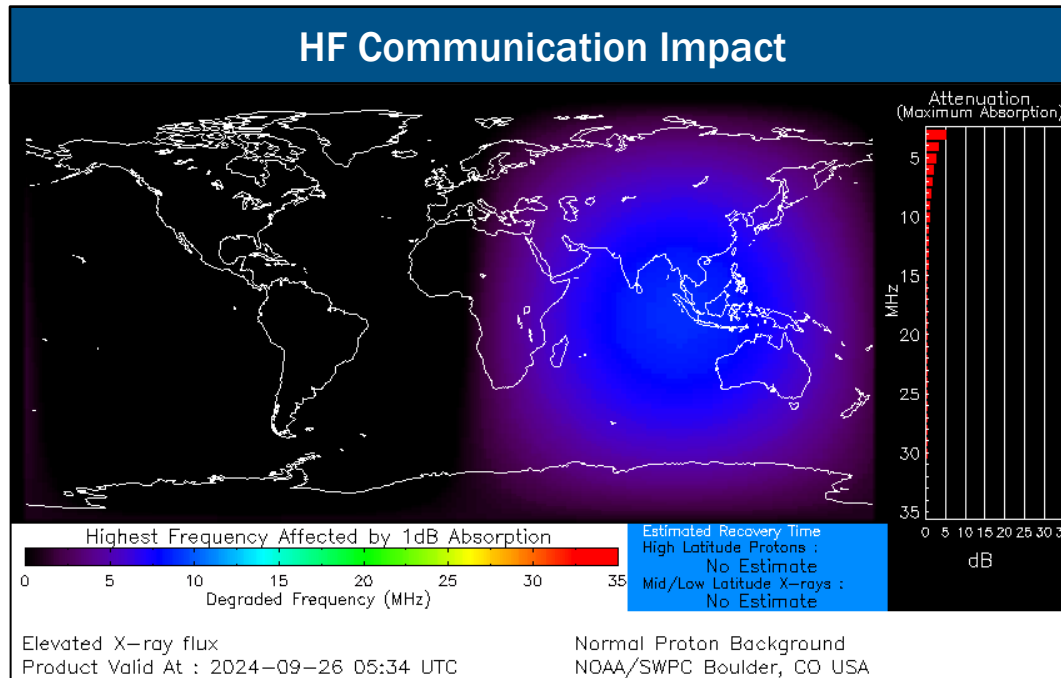
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Space Weather Outlook

Minor	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	Minor	G1	None	R1
Next 24 Hours	None	G1	None	R1

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>



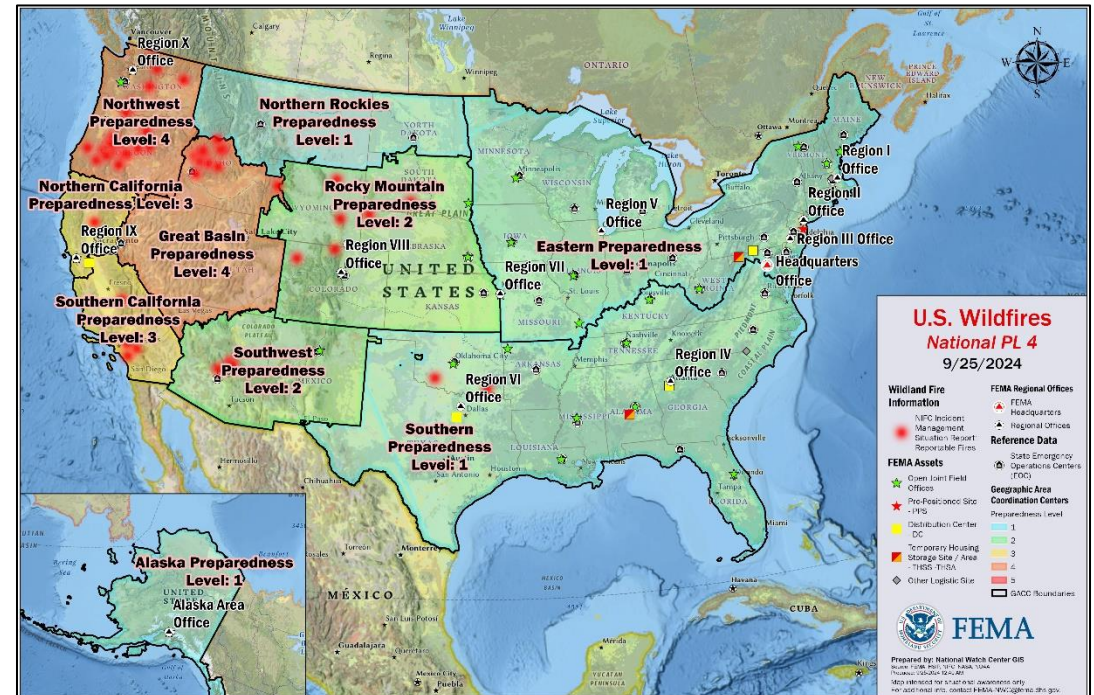
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National Fire Activity *(as of Sep 25)*

National Preparedness Level

PL 4

Initial Attack Activity (24-hour period)	Light (60 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

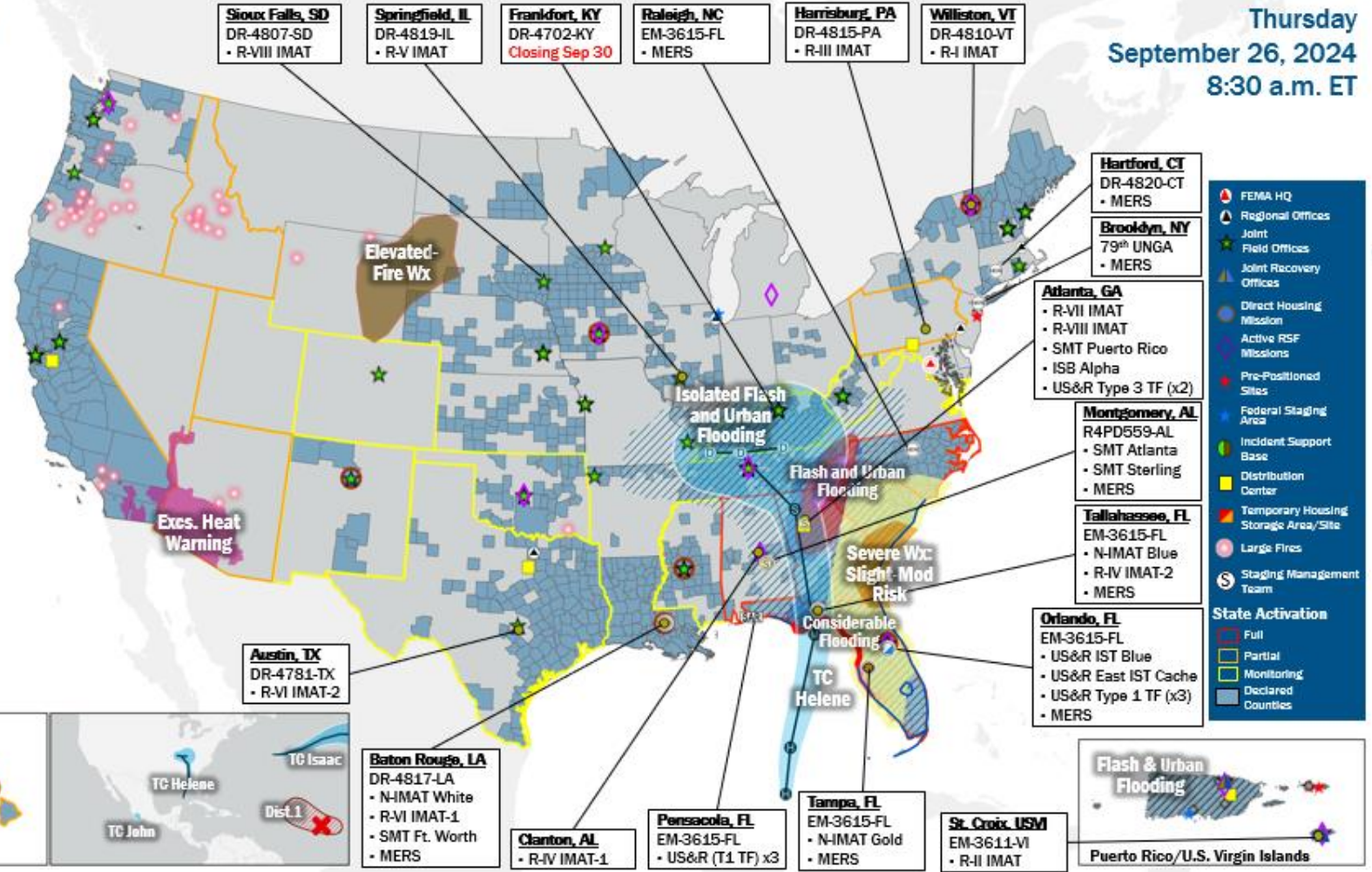
28 + 5 Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices Supporting
106+ 9 Major Disasters Emergency Declarations
12 Direct Housing Missions **17** RSF-Supported Disasters **5** Joint Recovery Offices

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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
Notes:	
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:	State EOCs:
• NRCC: TC Helene	• OK: Severe Weather
• RII RRCC: 79 th UNGA	• HI/OK/NM/NV/ID/WY/UT/NE: Wildfires
• RIV RRCC: TC Helene	• 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/NC: TC Helene
Volunteer Force	
Rostered 7,840	Deployed 10
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 7,783 (+1)	Deployed 0

N-IMATs		2-5 Teams Available	
Red			
White	LA (Sep 10)		
Blue	FL (Sep 23)		
Gold	FL (Sep 23)		
HS			
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	NC (Sep 25)		
VIII	GA (Sep 24)		
IX-1	Personnel		
IX-2	Personnel		
X	Personnel		
Fully Mission Capable (FMC)			
Partially Mission Capable (PMC)			
Not Mission Capable (NMC)			
Deployed			

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO/WFO	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



Legend

- FEMA HQ
- Regional Offices
- Joint Field Offices
- Joint Recovery Offices
- Direct Housing Mission
- Active RSF Missions
- Pre-Positioned Sites
- Federal 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

13,661 (+58) Assigned
 7,794(-213) Unavailable
 6,873 (+28) Deployed
 15% (+2) / 1,994 (+243) Available

IM Cadre Availability

17 (+1) Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 22 % (35/162); Disability Integration: 12% (5/43); Disaster Survivor Assistance 16% (192/1,182); External Affairs: 11% (58/521); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 13% (103/814); Field Leadership: 12% (18/146); Financial Management: 22% (50/229); Hazard Mitigation: 8% (100/1,182); Human Resources: 9% (15/173); Individual Assistance: 6% (161/2,520); Information Technology: 19% (120/637); Logistics: 11% (168/1,596); Operations: 8% (39/344); Public Assistance: 15% (340/2,258); Planning: 5% (22/458); Safety: 3% (3/93); Security 22% (30/136)

MERS

≥ 66%

36 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 10 (+2) Deployed
 26 (-2) Available

US&R

≥ 66%

28 Assigned
 3 (+2) Unavailable
 14 (+6) Deployed
 11 (-2) Available

FCO

2 Type I

52 Assigned
 9 Unavailable
 39 (33 FCOR) 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
IX	CA	Shiprock Flooding Aug 25	IA	1	0	10/7 - TBD
			PA	1	0	10/7 - TBD



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Declaration Request – Alabama

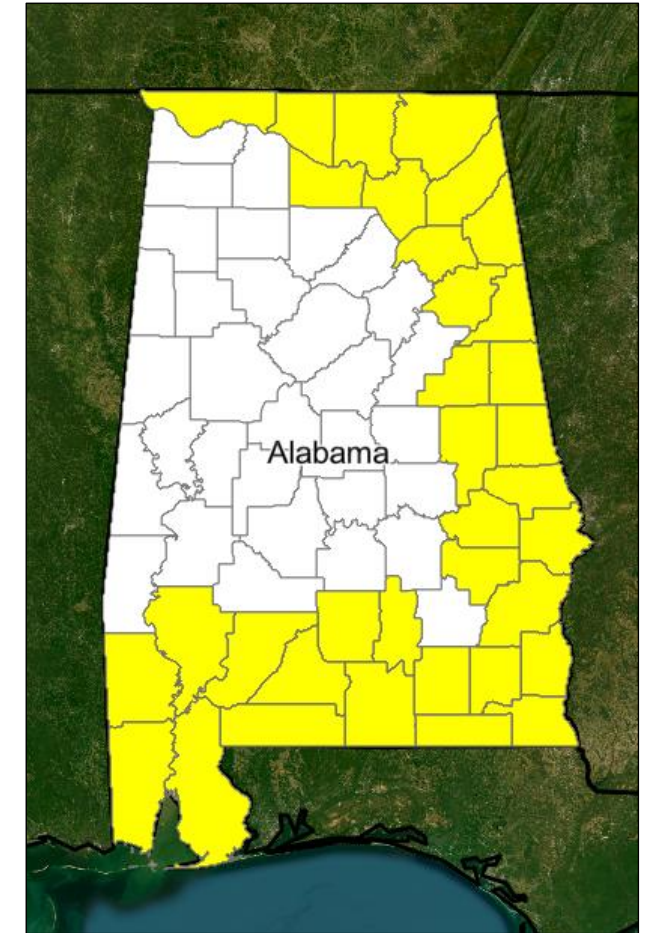
Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration – Alabama
Requested: Sep 25

Incident: Hurricane Helene

Incident Period: September 22 and continuing

Requested:

- **PA:** Public Assistance for 35 counties



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Declaration Request – North Carolina

Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration – North Carolina
Requested: Sep 25

Incident: Hurricane Helene

Incident Period: September 25 and continuing

Requested:

- **PA:** Public Assistance for 100 counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



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Declaration Request – Georgia

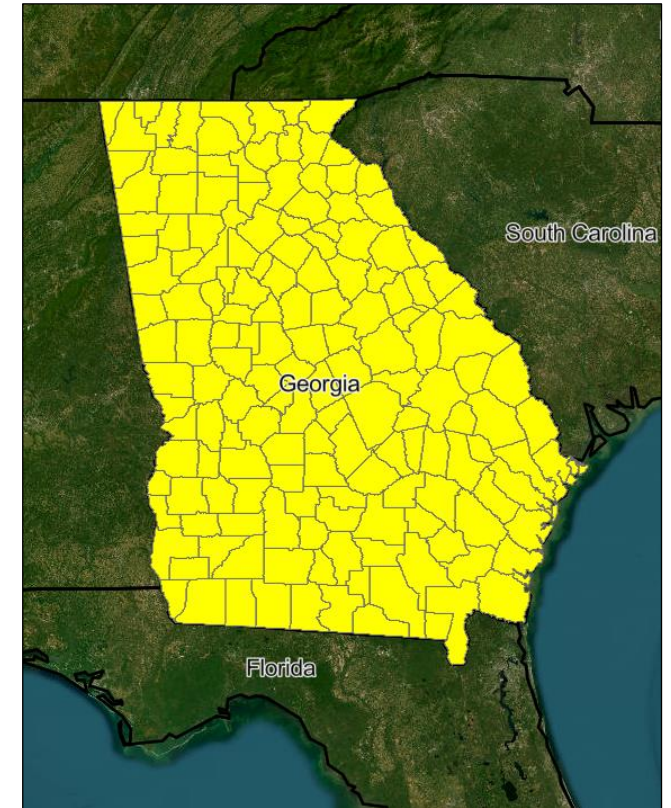
Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – Georgia
Requested: Sep 25

Incident: Hurricane Helene

Incident Period: September 24 and continuing

Requested:

- **PA:** Public Assistance for 159 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



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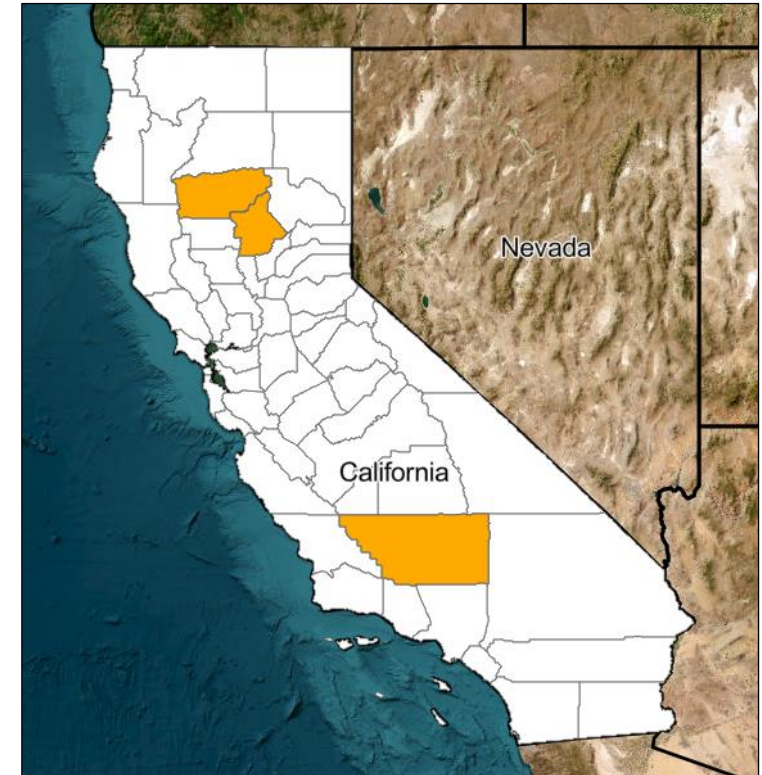
Declaration Request – California

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – California
Requested: Sep 24

Incident: Park Fire and Borel
Incident Period: July 24 – Aug 26

Requested:

- **IA:** Individual Assistance for three counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



■ IA



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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
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
MI – Severe Storm and Tornadoes (APPEAL)	DR	X		X	Sep 11
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
HT**** – Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Sep 20

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



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Declaration Requests in Process – 16 (cont.)

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
NC – Hurricane Helene	EM		X	X	Sep 25
CA – Park-Fire and Borel Fire	DR	X		X	Sep 24
GA – Hurricane Helene	DR		X	X	Sep 25
AL - Hurricane Helene	EM		X		Sep 25



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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-3615-EM-FL	1	Sep 25	Adds 24 counties for Public Assistance (already designated for Public Assistance (Category B), limited to direct federal assistance)



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