

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Monday, September 30, 2024

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Ops / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Post-Tropical Cyclone Helene – Southeast and Mid-Atlantic

## Hazard Monitoring

- Excessive Rainfall/Flash Flooding – Central Appalachians and Mid-Atlantic
- Fire Weather – Northern and Central Plains
- Tropical Activity:
  - Atlantic:
    - Tropical Storm Isaac
    - Tropical Depression Joyce
    - Tropical Depression Twelve
    - Disturbance 1: Medium (40%); Disturbance 2: High (80%)
  - Eastern Pacific:
    - Disturbance 1: High (70%); Disturbance 2: Low (20%)

## Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approval: Major Disaster Declaration – SC
- Approval: Emergency Declaration – VA

## Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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# Post-Tropical Cyclone Helene – Southeast & Mid-Atlantic



**Situation:** Locally executed, state managed, and federally supported operations continue.

**Lifelines:** (FEMA RIV SLB, as of 6:00 p.m. ET, Sep 29)

**Safety & Security:** Conditions are improving as responders are engaging the public and the state is postured to resolve operations.

- FL: 9 counties with mandatory evacuations / 1 counties with voluntary evacuations
- NC: Curfews have been issued in 6 counties
- SC: Curfews have been issued in 5 counties

**Food, Hydration, Shelter:** Shelter populations have increased over the past 24hrs. (ARC, as of 7:00 a.m. ET, Sep 30)

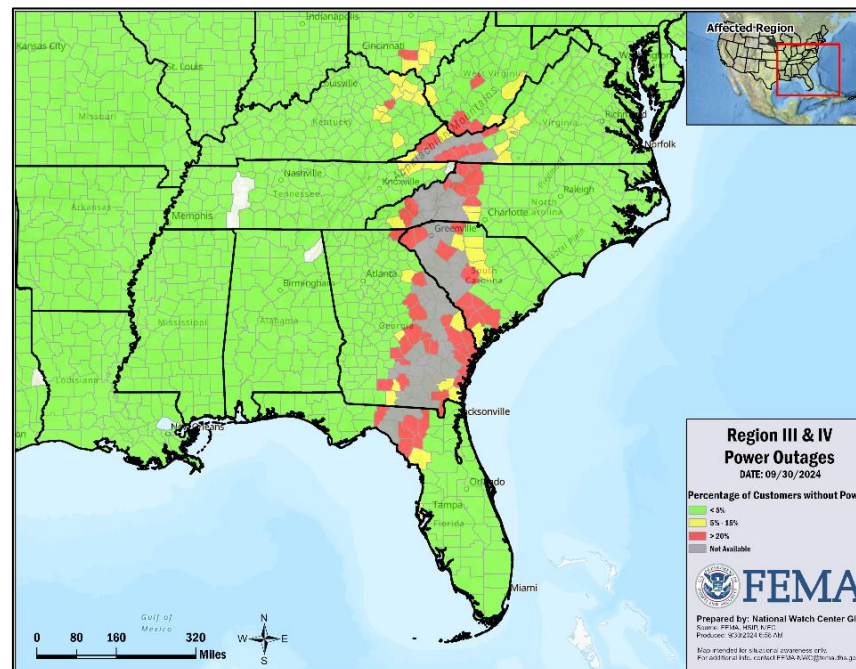
- 78 (+5) shelters / 2,788 (+728) occupants
  - FL: 26 (-1) shelters / 795 (+52) occupants
  - GA: 8 shelters / 519 (+285) occupants
  - NC: 29 (+4) shelters / 1,033 (+114) occupants
  - SC: 8 (+3) shelters / 342 (+309) occupants
  - TN: 8 shelters / 68 (-32) occupants

**Health & Medical:** Healthcare assessments are ongoing. Facilities report impacts that affect operational status.

- FL: 54 healthcare facilities without power; 7 facilities damaged; reentry evaluations have begun
  - 1 confirmed fatality
- GA: Public Health Emergency (PHE) declared by the Secretary of HHS
  - 13 (-5) medical facilities on generator power & 5 (+1) facilities without water; local and state resources addressing the concern
  - 21 (+4) confirmed fatalities
- NC: 3 HMTFs operational
  - 11 (+4) confirmed fatalities
- SC: 21 confirmed fatalities

**Water Systems:** Potable and Wastewater systems are offline due to flood waters, power loss, and contaminated systems.

- FL: 60 (+16) boil water notices/27 (+4) wastewater systems are non-operational
- GA: 119 (+117) boil water notices/9 wastewater systems are non-operational
- NC: 93 (+92) active boil water notices / Asheville water system has been severely damaged; working to get drinking water by truck load delivered
- SC: 1 active boil water advisory
- TN: 2 active boil water notices



**Energy:** Power outage numbers are improving as restoration teams gain access to communities and debris hazards are removed. (DOE Eagle-I, as of 8:00 a.m. ET, Sep 30)

- 2M (-1.3M) total customers without power
  - FL: 120k (1%) customers without power
  - GA: 562k (11%) customers without power
  - NC: 457k (9%) customers without power
  - SC: 760k (27%) customers without power; Power has been fully restored for Catawba Indian Nation
  - VA: 100k (3%) customers without power
- FL: Fuel delivery is complicated by the closure of Port of Tampa. Port Everglades is a potential alternate supply point

**Communications:** MEOVs (Mobile Emergency Operations Vehicles) are in place to support responder communication and support to impacted communities.

- GA: 5 counties with minimal communications on Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs)
    - All 911 calls are being answered; several 911 centers rerouted
  - NC: 26.69% cellular systems are operational in the impacted area
    - 19 (+2) PSAPs are down; emergency calls are being routed to other PSAPs
    - Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians: Communications remain heavily disrupted, cellular service inoperable, and partial internet services
  - SC: 81.7% cellular systems are operational in the impacted area
- Transportation:** Debris teams continue to clear roadways. One hinderance to debris clearance is due to powerline entanglements.
- FL: Port of St. Petersburg at Port Condition **NORMAL**
    - Port of St. Joe remained closed
    - Port Tampa Bay and Seaport Manatee are now open (daylight transits only) (USCG, as of 1:30 a.m. ET, Sep 30)
    - Tampa International Airport is open; however, Tampa pipeline is inoperable, refueling may become a limiting factor
  - GA: 108 roads closed throughout the state with numbers steadily decreasing
  - NC: 290 (-128) roads closed across 43 counties
  - SC: Approximately 130 primary routes remain closed; SCDOT forecast majority of roadways will reopen approximately Oct 2
  - TN: Multiple local road closures due to debris, flooding, and/or downed power lines
    - 10 bridges are compromised, 1 is closed, and 3 are in unknown status due to the Nolichucky River flooding



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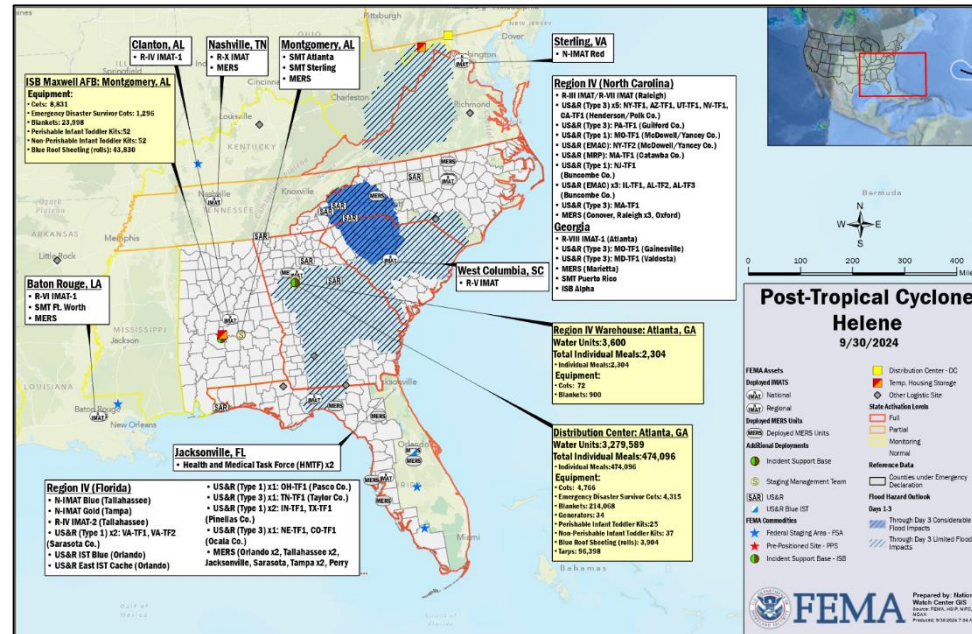


# Post-Tropical Cyclone Helene – Southeast & Mid-Atlantic

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## State / Tribal Response:

- AL: SEOC at Monitoring (TC Helene)
  - Poarch Band of Creek Indians is monitoring; no reported requests for assistance
  - FEMA-3618-EM-AL approved on Sep 26
- FL: SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene)
  - Gov declared State of Emergency for 41 counties; FEMA-3615-EM-FL approved; FEMA-4828-DR-FL approved on Sep 28
  - Seminole Tribe demobilized; Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida completed assessment minimal damage; no reported request for assistance
- GA: SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene)
  - Gov declared a State of Emergency; FEMA-3616-EM-GA approved
- NC: SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene)
  - FEMA-3617-EM-NC approved on Sep 26
  - FEMA-4827-DR-NC approved on Sep 28
  - Governor declared a State of Emergency
- SC: SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene)
  - Governor declared a State of Emergency; [FEMA-4829-DR-SC approved on Sep 29](#)
- TN: SEOC at Monitoring (TC Helene)
  - Gov declared a State of Emergency; FEMA-3620-EM-TN approved on Sep 27
- VA: SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene)
  - Gov declared a State of Emergency; [FEMA-3621-EM-VA approved on Sep 29](#)



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).

## FEMA / Federal Response:

- FEMA RIII: RWC is Enhanced; RRCC at Level II with select ESFs
  - FEMA RIV: RWC is Monitoring; RRCC activated to Level II with all ESFs
    - IMAT-1 deployed to AL SEOC, IMAT-2 deployed to FL SEOC
  - HQ: NWC is Monitoring; NRCC is at Level I
- IMAT:**
- N-IMAT Blue deployed to FL SEOC
  - N-IMAT Gold deployed to Tampa, FL
  - N-IMAT Red staged in Sterling, VA
  - FEMA Region III IMAT deployed to Raleigh, NC ([will deploy to VDEM on Sep 30](#))
  - FEMA Region V IMAT deployed to West Columbia, SC
  - FEMA Region VII IMAT deployed to Raleigh, NC
  - FEMA Region VIII IMAT deployed to Atlanta, GA
  - FEMA Region X IMAT deployed to Nashville, TN
- Logistics:**
- SMT Atlanta and SMT Sterling deployed to Montgomery, AL; SMT Puerto Rico deployed to Atlanta, GA
  - ISB Team Bravo deployed to Montgomery, AL
- US&R:**
- 21 US&R Task Forces deployed (7xType 1, 13xType 3; 1xMRP-W)
  - Incident Support Team (IST) Blue deployed to FL
- MERS:**
- MERS assets deployed to FL, AL, GA, and NC
  - Additional MERS teams on standby

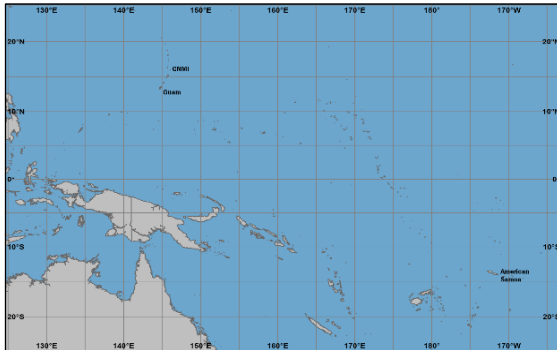


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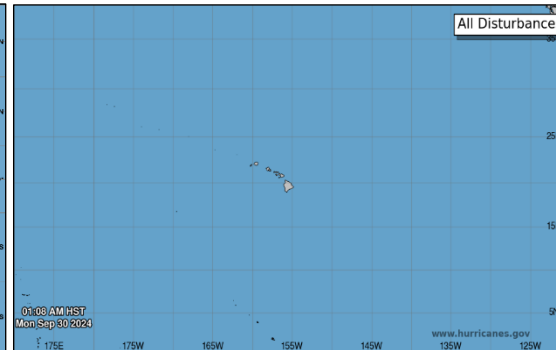
# Tropical Outlook

## Western Pacific



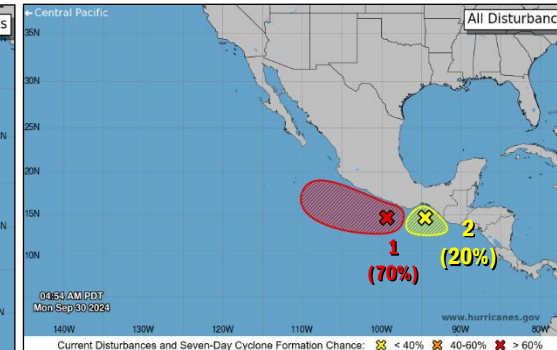
- No areas of concern for Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or American Samoa

## Central Pacific



- No tropical cyclones are expected in the next seven days.

## Eastern Pacific



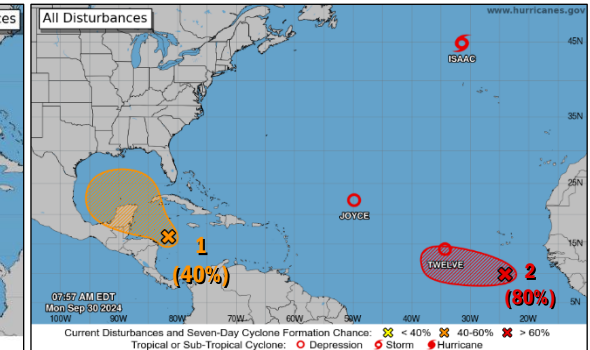
### Disturbance 1: (as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located off the coast of southern Mexico
- Tropical depression could form by the end of the week
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (20%); 7-day – High (70%)

### Disturbance 2: (as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located off the coast of southern Mexico
- Additional development possible
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (20%); 7-day – Low (20%)

## Atlantic



### Tropical Storm Isaac: (Advisory #18, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 515 miles NNN of the Azores
- Moving ENE at 15 mph
- Expected to become a post-tropical cyclone today

### Tropical Depression Joyce: (Advisory #8, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 910 miles ENE of Northern Leeward Islands
- Moving W at 2 mph
- Joyce will likely become a remnant low later today

### Tropical Depression Twelve: (Advisory #3, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 690 miles W of Cabo Verde Islands
- Moving W at 8 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 35 mph
- Forecast to become a hurricane by Wednesday

### Disturbance 1: (as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located in W Caribbean moving into the Gulf of Mexico
- Tropical depression could form this week
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (near 0%); 7-day – Medium (40%)

### Disturbance 2: (as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

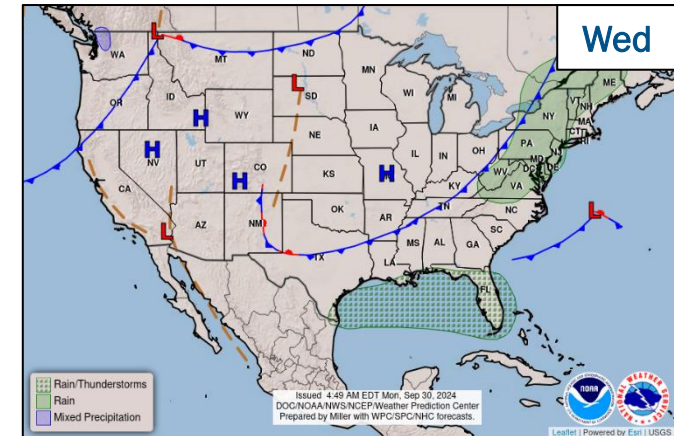
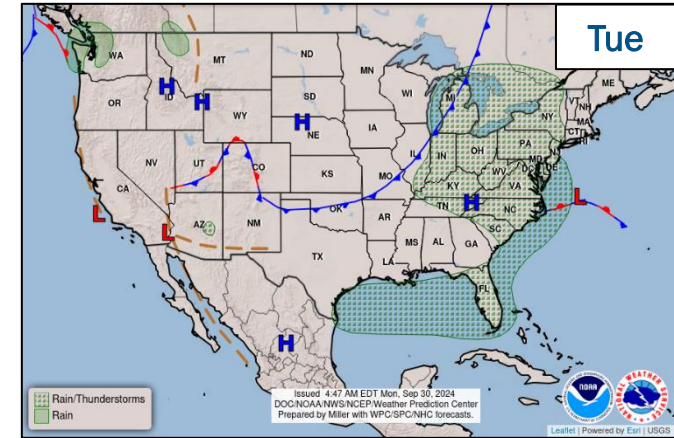
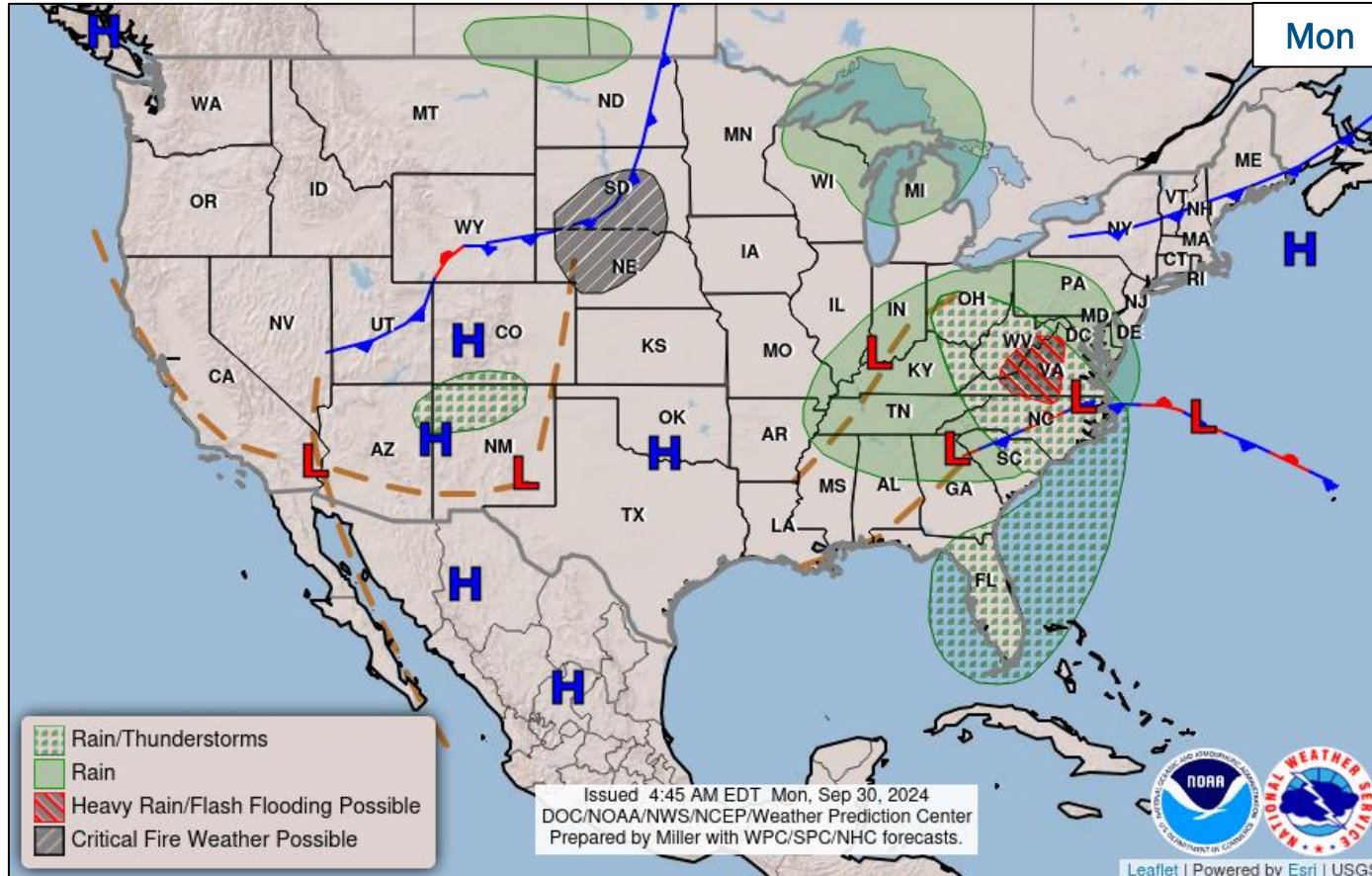
- Located S of the Cabo Verde Islands
- Tropical depression could form this week
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (30%); 7-day – High (80%)

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# National Weather Forecast

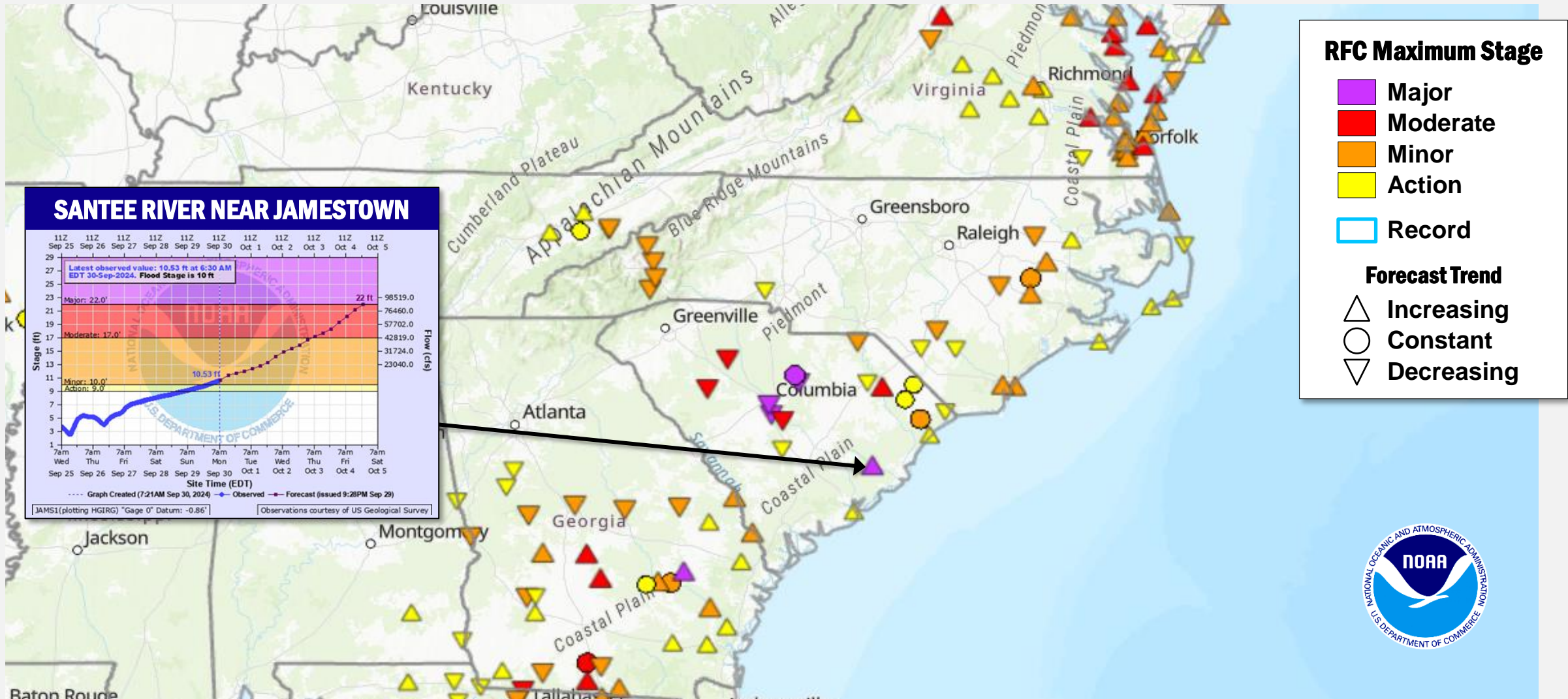


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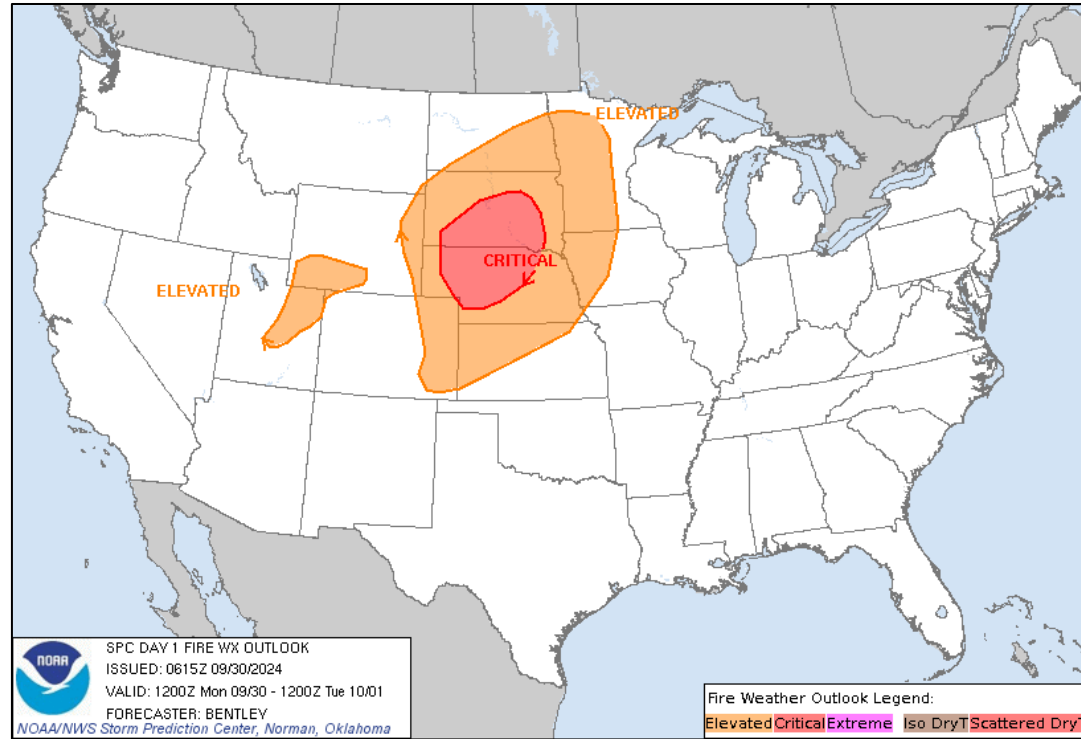
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# Post-Helene River Flooding

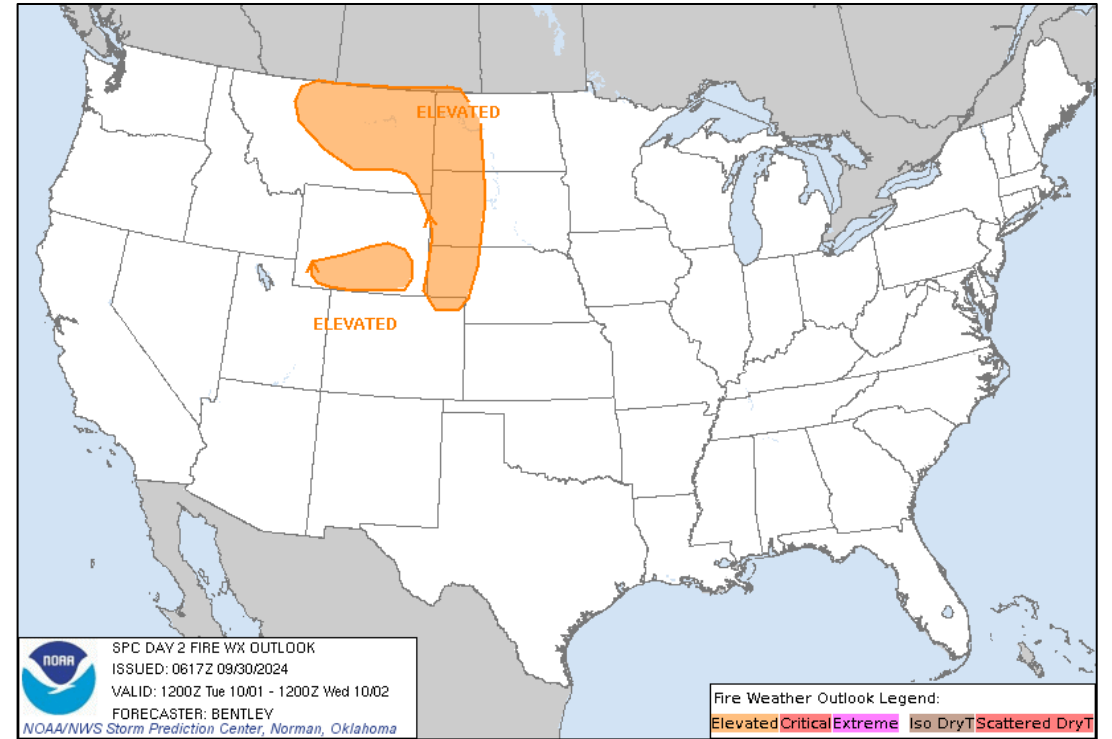
## RFC MAX STAGE FORECAST (TREND)



# Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow

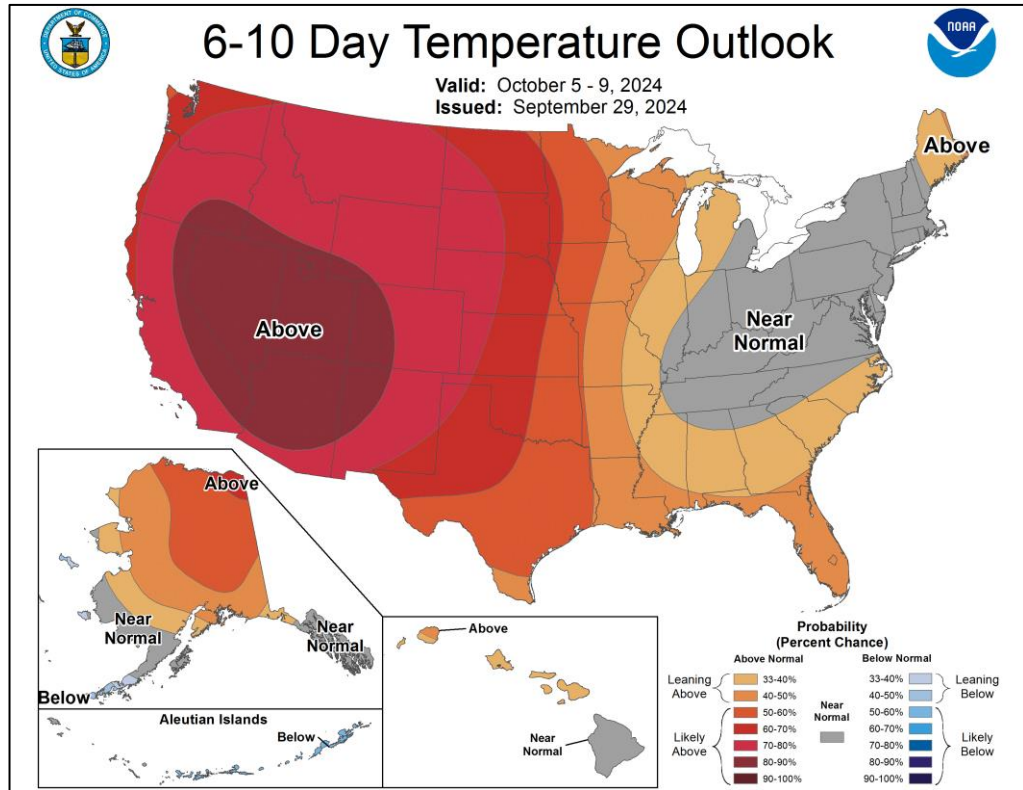


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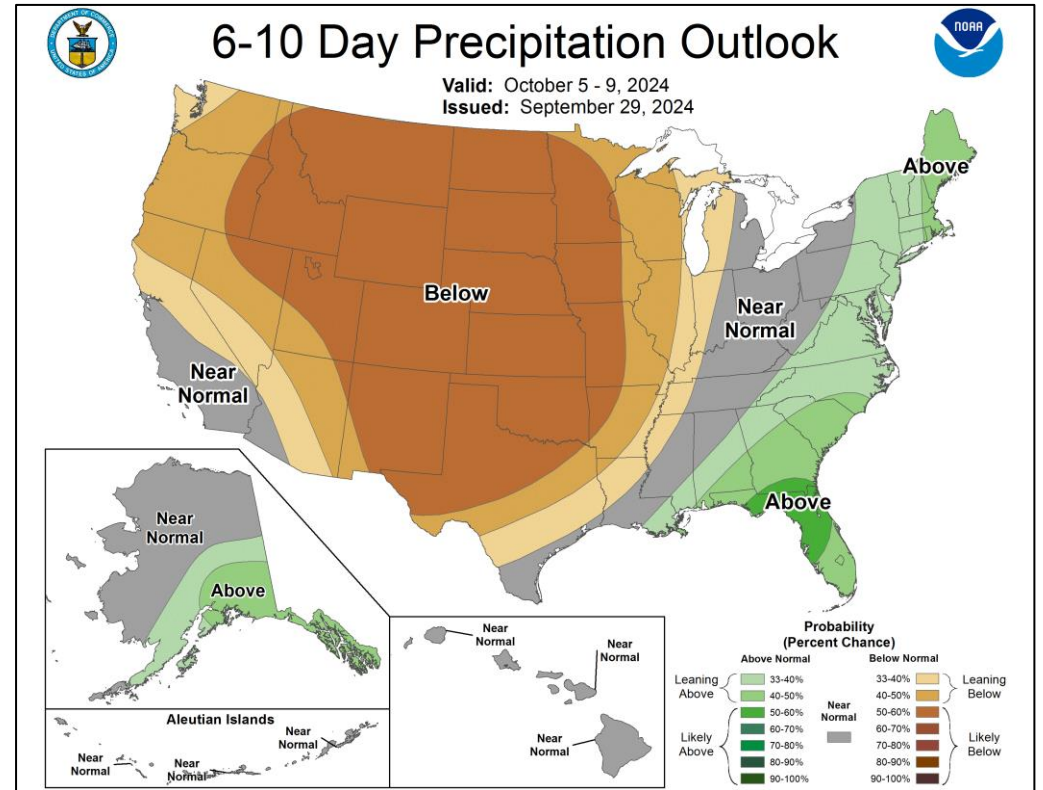
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# Long Range Outlooks – Oct 5-9



6-10 Day Temperature Probability



6-10 Day Precipitation Probability



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# National Fire Activity *(as of Sep 29)*

## National Preparedness Level

**PL 3**

Initial Attack Activity (24-hour period)	Light (50 fires)	
New large fires:	0	<p><b>U.S. Wildfires National PL 3 9/30/2024</b></p> <p><b>Wildland Fire Information</b>                      WFC Incident Management Report                      WFC Incident Report                      WFC Incident Report</p> <p><b>FEMA Assets</b>                      Pre-Positioned Site                      PPS                      Distribution Center                      DC                      Temporary Housing Storage Site / Area                      THSS THSA                      Other Assets / Sites</p> <p><b>FEMA Regional Offices</b>                      FEMA Headquarters</p> <p><b>Reference Data</b>                      State Emergency Operations Centers (EOC)                      Geographic Area Coordination Centers                      Preparedness Level</p> <p><b>Legend</b>                      1                      2                      3                      4                      5                      GACC Boundaries</p> <p><b>FEMA</b>                      Prepared by: National Watch Center GIS                      Date: 9/30/2024</p>
Large fires contained:	0	
Uncontained large fires:	26	
Cumulative Acres Burned	7,893,735	
Total Responders	10,839	
Type 1 IMTs deployed	0	
Complex IMTs deployed	11 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  
**107 + 15** Major Disasters Emergency Declarations  
**12** Direct Housing Missions **17** RSF-Supported Disasters **5** Joint Recovery Offices

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NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Level I
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Monitoring	I Rostered
Monitoring	II Rostered
Enhanced	III Level II
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	VA (staged/Sep 29)
White	
Blue	FL (Sep 23)
Gold	FL (Sep 23)
HS	

R-IMATs ≤ 3 Teams Available	
I	VT (Aug 19)
II	USVI (Aug 9)
III	NC (Sep 29)
IV-1	AL (Sep 24)
IV-2	FL (Aug 2)
V	SC (Sep 29)
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	TN (Sep 29)

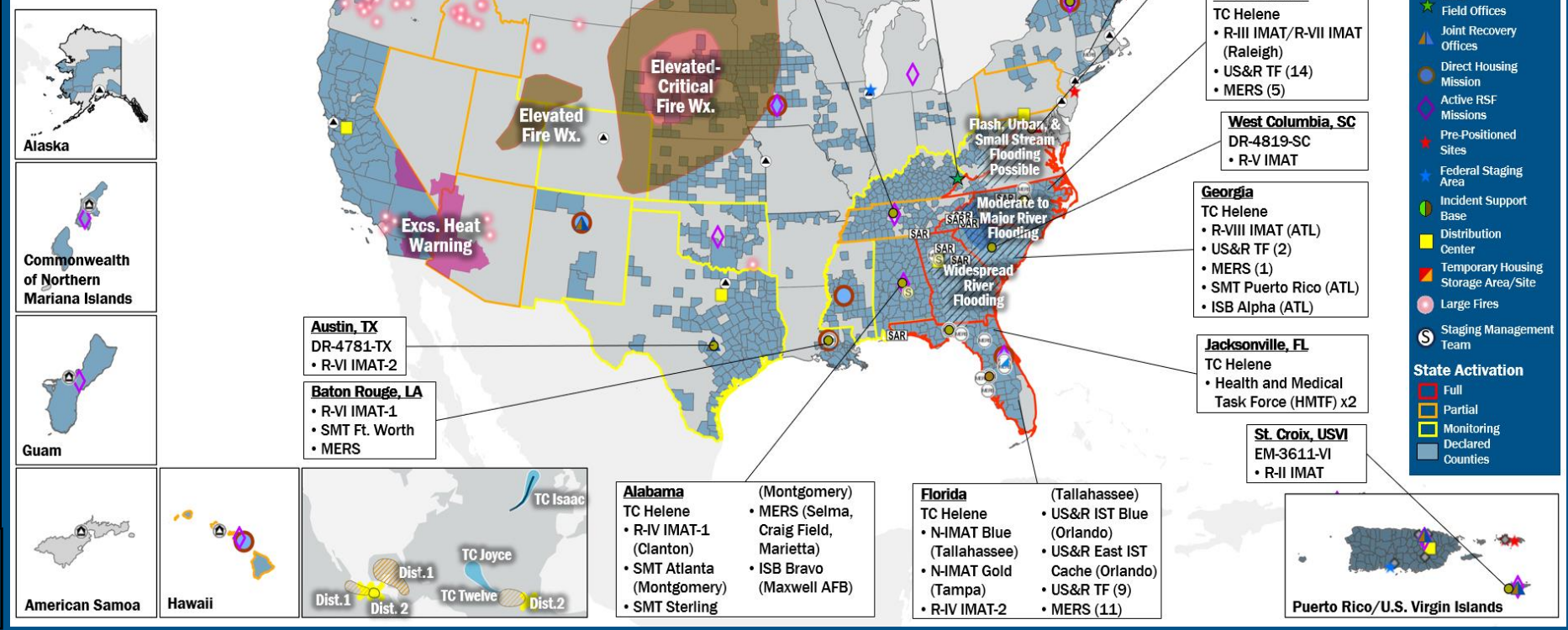
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NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:	State EOCs:
• NRCC: TC Helene	• OK: Severe Weather
• R-III RWC: TC Helene	• HI/OK/NM/NV/ID/WY/UT/NE: Wildfires
• R-III RRCC: TC Helene	• AZ: SW Border
• R-IV RRCC: TC Helene	• CO: Hwy. 50 closure/Avian Flu
	• NM/AZ: Flooding
	• TX: TC Francine
	• PA: TC Debby
	• WV: Drought
	• VA: Operation FREE
	• FL/AL/GA/MS/NC/SC/TN/KY/VA: TC Helene

Volunteer Force	
Rostered 7,840	Deployed 8
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 7,787	Deployed 11 (+11)

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

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO/VJFO	DR	EM	JRO
I	4/0	18	2	0
II	3/1	6	2	2
III	1/0	4	1	0
IV	4/0	25	10	0
V	2/0	4	0	0
VI	5/0	9	0	3
VII	3/1	12	0	0
VIII	1/1	2	0	0
IX	2/1	18	0	0
X	3/1	9	0	0



## IM Workforce

13,689 (-1) Assigned  
 4,965 (+117) Unavailable  
 6,915 (+15) Deployed  
 13% (-1) / 1,818 (-124) Available

## IM Cadre Availability

17 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability  
 Civil Rights: 22% (36/164); Disability Integration: 14% (6/43); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 1% (16/1,182); External Affairs: 7% (36/516); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 12% (95/822); Field Leadership: 12% (17/145); Financial Management: 25% (60/237); Hazard Mitigation: 8% (92/1,184); Human Resources: 8% (13/172); Individual Assistance: 10% (239/2,515); Information Technology: 15% (102/662); Logistics: 9% (149/1,598); Operations: 4% (15/337); Public Assistance: 16% (351/2,263); Planning: 4% (20/450); Safety: 10% (9/93) Security: 20% (28/137)

## MERS

≥ 66%  
 36 Assigned  
 0 Unavailable  
 11 Deployed  
 25 Available

## US&R

< 33%  
 28 Assigned  
 2 Unavailable  
 21 Deployed  
 5 Available

## FCO

1 Type I  
 51 (-1) Assigned  
 6 (-3) Unavailable  
 44 (+2) (37 FCOR) Deployed  
 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	1	9/9 – TBD
IV	NC	Tropical Cyclone Debby Aug 5-19	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	9/23 – TBD
VII	Kickapoo Tribe	Severe Storms Aug 15-28	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	9/26 – TBD
IX	Navajo Nation	Shiprock Flooding Aug 25	IA	1	0	10/7 – TBD
			PA	1	0	10/7 – TBD



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# Declaration Approval – South Carolina

**Declaration Type:** Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4829-DR-SC

**Date Requested:** Sep 28

**Date Approved:** Sep 29

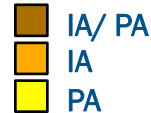
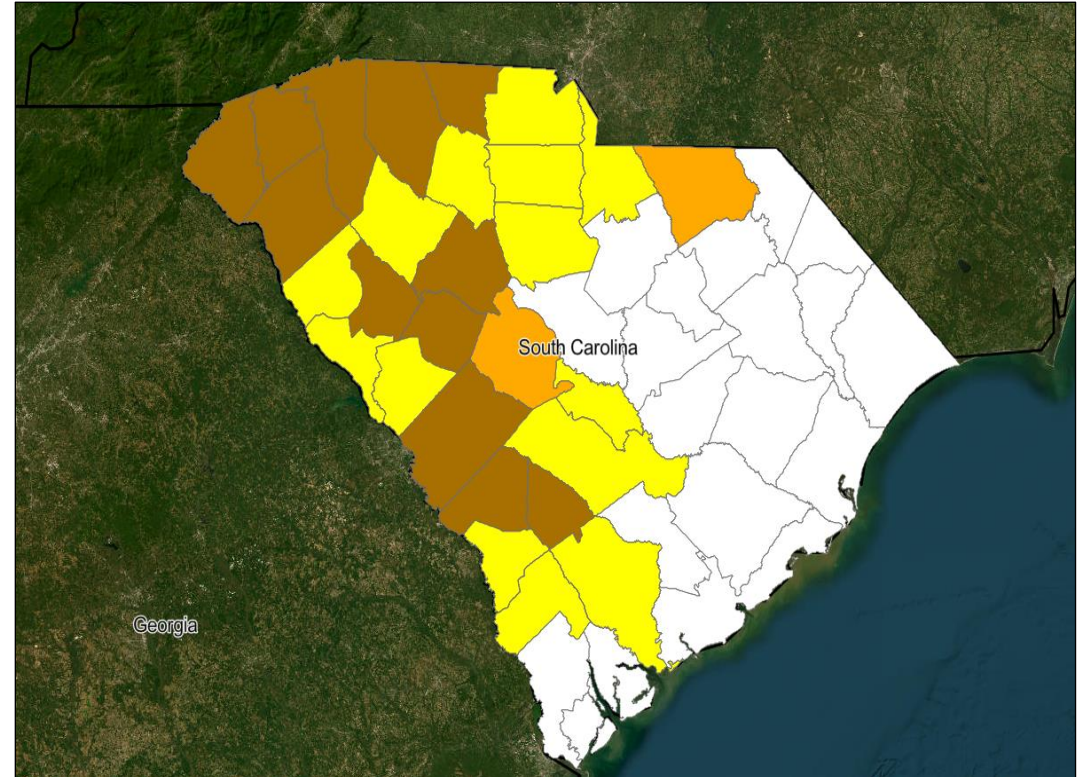
**Incident:** Hurricane Helene

**Incident Period:** Sep 25, and continuing

**Provides:**

- **IA/PA:** 12 counties
- **IA:** 2 counties
- **PA:** 14 counties
- **HM:** Statewide

**FCO:** Brett H. Howard



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# Declaration Approval – Virginia

**Declaration Type:** Emergency Declaration – FEMA-3621-EM-VA

**Date Requested:** Sep 28

**Date Approved:** Sep 29

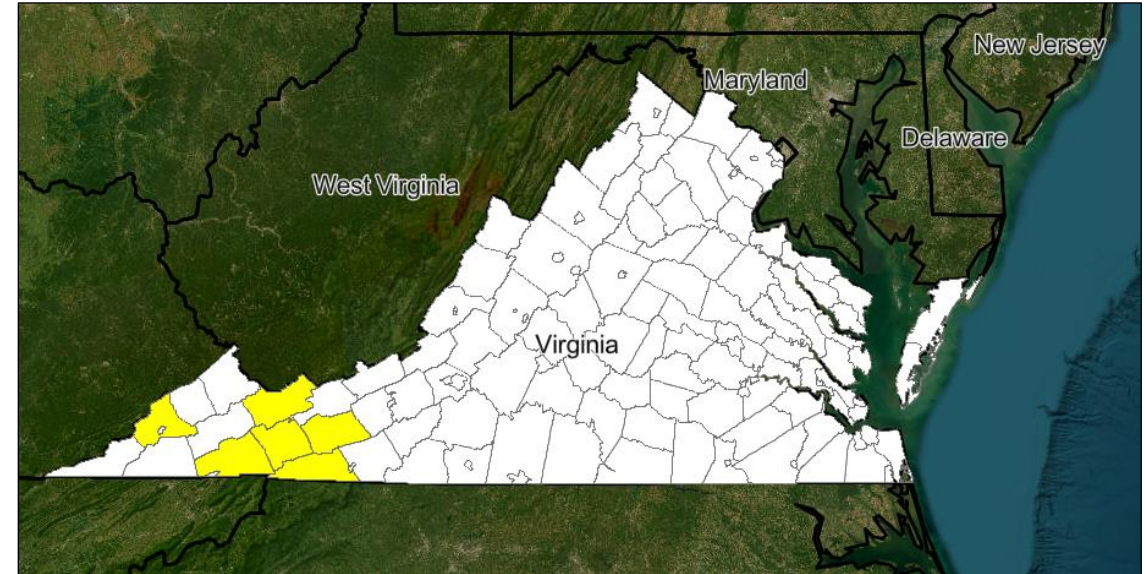
**Incident:** Post-Tropical Cyclone Helene

**Incident Period:** Sep 25 and continuing

**Provides:**

- **PA:** 6 Counties and the City of Galax

**FCO:** Timothy S. Pheil



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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
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
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
HT*** – Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Sep 20
CA – Park Fire and Borel Fire	DR	X		X	Sep 24
SC – Hurricane Helene – APPROVED	DR	X	X	X	Sep 28
VA – Post-Tropical Cyclone Helene – APPROVED	EM		X		Sep 28

\* San Carlos Apache Tribe, \*\* Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, \*\*\*Havasupai Tribe



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