

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

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

Hazard Monitoring

- Fire Weather – Northern Plains
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Tropical Storm Kirk
 - Disturbance 1: Medium (40%)
 - Disturbance 2: High (90%)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Disturbance 1: High (90%)
 - Disturbance 2: High (70%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approved: Expedited Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4830-DR-GA
- Request: Expedited Major Disaster Declaration – TN
- Request: Expedited Major Disaster 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 30)

Safety & Security:

- FL: All evacuation orders lifted; all federal US&R teams released
- GA: Curfews remain in effect for 5 counties
- NC: Curfews remain in effect in 6 counties
- SC: Road closures/debris/power outages impacting local response

Food, Hydration, Shelter: (ARC, as of 7:45 a.m. ET, Oct 1)

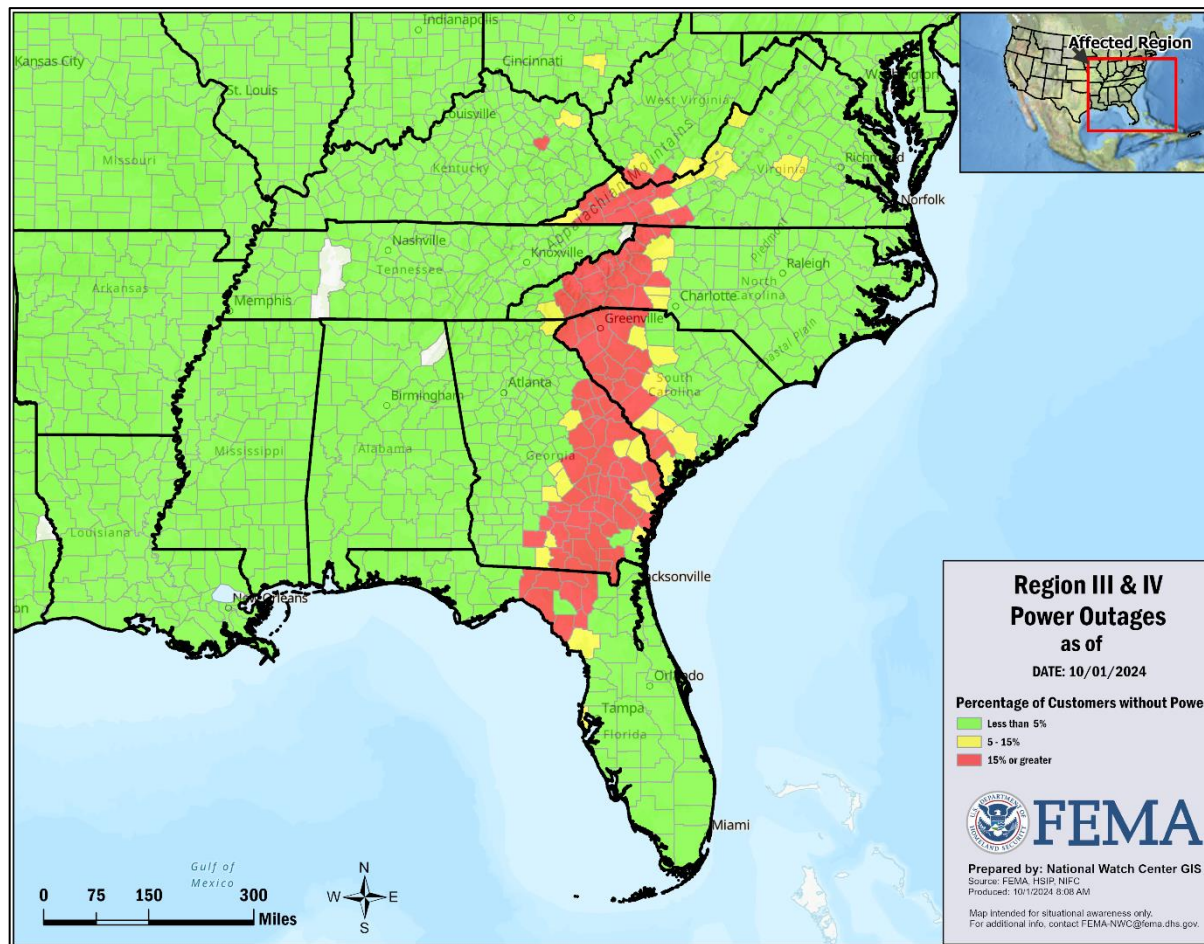
- FL: 16 (-1) shelters / 509 (-159) occupants
- GA: 9 (+1) shelters / 520 (+1) occupants
- NC: 25 (+1) shelters / 1,163 (+130) occupants
- SC: 10 (+5) shelters / 142 occupants
- TN: 8 shelters / 63 (-5) occupants

Health & Medical:

- FL: 31 healthcare facilities evacuated
 - 1 confirmed fatality
- GA: 11 (-2) medical facilities on generator power & 4 (-1) facilities without water
 - 25 (+4) confirmed fatalities
- NC: 2 (-20) hospitals on generator power
 - 33 (+22) confirmed fatalities
- SC: 28 (+7) confirmed fatalities

Water Systems:

- FL: 49 (-11) boil water notices; 232 wastewater systems with non/partial/unknown operational status
- GA: 216 (+97) boil water notices; 84 (+21) wastewater systems with non/partial/unknown operational status
- NC: 121 (+28) boil water notices; 16 (+9) wastewater systems with non/partial/unknown operational status
- SC: 1 active boil water advisory; 2 partially operational wastewater systems
- TN: 3 (+1) active boil water notices; 3 non-operational and 1 partially operational wastewater system



Energy: (DOE Eagle-I, as of 7:30 a.m. ET, Oct 1)

- FL: 69k (-51k) / 1% customers without power
- GA: 480k (-82k) / 10% customers without power
- NC: 375k (-82k) / 7% customers without power
- SC: 585k (-175k) / 20% customers without power
- VA: 76k / 2% customers without power

Communications:

- GA: 21 counties with 50% or more of cell sites down
 - All 911 calls are being answered; several 911 centers rerouted
- NC: 17 (-1) counties with 50% or more of cell sites down
 - 16 (-3) PSAPs degraded, however 911 calls are being answered
 - Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians: Communications remain heavily disrupted, and partial cellular and internet services
- SC: 2 counties with 50% or more of cell sites down
- TN: 1 (-1) county with 50% or more of cell sites down

Transportation:

- GA: 20 (-88) roads closed throughout the state with numbers steadily decreasing
- NC: 182 (-108) roads closed; all roads in western NC closed to public/non-emergency travel
- SC: Approximately 110 (-20) primary routes remain closed
- TN: The Nolichucky River Corridor should be considered closed
 - 10 bridges compromised, 1 is closed, and 3 are in unknown status due to flooding



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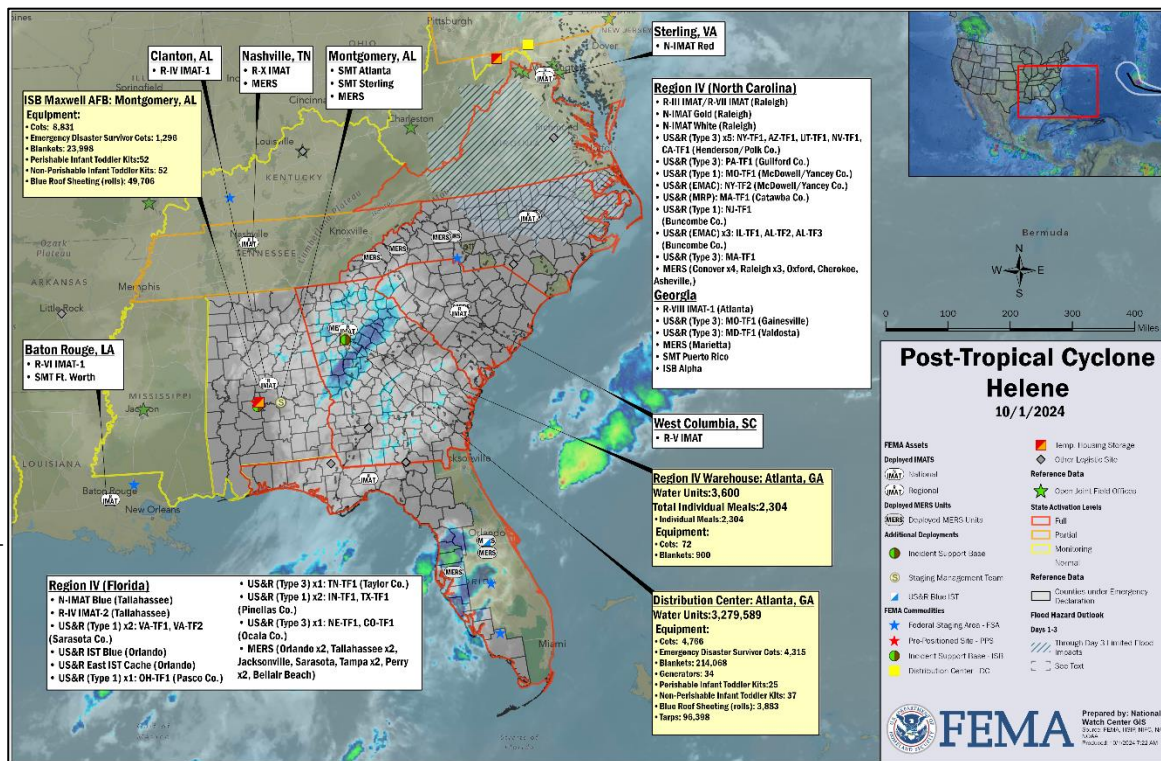
Post-Tropical Cyclone Helene – Southeast & Mid-Atlantic



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State / Tribal Response:

- **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-4830-DR-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 **Partial Activation** (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
 - **National Responder Mobilization Team deployed to Grapevine, TX**

IMAT:

- N-IMAT Blue deployed to FL SEOC
- N-IMAT Gold deployed to **Raleigh, NC**
- N-IMAT Red staged in Sterling, VA
- **N-IMAT White deployed to NC**
- FEMA Region III IMAT deployed to Raleigh, NC
- 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-WR)
- Incident Support Team (IST) Blue deployed to FL

MERS:

- MERS assets deployed to FL, AL, GA, and NC
- Additional MERS teams on standby

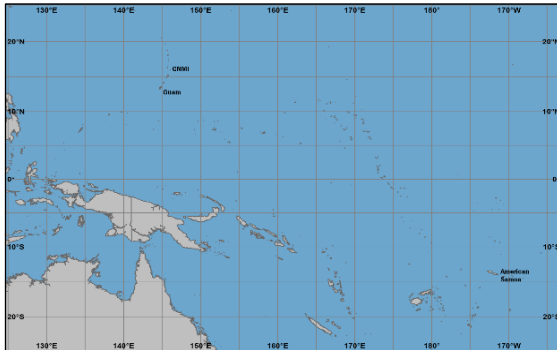


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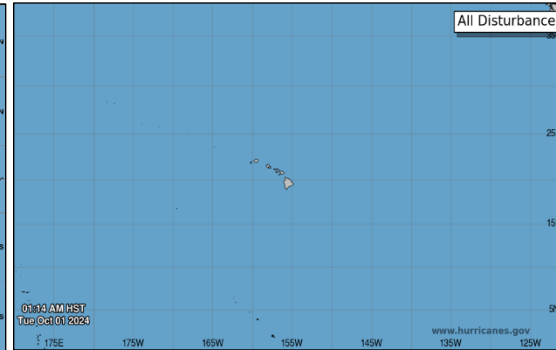
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



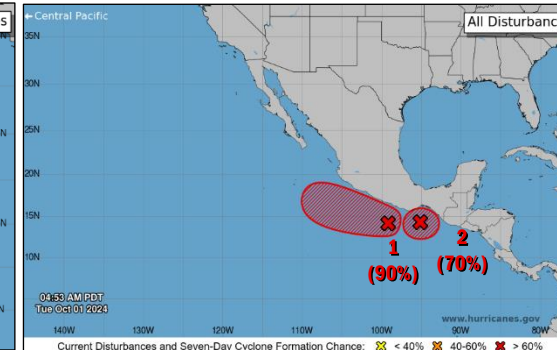
- No areas of concern for Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or American Samoa

Central Pacific



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

Eastern Pacific



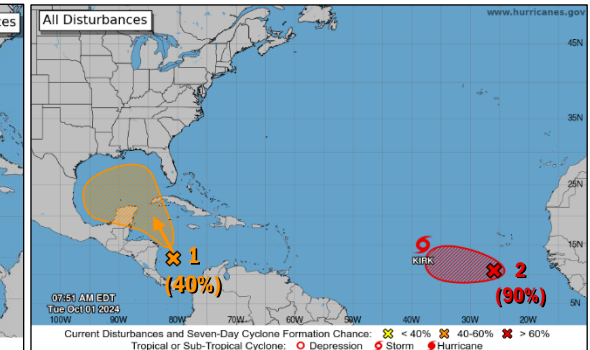
Disturbance 1: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located off the coast of southern Mexico
- Tropical depression likely to form in the next few days
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Medium (60%); 7-day – High (90%)

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

- Located off the coast of southern Mexico
- Tropical depression is likely to form in the next day or two
- Formation chance: 48-hour – High (70%); 7-day – High (70%)

Atlantic



Tropical Storm Kirk: (Advisory #7, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 935 miles W of Cabo Verde Islands
- Moving WNW at 14 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 60 mph
- Forecast to become a hurricane by tonight

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

- Located in SW Caribbean moving into the Gulf of Mexico
- Tropical depression could form by the end of this week
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (10%); 7-day – Medium (40%)

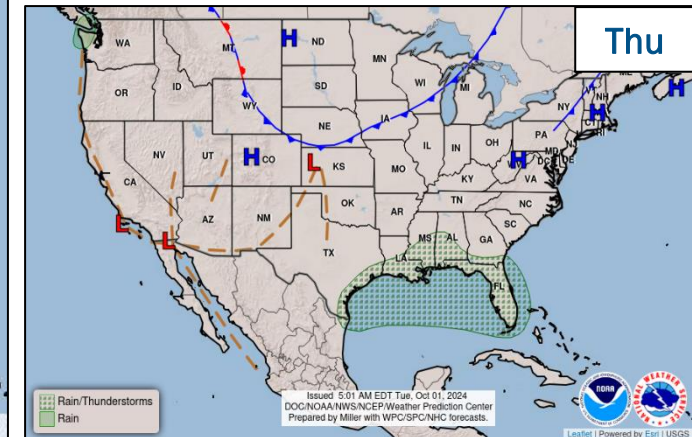
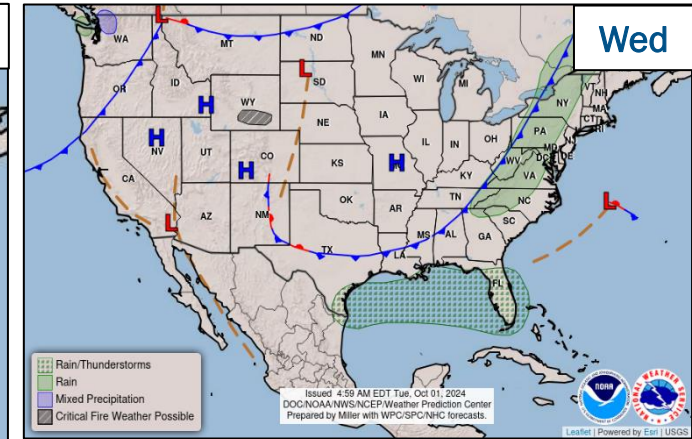
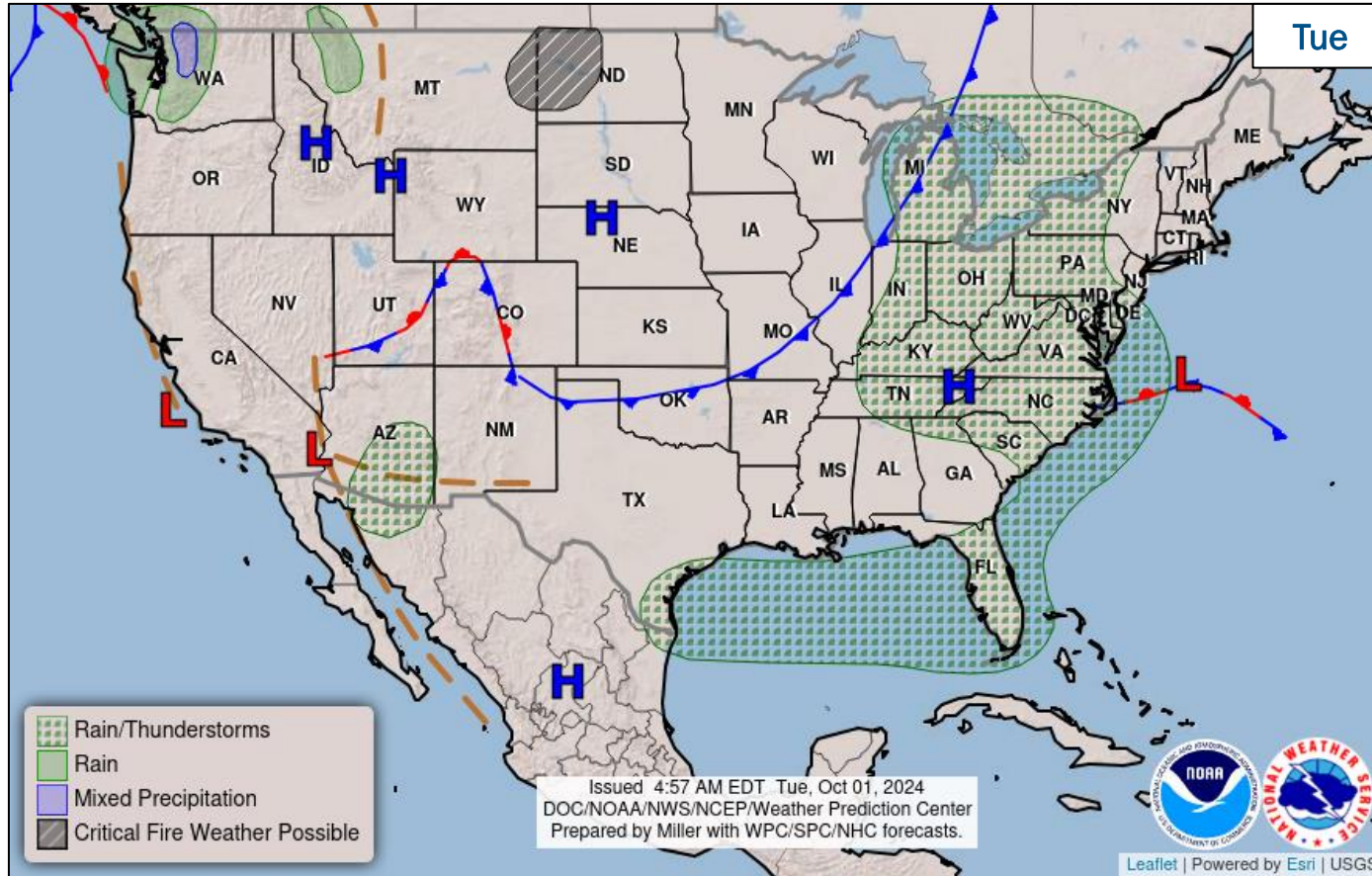
Disturbance 2 (AL91): (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located a few hundred miles SSW of the Cabo Verde Islands
- Tropical depression could form in the next couple of days
- Formation chance: 48-hour – High (80%); 7-day – High (90%)



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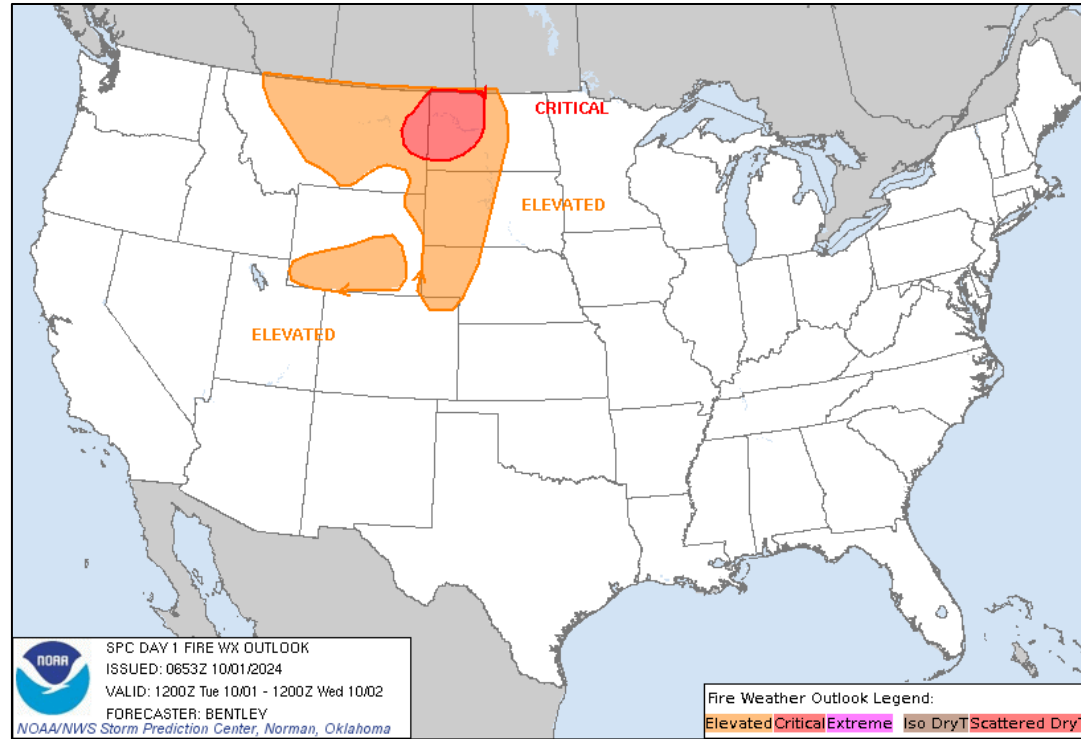
National Weather Forecast



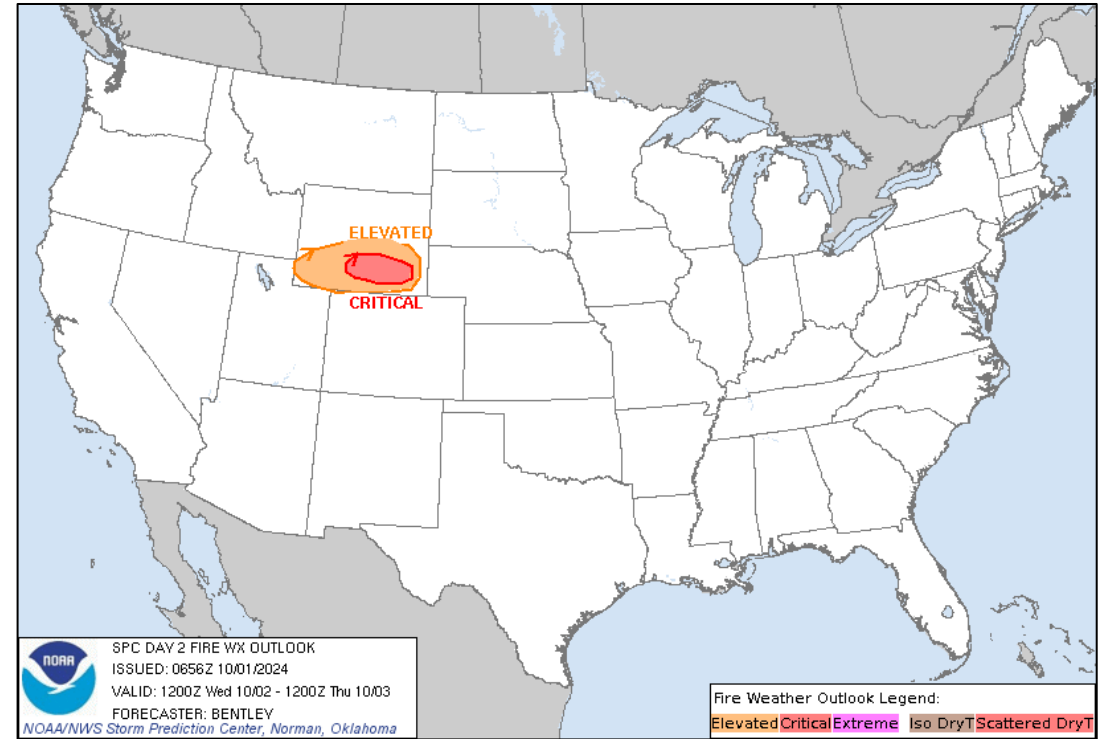
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Fire Weather Outlook



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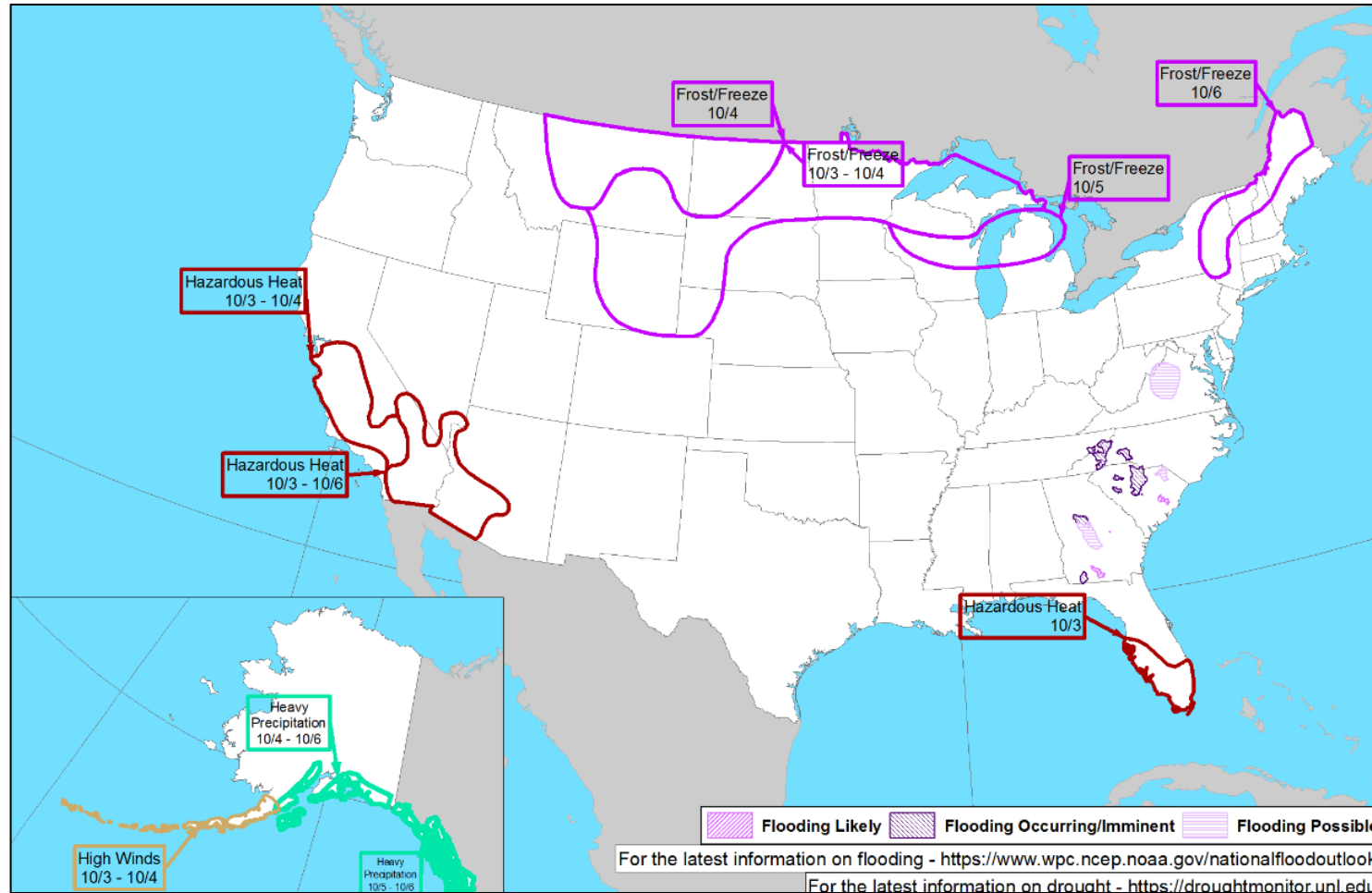
Tomorrow



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Hazards Outlook – Oct 3-7



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National Fire Activity *(as of Sep 30)*

National Preparedness Level

PL 3

Initial Attack Activity (24-hour period)	Light (66 fires)	
New large fires:	4	
Large fires contained:	0	
Uncontained large fires:	30	
Cumulative Acres Burned	7,916,313	
Total Responders	9,905	
Type 1 IMTs deployed	0	
Complex IMTs deployed	12 of 41	

**U.S. Wildfires
National PL 3
10/1/2024**

Wildland Fire Information

- WFO Incident Management Report
- WFO Incident Report
- WFO Incident Photos

FEMA Assets

- Open Joint Field Offices
- Pre-positioned Site - PPS
- Disaster Response Center - DC
- Temporary Housing Storage Site / Area - THSS/THSA
- Other Logistics Site

FEMA Regional Offices

- Headquarters
- Regional Offices

Reference Data

- State Emergency Operations Centers (SEOC)
- Geographic Area Coordination Centers
- Preparedness Level
- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3
- Level 4
- Level 5
- GACC Boundaries

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Prepared by: National Watch Center GIS
 Source: FEMA, USFS, NOAA, National Fire Plan, etc.
 Date: 10/1/2024

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

Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Elk Fire (Sheridan Co., WY)	5539-FM-WY	22,410	0%	M: 0	H: 36	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 54	O: 0	O: 0	

(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
108 + 15 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 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
Notes:	
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:	State EOCs:
• NRCC: TC Helene	• OK: Severe Weather
• RIII RWC: TC Helene	• HI/OK/NM/NV/ID/WY/UT/NE: Wildfires
• RIII RRCC: TC Helene	• AZ: SW Border
• RIV 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
	• DC: Election Monitoring
Volunteer Force	
Rostered 7,840	Deployed 8
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 7,799 (+12)	Deployed 14 (+3)

N-IMATs	
2-4 Team Available	
Red	VA (staged/Sep 29)
White	NC (Sep 30)
Blue	FL (Sep 23)
Gold	NC (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)
Fully Mission Capable (FMC)	Green
Partially Mission Capable (PMC)	Yellow
Not Mission Capable (NMC)	Red
Deployed	Blue

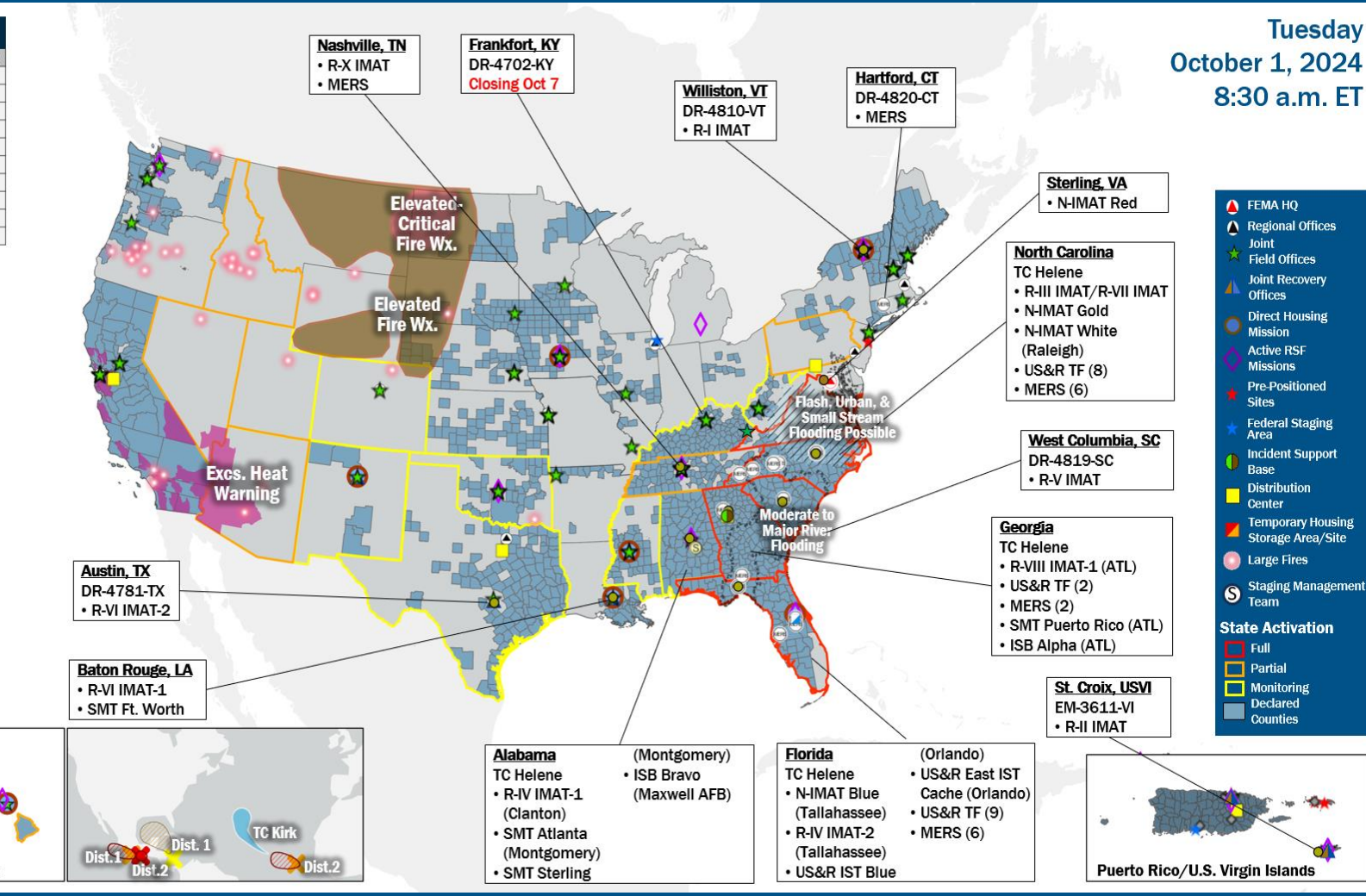
REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO/VJFO	DR	EM	JRO
I	4/0	18	2	0
II	3/1	6	2	2
III	1/0	4	1	0
IV	4/0	26	10	0
V	2/0	4	0	0
VI	5/0	9	0	3
VII	3/1	12	0	0
VIII	1/1	2	0	0
IX	2/1	18	0	0
X	3/1	9	0	0

Alaska

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Guam

American Samoa



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

13,695 (+6) Assigned
 4,993 (+18) Unavailable
 6,971 (+56) Deployed

13% / 1,731 (-87) Available

IM Cadre Availability

16 (-1) Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 22% (36/164); Disability Integration: 12% (5/43); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 1% (9/1,182); External Affairs: 7% (35/520); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 11% (88/822); Field Leadership: 14% (20/146); Financial Management: 25% (60/236); Hazard Mitigation: 7% (77/1,184); Human Resources: 9% (16/172); Individual Assistance: 10% (245/2,515); Information Technology: 15% (101/662); Logistics: 8% (123/1,600); Operations: 4% (13/338); Public Assistance: 15% (346/2,263); Planning: 3% (14/449); Safety: 8% (7/93) Security: 14% (19/137)

MERS
 33%-65%

36 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 13 (+2) Deployed

23 (-2) Available

US&R
 < 33%

28 Assigned
 0 (-2) Unavailable
 21 Deployed

7 (+2) Available

FCO
 1 Type I

51 Assigned
 6 Unavailable
 44 (37 FCO) 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
III	VA	Post-Tropical Cyclone Helene Sep 25 and continuing	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	7	0	10/1 – 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	1	9/26 – 9/28
IX	Navajo Nation	Shiprock Flooding Aug 25	IA	1	0	10/7 – TBD
			PA	1	0	10/7 – TBD



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Expedited Declaration Approval – Georgia

Declaration Type: Expedited Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4830-DR-GA
Requested: Sep 30

Date Approved: Sep 30

Incident: Hurricane Helene

Incident Period: Sep 24 and continuing

Requested:

- **IA:** 6 counties
- **PA:** 42 counties
- **IA/PA:** 44 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide

- **FCO:** Kevin A. Wallace



■ IA/PA



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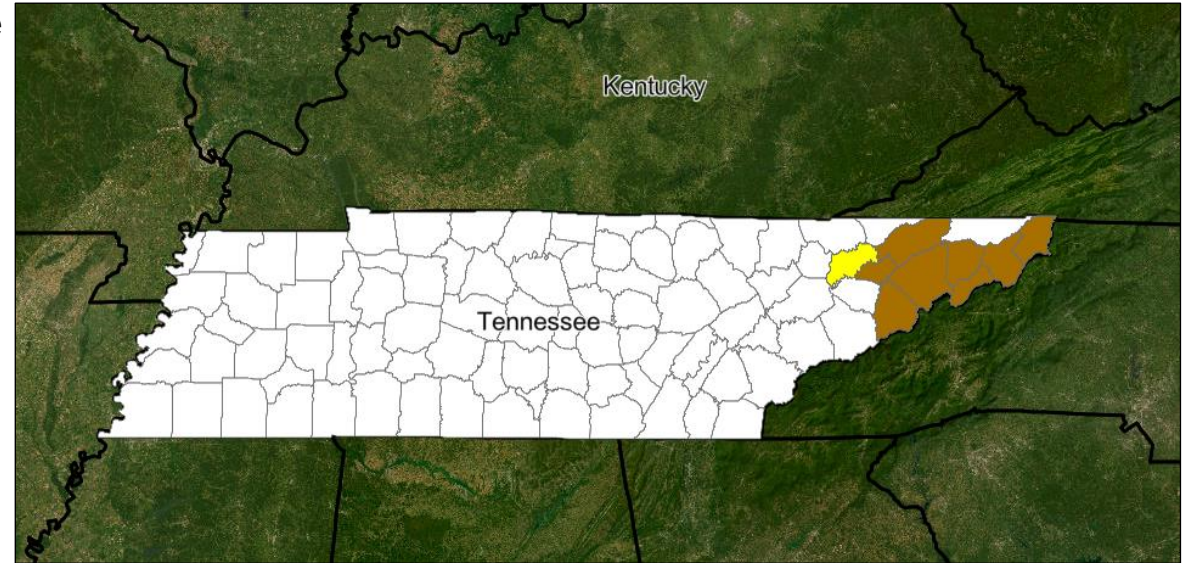
Expedited Declaration Request – Tennessee

Declaration Type: Expedited Major Disaster Declaration – Tennessee
Requested: Sep 30

Incident: Tropical Storm Helene
Incident Period: Sep 26, & continuing

Requested:

- **PA:** 1 county
- **IA/PA:** 8 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



- PA
- IA/PA



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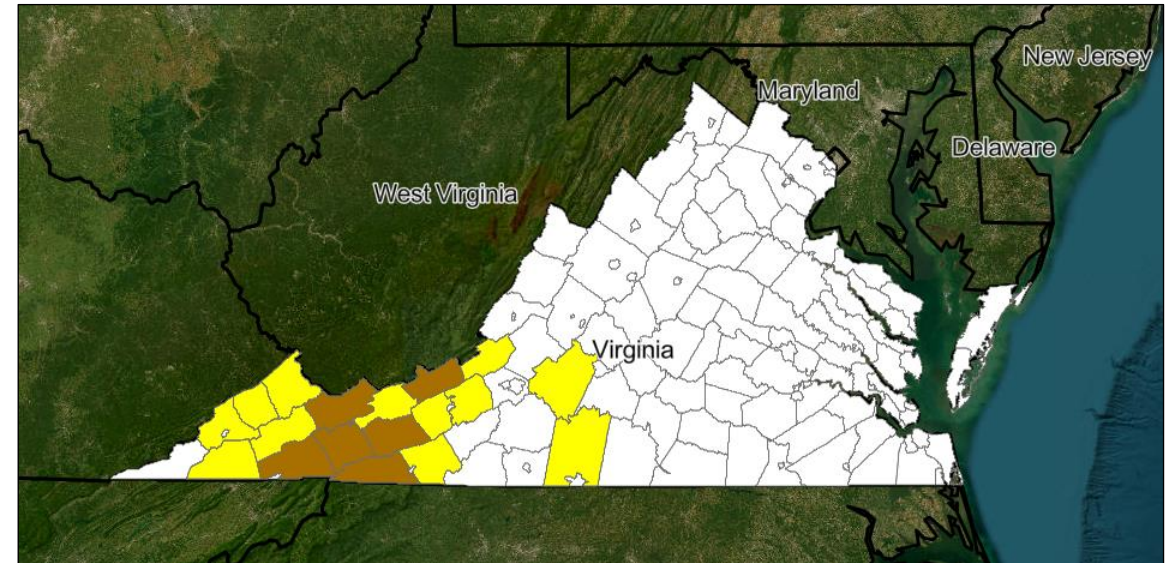
Expedited Declaration Request – Virginia

Declaration Type: Expedited Major Disaster Declaration – Virginia
Requested: Sep 30

Incident: Hurricane Helene
Incident Period: Sep 25, & continuing

Requested:

- **PA:** 12 counties and 6 independent cities
- **IA/PA:** 6 counties and one independent city
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Entire Commonwealth



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Declaration Requests in Process – 13

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
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
GA – Hurricane Helene – Approved	DR	X	X	X	Sep 30
TN – Tropical Storm Helene	DR	X	X	X	Sep 30
VA – Hurricane Helene	DR	X	X	X	Sep 30

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



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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-3612-EM-CT	1	Sep 30	Closes the incident period
FEMA-3614-EM-LA	1	Sep 30	Closes the incident period



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