FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, October 3, 2024 8:30 a.m. ET



National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

Helene – Southeast and Mid-Atlantic

Hazard Monitoring

- Excessive Heat Southern California and Southwest
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Hurricane Kirk (CAT-3)
 - Tropical Storm Leslie
 - Disturbance 1: Low (30%)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Tropical Depression Eleven-E
 - Disturbance 1: Low (10%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (20%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approval: Major Disaster Declaration TN
- Two amendments issued

Event Monitoring

No new significant events



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

Lifelines: (FEMA RIV SLB, as of 6:00 p.m. ET, Oct 2)

Safety & Security: Some school closures and curfews are still in effect; recovery operations are still on-going

- GA: Select schools and universities reopening while some closures and curfews continue; National Guard authorized to support
- NC: Combined search and rescue efforts in western NC will continue throughout the week
- SC: Operations continue with structural evaluations; overtopping risks have lessened, but debris in spillways remain a concern

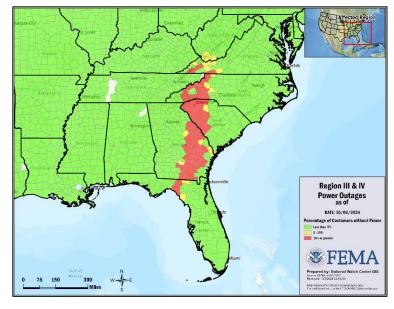
Food, Hydration, Shelter: Shelter count still increasing in most impacted states. 66 total shelters / 2,584 total occupants

- FL: 16 shelters / 487 (+16) occupants
- GA: 10 shelters / 520 (+7) occupants
- NC: Commodity distribution, mass feeding, and hydration efforts ongoing in western NC, with FEMA shipments enroute. Survivors are registering for FEMA assistance; NC activating more programs.
 - 23 (-3) shelters / 1,279 (+35) occupants
- SC: Shelter and mass feeding operations ongoing supported by VOADs and PODs
 10 (+1) shelters / 220 (+49) occupants
- TN: Shelter and mass feeding operations expanding with National Guard support.
 Schools offering meal pick-up programs. TEMA is distributing drinking water to affected counties.
 - 6 (-4) shelters / 61 (-1) occupants
- VA: 1 (-1) shelter / 17 (-1) occupants

Health & Medical: Reported fatalities have increased; some medical facilities have been taken off generator power.

- GA: 5 (-2) hospitals are currently operating on generator power, a refueling plan to support refueling ongoing; 33 (+8) confirmed fatalities
- NC: Long-term healthcare and evacuation planning is ongoing; 56 (+14) confirmed fatalities
- SC: 36 (+7) confirmed fatalities
- TN: Medical and fatality management needs being addressed; 8 (+2) confirmed fatalities
- VA: All hospitals fully operational; 2 confirmed fatalities





Water Systems: Boil water advisories continue to be issued.

- GA: More potable and wastewater plants are becoming operational with a 52% response rate; 293 (+77) active boil water notices
- NC: Water and wastewater system restorations improved, and assessments start today; 166 (+5) boil water notices
- SC: Large drinking water systems can treat and distribute while smaller systems remain impacted; 1 active boil water advisory
- TN: Water and wastewater systems remain affected. Efforts for water purification sites ongoing; 18 (+5) active boil water notices
- VA: 31 active boil water notices

Energy: Power restoration continues in the impacted area. (DOE Eagle-I, as of 7:30 a.m. ET, Oct 3)

- Total: 1M (-200k) (3%) customers without power
- GA: 276k (-72k) (6%) customers without power
- o NC: 296k (-35k) (6%) customers without power
- SC: 387k (-115k) (14%) customers without power
- VA: 24k (<1%) customers without power; power restored to over 90% of customers since peak

Communications: Restoration efforts are ongoing; however, outages persist.

- GA: DIRS reporting an increase in percentage of downed cellular sites, multiple sites using backup power
- NC: Temporary IT and satellite communication device distribution continues. Affected counties to receive hardware to establish emergency communications pathway.
- SC: Communication outages are improving; 1 county with >50% cell sites out. State requested 8 MCOVs.
- TN: Restoration of cellular sites continue

Transportation: Primary roads in NC, SC, and TN are still impacted.

- GA: Primary route clearance is complete. Secondary and local road clearance ongoing. Railway and local transit operations in the affected area remain disrupted.
- NC: Dangerous road conditions persist in western NC, with access limited to local and response traffic. Debris experts are supporting clearance and disposal operations.
- SC: Detours for Highway 276 are being identified to improve access to isolated communities. Closures mainly affecting Greenville, Pickens, and Spartanburg counties.
- TN: Portions of I-26 & I-40 remain impassable; clearance and debris removal efforts are ongoing

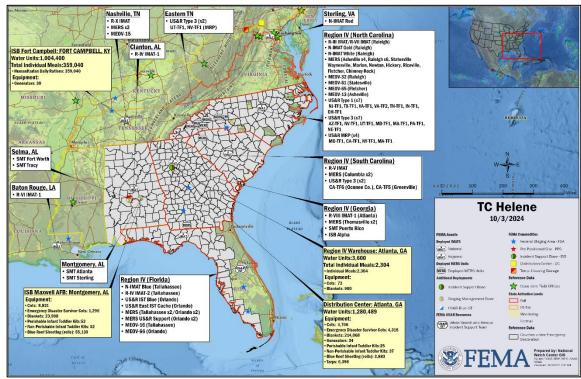
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State / Tribal Response:

- 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)
- Gov declared a State of Emergency
- FEMA-3617-EM-NC approved on Sep 26
- o FEMA-4827-DR-NC approved on Sep 28
- 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
- FEMA-4832-DR-TN approved on Oct 2
- VA: SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene)
- Gov declared a State of Emergency
- o FEMA-4831-DR-VA approved on Oct 1
- 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

FEMA / Federal Response:

- FEMA RIII: RRCC at Level II with select ESFs; LNOs deployed to VDEM
- FEMA RIV: 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 Tallahassee, FL
- N-IMAT Gold deployed to Raleigh/Asheville, NC
- N-IMAT Red staged in Sterling, VA
- N-IMAT White deployed to Raleigh, NC
- o 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
- o FEMA Region VIII IMAT deployed to Atlanta, GA
- o FEMA Region X IMAT deployed to Nashville, TN

Logistics:

- o SMT Fort Worth and SMT Tracy deploying to Selma, AL
- SMT Atlanta and SMT Sterling deployed to Montgomery, AL
- SMT Puerto Rico deployed to Atlanta, GA
- o ISB Team Bravo deployed to Montgomery, AL
- ISB Team Charlie deploying to Charlotte, NC US&R:
- 21 US&R Task Forces deployed (7xType 1, 13xType 3; 1xMRP-WR)
- Incident Support Team (IST) Blue deployed to FL MFRS:
- MERS assets deployed to FL, AL, GA, and NC
- Additional MERS teams on standby

Declaration Approval – Tennessee

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4832-DR-TN

Requested: Sep 30

Date Approved: Oct 2

Incident: Tropical Storm Helene

Incident Period: Sep 26 and continuing

Provides:

IA/PA: 8 counties

Hazard Mitigation: Statewide

FCO: Darryl L. Dragoo







Declaration Requests in Process – 12

State / Tribe / Territory - Incident Description	Туре	IA	PA	НМ	Requested
OH - Train Derailment	DR	Х	Х	Х	Jul 3, 2023
NY – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	EM		Х		Jul 20
SCA* - Watch Fire	DR	Х	Х	Х	Aug 16
NE – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		Х	Х	Aug 29
MI – Severe Storm and Tornadoes (APPEAL)	DR	Х		Х	Sep 11
CRST** - Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR	Х	Х	Х	Sep 12
USVI – Tropical Storm Ernesto	DR		Х	Х	Sep 13
SC – Tropical Storm Debby	DR	Х	Х	Х	Sep 16
NY – Severe Storms, Straight -Line Winds and Flooding	DR	Х	Х	Х	Sep 18
AK – Flooding	DR	Х	Х	Х	Sep 19
HT*** - Flooding	DR	Х	Х	Х	Sep 20
CA - Park Fire and Borel Fire	DR	Х		Х	Sep 24
TN - Tropical Storm Helene - APPROVED	DR	Х	Х	Х	Sep 30

^{*}San Carlos Apache Tribe, **Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, ***Havasupai Tribe



Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-4827-DR-NC	1	Oct 2	Adds 25 counties and 1 tribe for permanent work [Categories C-G] (already designated for Individual Assistance and assistance for debris removal and emergency protective measures [Categories A and B], including direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program).
FEMA-4829-DR-SC	1	Oct 2	Adds 3 counties for IA and 3 debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct federal assistance under the Public Assistance program.



Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region State / Location	State / Leastion	Insident	IA	Number of Count	Stort End	
	Incident	PA	Requested	Complete	Start - End	
IV NC	Tropical Cyclone Debby Aug 5-19	IA	0	0	N/A	
		PA	1	0	9/23 - TBD	
IV.	IV Na a'a Nation	Shiprock Flooding	IA	1	0	10/7 - TBD
IX Navajo Nation	Aug 25	PA	1	0	10/7 - TBD	



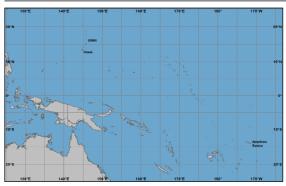
Tropical Outlook

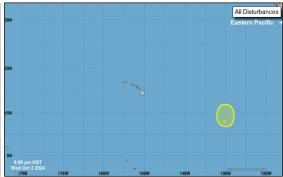
Western Pacific

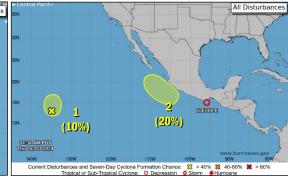
Central Pacific

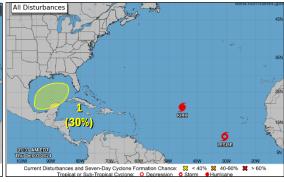
Eastern Pacific

Atlantic









- No areas of concern for Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or American Samoa
- No tropical cyclones are expected in the next seven days. See Eastern Pacific for Disturbance 1

Tropical Depression Eleven-E: (Advisory #7A, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 70 mi SSE of Puerto Angel, Mexico
- Moving NE at 4 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 35 mph
- Expected to move toward southern Mexico and make landfall tonight or early Friday; forecast to be a tropical storm when it reaches the coast of Mexico

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

- Located well WSW coast of the southern tip of Baja California peninsula
- Conditions should become less conducive and prevent development by the weekend
- Formation chance: 48-hour Low (10%); 7day – Low (10%)

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

- Located off the coast of southwest Mexico
- Slow development is possible while the system drifts NW
- Formation chance: 48-hour Low (near 0%);7-day Low (20%)

Hurricane Kirk (CAT-3): (Advisory #16, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 1,185 miles E Leeward Islands Moving NW at 10 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 120 mph
- Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 35 miles; Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 185 miles
- Strengthening is forecast next day or so

Tropical Storm Leslie: (Advisory #4, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 515 miles SW of Cabo Verde Islands
- Moving W at 6 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 40 mph
- Tropical-storm force winds extend outward up to 60 miles
- Strengthening is anticipated

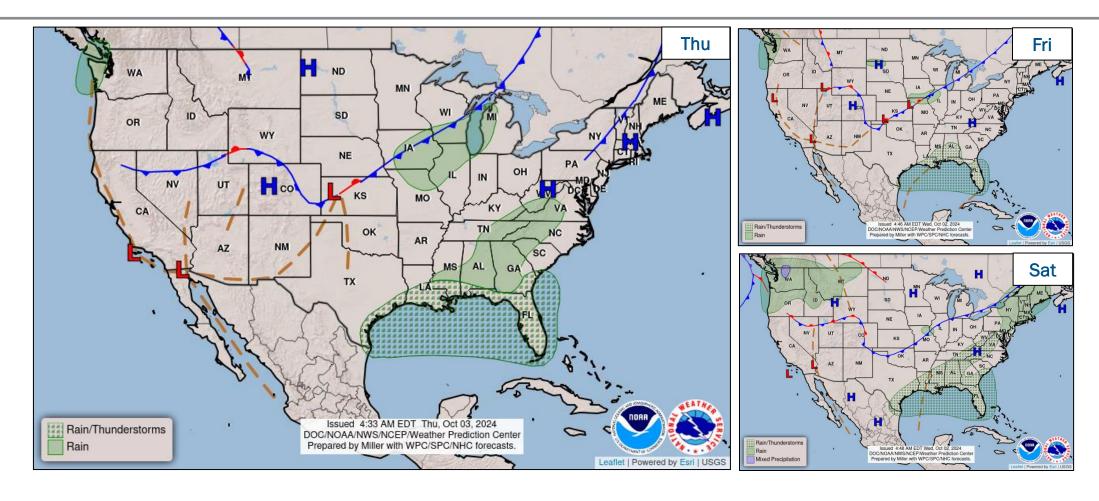
Disturbance 1: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located over portions of the Gulf of Mexico
- Tropical or subtropical development limited
- Formation chance: 48-hour Low (near 0%); 7day – Low (30%)





National Weather Forecast





National Fire Activity (as of Oct 2)

National Preparedness Level

PL3

Initial Attack Activity (24-hour period)	Light (55 fires)	Northwest Preparedness North Level: 3 Level: 1 L
New large fires:	3	Northern California Rocky Mountain Preparedness Level: 2 Northern California Regional Office Regional Office Regional Office Regional Office
Large fires contained:	2	Great Basin Region VIII office Preparedness Level: 3 Region VIII office Region VIII office Region VIII office Office Office Office Office Office Office Office Office
Uncontained large fires:	28	Reparations Value of the Control of
Cumulative Acres Burned	7,952,458	Region VI Offfice Southern Southern Office Southern Southern Office Offi
Total Responders	9,505	Level: 4 Level: 4 Character Character Center Character
Type 1 IMTs deployed	0	Alaska Preparedness Level: 1 UNITED STAISKA AFER ABSKA
Complex IMTs deployed	13 of 41	Office Office Cuaddigate Correct Activities Total Activities

Preparedness Levels Legend							
PL1	Minimal fire activity; many resources available						
PL 2	Large wildland fires burning throughout country; resources mobilized from other areas						
PL3	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						
PL5	Extremely high levels of fire activity; 80% of nation's firefighting resources committed						

Wildfire Summary

Fire Name FMAC #		Acres Percent		Everyetions	Struct	Fatalities /		
(County, ST)	FMAG #	Burned Contain	Contained	tained Evacuations	Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	Injuries
Elk Fire (Sheridan, WY)	5539_FM_M/Y	34,486 (+12,731) 0%	I 0%	M: 400 (+400)	H: 1,200 (+1,164)	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 1 (+1)
				V: 0	0: 210 (+156)	O: 0	0:8 (+2)	

(Evacuations: M = Mandatory / V = Voluntary; Structures: H = Homes and Mixed Commercial/Residential / O = Non-residential Commercial/Other Minor Structures)



FEMA Common Operating Picture

Virtual Joint

Field Offices

Major **Emergency Disasters Declarations** Direct Housing RSF-Supported Missions

Disasters

Joint Recovery **Offices**

N-IMATs Hartford, CT **FEMA HQ** Springdale, AR Nashville, TN Frankfort, KY Eastern TN Williston, VT Thursday REGIONAL BREAKDOWN DR-4820-CT Sterling, VA DR-4810-VT DR-4788-AR R-X IMAT DR-4702-KY US&R TF (2) 2-5 Team Available October 3, 2024 N-IMAT Red · R-I IMAT MERS Closing Oct 18 MERS Closing Oct 7 **NWC** NRCC 2 8:30 a.m. ET Red VA (staged/Sep 29 2 Monitoring 1 0 White NC (Sep 30) **FEMA REGIONS** 4/0 27 10 0 0 Blue FL (Sep 23) 5/0 0 3 RRCC Watch 3/1 0 0 Rostered Gold NC (Sep 23) Monitoring 0 1/1 0 2/1 18 0 0 Monitoring Rostered HS 3/1 9 0 0 Monitoring III Level II **North Carolina** Monitoring I۷ Level II TC Helene Monitoring Rostered R-III IMAT/R-VII IMAT Direct Housing VI Monitoring Rostered N-IMAT Gold VT (Aug 19) (Asheville/Raleigh) Monitoring Rostered N-IMAT White Monitoring VIII Rostered (Raleigh) Monitoring Rostered US&R TF (16) Ш NC (Sep 29) Monitoring Х Rostered MERS (18) Federal Staging Area Notes: IV-1 AL (Sep 24) South Carolina Incident Suppor NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs State EOCs: DR-4829-SC IV-2 NRCC: TC Helene OK: Severe Weather FL (Aug 2) Distribution R-V IMAT RIII RRCC: TC Helene HI/OK/NM/NV/ID/WY/ MERS (3) V SC (Sep 29) RIV RRCC:TC Helene UT/NE: Wildfires **Temporary Housing** US&R TF (3) of Northern AZ: SW Border Storage Area/Site Mariana Islands CO: Hwv. 50 closure/ VI-1 LA (Sep 10) Large Fires Georgia Avian Flu TC Helene VI-2 TX (May 17) NM/AZ: Flooding R-VIII IMAT-1 (ATL) TX: TC Francine Austin, TX MERS (2) VII State Activation NC (Sep 25) PA: TC Debby DR-4781-TX SMT Puerto Rico (ATL) WV: Drought R-VI IMAT-2 ISB Alpha (ATL) VIII GA (Sep 24) VA: Operation FREE Partial FL/AL/GA/MS/NC/ Baton Rouge, LA Dist.1 Monitoring St. Croix, USVI IX-1 Personnel SC/TN/KY/VA: R-VI IMAT-1 EM-3611-VI TC Helene R-II IMAT IX-2 Personnel DC: Election Monitoring Alabama Florida TC Helene TC Helene TN (Sep 29) **Volunteer Force** · R-IV IMAT-1 (Clanton) · N-IMAT Blue (Tallahassee) SMT Atlanta (Montgomery) · R-IV IMAT-2 (Tallahassee) Rostered Deployed Fully Mission Capable (FMC) SMT Ft. Worth (Selma) · US&R IST Blue (Orlando) 7.840 Partially Mission Capable (PMC) SMT Sterling (Montgomery) US&R East IST Cache (Orlando) Surge Capacity Force SMT Tracy (Selma) · MERS US&R Support (2) Rostered Deployed American Samoa ISB Bravo (Maxwell AFB) MERS (4) Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands

Offices

IM Workforce

13,800 (+98) Assigned 4,904 (+41) Unavailable 7,378 (+253) Deployed

11% (-1) / 1,518 (-196) Available

IM Cadre Availability

17 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 22% (36/164); Disability Integration: 9% (4/43); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 1% (8/1,200); External Affairs: 6% (32/521); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 10% (83/822); Field Leadership: 11% (16/147); Financial Management: 24% (57/236); Hazard Mitigation: 7% (82/1.189); Human Resources: 11% (19/174); Individual Assistance: 6% (159/2,580); Information Technology: 11% (71/665); Logistics: 4% (69/1,604); Operations: 3% (11/338); Public Assistance: 15% (345/2,267); Planning: 3% (12/449); Safety: 4% (4/94); Security: 4% (6/137)

MERS 33%-65%

36 Assigned 0 Unavailable 16 (+2) Deployed

20 (-2) Available

28 Assigned 0 Unavailable 21 Deployed

51 Assigned 4 (-1) Unavailable 46 (+1) (35 (-2) FCOR) Deployed

1 Available

7 Available



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