

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- No significant incidents / operations

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Thunderstorms – Southern and Central Plains
- Heavy Rain/Flash Flooding – Southern Plains to the Middle Mississippi Valley
- Mixed Precipitation – Northern Rockies and Northern Plains
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Tropical Storm Philippe
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Lidia
 - Disturbance 1: High (70%); Disturbance 2: Low (10%)

Event Monitoring

- FEMA and FCC Plan Nationwide Emergency Alert – Oct 4



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FEMA and FCC Plan Nationwide Emergency Alert Test

FEMA and FCC Plan Nationwide Emergency Alert Test for October 4, 2023, to all TVs, Radios, and Cell Phones

FEMA, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission, will conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA). The national test will consist of two portions, testing WEA and EAS capabilities. Both tests are scheduled to begin at approximately **2:20 p.m., ET on Wednesday Oct. 4.**

For more information, please visit [Integrated Public Alert & Warning System on FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/emergency-alerts)



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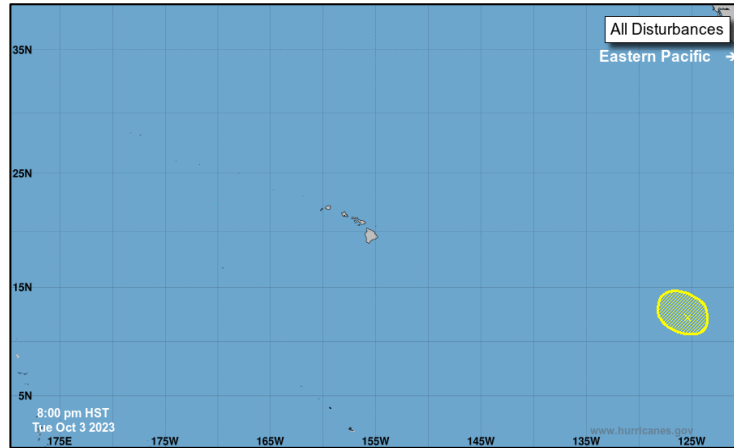


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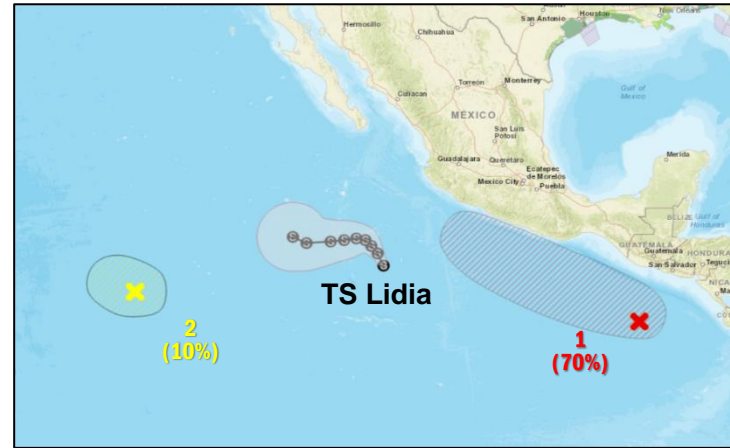
Tropical Outlook – Seven Day

Central Pacific



- No tropical cyclones expected during the next 7 days

Eastern Pacific



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

- Located 435 miles SW of Manzanillo, Mexico
- Maximum sustained winds 45 mph
- Moving NNW at 8 mph
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 70 miles
- Some slow strengthening is forecast over the next few days

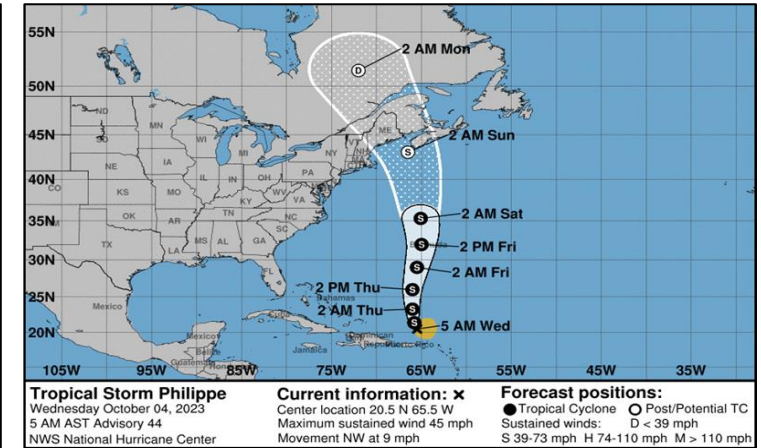
Disturbance 1 (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located S of the coast of Guatemala
- Tropical depression likely form by the weekend
- Moving WNW
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (10%); 7-day: High (70%)

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

- Located 1,200 miles SW of the southern tip of the Baja California peninsula
- Environmental conditions forecast to become less conducive for further development
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (10%); 7-day: Low (10%)

Atlantic



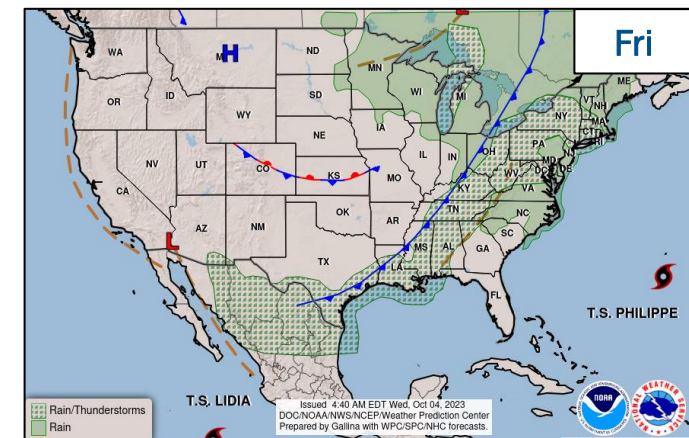
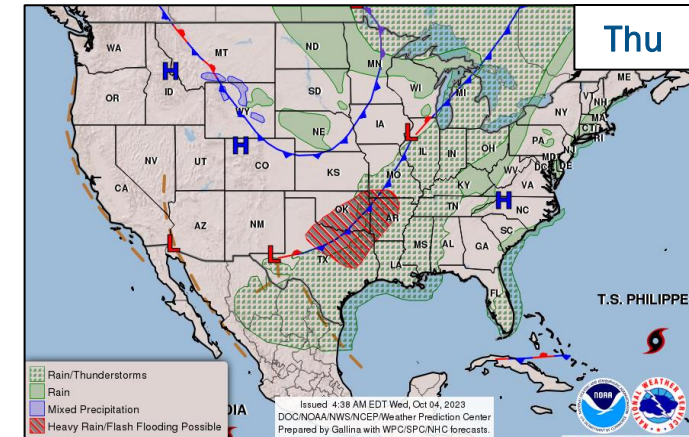
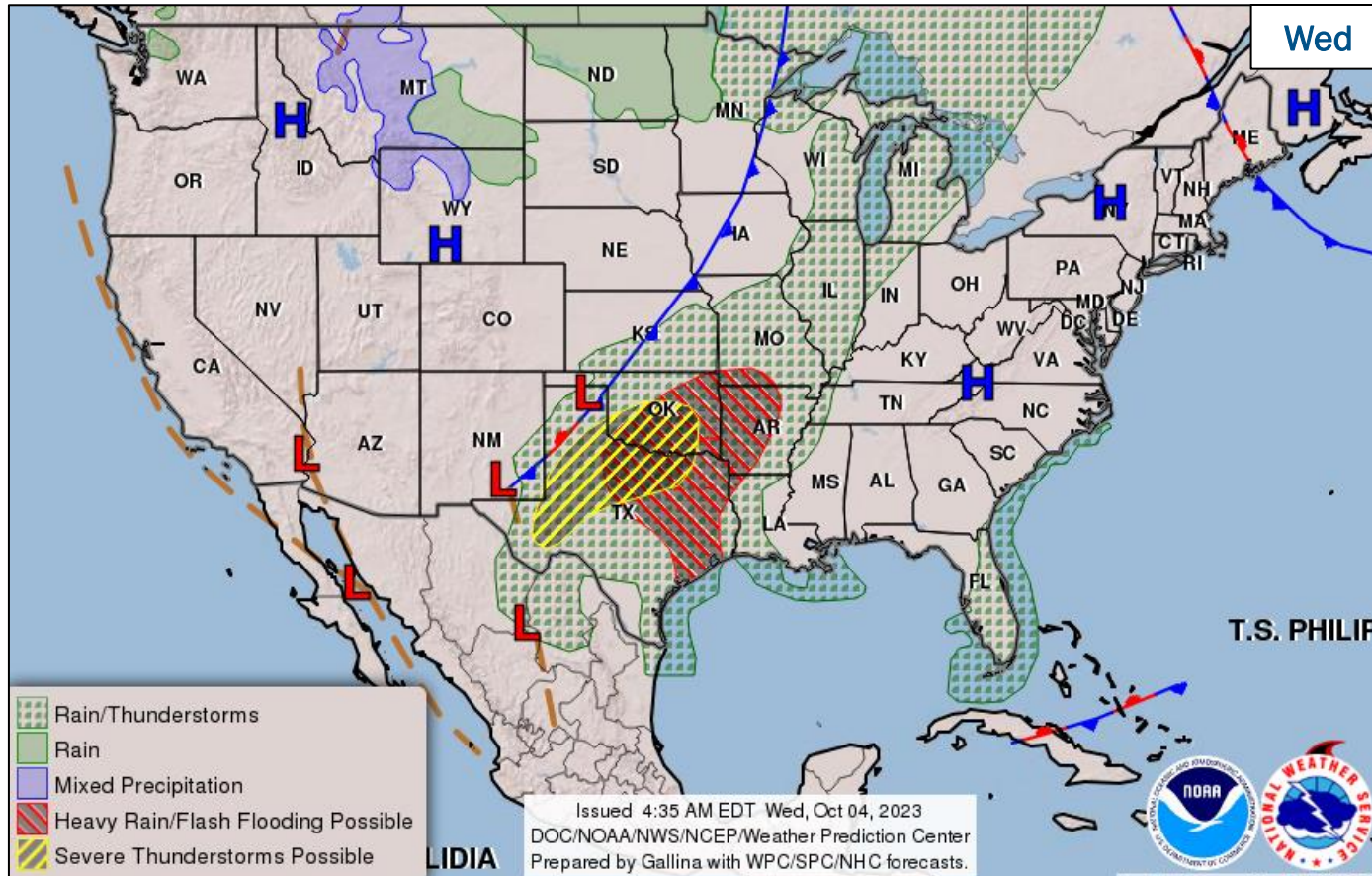
Tropical Storm Philippe (Advisory #44, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 150 miles NNW of St. Thomas
- Maximum sustained winds 45 mph
- Moving NW at 9 mph
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 150 miles
- Little change in strength is forecast during the next day or so, some gradual intensification could occur after that time



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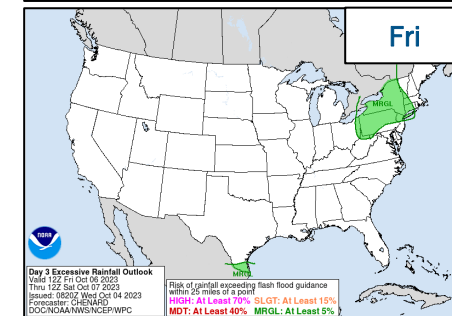
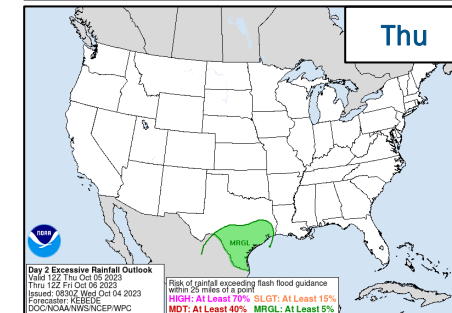
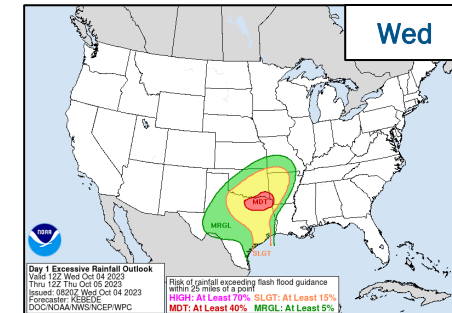
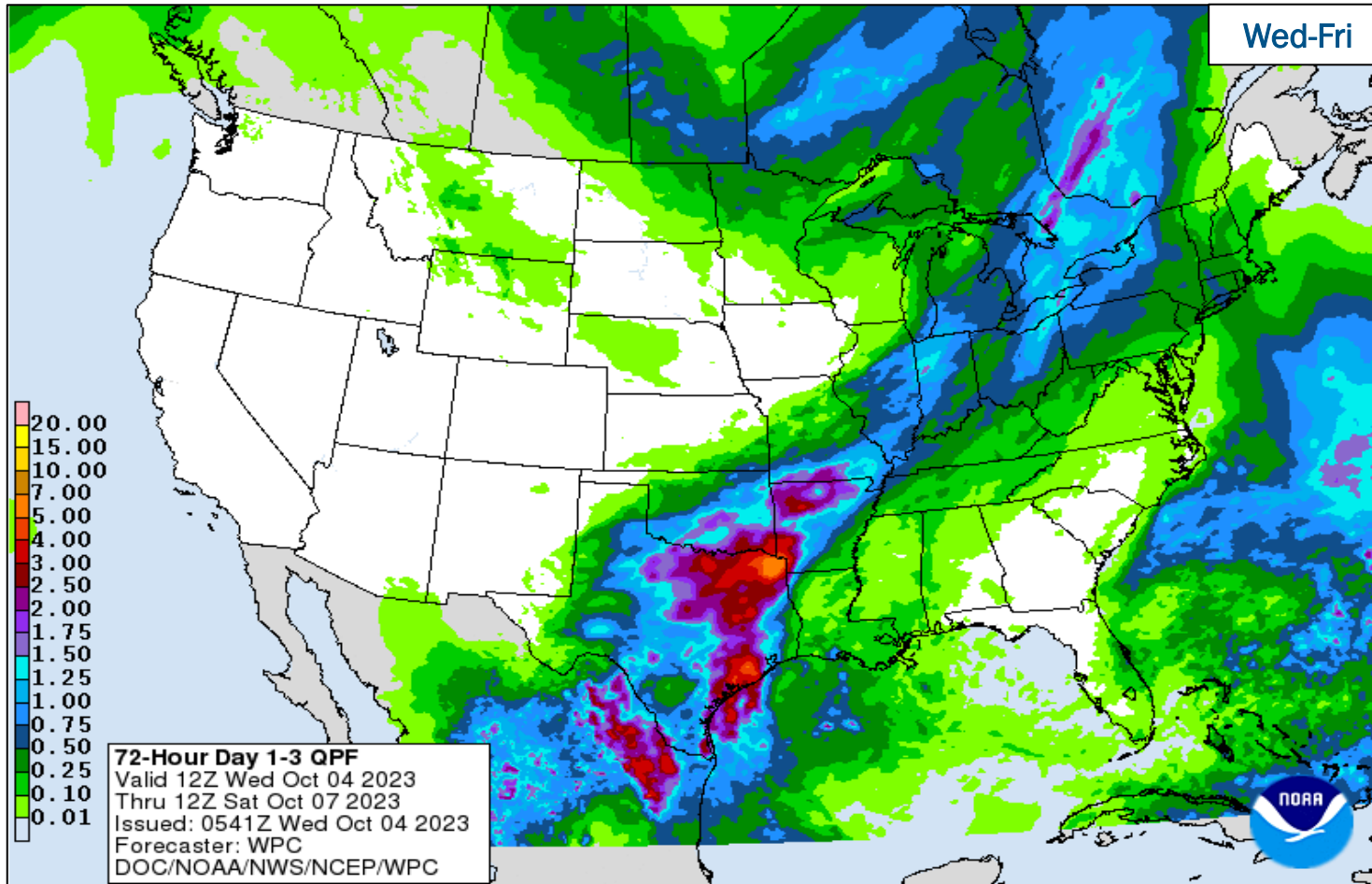
National Weather Forecast



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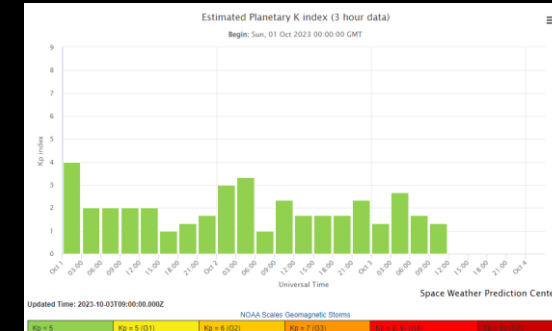
Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



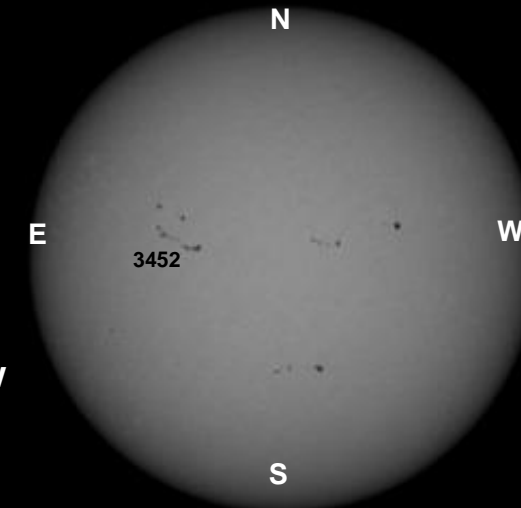
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Space Weather Summary/Outlook

Space Weather Type	Past 48 Hours	Forecast: 04 Oct	Forecast: 05 Oct
Solar Flare (Radio Blackout) R Scale (R1-R2/R3)	R1	30% / 5%	30% / 5%
Solar Radiation Storms S Scale	None	5%	5%
Geomagnetic Storms G Scale	None	15%	35%



- A number of spot groups present. An area just northeast of 3452 was the source of the latest R1 event (M1.9 flare) on 2 Oct. There is a continuing chance of short-lived disruptions to HF comm.
- Low risk of impacts to satellite operations.
- Slight chance of chance of G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storm 4-5 Oct due to CH HSS and or weak nearby CME influences, however, there is a low risk for notable impacts to the power grid or GPS operations.



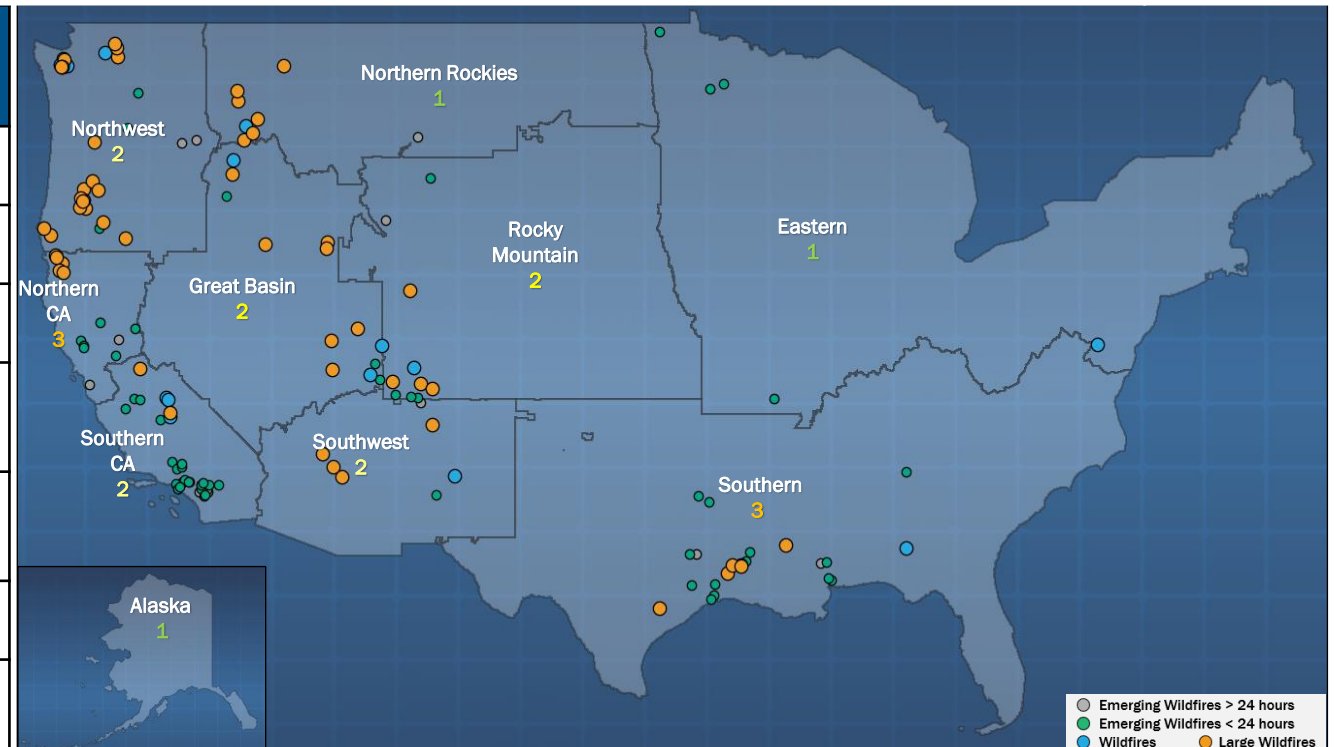
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National Fire Activity *(as of Oct 4)*

National Preparedness Level

PL2

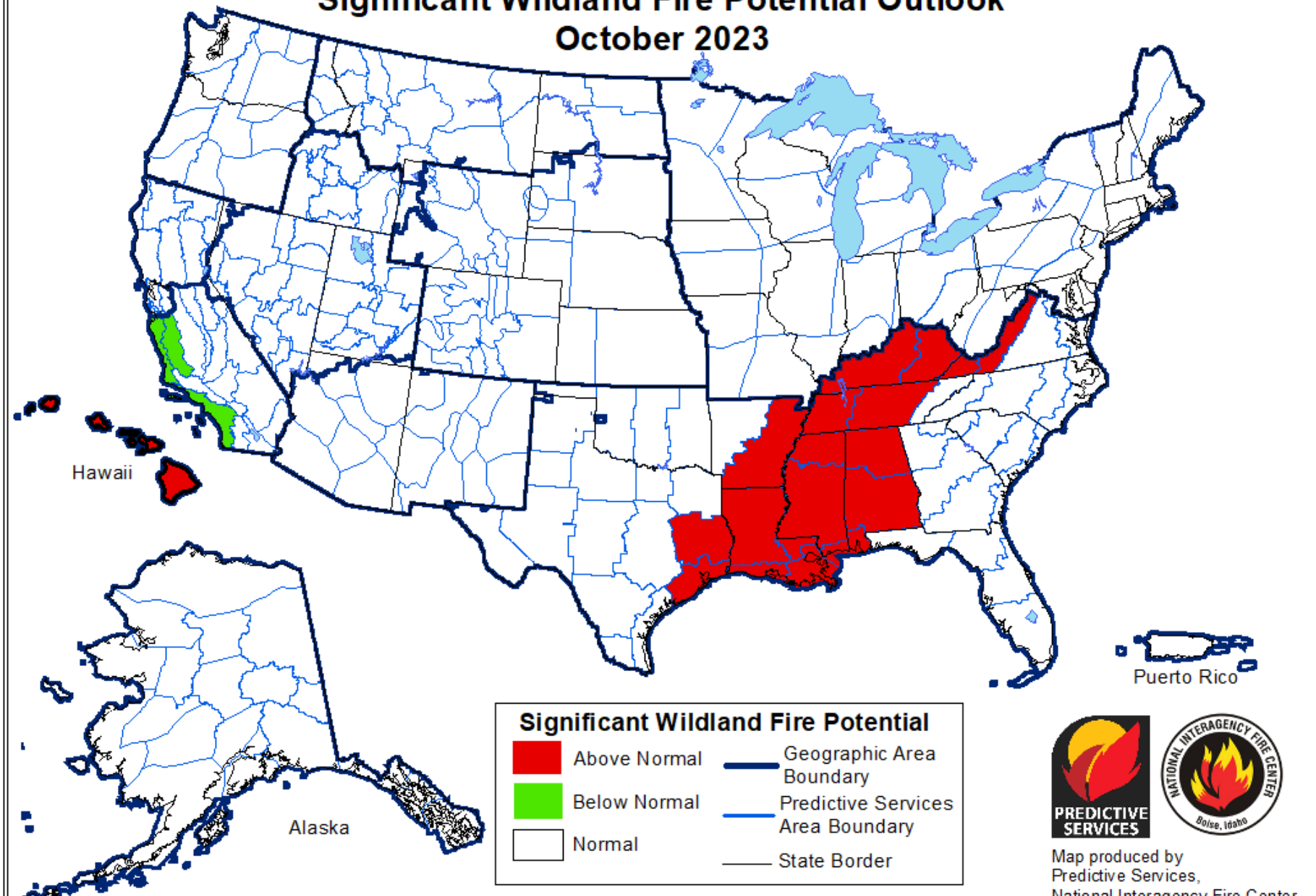
Initial Attack Activity (24-hour period)	Light (44 fires)
New large fires:	2
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires:	28
Cumulative Acres Burned	401,262
Total Responders (2023 Fire Season)	4,181
Type 1 IMTs deployed	1 of 16
Type 2 IMTs deployed	4 of 33



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 county; 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 nations wildland firefighting resources committed
PL 5	Extremely high levels of fire activity; 80% of nations firefighting resources committed

Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook October 2023

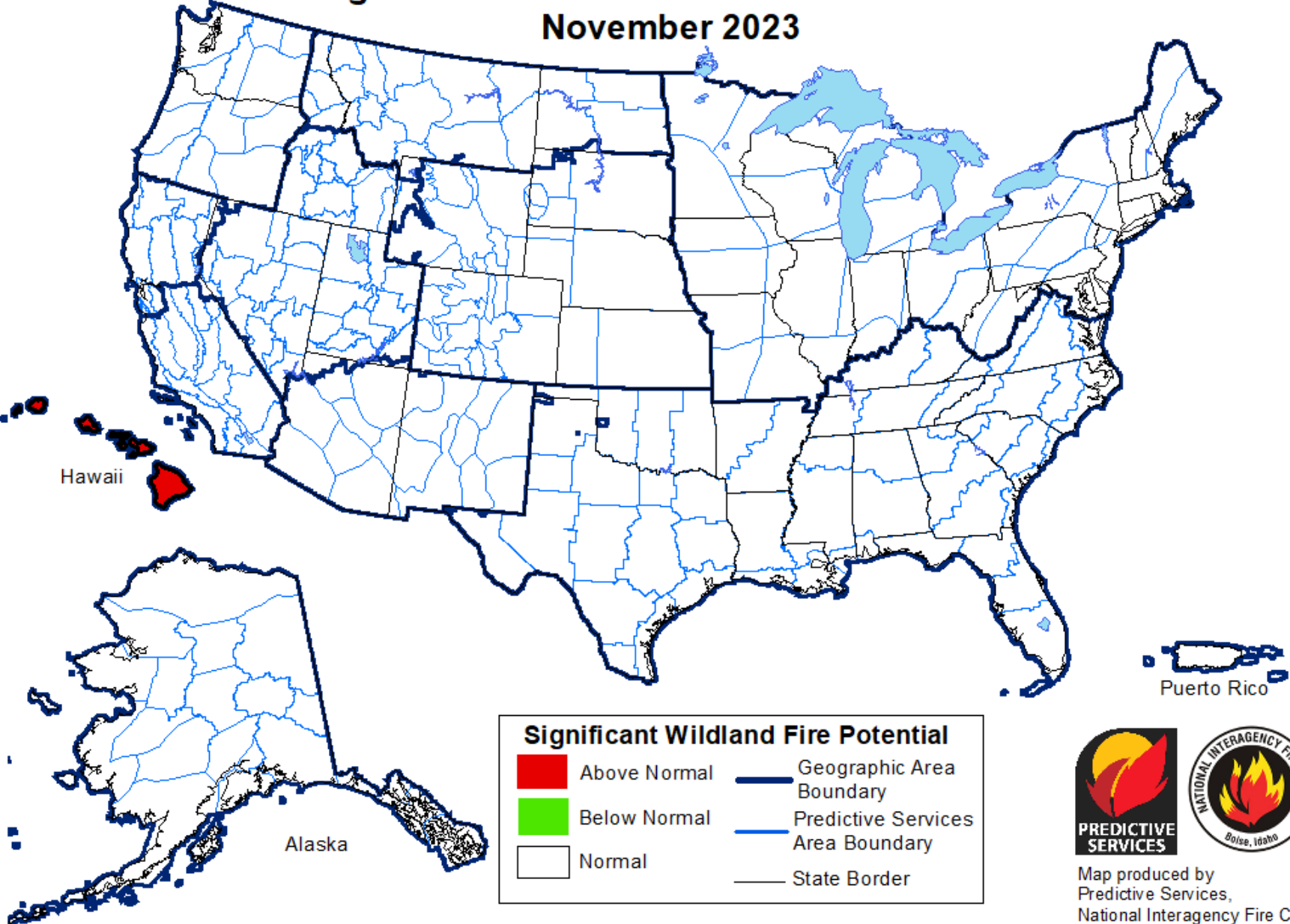


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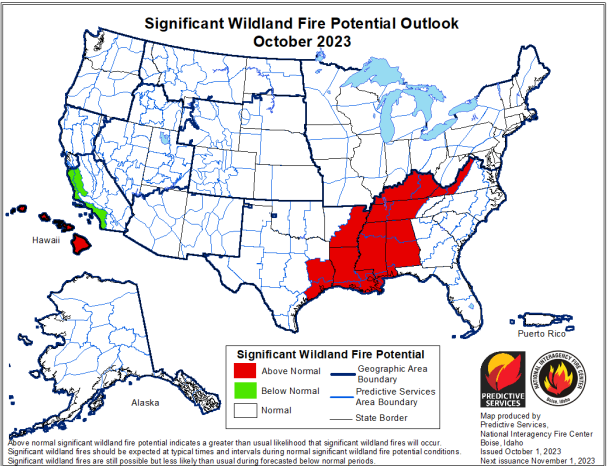


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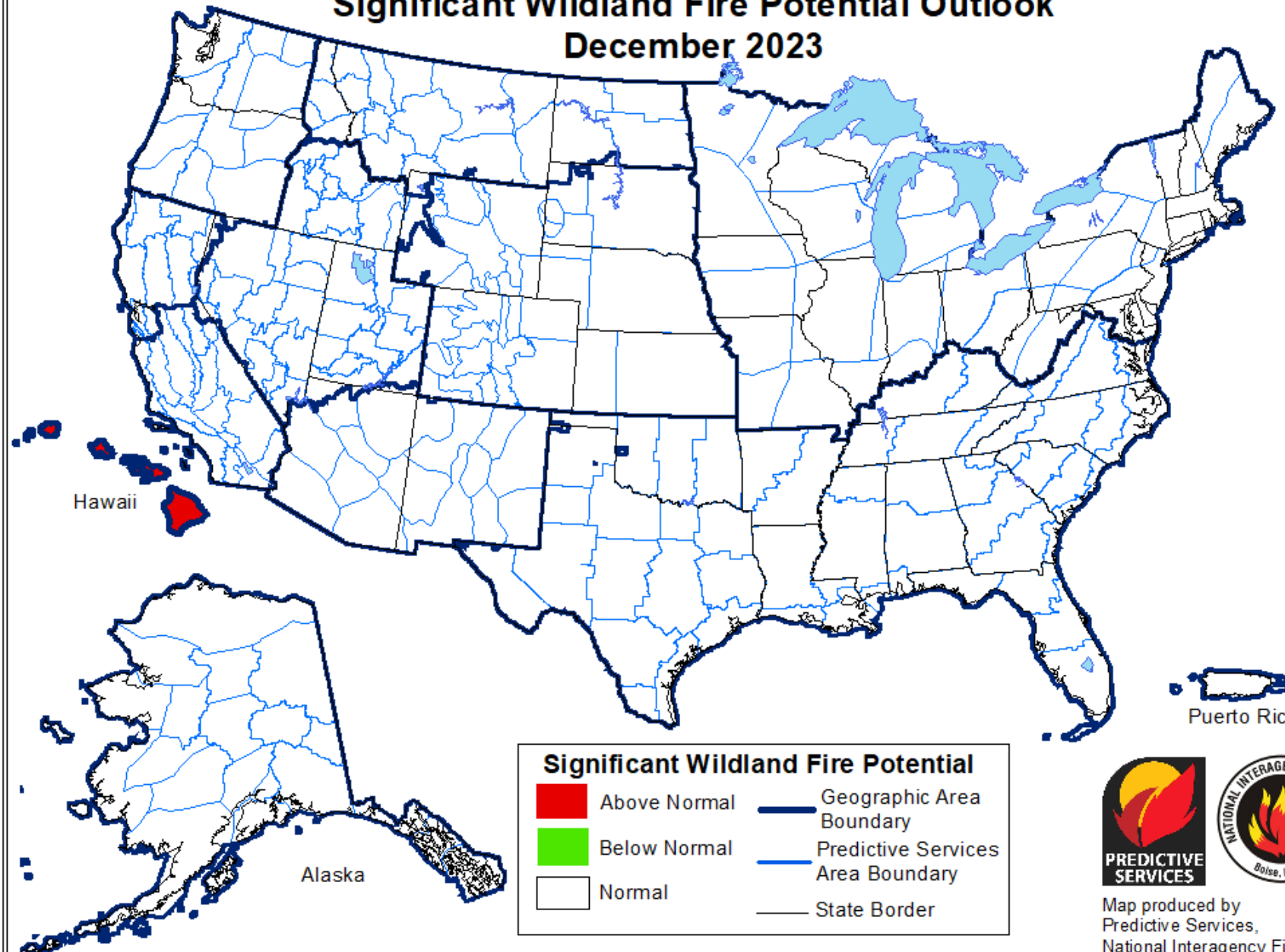


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



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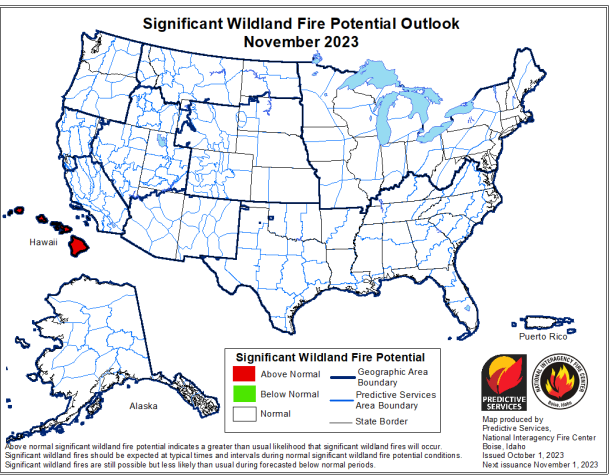
Significant Wildland Fire Potential

	Above Normal		Geographic Area Boundary
	Below Normal		Predictive Services Area Boundary
	Normal		State Border



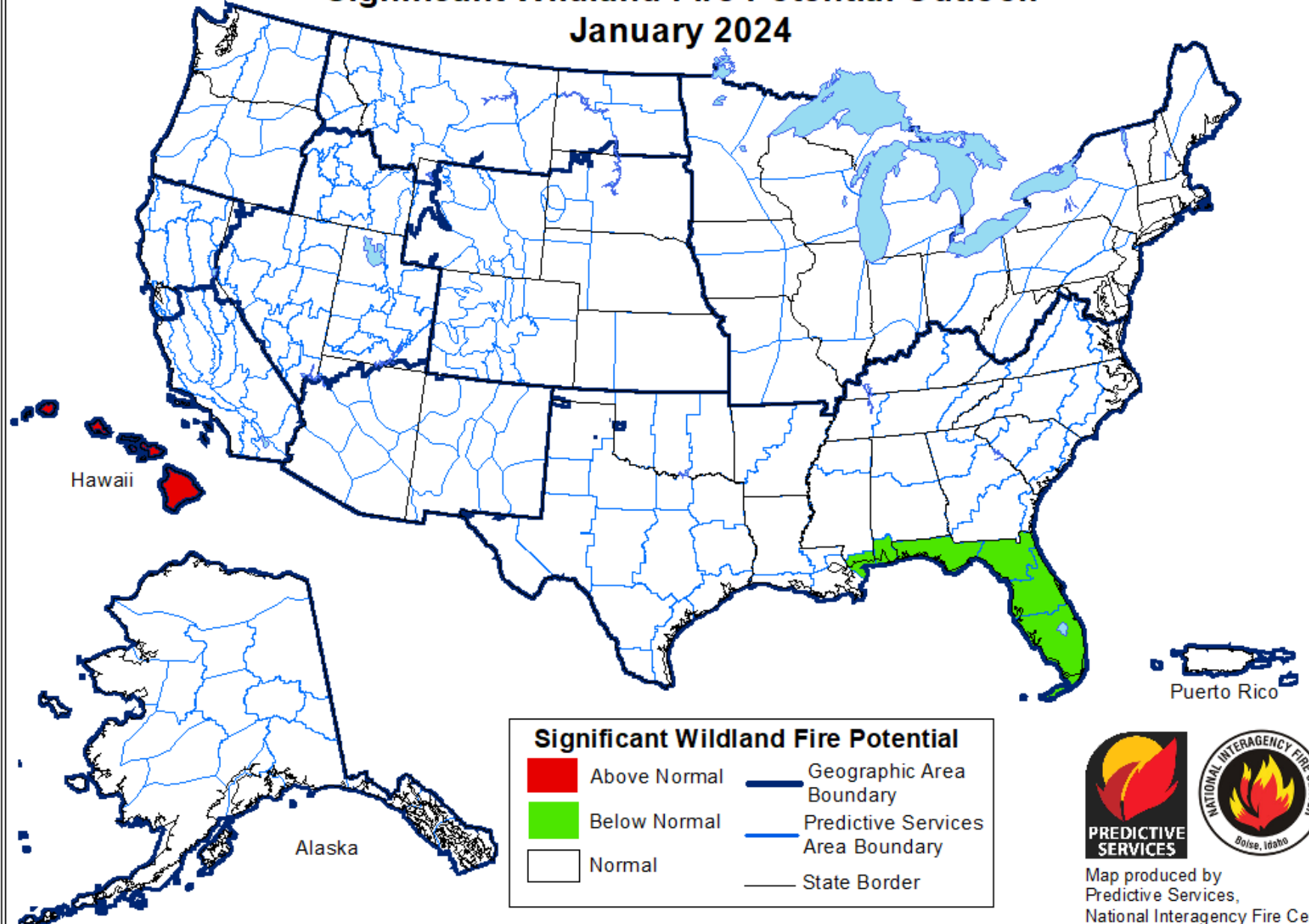
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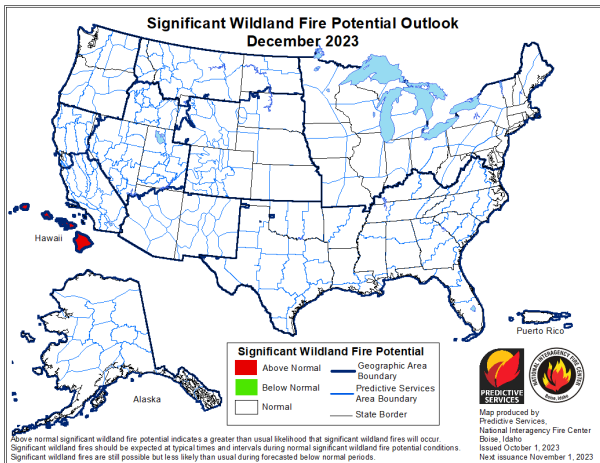


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Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook January 2024



October



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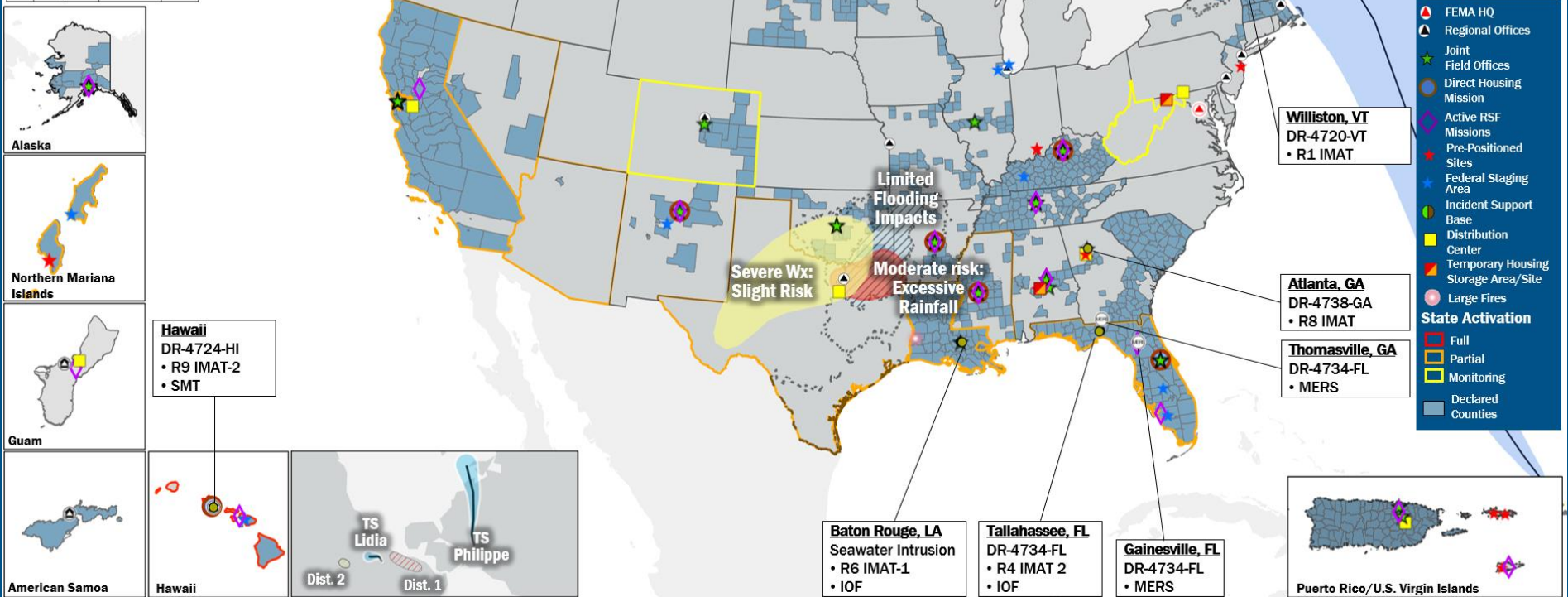
FEMA Common Operating Picture

17 + 6 Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices **SUPPORTING** **78 + 5** Major Disasters Emergency Declarations **9** Direct Housing Missions **27** RSF-Supported Disasters

FEMA HQ	
NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Activated
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Monitoring	I Rostered
Monitoring	II Rostered
Monitoring	III Rostered
Monitoring	IV Rostered
Monitoring	V Rostered
Monitoring	VI Level III
Monitoring	VII Rostered
Monitoring	VIII Rostered
Monitoring	IX Rostered
Monitoring	X Rostered
Notes:	
RWC/RRCC: • NRCC: Sustained Ops • RVI RRCC: Saltwater Intrusion	STATE EOCs: • MS/WV: Severe Weather • FL: TC Idalia • LA: Saltwater Intrusion • TX: Ongoing Threats Monitoring • CO: DR4731 & Avian Influenza • AZ/CO: SW Border Coordination • CA/HI/WA: Wildfires • CA/NV: TC Hilary • CNMI: Typhoon Mawar
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 8,320 (-13)	Deployed 21 (-1)

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	
Blue	
Gold	
HS	Training
R-IMATs	
≥ 7 Teams Available	
I	1 / VT
II	
III	
IV-1	2 / Personnel
IV-2	FL
V	3
VI-1	LA
VI-2	
VII	Personnel
VIII	GA
IX-1	Reconstituting
IX-2	HI
X	
Fully Mission Capable (FMC)	
Partially Mission Capable (PMC)	
Not Mission Capable (NMC)	
Deployed	

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN			
	JFO/VJFO	DR	EM
I	3/0	11	2
II	1/1	4	0
III	0/0	0	0
IV	6/1	21	2
V	2/0	2	0
VI	3/1	6	1
VII	0/0	2	0
VIII	1/1	4	0
IX	0/1	17	0
X	1/1	11	0



IM Workforce

13,705 (+7) Assigned
 4,365 (+63) Unavailable
 6,122 (-21) Deployed

23% / 3,155 (-35) Available

IM Cadre Availability

15 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 22% (31/141); Disability Integration: 7% (4/55); External Affairs: 22% (110/503); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 14% (118/815); Field Leadership: 9% (12/136); Hazard Mitigation: 16% (193/1,220); Human Resources: 24% (42/178); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 17% (51/295); Information Technology: 23% (149/645); Logistics: 22% (333/1,523); Operations: 14% (48/345); Public Assistance: 7% (161/2,209); Planning: 9% (42/467); Safety: 17% (14/81); Security: 14% (19/136)

MERS

> 66%

36 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 1 Deployed

35 Available

US&R

> 66%

28 Assigned
 3 Unavailable
 0 Deployed

25 Available

FCO

≤ 1 Type I

50 Assigned
 8 Unavailable
 40 (28 FCOR) Deployed

2 Available

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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
I	VT	Flooding Jul 7-23	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	9/11 - TBD
	NH	Flooding Jul 9-17	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	3	0	N/A
	MA	Flooding Sep 11-13	IA	2	0	TBD
			PA	4	0	TBD
III	PA	Flooding Sep 9-10	IA	1	0	10/2 - TBD
			PA	3	0	9/28 - TBD



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Declaration Requests in Process – 10

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
OH – Train Derailment	DR	X	X	X	Jul 3
UT – Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 11
AR – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Aug 22
Inupiat Community of the Artic Slope (ICAS) – Severed Undersea Fiber Optic Line – APPEAL	EM		X		Aug 23
MT – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 25
NH – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm - APPEAL	DR		X	X	Sep 6
KS – Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 13
CA – Tropical Storm Hilary	DR		X	X	Sep 14
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (ACBCI) – Tropical Storm Hilary	DR		X	X	Sep 14
VT – Severe Thunderstorms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 27



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