

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, October 4, 2024

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Helene – Southeast and Mid-Atlantic

Hazard Monitoring

- Fire Weather – Northern Intermountain and Central Great Basin to the Central Plains
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Hurricane Kirk (CAT-4)
 - Tropical Storm Leslie
 - Disturbance 1: Medium (40%)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Disturbance 1: Low (10%)
 - Disturbance 2: Medium (40%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Four amendments issued

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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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, Oct 3)

Safety & Security:

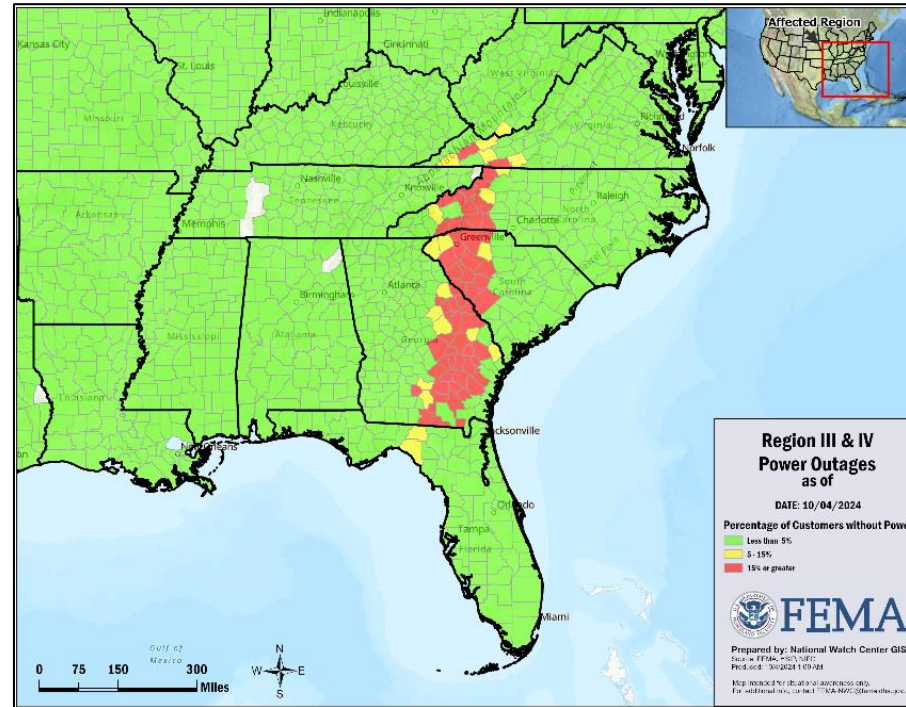
- NC: Federal US&R and IMT support ongoing with additional aerial and ground resources being coordinated/rerouted
- SC: Structural evaluations and human/animal interactions and assists ongoing. Monitoring potential river rises along coastal communities

Food, Hydration, Shelter: Shelter count slightly decreasing in impacted states. 56 (-10) total shelters / 2,169 (-415) total occupants

- FL: 14 (-2) shelters / 230 (-257) occupants
- GA: 11 (+1) shelters / 558 occupants
- NC: DRCs anticipated to begin today. Mass feeding operations, aerial, and ground commodity distribution is ongoing
 - 22 (+1) shelters / 1,162 (-117) occupants
- SC: Shelter and mass feeding operations ongoing supported by VOADs and PODs; 9 (-1) shelters / 219 (-1) occupants
- TN: 6 shelters / 61 occupants
- VA: 1 shelter / 17 occupants

Health & Medical: Healthcare facilities are returning to grid power.

- GA: Hospitals continue to face low water pressure as power restoration is improving. Response needs remain manageable within state and local capabilities; 33 confirmed fatalities
- NC: All hospitals have returned to grid power. Federal DMAT and HMTF continue providing support, while HSCA teams conduct assessments and anticipate potential additional support; 60 (+4) confirmed fatalities
- SC: All hospitals have returned to grid power; 39 (+3) confirmed fatalities
- TN: 8 confirmed fatalities
- VA: All hospitals fully operational; 2 confirmed fatalities



Energy: Total: 742k (-40k) customers without power. (DOE Eagle-I, as of 7:30 a.m. ET, Oct 4)

- GA: 213k (-3k) (4%) customers without power
- NC: 234k (5%) customers without power
- SC: 286k (-3k) (10%) customers without power
- VA: 14k (<1%) customers without power; state Task Force reports meal counts continue to drop as power is restored

Communications: Cellular sites continue to regain connectivity across the impacted area; MEOV remains deployed for support

- GA: Communication capabilities are stabilizing with ongoing power restoration, and federal responder communication assets are enroute
- NC: Cell site restoration has improved by 10%. Project Roll Call analysis is ongoing in the most affected areas. Federal communication support remains deployed, with additional satellite resources enroute.
- SC: Communication capabilities are improving as power is restored, with federal responder communication assets still deployed
- TN: Cellular sites continue to regain connectivity across the impacted area; MEOV remains deployed for support

Transportation: Road clearance efforts continue as flood waters recede.

- GA: Secondary and local road clearance ongoing
- NC: Significant road closures continue due to flooding and debris. Inspections and debris clearance operations ongoing. Railway network is mostly operational with some restrictions
- SC: Ongoing road closures in northwestern South Carolina persist due to debris, with continued reopening expected as route clearance operations proceed

Water Systems: Boil Water Notices continue as power is restored to systems.

- GA: Boil Water Notices continue to increase as additional water systems return to grid power; 316 (+23) active boil water notices
- NC: : Assessment teams and supply crews are enroute to support water infrastructure, with system statuses fluctuating as power restoration progresses; 145 (-21) active boil water notices
- SC: Precautionary Boil Water Advisories remain in effect. State and local water support in place
- TN: Boil water notices continue as additional water systems return to grid power; 18 active boil water notices
- VA: 34 (+3) active boil water notices



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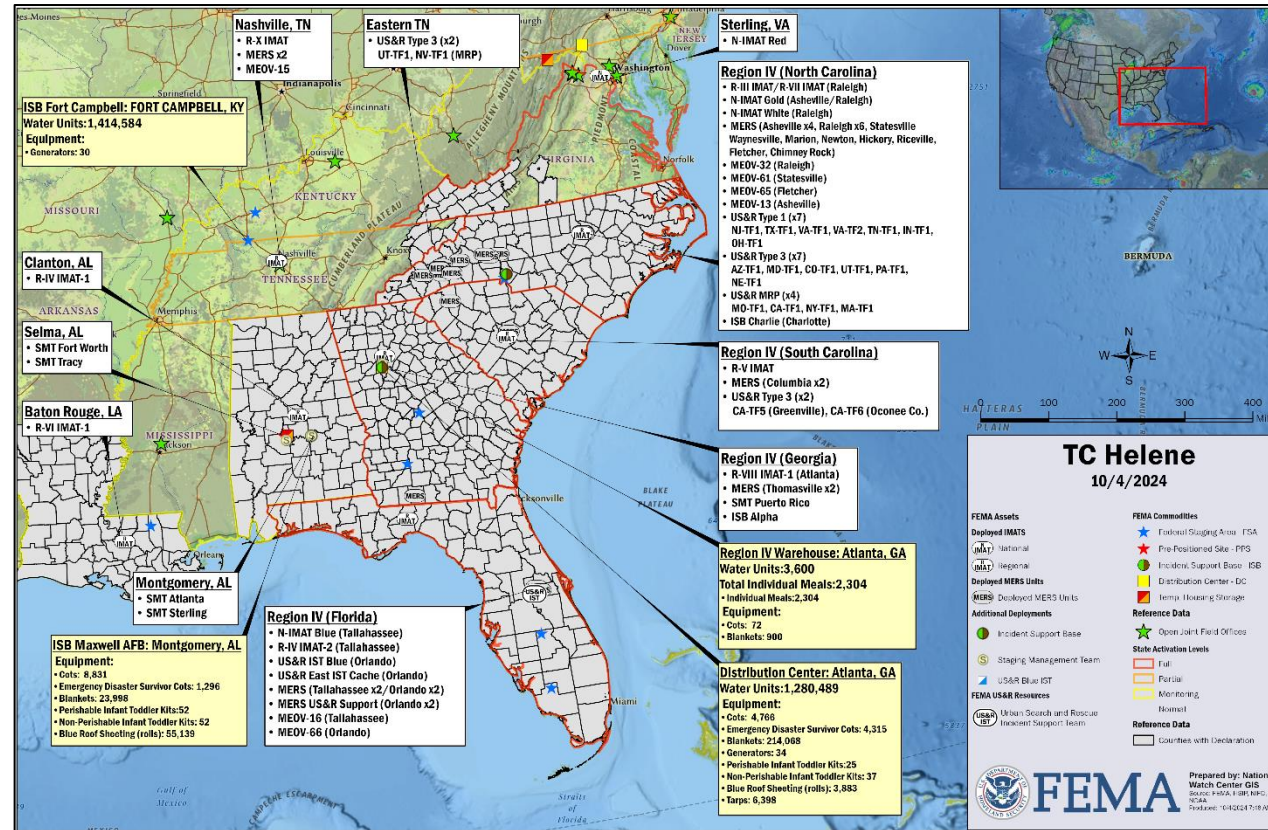
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State / Tribal Response:

- 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-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)
 - FEMA-4832-DR-TN approved on Oct 2
- VA: SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene)
 - Gov declared a State of Emergency
 - FEMA-4831-DR-VA approved on Oct 1

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



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).

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
- 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
- SMT Fort Worth and SMT Tracy deploying to Selma, AL
- 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

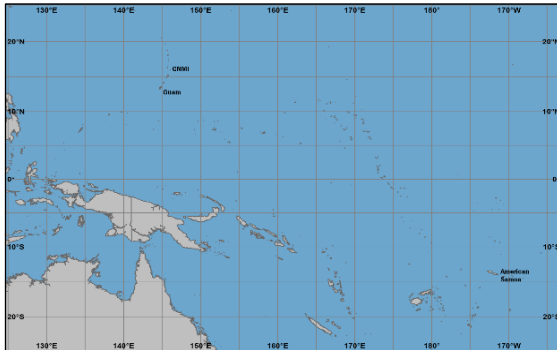
MERS:

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



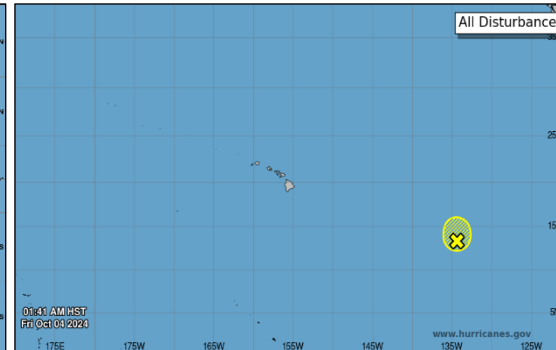
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



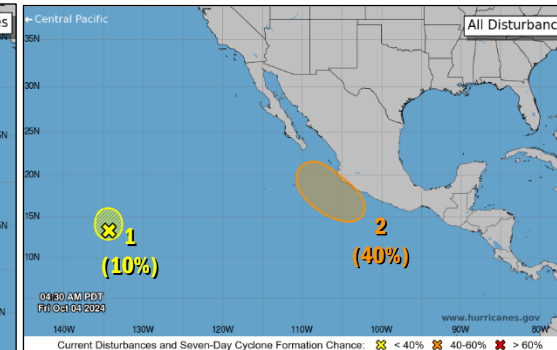
- No areas of concern for Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or American Samoa

Central Pacific



- No tropical cyclones are expected in the next seven days.
- See Eastern Pacific for Disturbance 1

Eastern Pacific



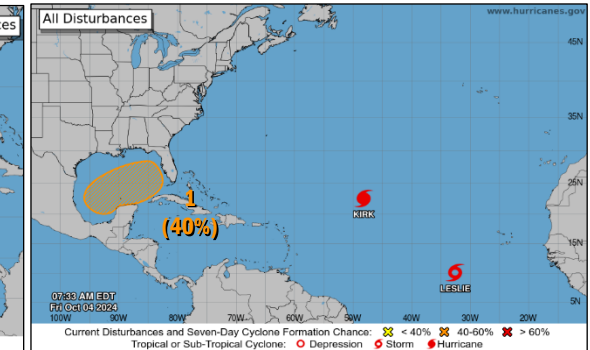
Disturbance 1: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located well WSW of the southern tip of Baja California peninsula
- Some limited development is possible on Friday
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (10%); 7-day – Low (10%)

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

- Located off the coast of southwestern Mexico
- Environmental conditions conducive for development, and a tropical depression could form next week
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (near 0%); 7-day – Med (40%)

Atlantic



Hurricane Kirk (CAT-4): (Advisory #20, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 1,010 miles ENE of the Northern Leeward Islands; moving NW at 10 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 145 mph
- Hurricane-force winds extend 35 miles; tropical-storm-force winds extend 195 miles
- Weakening forecast through next week

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

- Located 645 miles WSW of the Cabo Verde Islands; moving W at 6 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 60 mph
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend 60 miles
- Leslie is expected to become a hurricane Sat.

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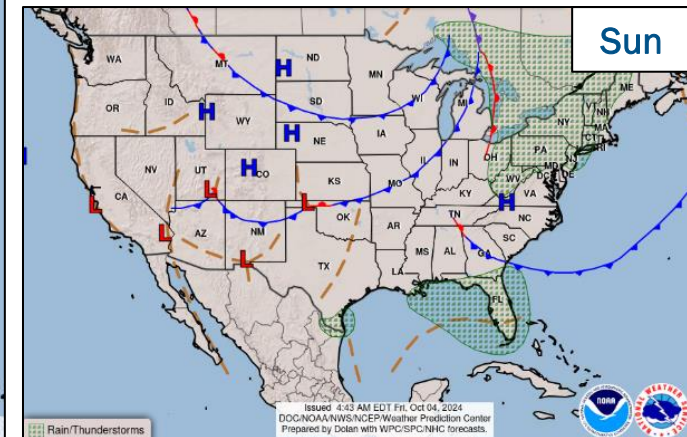
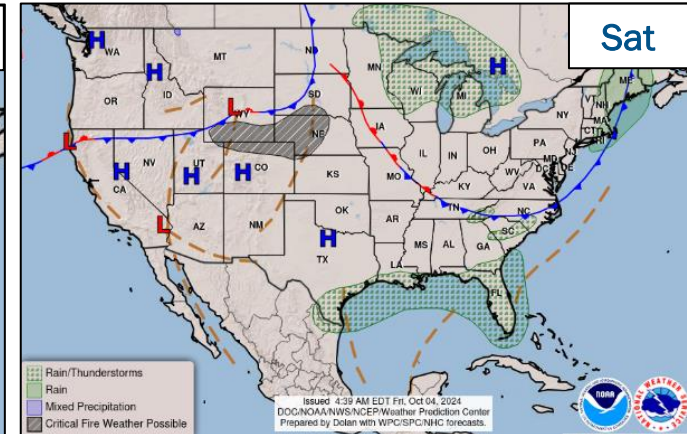
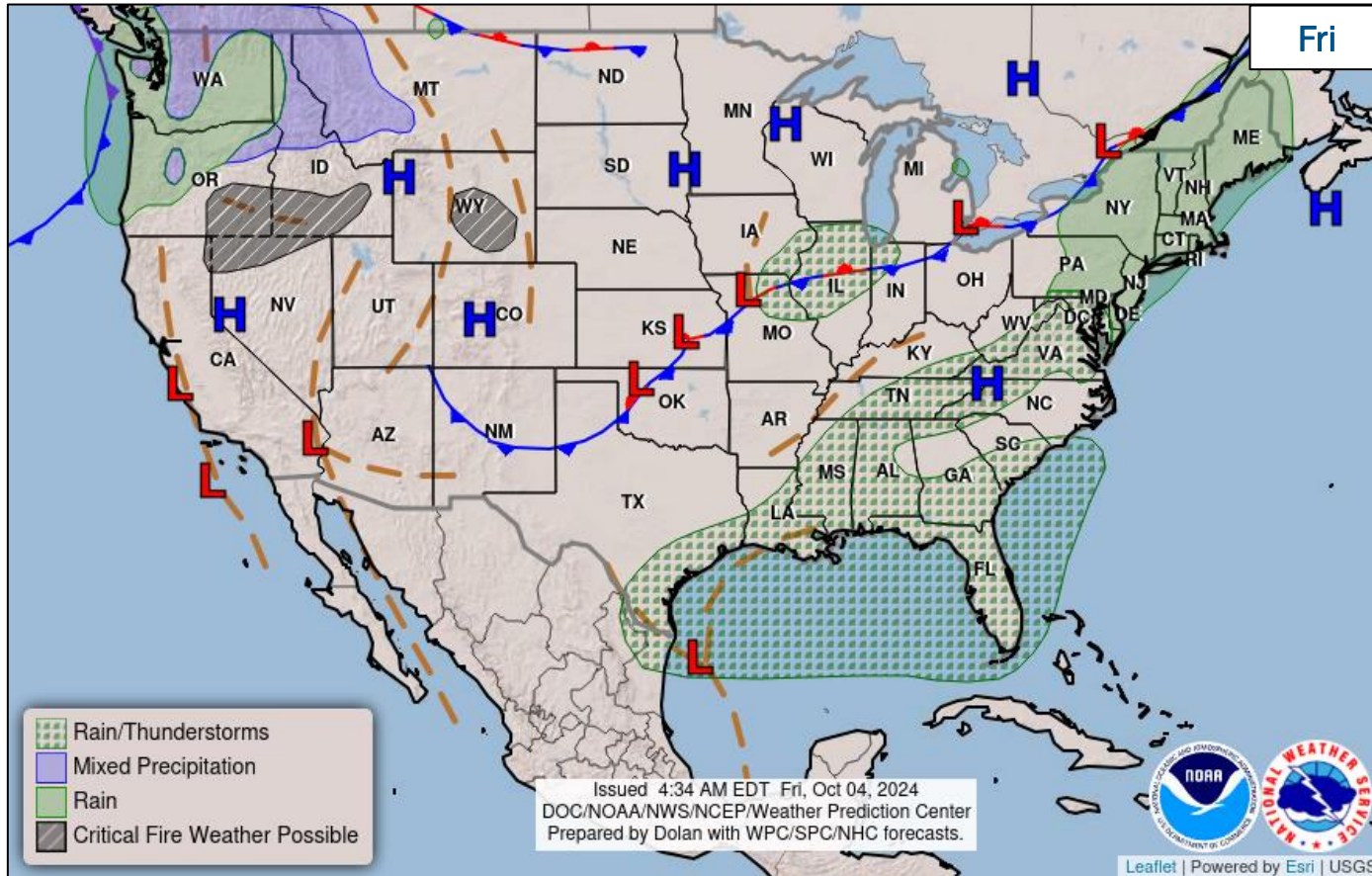
- Located over western Gulf of Mexico
- Tropical or subtropical depression or storm could form during the early to middle of next week
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (near 0%); 7-day – Medium (40%)



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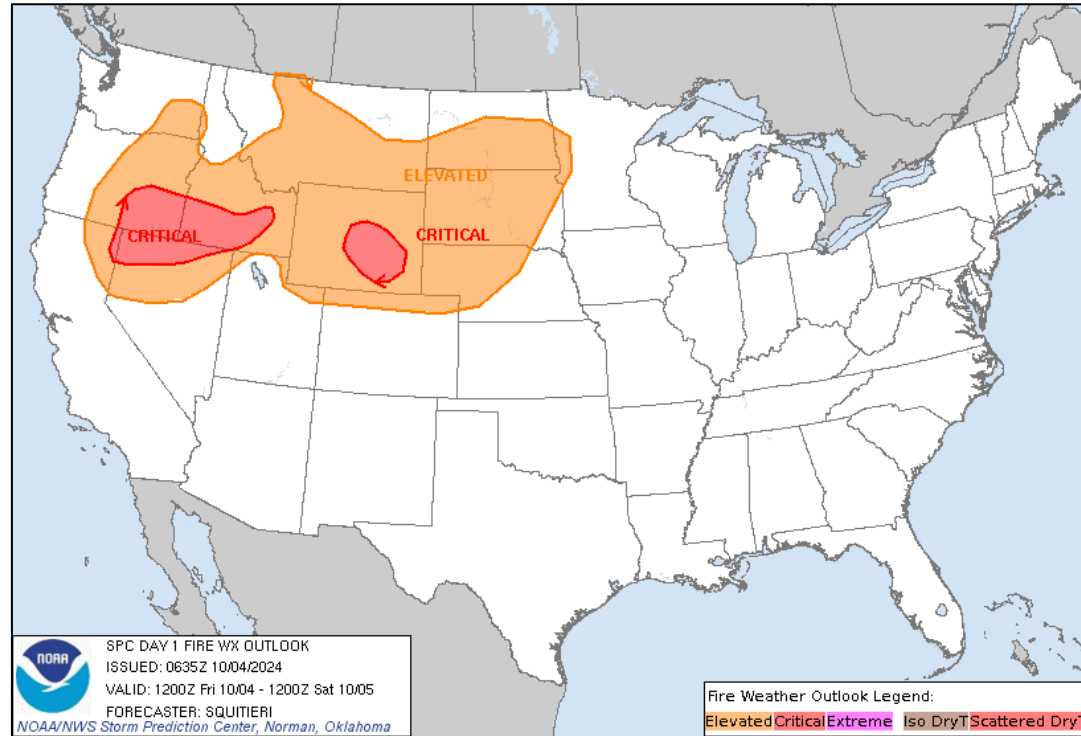
National Weather Forecast



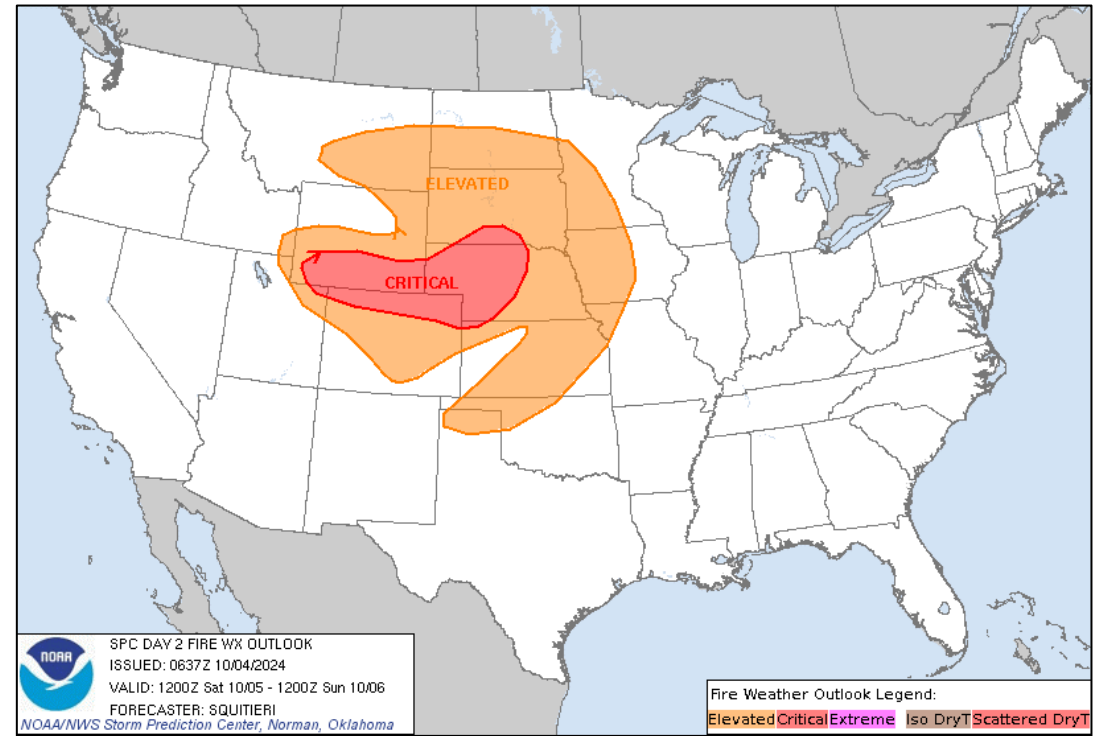
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



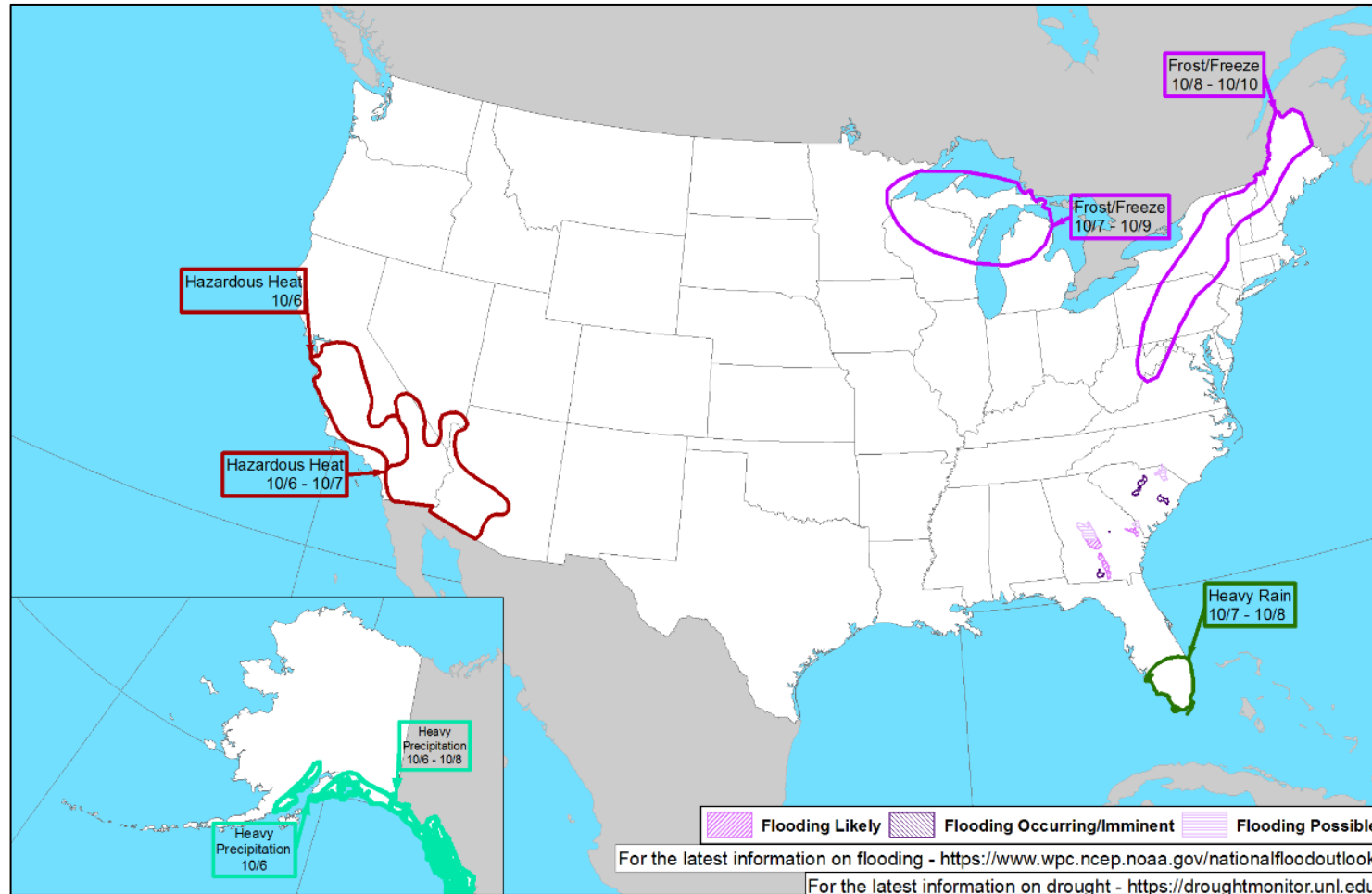
Tomorrow



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Hazards Outlook – Oct 6-10



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National Fire Activity *(as of Oct 3)*

National Preparedness Level

PL 3

Initial Attack Activity <i>(24-hour period)</i>	Light <i>(83 fires)</i>	
New large fires:	4	
Large fires contained:	0	
Uncontained large fires:	27	
Cumulative Acres Burned	7,438,367	
Total Responders	10,219	
Type 1 IMTs deployed	0	
Complex IMTs deployed	14 of 41	

**U.S. Wildfires
National PL 3
10/4/2024**

Wildland Fire Information

- NICC Incident Management Station Report
- Responsible Fires
- Current FEMA FMAG Fires
- Wildfires

FEMA Assets

- Open Joint Field Offices
- Pre-Positioned Site
- PPS
- Distribution Center
- DC
- Temporary Housing
- Storage Site / Area
- THSS / THSA

Reference Data

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

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Prepared by: National Watch Center GIS
 Scale: FEMA, USGS, NOAA
 Date: 10/4/2024

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, WY)	5539-FM-WY	50,361 (+15,875)	0%	M: 499 (+99)	H: 1,200	H: 0	H: 1 (+1)	0 / 1
				V: 0	O: 250 (+40)	O: 0	O: 5 (-3)	

(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
110 + 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
Monitoring	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 RRCC: TC Helene	• HI/OK/NM/ID/ UT: 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
	• FL/AL/GA/MS/NC/ SC/ TN/KY/VA : TC Helene
	• DC: Election Monitoring
Volunteer Force	
Rostered 7,840	Deployed 9
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 7,739 (+12)	Deployed 120 (+32)

N-IMATs	
2-5 Team Available	
Red	DC (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	1
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)	
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	5	1	0
IV	4/0	27	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

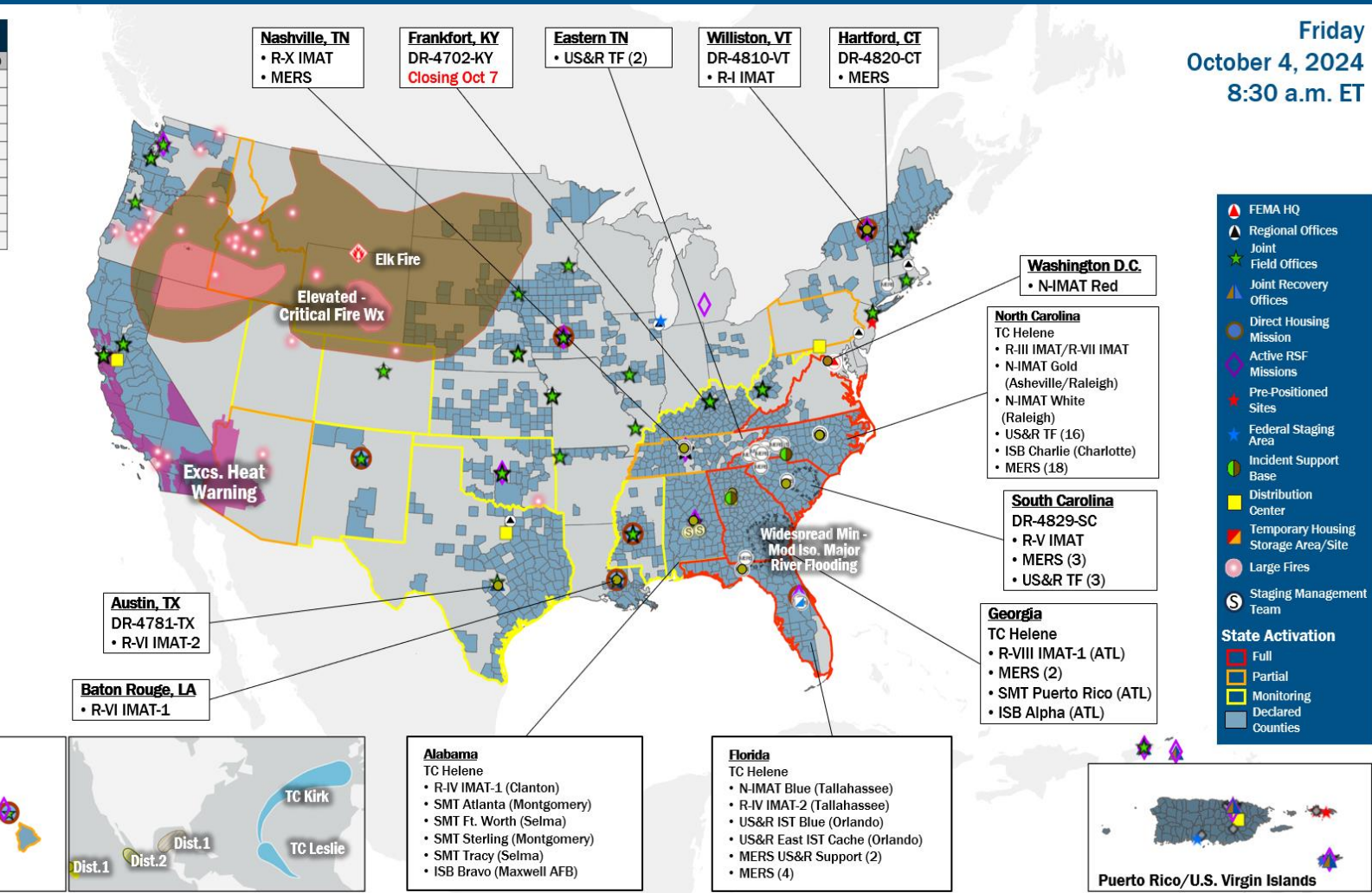
Alaska

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Guam

American Samoa

Hawaii



IM Workforce
 13,795 (-5) Assigned
 4,933 (+29) Unavailable
 7,505 (+127) Deployed
 10% (+1) / 1,357 (-161) Available

IM Cadre Availability
 17 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 22% (36/164); Disability Integration: 12% (5/43); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 1% (10/1,201); External Affairs: 5% (28/520); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 10% (83/822); Field Leadership: 11% (16/147); Financial Management: 24% (56/236); Hazard Mitigation: 7% (78/1,189); Human Resources: 10% (18/174); Individual Assistance: 1% (31/2,579); Information Technology: 10% (64/665); Logistics: 4% (69/1,606); Operations: 3% (10/338); Public Assistance: 15% (338/2,267); Planning: 2% (8/444); Safety: 1% (1/94); Security: 11% (15/137)

MERS
 33%-65%

36 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 18 (+2) Deployed
 18 (-2) Available

US&R
 < 33%

28 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 21 Deployed
 7 Available

FCO
 1 Type I

51 Assigned
 4 Unavailable
 46 (35 FCOR) Deployed
 1 Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties/Jurisdictions		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
IV	NC	Tropical Cyclone Debby Aug 5-19	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	9/23 - 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 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

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



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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-4828-DR-FL	2	Oct 3	Adds 5 counties for Public Assistance (Categories A & B)
FEMA-4828-DR-FL	3	Oct 3	Adds 1 county for Individual and Public Assistance (Categories A & B)
FEMA-4809-DR-SCP*	1	Oct 1	Appoints José M. Gil Montañez as Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO)
FEMA-4830-DR-GA	2	Oct 3	Adds 4 counties for Individual Assistance and 2 counties for Public Assistance (Categories A & B)

*Santa Clara Pueblo



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