

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, October 5, 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

- Severe Thunderstorms – Wisconsin
- Critical Fire Weather – Northern and Central Plains
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Hurricane Kirk (CAT-3)
 - Hurricane Leslie (CAT-1)
 - Disturbance 1: High (90%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (30%)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Disturbance 1: Med (40%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Major Disaster Declaration Approved: San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Five 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 4)

Safety & Security:

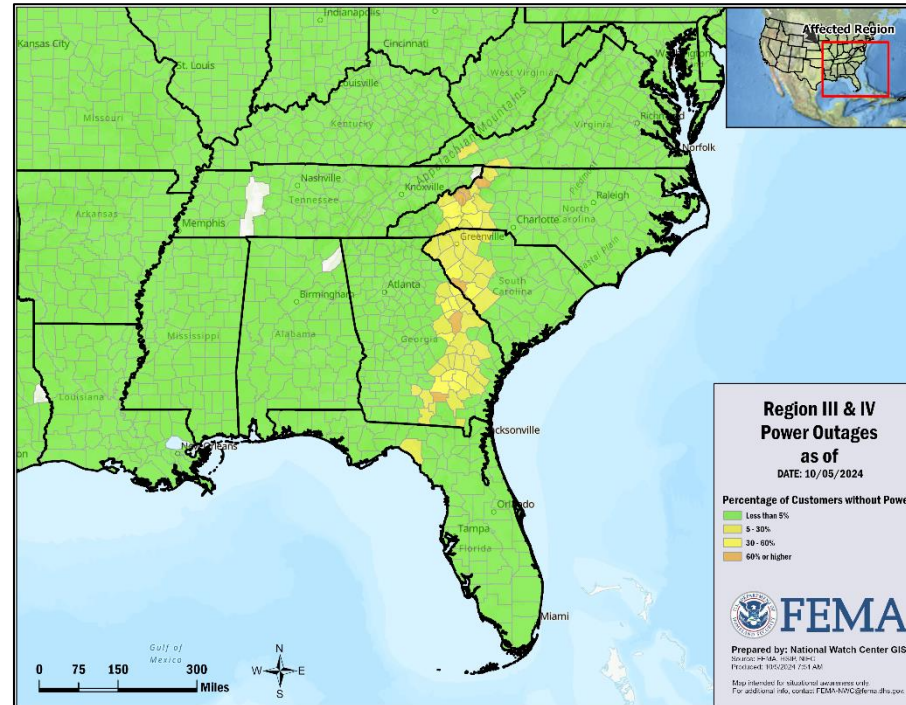
- GA: 12 curfews remain in effect for Richmond counties
- NC: Federal US&R and IMT support ongoing with additional aerial and ground resources being coordinated/rerouted; **multiple counties will remain under evacuation order and 4 curfews**
- SC: Security missions and support to local law enforcement continues; extended response times continues for responders due to route debris and closures

Food, Hydration, Shelter:

- FL: 12 (-2) shelters / 429 (+199) occupants
- GA: 8 (-2) shelters / 523 (-34) occupants
- NC: 16 (-6) shelters / 915 (-247) occupants
 - Mass feeding operations, aerial, and ground commodity distribution is ongoing
- SC: 1 (-8) shelters / 100 (-119) occupants
- TN: 4 (-2) shelters / 65 (+4) occupants
- VA: 1 shelters / 16 occupants

Health & Medical:

- GA: 1 **hospital on generator power** and 5 hospital facilities with impacted water pressure 33 confirmed fatalities
- NC: All hospitals have returned to normal power and no longer using generator power; **63 (+3) confirmed fatalities**
- SC: All hospitals returned to generator power; **41 (+2) confirmed fatalities**



Water Systems:

- FL: 26 Boil Water Notices issued in 12 counties; assessment and restoration continues
- GA: 369 (+13) active boil water notices that continue to increase as additional water systems return to grid power;
- NC: Water system status reports continue to fluctuate as assessments/power restoration is completed; 99 (-46) active boil water notices
- SC: Precautionary Boil Water Advisories remain in effect and **several wastewater systems remain on backup power; 1 Active Boil Water Notice Advisory**
- TN: Boil water notices continue as additional water systems return to **online status; 18 active boil water notice advisories**
- VA: 34 active boil water advisories

Energy: (DOE Eagle-I, as of 7:30 a.m. ET, Oct 5)

- GA: 153k (-60k) (3%) customers without power
- NC: 173k (-61k) (3%) customers without power
- SC: 204k (-82k) (7%) customers without power
- VA: 6k (-8k) (<1%) customers without power; state Task Force reports meal counts continue to drop as power is restored

Communications:

- GA: 3 counties remain with 50% cellular sites without service; federal disaster communication support enroute
- NC: 3 Counties with cell sites with 50% plus sites down; 17 of 241 comms towers operations on generator power
- SC: All 911 operation centers return to normal operations; power restoration ongoing; however, power lines are still down
- TN: Cellular sites continue to regain connectivity across the impacted area; **Satellite Data Terminal kits deploying to East Tennessee**

Transportation:

- GA: Secondary and local road clearance ongoing; **portions of rail lines remain non-operational**
- NC: Significant road closures continue; railway network is mostly operational with some restrictions; **all airports are now open 3 airports operating with power/communication issues**
- SC: Ongoing road closures in northwestern South Carolina persist due to debris; **some short lines railways report service disruptions and all port terminals are open**
- TN: I-40, I-26, and 7 US/state routes remain closed
- VA: Virginia Department of Transportation activated debris removal and monitor state-maintained highways



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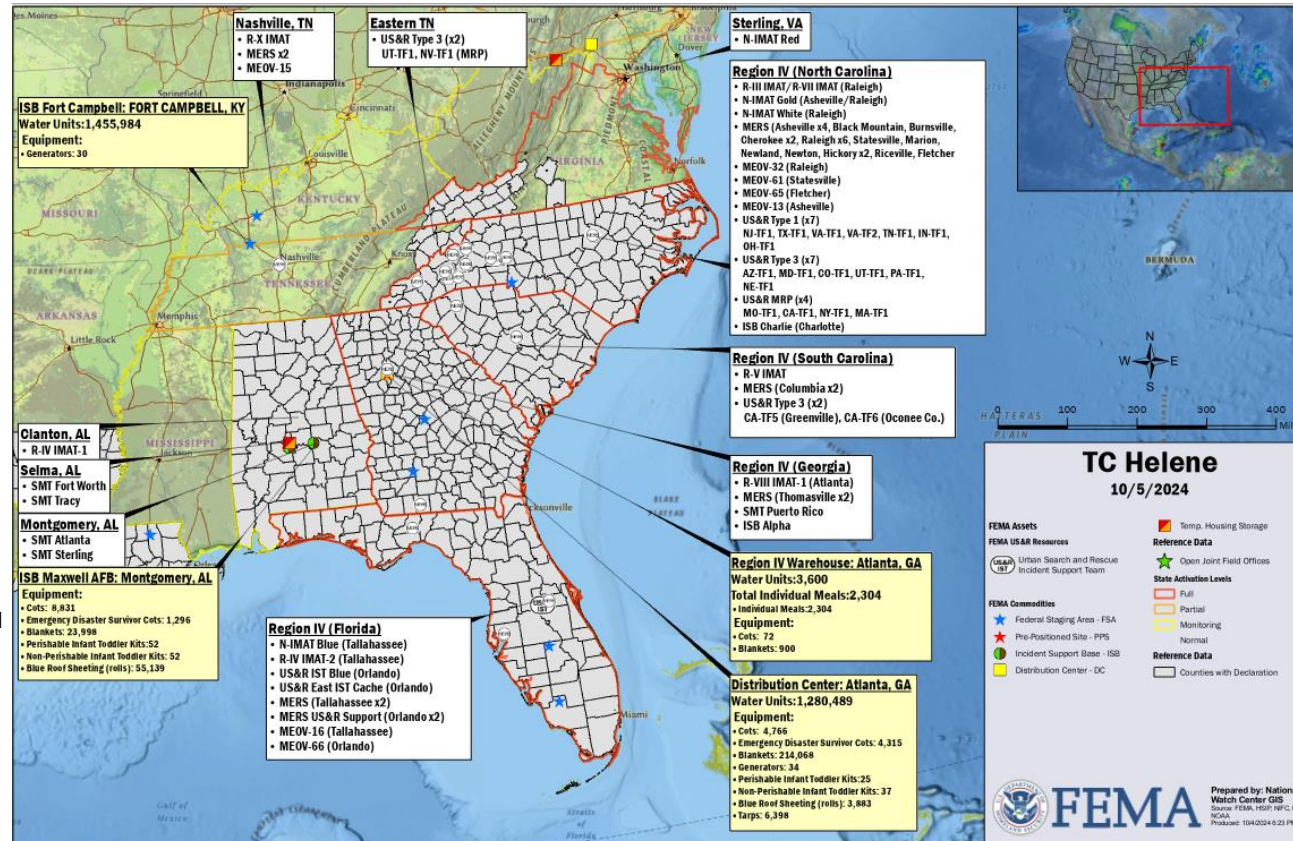
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State / Tribal Response:

- 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)
 - Gov declared a State of Emergency
 - 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 is **Rostered**; LNOs deployed to VDEM
- FEMA RIV: RRCC activated to Level II with all ESFs
 - IMAT-1 deployed to **GA 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 Resources deployed (7xType 1, 13xType 3; 4xMRP-WR)
- Incident Support Team (IST) Blue deployed to FL

MERS:

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

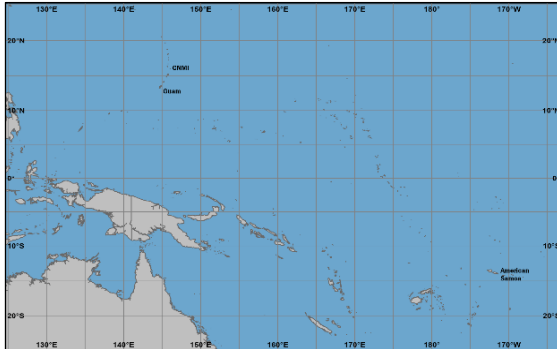


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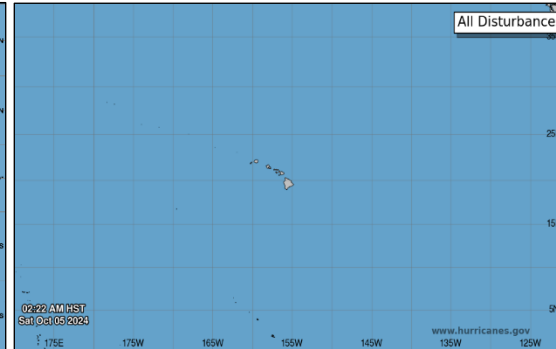
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



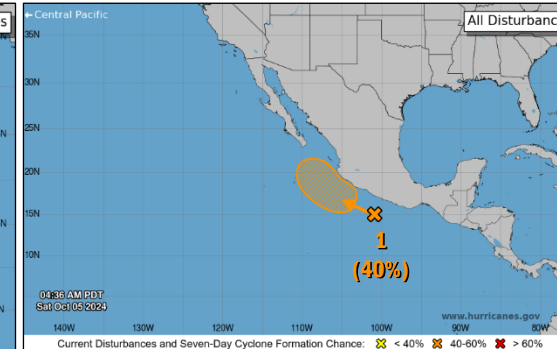
- No areas of concern for Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or American Samoa

Central Pacific



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

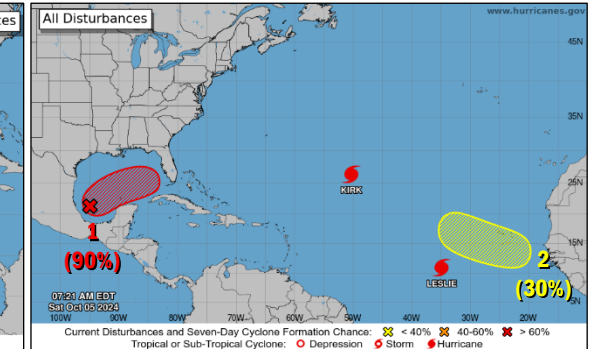
Eastern Pacific



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

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

Atlantic



Hurricane Kirk (CAT-3): (Advisory #24, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 990 miles NE of the Northern Leeward Islands; moving NNW at 13 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 125 mph
- Hurricane-force winds extend 60 miles; tropical-storm-force winds extend 220 miles
- Weakening forecast through next week

Hurricane Leslie: (CAT-1) (Advisory #12, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 755 miles WSW of the Cabo Verde Islands; moving WNW at 7 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 80 mph
- Hurricane-force winds extend 10 miles; Tropical-storm-force winds extend 70 miles
- Gradual weakening trend forecast to begin tomorrow

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

- Located over SW Gulf of Mexico
- Tropical depression likely to form today or tomorrow
- Formation chance: 48-hour – High (70%); 7-day – High (90%)

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

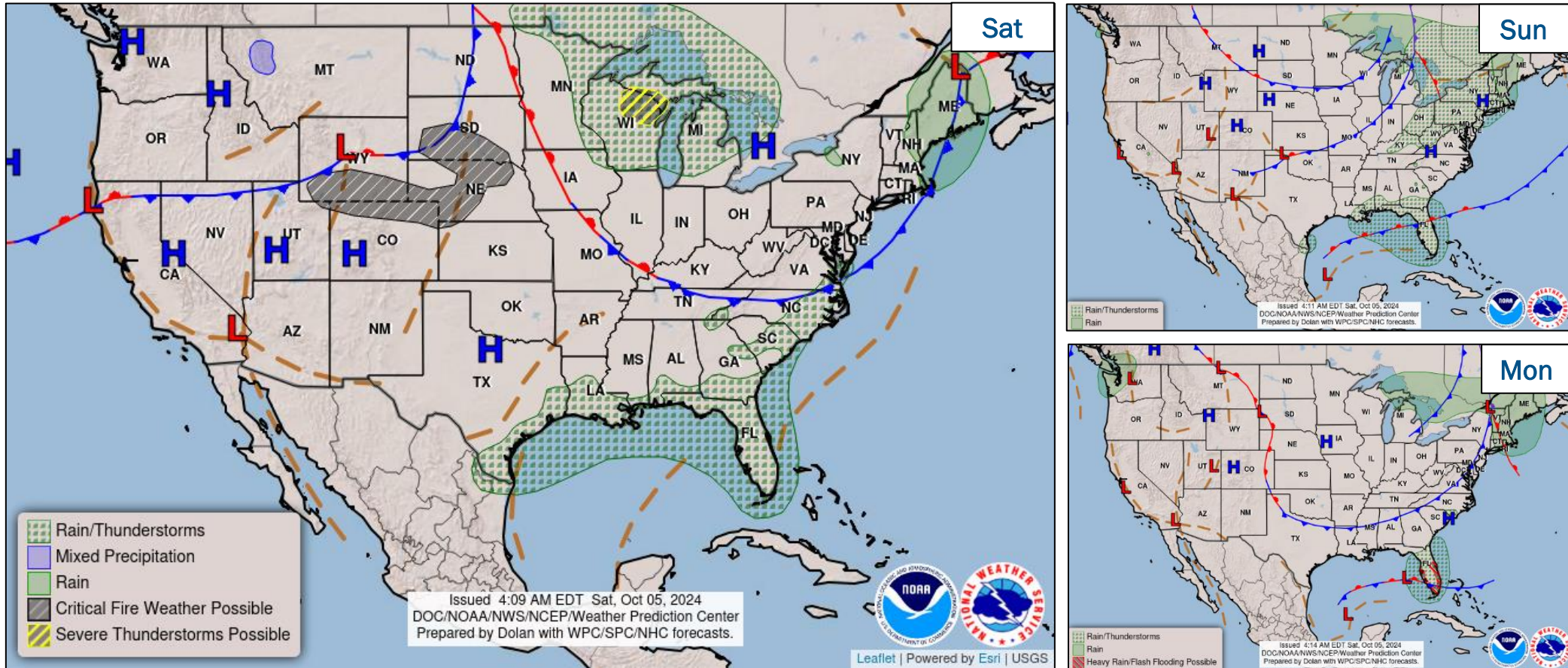
- Located off the W coast of Africa; moving W or WNW
- Some development of this system possible
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (near 0%); 7-day – Low (30%)

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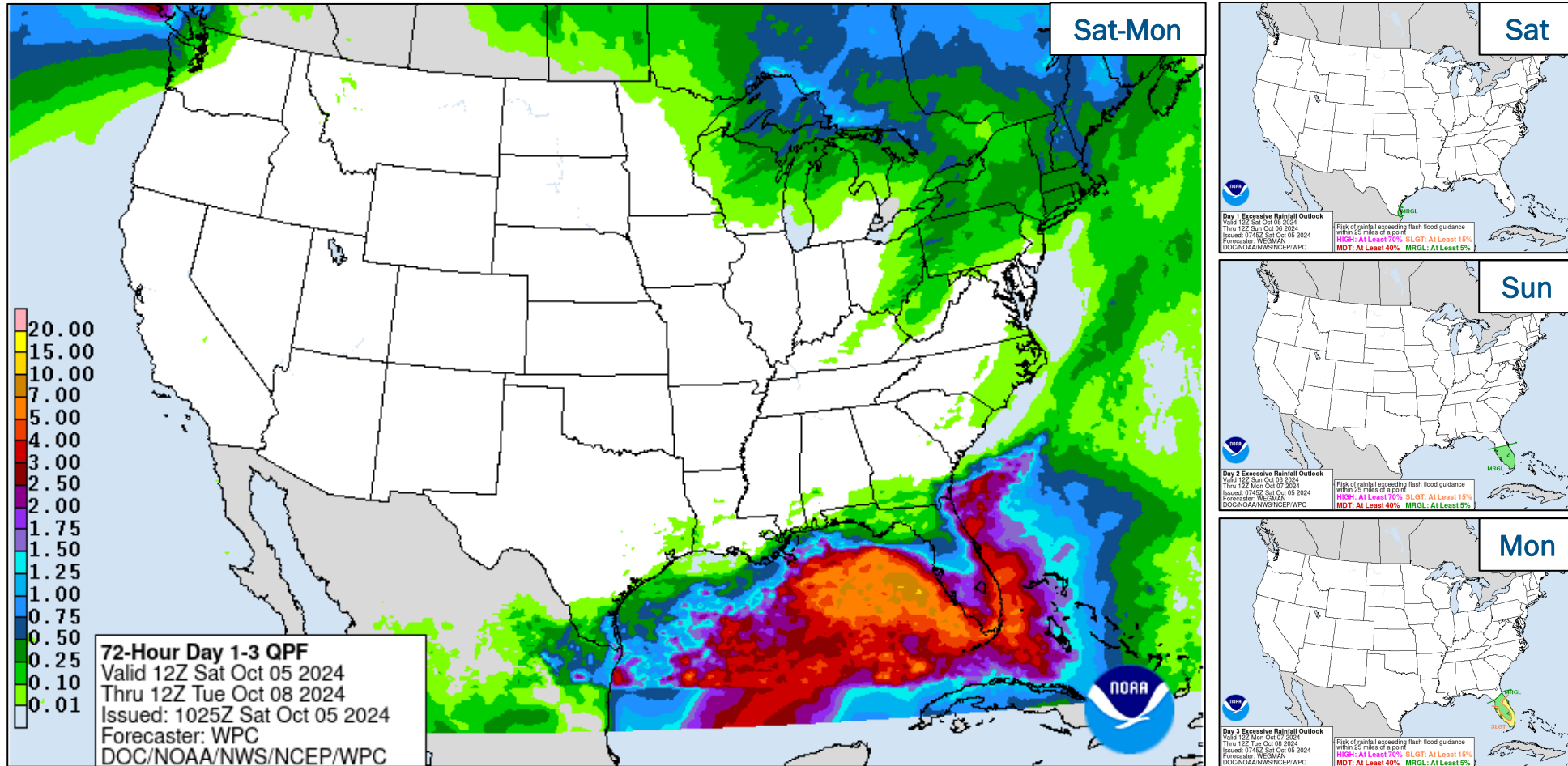
National Weather Forecast



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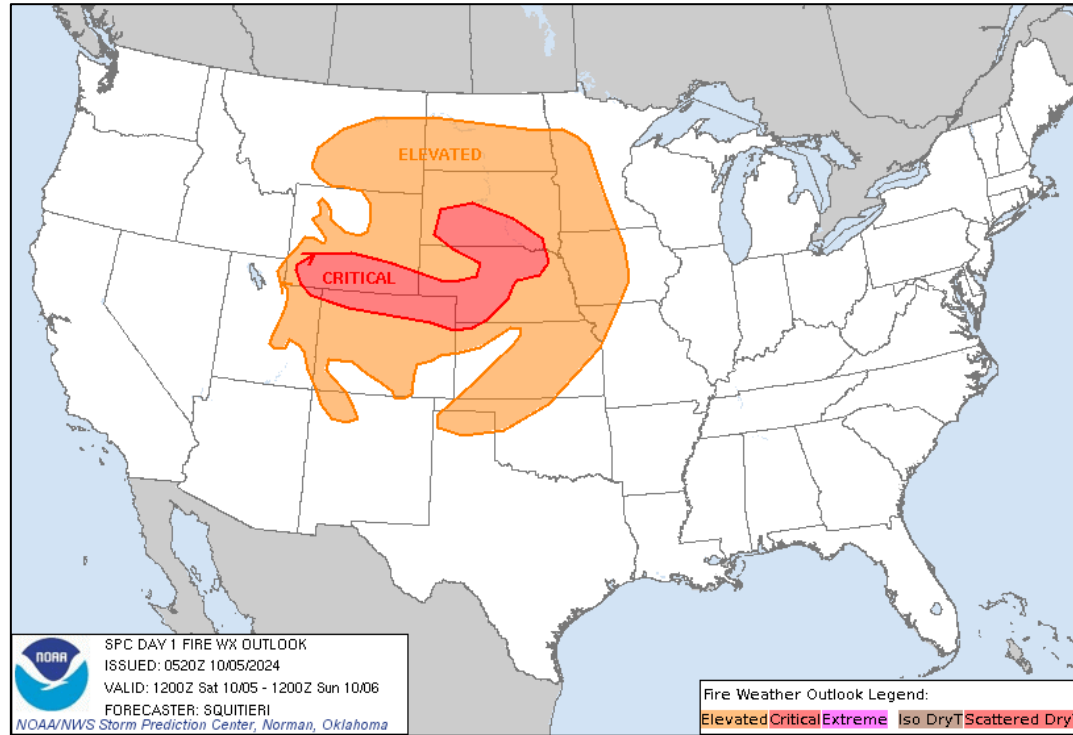
Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



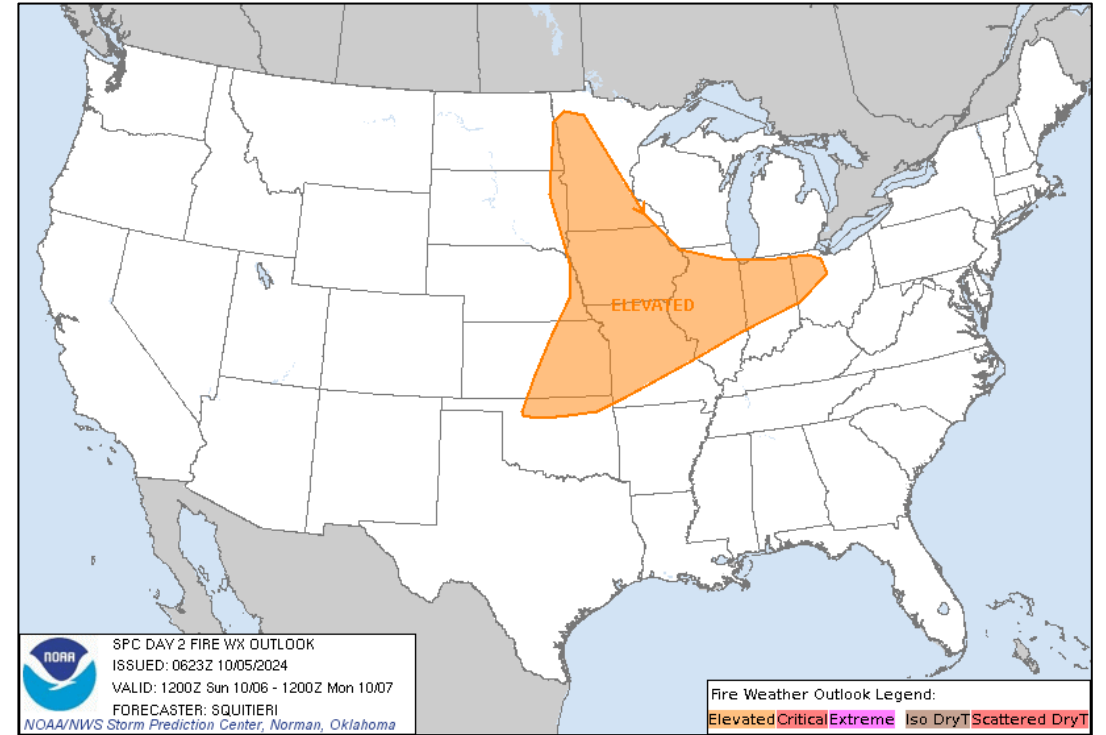
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



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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	53,436 (+3,075)	0%	M: 499	H: 1,200	H: 0	H: 1	0 / 1
				V: 0	O: 250	O: 0	O: 7 (+2)	

(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

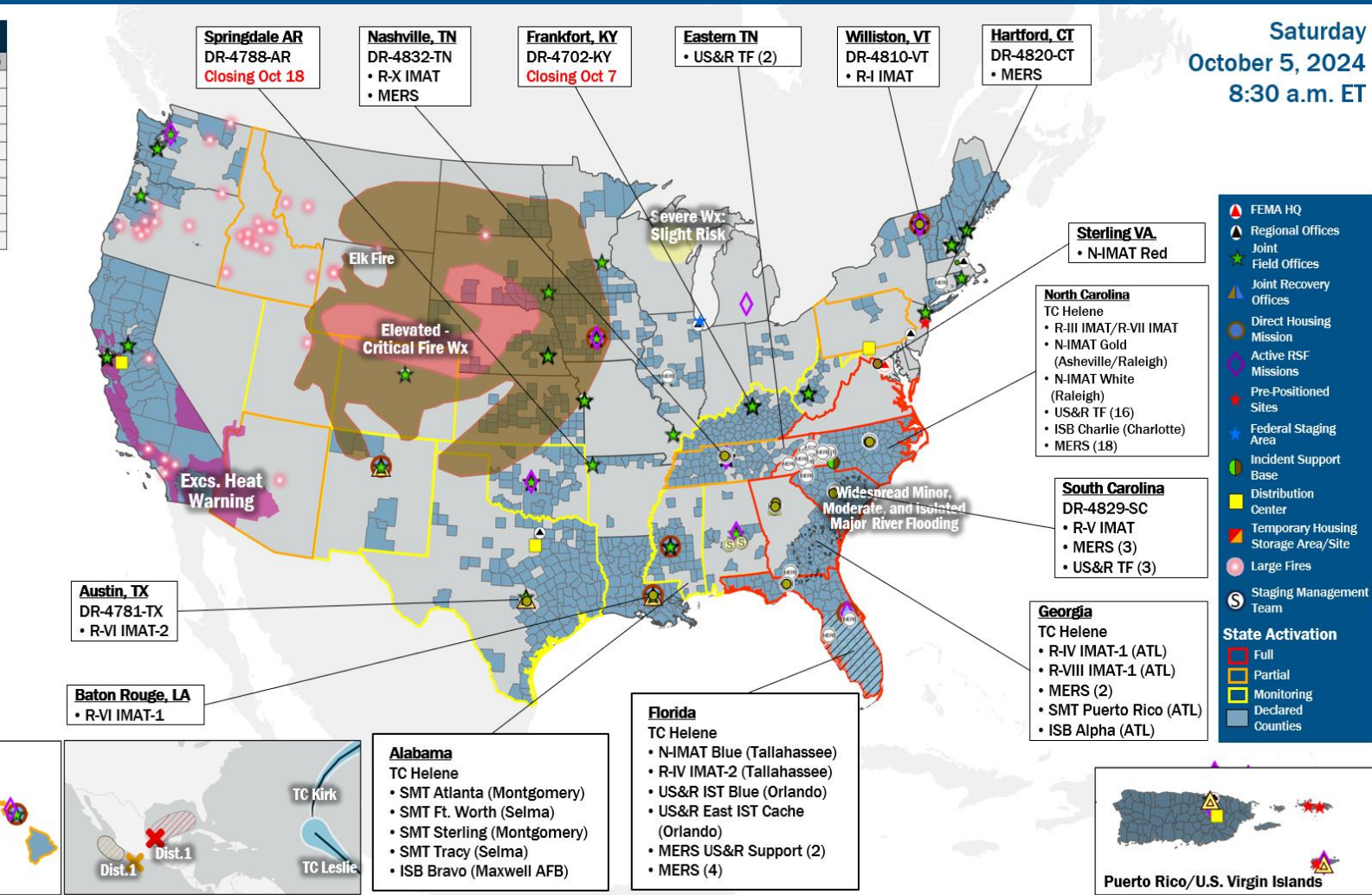
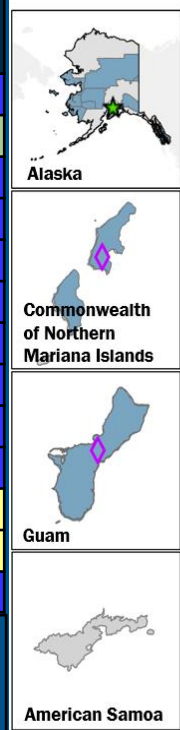
28 + 5 Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices Supporting
111 + 15 Major Disasters Emergency Declarations
12 Direct Housing Missions **17** RSF-Supported Disasters **5** Joint Recovery Offices

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FEMA HQ	
NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Level I
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Monitoring	I Rostered
Monitoring	II Rostered
Monitoring	III Rostered
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: • NRCC: TC Helene • RIV RRCC: TC Helene	State EOCs: • OK: Severe Weather • HI/OK/NM/ID/UT: Wildfires • 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 7,860 (+20)	Deployed 7 (-2)
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 7,768 (+29)	Deployed 133 (+13)

N-IMATs 2-5 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	1
III	NC (Sep 29)
IV-1	GA (Oct 5)
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	19	0	0
X	3/1	9	0	0



IM Workforce

13,784 (-11) Assigned
 4,832 (-101) Unavailable
 7,624 (+124) Deployed

10% / 1,323 (-34) Available

IM Cadre Availability

17 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 23% (37/164); Disability Integration: 12% (5/43); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 2% (20/1,201); External Affairs: 5% (28/520); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 10% (81/822); Field Leadership: 12% (17/147); Financial Management: 24% (56/237); Hazard Mitigation: 7% (80/1,189); Human Resources: 9% (15/174); Individual Assistance: 2% (48/2,579); Information Technology: 5% (30/665); Logistics: 5% (81/1,605); Operations: 3% (10/338); Public Assistance: 14% (321/2,257); Planning: 2% (9/443); Safety: 4% (4/94); Security: 13% (18/137)

MERS

33%-65%

36 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 18 Deployed

18 Available

US&R

< 33%

28 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 21 Deployed

7 Available

FCO

1 Type I

50 (-1) Assigned
 3 (-1) 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
X	Colville Reservation	Swawilla Fire Jul 17 - continuing	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	10/7 - TBD



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Declaration Approval – San Carlos Apache Tribe

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4833-DR-
San Carlos Apache Tribe
Requested: Aug 16

Date Approved: Oct 4
Incident: Watch Fire
Incident Period: Jul 10-17

Provides:

- **IA/PA:** Reservation-wide
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Reservation-wide

FCO: Benigno Bern Ruiz



■ IA/PA



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Declaration Requests in Process – 11

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 - Approved	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-4824-DR-KS	1	Oct 4	Adds 3 counties for Public Assistance
FEMA-4827-DR-NC	2	Oct 4	Adds 2 counties for Individual Assistance and 2 counties Public Assistance
FEMA-4829-DR-SC	3	Oct 4	Adds 4 counties for Individual Assistance and 4 counties Public Assistance
FEMA-4830-DR-GA	3	Oct 4	Adds 8 counties for Individual Assistance
FEMA-4831-DR-VA	1	Oct 4	Adds 2 counties for Individual Assistance



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