

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, October 12, 2024

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Ops / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- TC Milton – Florida
- TC Helene – Southeast and Mid-Atlantic

## Hazard Monitoring

- Elevated Fire Weather – Texas, Central Great Basin to Southwest, Central to Northern Plains
- Tropical Activity:
  - Atlantic:
    - Tropical Storm Leslie
    - Disturbance 1: Med (40%)

## Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approval: Expedited Major Disaster Declaration – FL
- Five amendments issued

## Event Monitoring

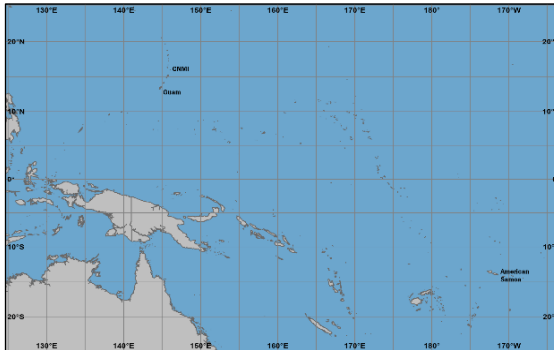
- No new significant events



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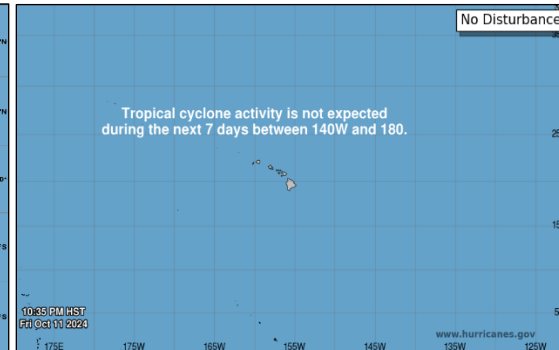
# Tropical Outlook

## Western Pacific



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

## Central Pacific



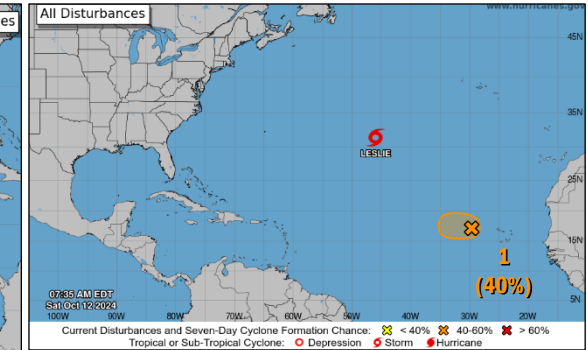
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## Eastern Pacific



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

## Atlantic



### Tropical Storm Leslie: (Advisory #40 as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 1,165 miles WSW of the Azores
- Moving NE at 24 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 50 mph
- Gradual weakening is forecast the next few days with Leslie forecast to become a post-tropical cyclone tonight or Sunday

### Disturbance 1 (AL94): (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located a couple hundred miles west of the Cabo Verde Islands
- Conditions are expected to become less conducive for further development later today. A short-lived tropical depression could still form at any time today
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Med (40%); 7-day – Med (40%)



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# Milton – Florida



**Situation:** FEMA is responding in coordination with Florida emergency management; Locally executed, state managed, and federally supported operations continue.

**Lifelines:** (TC Milton SLB, as of 6:00 p.m. ET, Oct 11)

**Safety & Security:**

- 9 (-8) counties under Mandatory / 4 (-7) counties under Voluntary evacuations
- ESF LNO is on site at FL SEOC
- Rescues/assists: 370 people and 105 pets
- 9 FEMA US&R Task Forces released EOD 10/11

**Food, Hydration, Shelter:**

- TC Milton: 36 (-227) shelters open, pop. 3,184 (-10,418) (ARC morning shelter report 6:49 a.m. ET, Oct 12)
- NGO/VOADs entered impacted areas 10/11 for feeding operations
- 400k meals delivered to state; 700k meals and 300k liters of water ETA 10/12

**Health & Medical:**

- 32 post-assessments completed; 4 hospitals reported operational impacts, 5 hospitals reported minor operational impacts, 1 hospital on generator power
- Water systems affecting 5 hospitals in Pinellas County are being repressurized
  - FL logistics supporting mobilization of 12 tanker water trucks to support 3 hospitals

**Water Systems:**

- 1 EPA & 3 (+1) USACE water/wastewater SME deployed to FL SEOC
- 7 drinking water treatment plants temporarily closed in 5 counties
- Water main break in Pinellas County impacting water supply to 5 hospitals
- Barrier Islands Siesta Key and Casey Key (Sarasota Co.) without water due to flooded lift stations and possible leaks and breaks; no ETA for return of water service
- TC Helene: 16 Active boil Water Notices affecting 14,000 customers / TC Milton: 15 (+10) – Pop: 11,983

**Energy:** (DOE Eagle-I, as of 7:30 a.m. ET, Oct 12)

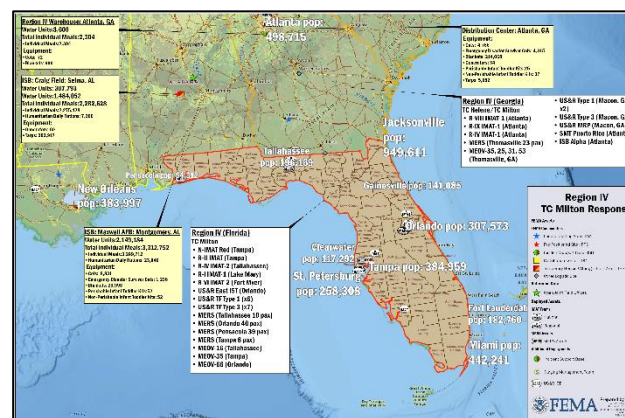
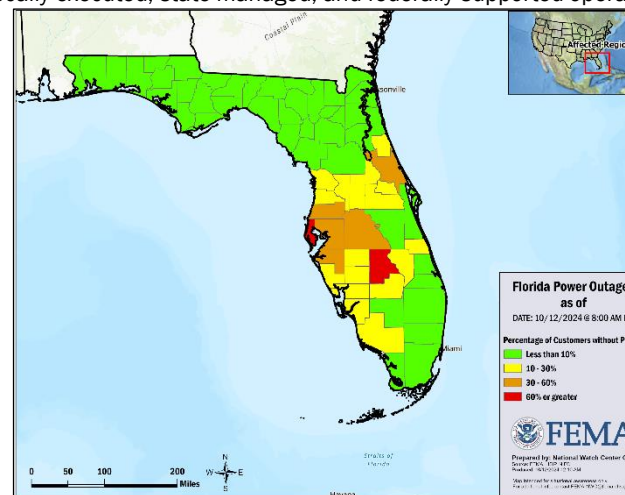
- 1.6M (-800k) / 14% (-8) customers without power

**Transportation:**

- 71 closures on state roads
- Main interstates are open some offramps may still be flooded
- All major airports are operational
- Port Conditions ZULU for 11 ports on FL Gulf Coast incl. (St. Petersburg, Sarasota, Bradenton)
- 8 ports open with restriction incl. Tampa

**Hazardous Materials:**

- Orange Co. Environmental Protection Division issued an alert for all lakes and rivers in Orange Co. due to potential contamination/hazards



**State / Tribal Response:**

- SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene)
  - Gov declared State of Emergency for 51 counties; FEMA-3622-EM-FL approved 10/7; FEMA-3623-EM-STF approved 10/8; Gov requested an Expedited Major Disaster Declaration, 10/11; approved FEMA-4834-DR-FL

**FEMA / Federal Response:**

- FEMA RIV: RRCC activated to Level I
  - IMAT-1 deployed to GA
  - IMAT-2 deployed to FL SEOC
- NWC is Monitoring; NRCC is at Level I (TC Helene and TC Milton)

**IMAT:**

- N-IMAT Red deployed to Tampa, FL
- Region I IMAT deployed to Orlando, FL
- Region II IMAT deployed to Tampa, FL
- Region VI IMAT-2 deployed to Ft. Meyers, FL
- Region IX IMAT-1 deployed to Tallahassee, FL

**US&R:**

- Incident Command Post established at Orlando
- Incident Support Team (IST) Red deployed to FL
- The following resources released 10/11 with associated ESF 13 force protection resources:
  - DoD: 10 rotary wing, 6 High Water Vehicles, 100 general purpose troops
  - USCG: 4 rotary wing
  - CBP: 2 BORSTAR teams
  - 10 FEMA US&R Task Forces
  - 3 USCG Mission Ready Packages (Water)

**MERS:**

- MERS assets deployed to FL
- Additional MERS teams on standby



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# Helene – Southeast & Mid-Atlantic



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

**Lifelines:** (TC Helene & Milton SLB, as of 6:00 p.m. ET, Oct 11)

**Safety & Security:**

- NC: 4 counties under evacuation orders; search and rescue operations near completion
- FL: Evacuations - Mandatory: 9 (-6) counties / Voluntary: 4 (-7) counties

**Food, Hydration, Shelter:**

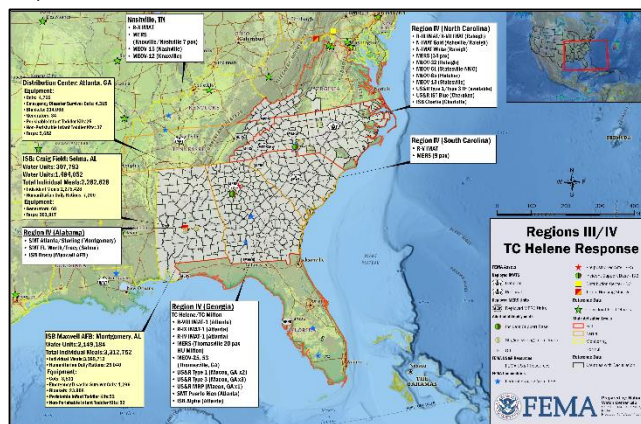
- GA: 4 (-11) shelters / 173 (-215) occupants (ARC morning shelter report 6:49 a.m. ET, Oct 12)
  - 3.5M meals / 1.4M liters of water received by the state
- NC: 13 (-3) shelters / 538 (-152) occupants (ARC morning shelter report 6:49 a.m. ET, Oct 12)
  - 7.9M (+47k) meals / 10M liters of water received by the state
- FL: TC Helene: 2 (-3) shelters open, population of 77 (-692) (ARC morning shelter report 6:49 a.m. ET, Oct 12)
- TN: 3 shelters / 41 (-9) occupants (ARC morning shelter report 6:49 a.m. ET, Oct 12)

**Health & Medical:**

- FL: 23 confirmed fatalities
- GA: 34 confirmed fatalities
- NC: 92 (+1) confirmed fatalities
- TN: 17 confirmed fatalities

**Water Systems:**

- FL: Water infrastructure restoration continues; TC Helene: 16 Boil Water Notices affecting 14,000 customers / TC Milton: 15 Boil Water Advisories affecting 11,983 customers
- GA: 334 Boil Water Notices affecting 86k customers; restoration efforts continue
- NC: Service restoration efforts continue for water and wastewater systems as power is restored; 61 (-7) Boil Water Notices affecting 295k (-2k) customers
- TN: Water infrastructure restoration continues; 13 (-2) Active Boil Water Notice advisories remain in place



**Energy:** (DOE Eagle-I, as of 7:30 a.m. ET, Oct 12)

- FL: 1.6M (-800k) / 14% (-8) customers without power

**Communications:**

- GA: Additional resources redeployed in support of impacted counties; Federal disaster communication equipment remains employed
- NC: Ongoing progress in stabilizing infrastructure and restoring communications
- TN: 2 MEOVs supporting in Nashville; MCOV- 106 supporting Carter County MARC in Elizabethton; MEOV-15 remains at SEOC; MEOV-12 at Knoxville Branch Office; 2 MCOVs (30, 119) staged for future mission assignment

**Transportation:**

- NC: Total 646 (+10) roads closed: 3 Interstates, 44 (-3) US routes, 59 (+4) state routes, 540 (+9) secondary routes; An estimated 100 bridges will require replacement
- TN: 3 Interstates, 44 (-3) US routes, 59 (+4) state routes, & 540 (+9) secondary routes; I-26 from Exit 40 to the State Line in Unicoi County open for local traffic only
- FL: Port Conditions ZULU for St. Petersburg, Sarasota, and Bradenton

**Hazardous Materials:**

- GA: Hazmat fire response/recovery operations improving but ongoing. HAZMAT Specialists Crew employed
- NC: ESF-10 coordinated with Asheville Oil to address several large bulk storage tanks for fuel that floated off their property, removal solution in place

**State / Tribal Response:**

- FL: SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene)
- GA: SEOC at Partial 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
- 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
  - VA-TF2 activated; will deploy to Atlanta, GA

**FEMA / Federal Response:**

- FEMA RIII: RRCC is Rostered; LNOs deployed to VDEM
  - FEMA Region III IMAT deployed to Raleigh, NC
- FEMA RIV: RRCC activated to Level I
  - 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

**IMAT:**

- N-IMAT Blue deployed to Tallahassee, FL
- N-IMAT Gold deployed to Raleigh/Asheville, NC
- 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 IX IMAT-1 deployed to Tallahassee, FL
- 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 Ft. Worth and SMT Tracy deployed to Selma, AL
- ISB Team Alpha deployed to Atlanta, GA
- ISB Team Bravo deployed to Montgomery, AL
- ISB Team Charlie deployed to Charlotte, NC

**US&R:**

- 6 US&R Task Forces deployed
- Incident Support Team (IST) Blue deployed to NC

**MERS:**

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



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# Declaration Approval – Florida

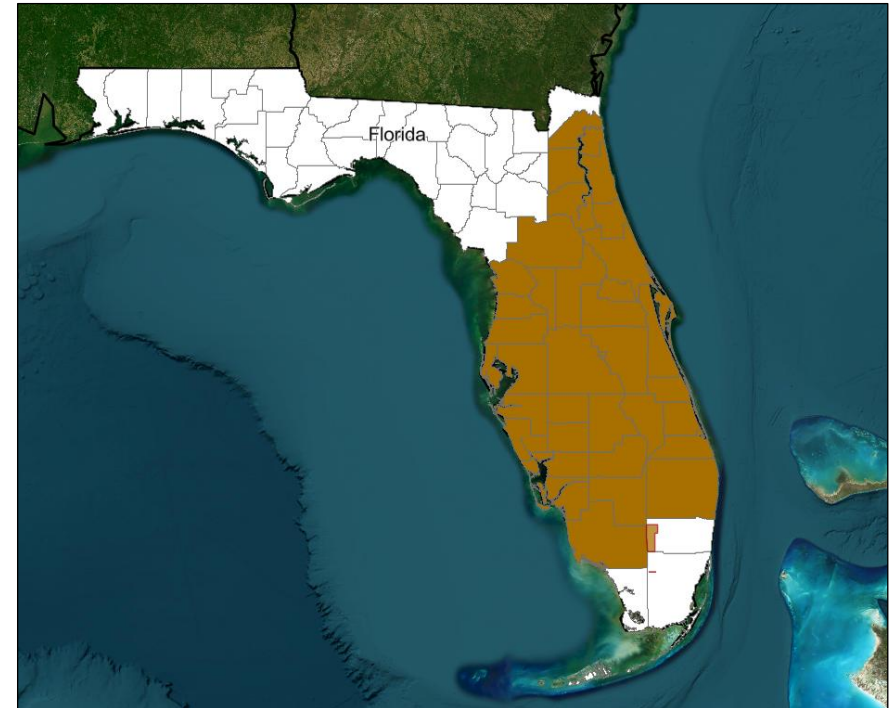
**Declaration:** Expedited Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-DR-4834-FL  
**Requested:** Oct 11

**Date Approved:** Oct 11  
**Incident:** Hurricane Milton  
**Incident Period:** Oct 5 and continuing

**Provides:**

- **IA/PA:** 34 counties and 1 tribe
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide

**FCO:** John E. Brogan

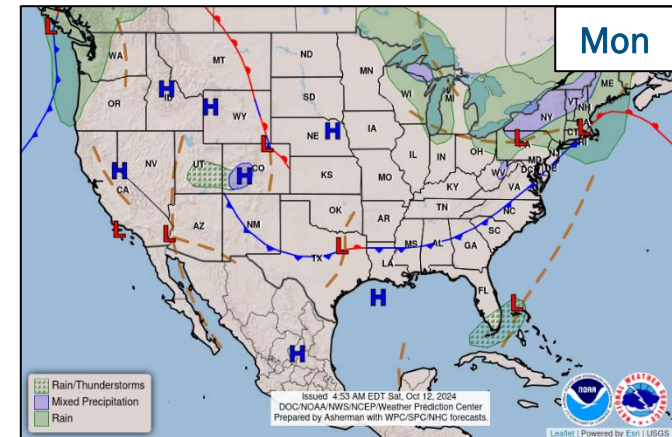
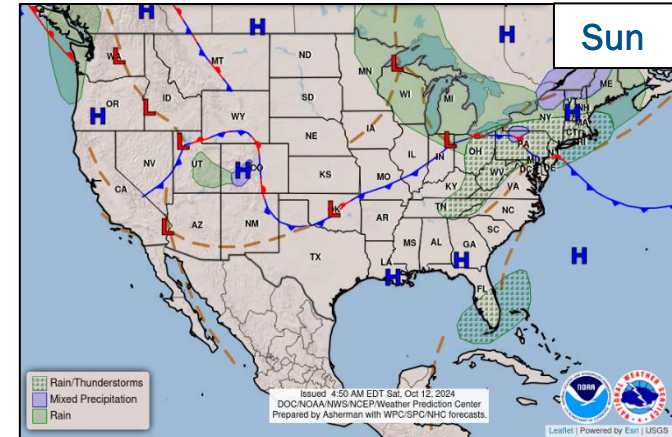
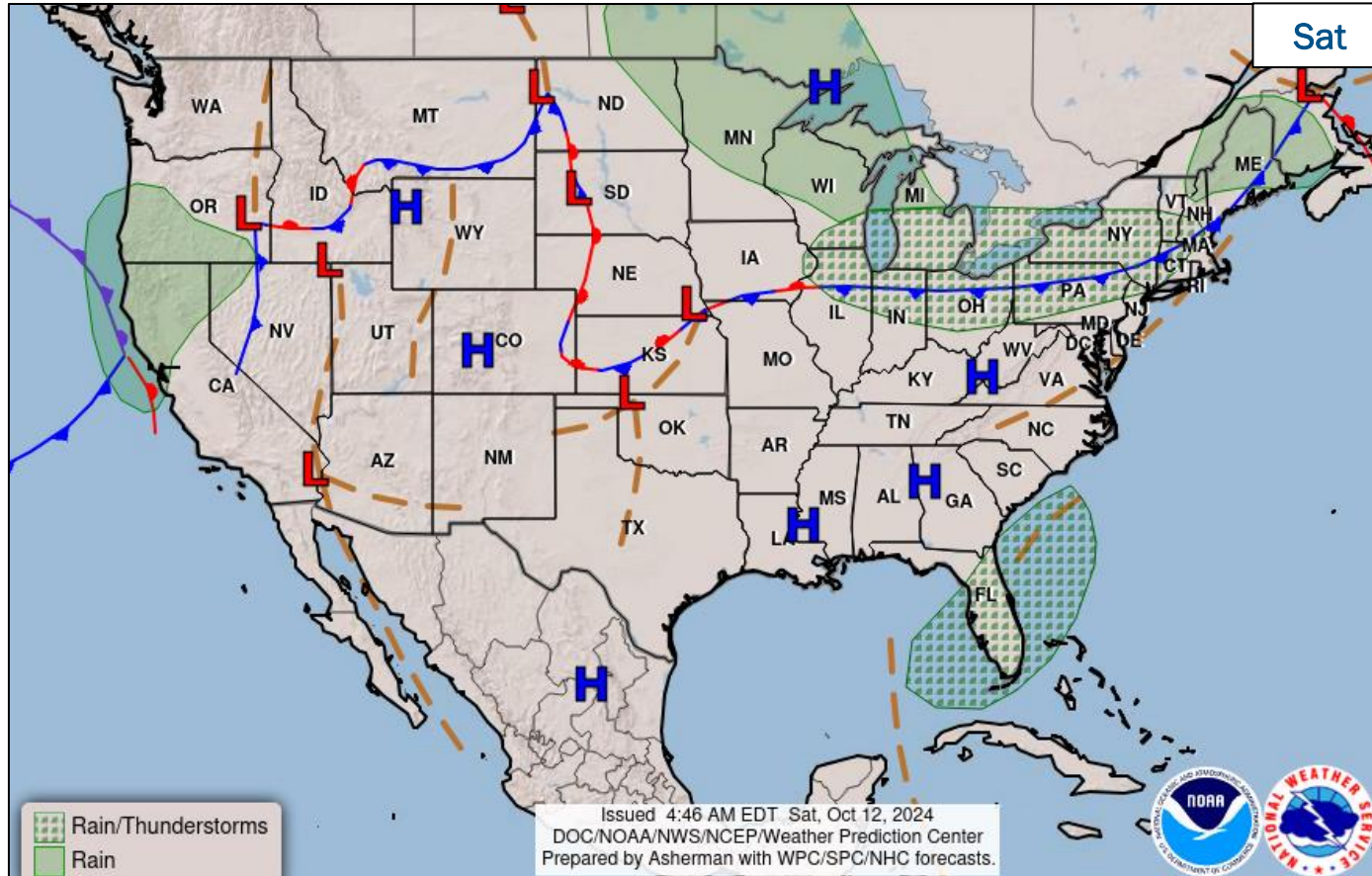


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# National Weather Forecast



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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	84,328 (+5,045)	32% (+18)	M: 499	H: 2,500 (+1,300)	H: 0	H: 3	0 / 5 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 250	O: 0	O: 15	

(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

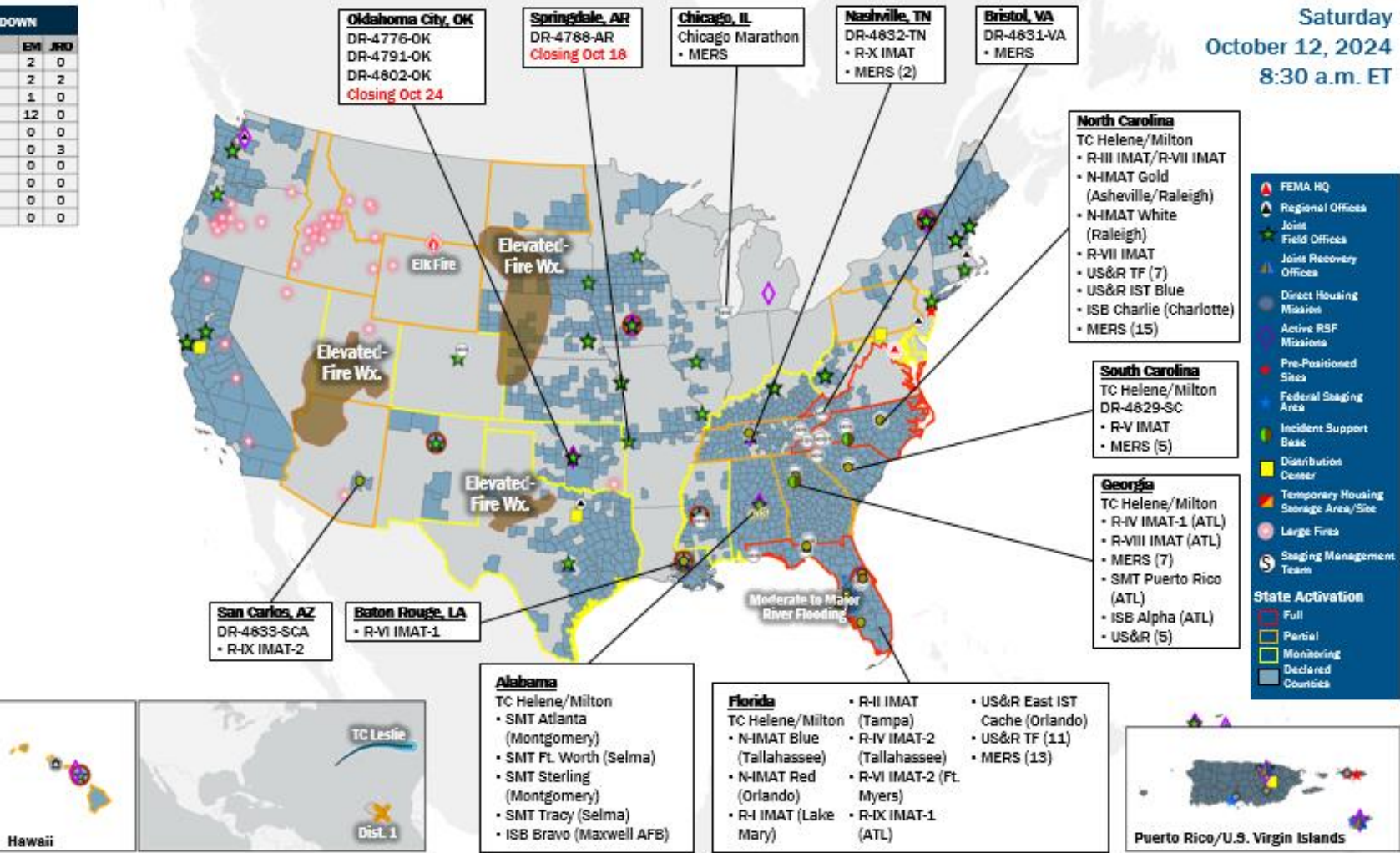
**28** + **4** Supporting **110** + **17** **12** **17** **5**  
 Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices Major Disasters Emergency Declarations Direct Housing Missions RSF-Supported Disasters Joint Recovery Offices

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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 I
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 Milton/TC Helene	State EOCs: • OK: Severe Weather • HI/ID/OK/NM/UT/WY/ND: Wildfires • AZ: SW Border • CO: US-50 closure • NM/AZ: Flooding • TX: TC Francine • PA: TC Debby • WV: Drought • FL/MD: TC Milton • FL/AL/GA/MS/NC/TN/KY/VA/WV: TC Helene • DC: Election Monitoring • NJ: Protests
Volunteer Force	
Rostered 7,840	Deployed 6
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 8,011 (+56)	Deployed 301 (+41)

N-IMATs	
1 Team Available	
Red	FL (Oct 6)
White	NC (Sep 30)
Blue	FL (Sep 23)
Gold	NC (Sep 23)
HS	
R-IMATs	
≤ 3 Teams Available	
I	FL (Oct 7)
II	FL (Oct 6)
III	NC (Sep 29)
IV-1	GA (Oct 5)
IV-2	FL (Oct 6)
V	SC (Sep 29)
VI-1	FL/LA (Sep 10)
VI-2	FL (Oct 7)
VII	NC (Sep 25)
VIII	GA (Sep 24)
IX-1	FL (Oct 11)
IX-2	AZ (Oct 8)
X	TN (Sep 29)
Fully Mission Capable (FMC)	
Partially Mission Capable (PMC)	
Not Mission Capable (NMC)	
Deployed	

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
JFO/VJO	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	12	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	3/0	8	0	0



**Legend:**

- FEMA HQ
- Regional Offices
- Joint Field Offices
- Joint Recovery Offices
- Direct Housing Missions
- Active RSF Missions
- Pre-Positioned Sites
- Federal Sealing Area
- Incident Support Base
- Distribution Center
- Temporary Housing Storage Area/Site
- Large Fires
- Sealing Management Team

**State Activation:**

- Full
- Partial
- Monitoring
- Declared
- Counties

## IM Workforce

13,807 (-13) Assigned  
 4,695 (-7) Unavailable  
 8,157 (+52) Deployed

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7% / 955 (-58) Available

## IM Cadre Availability

18 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Acquisition: 20% (46/225); Civil Rights: 18% (31/168); Disability Integration: 0% (0/43); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 0% (5/1,204); External Affairs: 3% (16/519); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 10% (84/825); Field Leadership: 7% (11/149); Financial Management: 14% (33/237); Hazard Mitigation: 4% (45/1,194); Human Resources: 2% (4/172); Individual Assistance: 0% (8/2,576); Information Technology: 4% (24/667); Logistics: 6% (89/1,611); Operations: 4% (12/339); Public Assistance: 10% (234/2,254); Planning: 3% (12/444); Safety: 1% (1/94); Security: 9% (12/136)

## MERS

33% - 65%

36 Assigned  
 0 Unavailable  
 23 Deployed

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13 Available

## US&R

< 33%

28 Assigned  
 0 Unavailable  
 24 Deployed

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4 Available

## FCO

1 Type I

51 Assigned  
 4 Unavailable  
 46 (35 FCO) Deployed

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1 Available

# Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties/Jurisdictions		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
III	WV	Tropical Storm Helene Sep 26-27	IA	2	0	10/15
			PA	0	0	N/A
IV	NC	Tropical Cyclone Debby Aug 5-19	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	9/23 - TBD
		Potential Tropical Cyclone 8 Sep 16 and continuing	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	4	1	10/8 - TBD
	KY	Tropical Cyclone Helene Sep 26	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	34	0	10/9 - TBD
IX	Navajo Nation	Shiprock Flooding Aug 25	IA	1	0	10/7 - TBD
			PA	1	0	10/7 - TBD
X	CCT	Swawilla Fire and Bridge Creek Fire - Colville Resrv. Jul 14 to Aug 21	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	10/7 - TBD
	OR	Multiple Wildfires Jul 10 - Aug 23	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	7	7 (+7)	10/7 - 10/11
	AK	Ketchikan Landslide Aug 25	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	10/7 - TBD



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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
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
CTM*** – Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds	DR	X		X	Oct 7
ID – Gwen Fire	DR	X		X	Oct 9
FL – Hurricane Milton – APPROVED	DR	X	X	X	Oct 11

\*Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, \*\*Havasupai Tribe, \*\*\*Crow Tribe of Montana



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# Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-4830-DR-GA	5	Oct 11	Adds 17 counties for Individual Assistance and 9 counties for Public Assistance
FEMA-4829-DR-SC	7	Oct 11	Adds 2 counties for Individual Assistance and 2 counties for permanent work under Public Assistance
FEMA-4759-DR-WA	4	Oct 2	Appoints Yolanda J. Jackson as FCO
FEMA-4775-DR-WA	2	Oct 2	Appoints Yolanda J. Jackson as FCO
FEMA-4823-DR-CTBYN*	1	Oct 2	Appoints Yolanda J. Jackson as FCO

\*Confederate Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation



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