

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- TC Milton – Florida
- TC Helene – Southeast and Mid-Atlantic
- Invest AL94 – Atlantic

Hazard Monitoring

- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Disturbance 1 (AL94): Medium (60%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (30%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approved: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4835-DR-SC
- One amendment issued

Event Monitoring

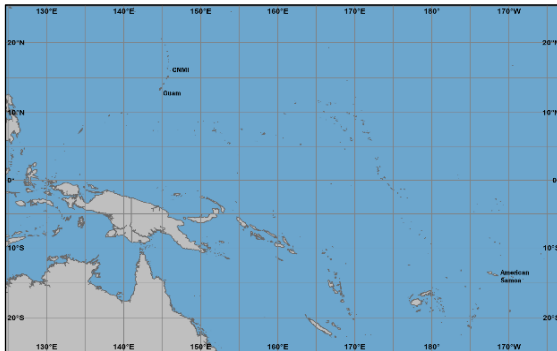
- No new significant events



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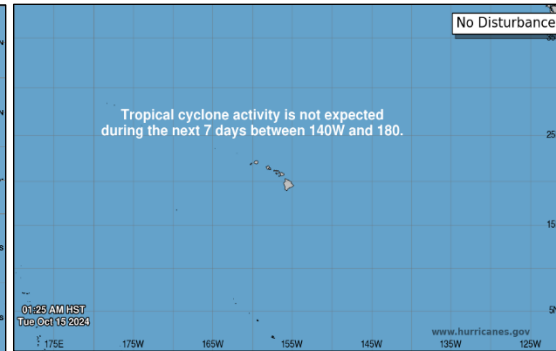
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



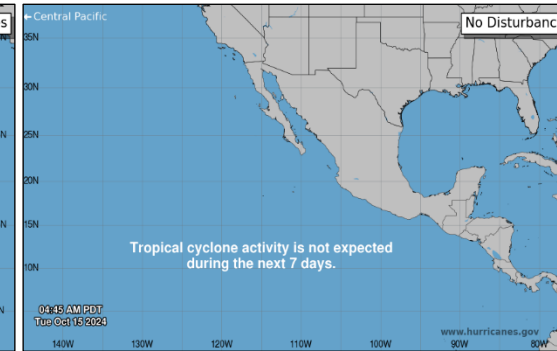
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Central Pacific



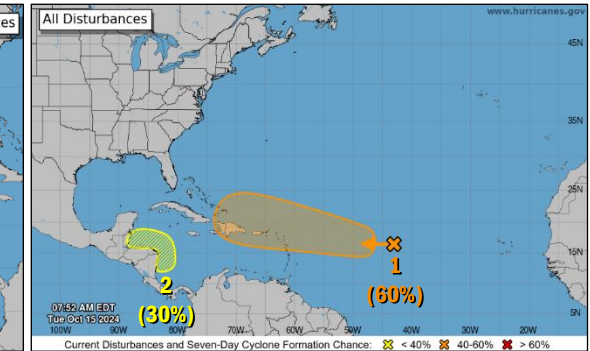
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Eastern Pacific



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Atlantic



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

- Located over the central tropical Atlantic
- Moving W
- Gradual development possible
- A tropical depression is possible in the middle to latter part of this week
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (30%); 7-day – Medium (60%)

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

- Located over the SW Caribbean Sea
- Some development is possible
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (near 0%); 7-day – Low (30%)



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Invest AL94 – Atlantic

Situation: A Tropical Disturbance has been identified in the Atlantic Ocean that may impact Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands in the next several days.

State / Local Preparations:

- Puerto Rico EOC at Normal Operations
- U.S. Virgin Islands EOC at Normal Operations

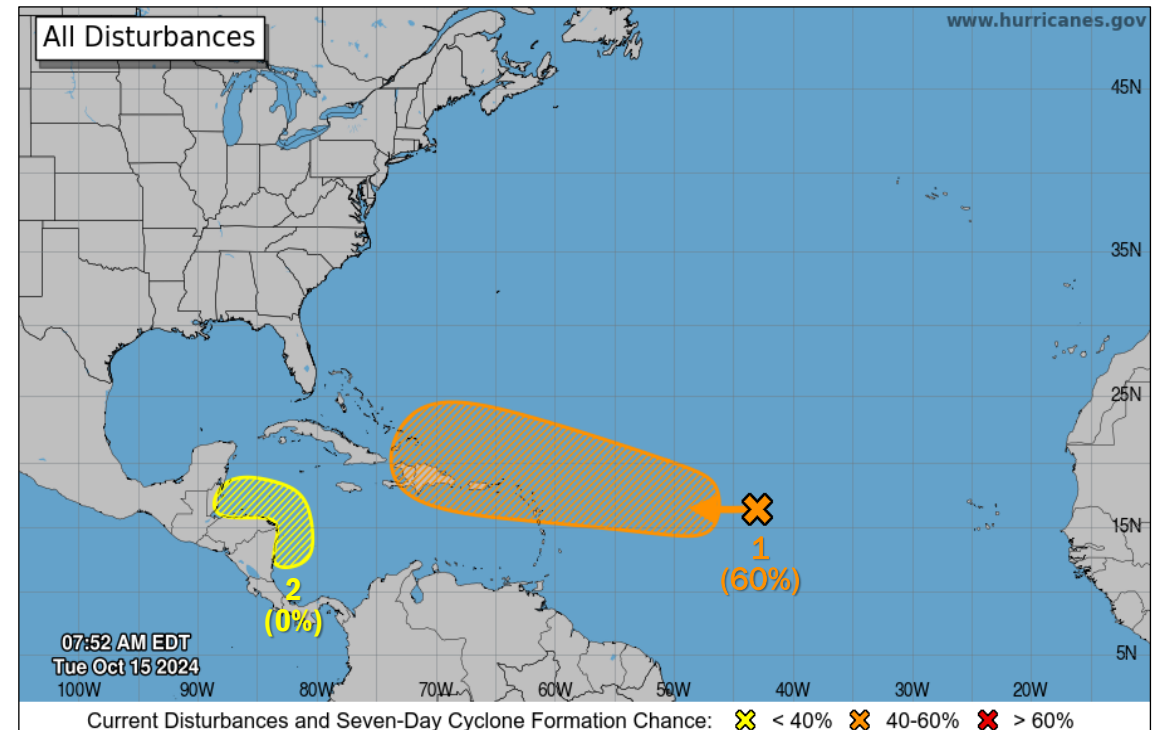
FEMA Region II Preparations: (FEMA RII SPOTREP, as of 7:40 p.m. ET, Oct 14)

- RWC is at Enhanced Watch; RRCC is Rostered; will change to Level III (Partial Activation) at 12:00 p.m. ET tomorrow
 - ESFs: 1,2,3,5,6,7,8,11,12,13,14,15, Defense Coordinating Element (DCE), Hurricane Program Manager, and RGO support deployed to USVI
- Region II-IMAT deploying to USVI and PR with Command-and-Control Support Package
 - IMAT A: Invest 94L – St. Croix, USVI
 - IMAT B: Invest 94L – St. Thomas, USVI
 - IMAT C: Puerto Rico

FEMA HQ Preparations:

- NWC is Monitoring; NRCC at Level I (TC Helene & TC Milton)

NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region II, with continued reporting twice daily in the FEMA National Situation Report (5:00 p.m. ET / 3:00 a.m. ET) and the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET).



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TC Milton – Florida



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

Lifelines: (TC Helene & Milton SLB, as of 6:00 p.m. ET, Oct 14)

Safety & Security:

- Evacuations for an estimated 3.5k homes in Hernando/Pasco counties continue due to rivers cresting

Food, Hydration, Shelter: (ARC, as of 7:45 a.m. ET, Oct 15)

- TC Milton: 21 (-9) shelters / 1.4k (-1.6k) occupants

Health & Medical:

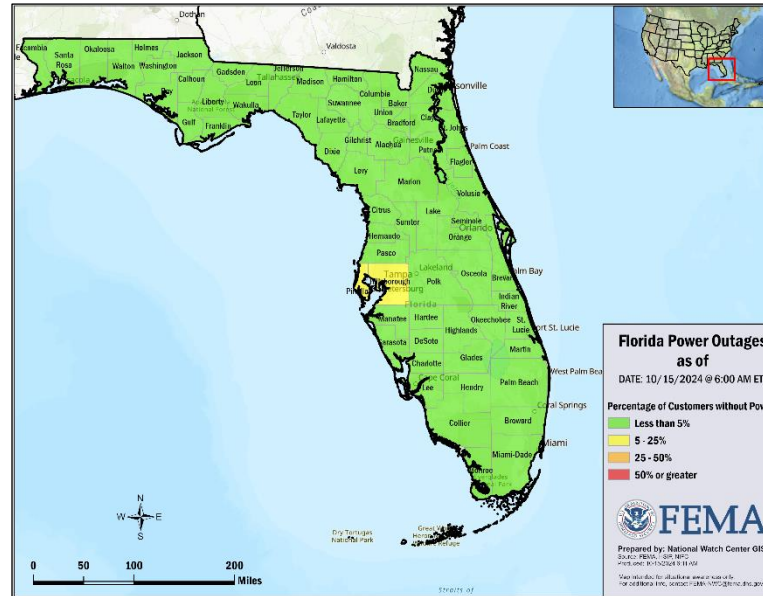
- 15 confirmed fatalities due to TC Milton; state no longer reporting fatalities as of Oct 13
- Healthcare System Assessment (HCSA) Mission is complete; 1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) remains employed; excess federal assets demobilized

Water Systems:

- 150 (+3) Boil Water notices affecting 1.7M (+300k) customers; wastewater system assessments ongoing

Energy: (DOE Eagle-I, as of 7:00 a.m. ET, Oct 15)

- 86k (-374k) / 1% customers without power
- Fuel tankers successfully offloading into Port of Tampa, improving fuel supply
 - 4 petroleum tankers delivered between 800k & 1.2M barrels of fuel



State / Tribal Response:

- SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene & TC Milton)
 - FEMA-4834-DR-FL approved 10/12

FEMA / Federal Response:

- FEMA RIV: RRCC activated to Level II
 - 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 VI IMAT-2 deployed to Ft. Myers, FL
- Region IX IMAT-1 deployed to Tallahassee, FL

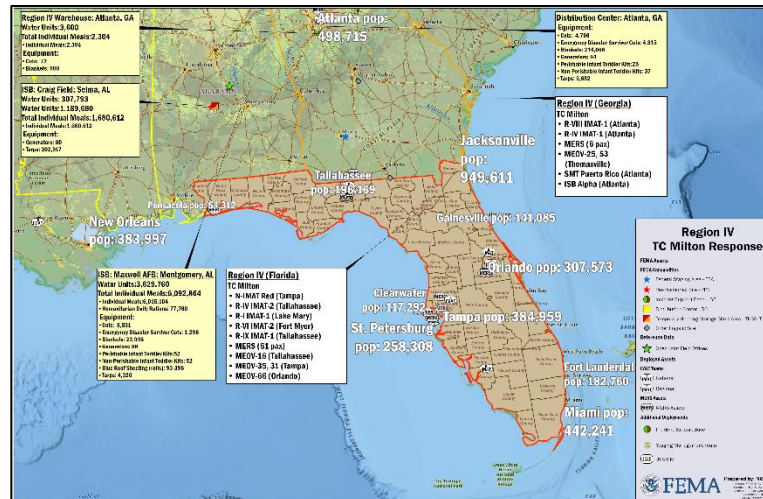
US&R:

- Incident Command Post established at Orlando
- Incident Support Team (IST) Red deployed to FL
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- The following US&R resources remain:
 - 3 US&R Task Forces assigned through FL US&R
 - 1 assigned Incident Response Team
 - 2 staged Hazardous Equipment Push Packages
 - 5 Employed Mission Ready Packages (Water)

MERS:

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

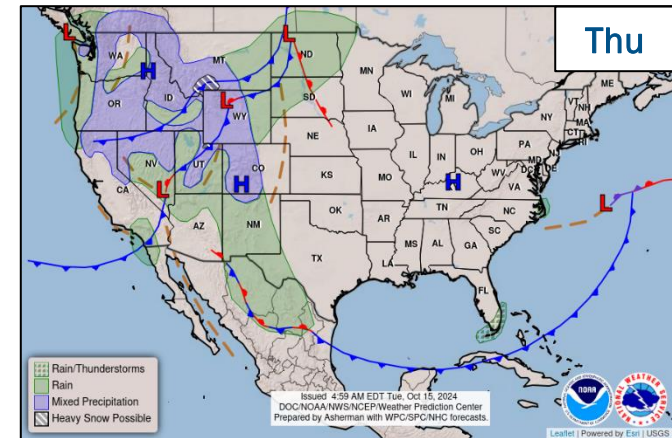
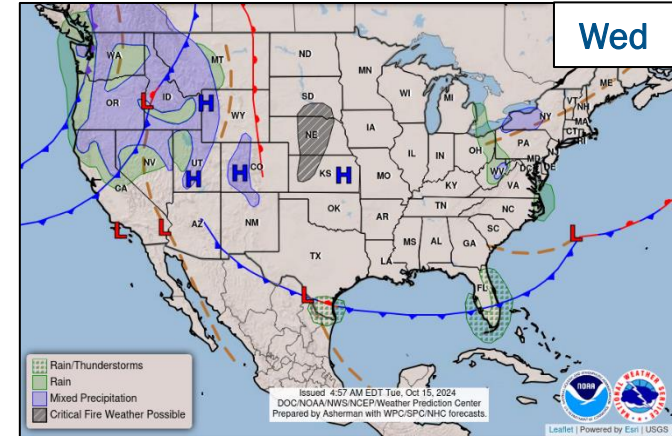
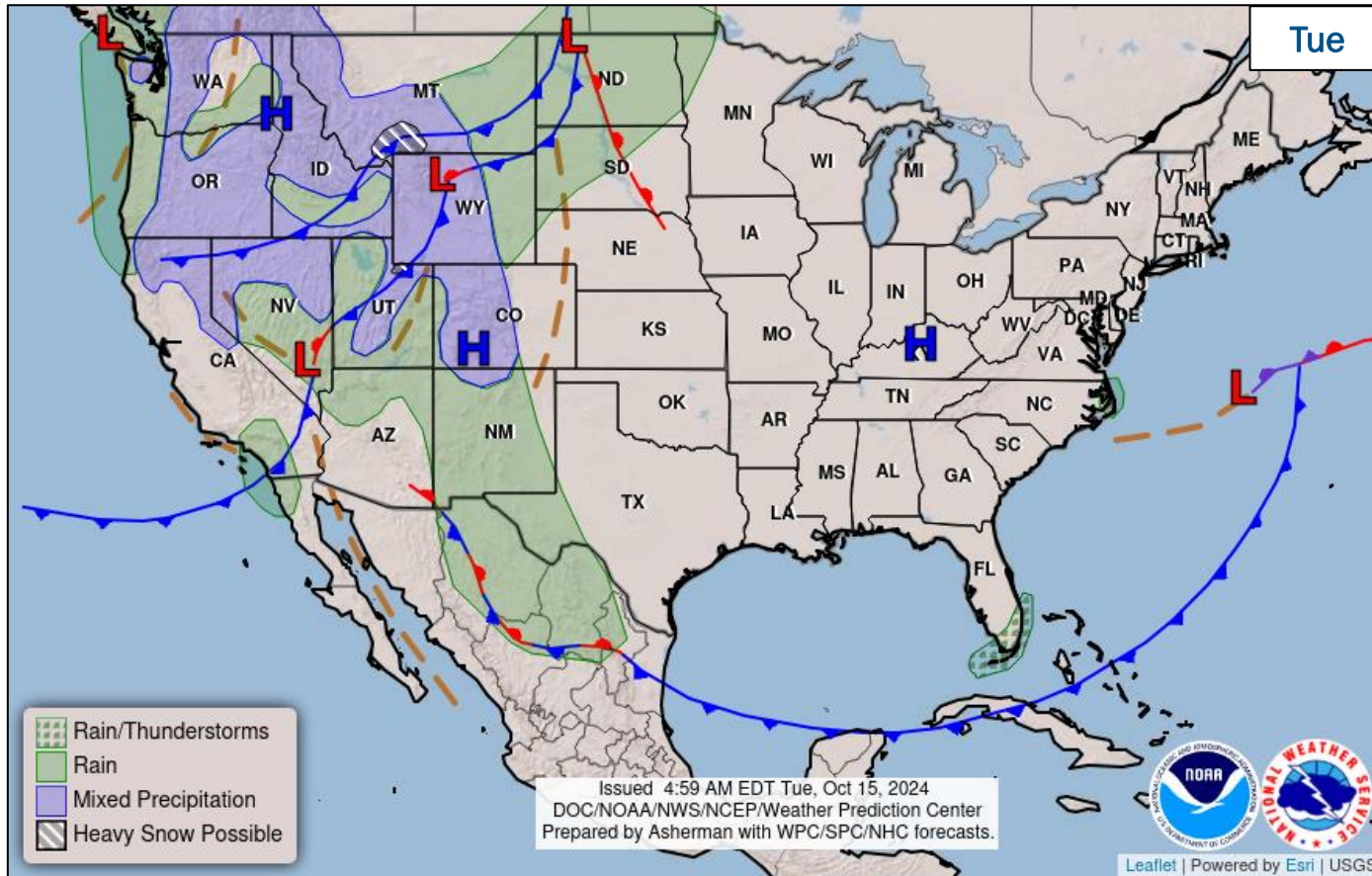
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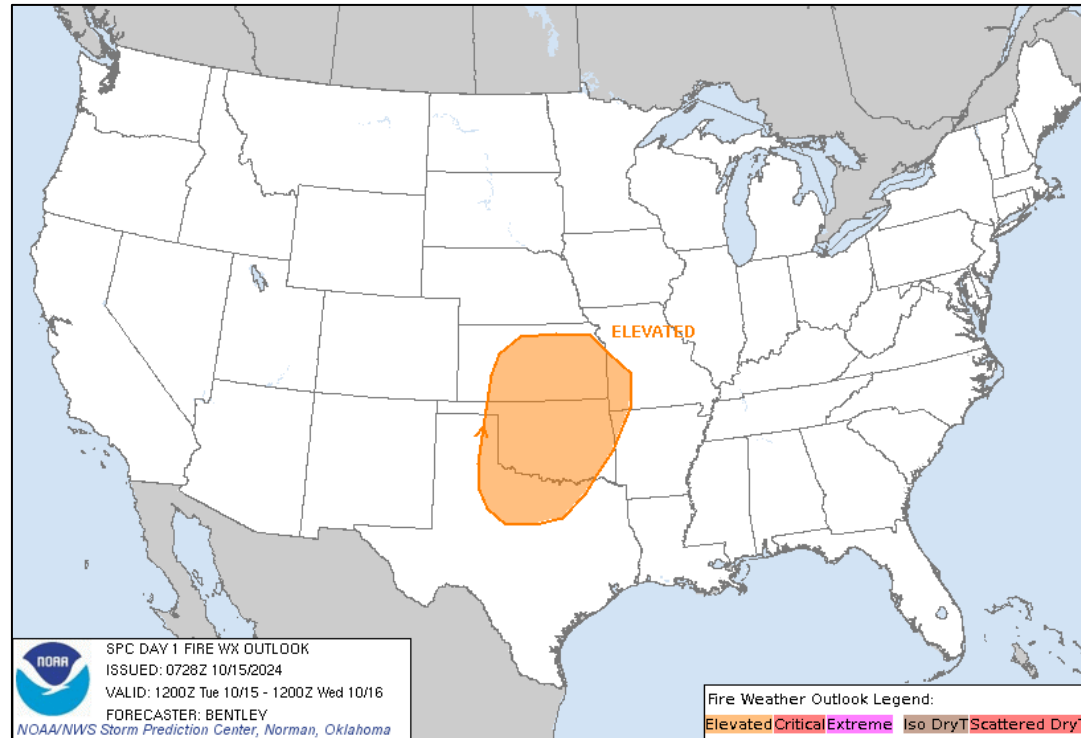
National Weather Forecast



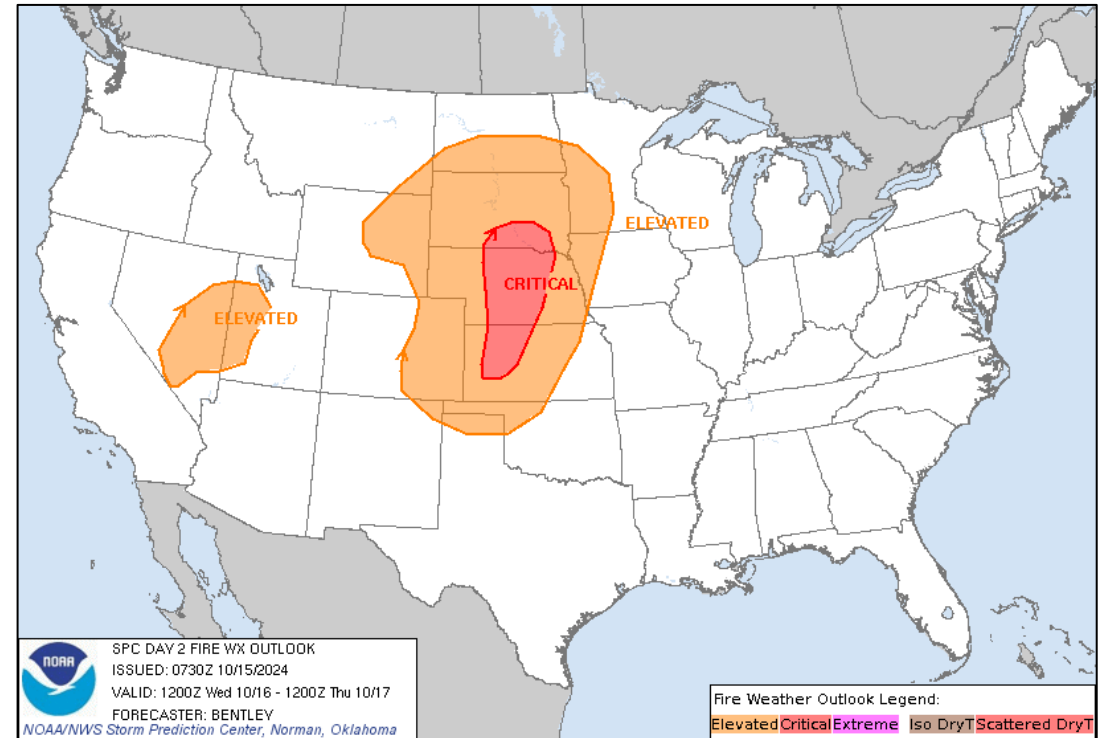
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Fire Weather Outlook



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	90,475 (+1,725)	26% (-1)	M: 499	H: 2,500	H: 0	H: 3	0 / 6
				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
Enhanced	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

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	USVI (Oct 14)
III	NC (Sep 29)
IV-1	GA (Oct 5)
IV-2	FL (Oct 6)
V	SC (Sep 29)
VI-1	Demobilizing
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)

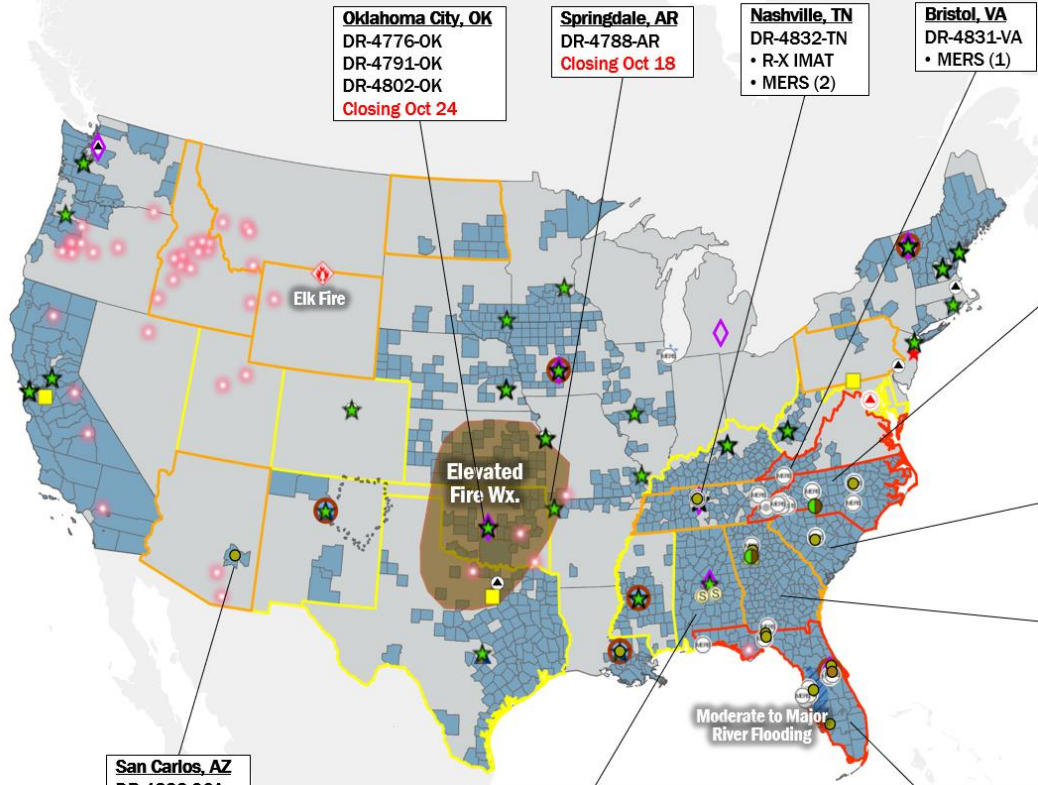
Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:	State EOCs:
• NRCC: TC Helene/Milton	• OK: Severe Weather
• RIV RRCC: TC Helene/Milton	• HI/ID/OK/NM/UT/WY/ND: Wildfires
• RII RWC: Invest 94L	• 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

Volunteer Force	
Rostered	Deployed
7,840	4
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered	Deployed
8,148 (+3)	434 (+122)

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	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



Oklahoma City, OK
 DR-4776-OK
 DR-4791-OK
 DR-4802-OK
 Closing Oct 24

Springdale, AR
 DR-4788-AR
 Closing Oct 18

Nashville, TN
 DR-4832-TN
 • R-X IMAT
 • MERS (2)

Bristol, VA
 DR-4831-VA
 • MERS (1)

North Carolina
 TC Helene/Milton
 • R-III IMAT/R-VII IMAT
 • N-IMAT Gold (Asheville/Raleigh)
 • N-IMAT White (Raleigh)
 • US&R TF (4)
 • US&R IST Blue
 • ISB Charlie (Charlotte)
 • MERS (16)

South Carolina
 TC Helene/Milton
 DR-4829-SC
 • R-V IMAT
 • MERS (4)

Georgia
 TC Helene/Milton
 • R-IV IMAT-1 (ATL)
 • R-VIII IMAT (ATL)
 • MERS (2)
 • ISB Alpha (ATL)

Alabama
 TC Helene/Milton
 • SMT Atlanta (Montgomery)
 • SMT Ft. Worth (Selma)
 • SMT Sterling (Montgomery)
 • SMT Tracy (Selma)
 • ISB Bravo (Maxwell AFB)

Florida
 TC Helene/Milton
 • N-IMAT Blue (Tallahassee)
 • N-IMAT Red (Orlando)
 • R-I IMAT (Lake Mary)
 • R-II IMAT (Tampa)
 • R-IV IMAT-2 (Tallahassee)
 • R-VI IMAT-2 (Ft. Myers)
 • R-IX IMAT-1 (Tallahassee)
 • MERS (14)

St. Croix, USVI
 • R-II-IMAT 1



Legend

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

State Activation

- Full
- Partial
- Monitoring
- Declared
- Counties

IM Workforce

13,825 (+17) Assigned
 4,499 (-78) Unavailable
 8,384 (+83) Deployed
 7% / 942 (+12) Available

IM Cadre Availability

19 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Acquisition: 19% (42/225); Civil Rights: 18% (30/168); Disability Integration: 2% (1/43); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 2% (26/1,204); External Affairs: 3% (18/519); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 10% (79/825); Field Leadership: 7% (11/149); Financial Management: 15% (36/237); Hazard Mitigation: 5% (57/1,200); Human Resources: 3% (6/172); Individual Assistance: 0% (10/2,578); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 23% (74/320); Information Technology: 6% (37/671); Logistics: 1% (19/1,612); Operations: 4% (14/340); Public Assistance: 12% (264/2,258); Planning: 4% (17/444); Safety: 2% (2/94); Security: 7% (9/136)

MERS

33% - 65%

36 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 23 (-1) Deployed
 13 (+1) Available

US&R

< 33%

28 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 23 Deployed
 5 Available

FCO

1 Type 1

51 Assigned
 4 Unavailable
 46 (35 FCO) Deployed
 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 - TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
IV	KY	Tropical Cyclone Helene Sep 26	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	35	15	10/9 - TBD
X	CCT*	Swawilla Fire and Bridge Creek Fire Jul 14 to Aug 21	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	10/7 - TBD

*Confederated Tribe of the Colville Reservation



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Declaration Approval – South Carolina

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4835-DR-SC

Requested: Sep 16

Date Approved: Sep 29

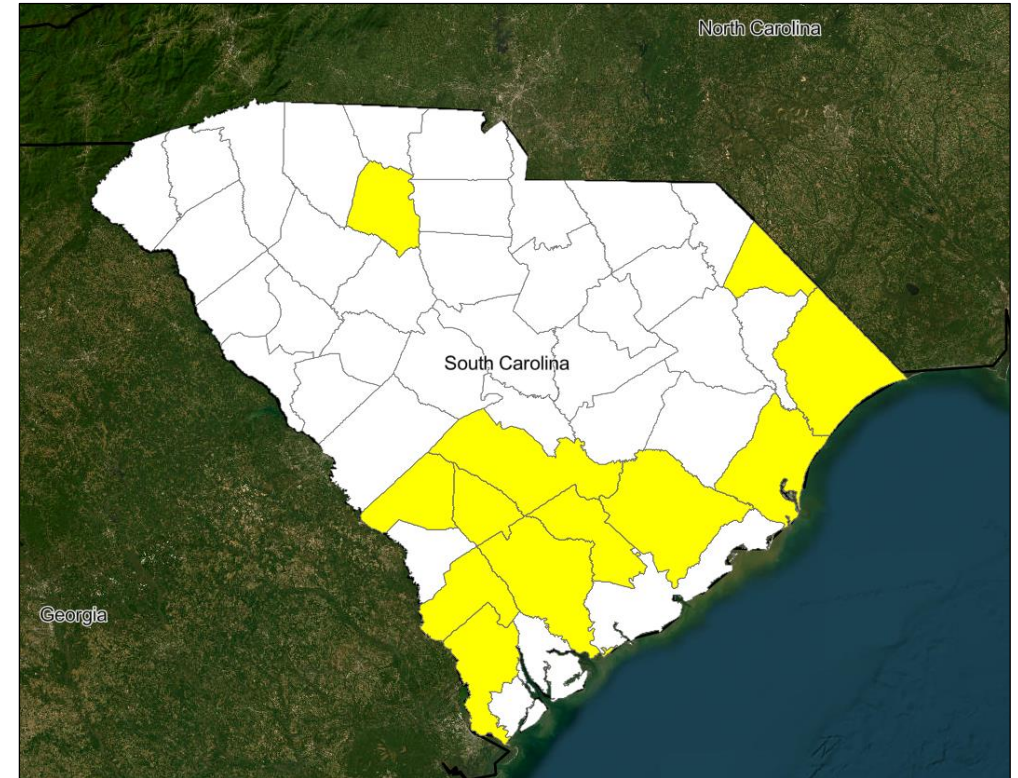
Incident: Tropical Storm Debby

Incident Period: Aug 4-22

Provides:

- **PA:** 12 counties
- **HM:** Statewide

FCO: Brett H. Howard



■ PA



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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
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 – Approved	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

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



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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-4830-DR-GA	6	Oct 14	Adds 1 county for Individual Assistance and 16 counties for Public Assistance



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