

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, October 16, 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 (40%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (20%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- 4 amendments Issued

Event Monitoring

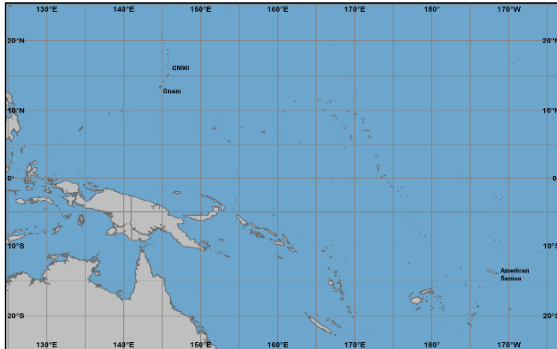
- No new significant events



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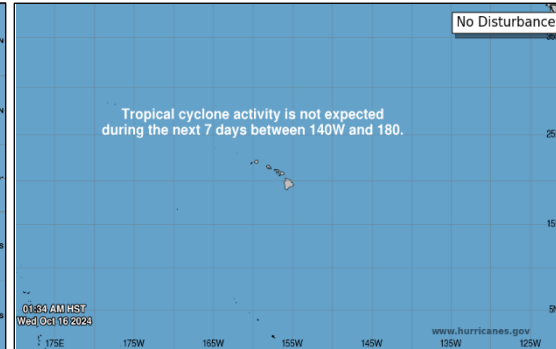
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



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

Central Pacific



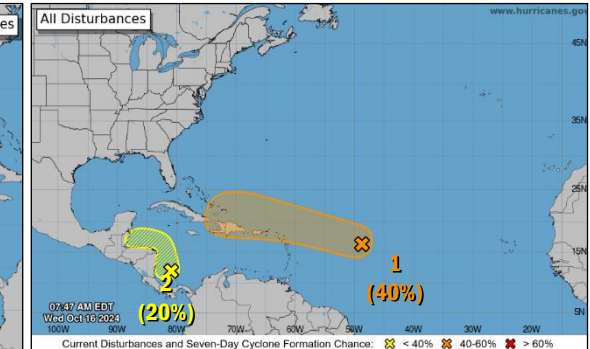
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Eastern Pacific



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Atlantic



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

- Located over the central tropical Atlantic
- Moving WNW
- Gradual development marginal; formation of a tropical depression is possible later this week
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (30%); 7-day – Medium (40%)

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

- Located over the SW Caribbean Sea
- Moving NW
- Gradual development is possible
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (10%); 7-day – Low (20%)



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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

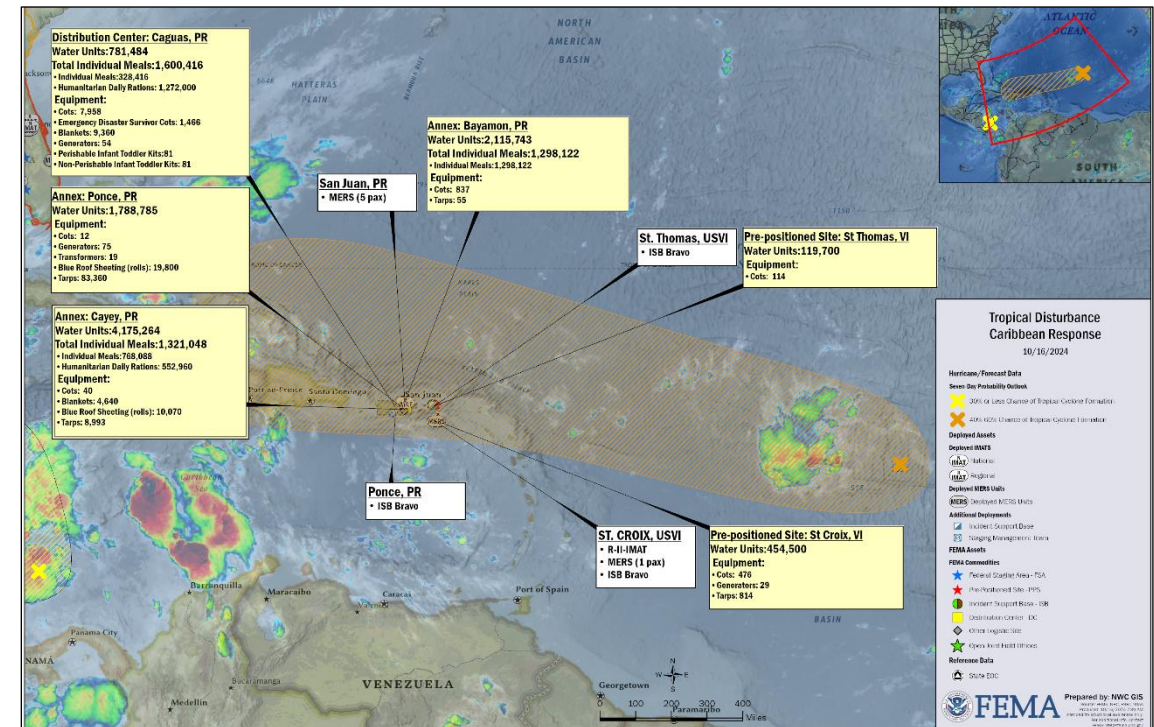
FEMA Region II Preparations: (FEMA RII DSAR, as of 2:49 p.m. ET, Oct 15)

- RWC is at Enhanced Watch; RRCC is Rostered; **will change to Level III (Partial Activation) at 12:00 p.m. ET today**
 - ESFs: 1,2,3,5,6,7,8,11,12,13,14,15, Defense Coordinating Element (DCE), Hurricane Program Manager, and RGO support activated
- 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)

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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 15)

Safety & Security:

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

Food, Hydration, Shelter: (ARC Midnight Shelter Report, as of 6:54 a.m. ET, Oct 16)

- 13 (-8) shelters / 986 (-441) occupants

Health & Medical:

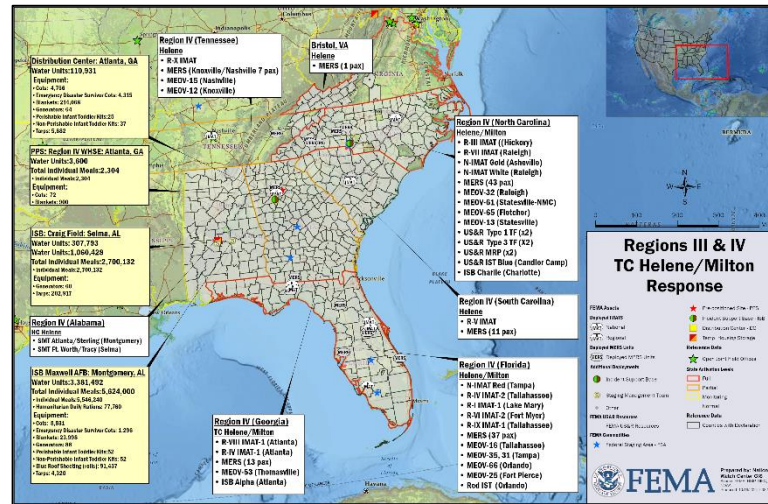
- 15 confirmed fatalities due to TC Milton; state no longer reporting fatalities as of Oct 13
- Healthcare System Assessment (HCSA) Mission is complete; 1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) remains employed; excess federal assets demobilized

Water Systems:

- 167 (+17) Boil Water notices affecting 468k (-1.3M) customers; wastewater system assessments ongoing

Energy: (DOE Eagle-I, as of 7:30 a.m. ET, Oct 16)

- 66k (-20k) / <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
- Incident Support Team (IST) Red deployed to FL
- 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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TC 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 15)

Safety & Security:

- NC: Evacuations – Mandatory: 1 county / Voluntary: 2 counties

Food, Hydration, Shelter: (ARC Midnight Shelter Report, as of 6:54 a.m. ET, Oct 16)

- FL: 8 (+7) shelter / 334 (+317) occupants
- GA: 3 shelters / 132 (+1) occupants
- NC: 13 shelters / 570 (+4) occupants
- TN: 1 shelters / 5 occupants

Health & Medical:

- FL: 23 confirmed fatalities
- NC: 95 (+1) confirmed fatalities

Water Systems:

- FL: 16 Active Boil Water Notices affecting 14k customers (TC Helene); water infrastructure restoration continues
- GA: 197 active Boil Water Notices; restoration ongoing
- NC: 36 (-19) Active Boil Water Notices affecting 289k (-7k) customers; restoration ongoing
- TN: 11 Active Boil Water Notices affecting 102k customers; restoration ongoing

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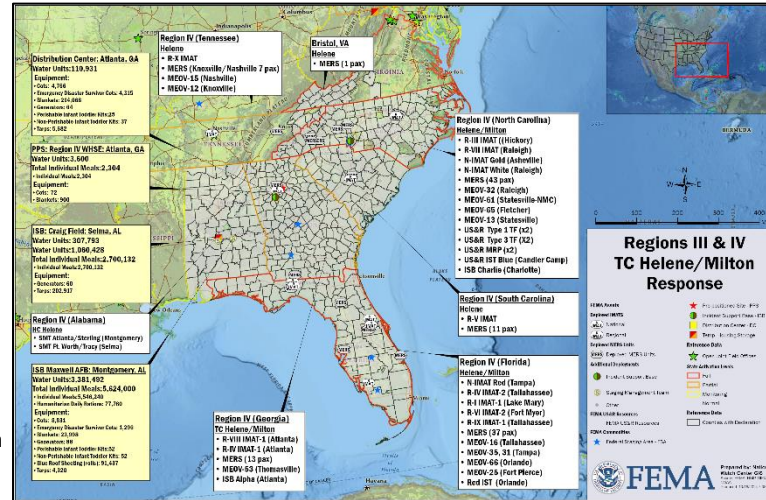
- FL: 66k (-20k) / <1% customers without power
- GA: 4k (-3k) / less than 1% customers without power
- NC: 10k (-3k) / less than 1% customers without power

Communications:

- GA: Communication is intermittent throughout the state but improving
- NC: FEMA communications resources are supporting western NC
- TN: 4% of cellular sited down across the impacted area

Transportation:

- NC: 573 (-8) roads closed: 3 Interstates, 38 US routes, 52 (-7) state routes, and 480 (-1) secondary routes
- TN: 16 local roads closed; 289 local roads are open/passable but have damage/debris or closed at bridge



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 II
 - IMAT-1 deployed to GA SEOC
 - IMAT-2 deployed to FL SEOC
- HQ: NWC is Monitoring; NRCC is at Level I

IMAT:

- N-IMAT White deployed to Raleigh, NC
- N-IMAT Blue deployed to Tallahassee, FL
- N-IMAT Gold deployed to Raleigh/Asheville, NC
- FEMA Region III IMAT deployed to Raleigh, NC
- FEMA Region IV IMAT-1 deployed to Alpharetta, GA
- 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 Tracy deployed to Selma, AL
- ISB Team Alpha deployed to Atlanta, GA
- ISB Team Charlie deployed to Charlotte, NC

US&R:

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

MERS:

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

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Hazardous Materials:

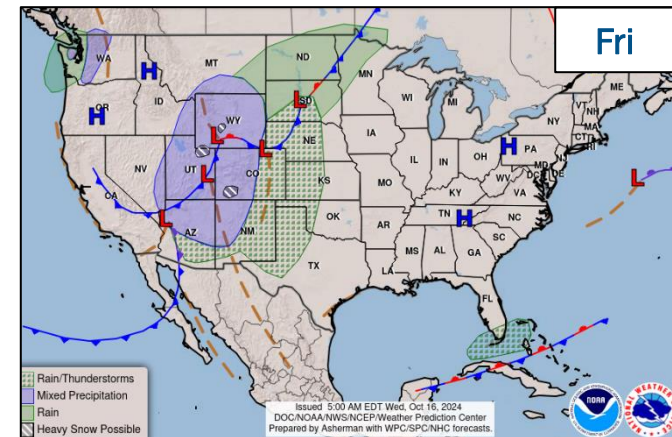
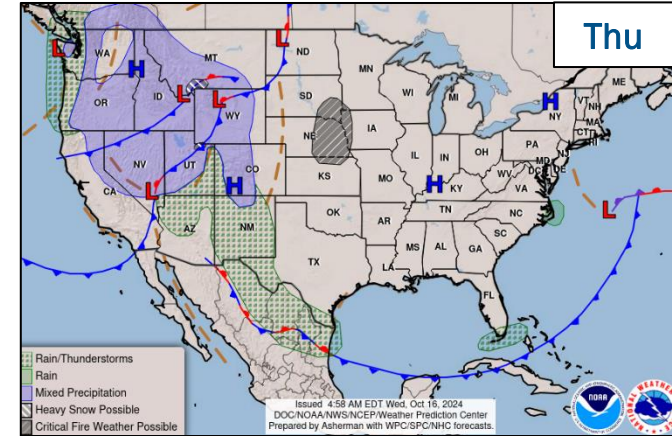
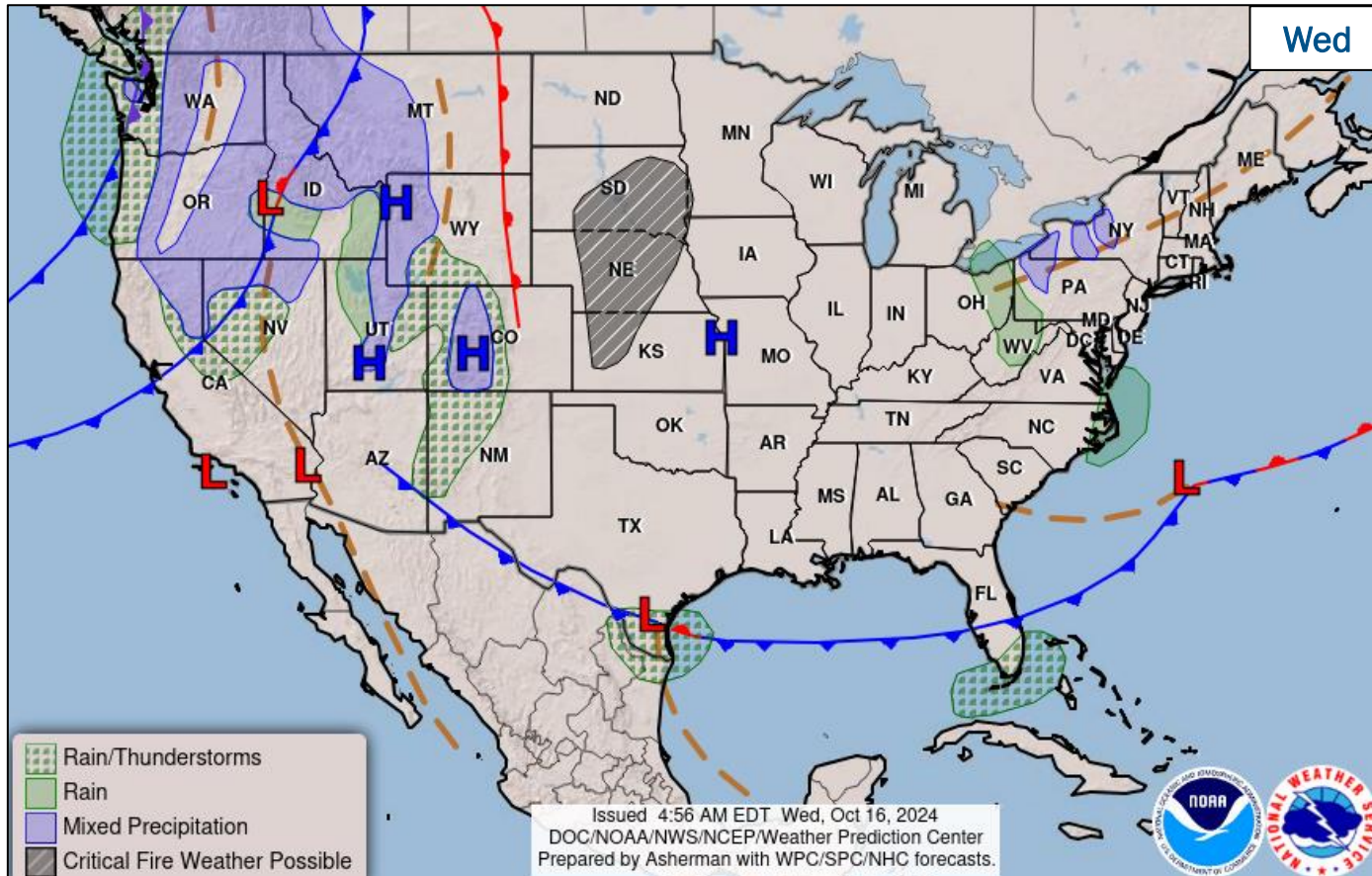
- GA: Rockdale Fire clean up is ongoing and Rockdale County is monitoring
- NC: 339 (+37) potential hazardous material incident locations reported; assessments ongoing

State / Tribal Response:

- FL: SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene)
 - FEMA-4828-DR-FL approved
- GA: SEOC at Partial Activation (TC Helene)
 - FEMA-4830-DR-GA approved
- NC: SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene)
 - FEMA-4827-DR-NC approved
- TN: SEOC at Partial Activation (TC Helene)
 - FEMA-4832-DR-TN approved
- VA: SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene)
 - FEMA-4831-DR-VA approved



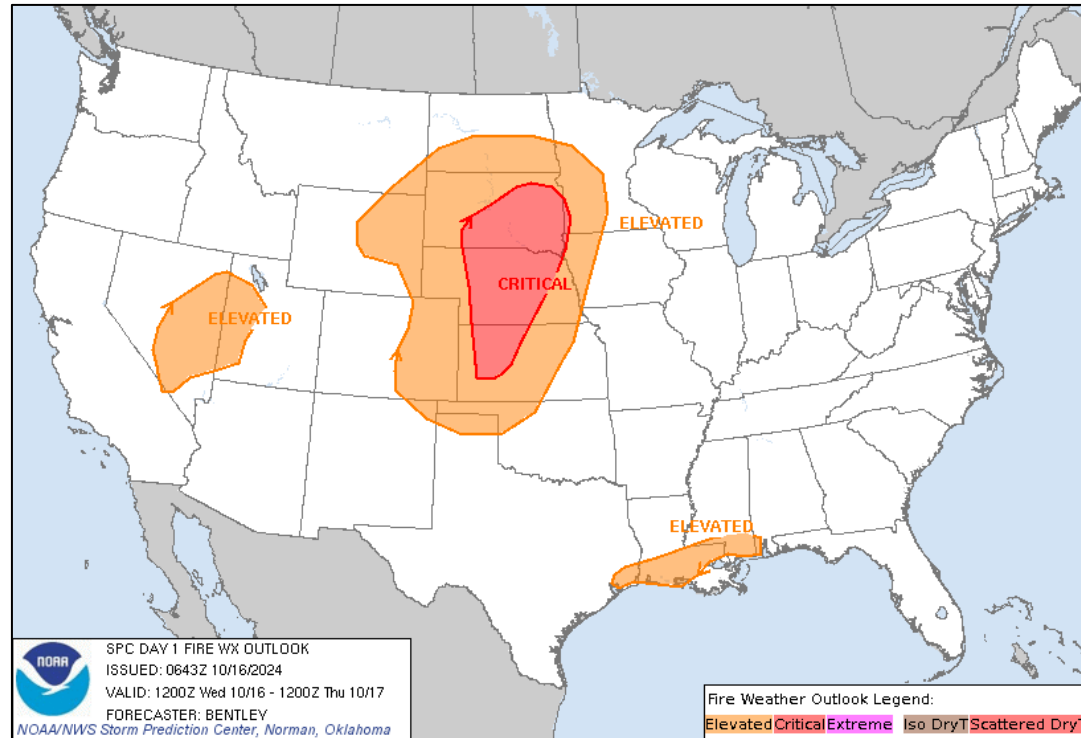
National Weather Forecast



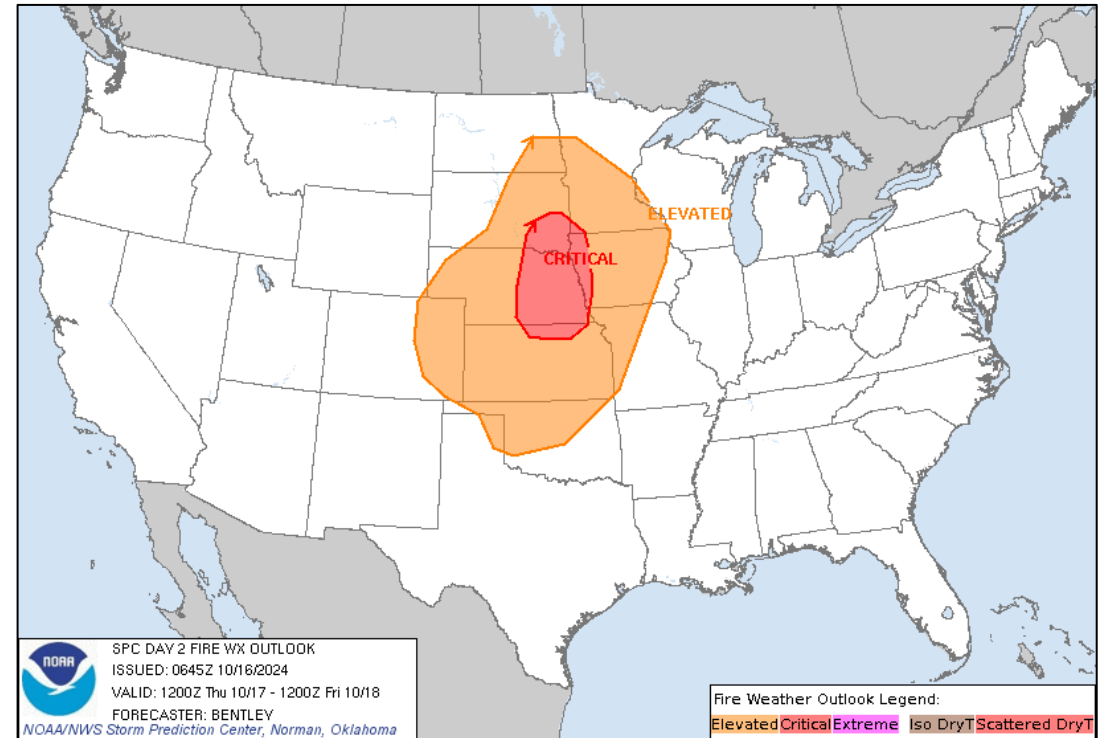
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Fire Weather Outlook



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	91,981 (+1,506)	28% (+2)	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

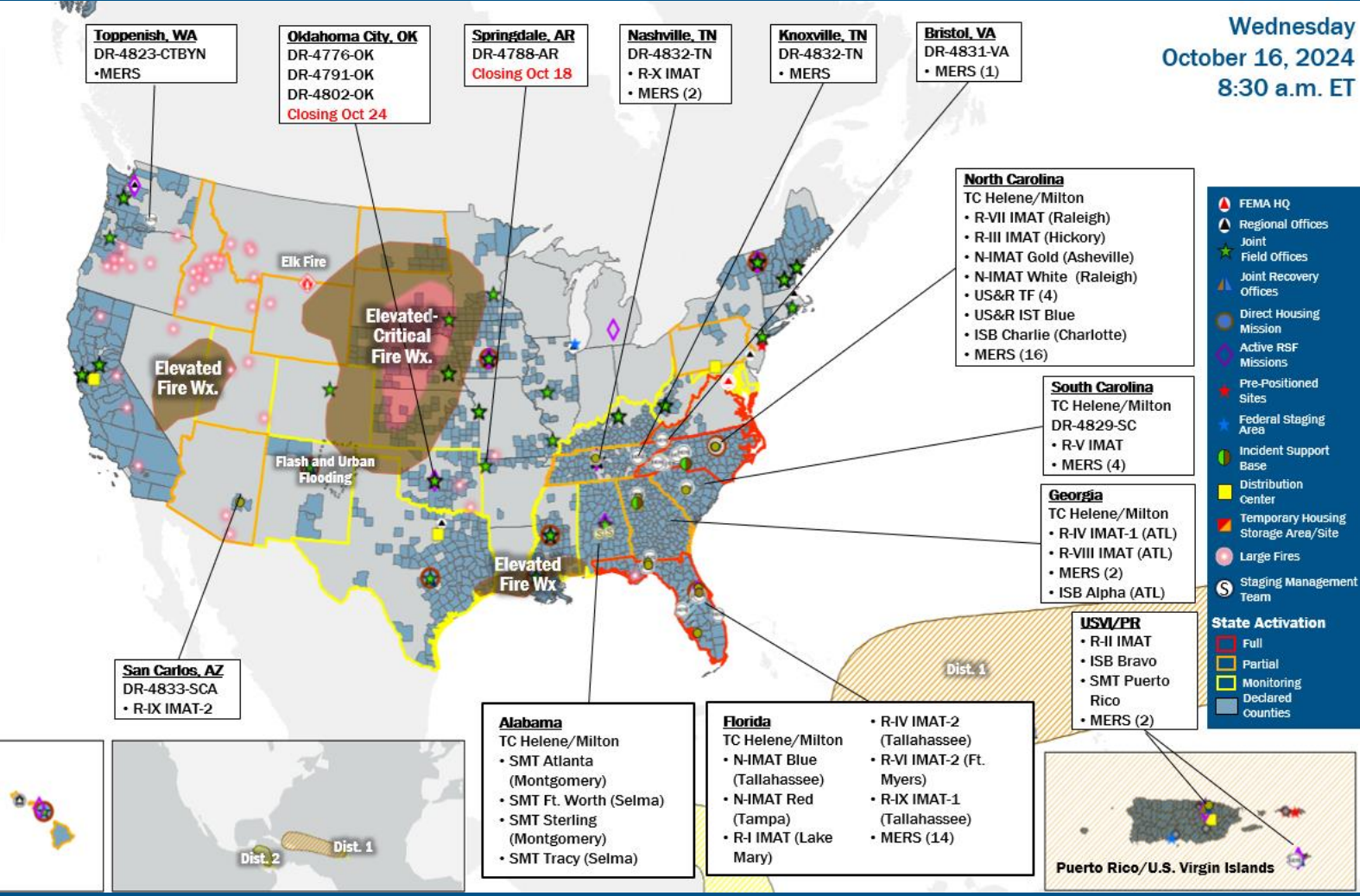
29 + 4 Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices Supporting
110 + 17 Major Disasters Emergency Declarations
15 Direct Housing Missions **17** RSF-Supported Disasters **5** Joint Recovery Offices

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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
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 7,840	Deployed 3 (-1)
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 8,163 (-81)	Deployed 440 (-2)

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	
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)

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	5/0	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



IM Workforce

13,844 (+19) Assigned
 4,482 (-17) Unavailable
 8,505 (+121) Deployed

6% (-1) / 857 (-85) Available

IM Cadre Availability

19 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Acquisition: 18% (40/224); Civil Rights: 18% (31/169); Disability Integration: 2% (1/43); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 2% (28/1,203); External Affairs: 3% (18/519); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 8% (66/825); Field Leadership: 7% (10/149); Financial Management: 15% (35/238); Hazard Mitigation: 3% (36/1,207); Human Resources: 3% (6/172); Individual Assistance: 0% (11/2,579); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 20% (63/320); Information Technology: 6% (38/681); Logistics: 11% (11/1,611); Operations: 4% (15/340); Public Assistance: 11% (241/2,259); Planning: 2% (8/444); Safety: 1% (1/94); Security: 12% (16/136)

MERS

33% - 65%

36 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 22 (-1) Deployed

14 (+1) Available

US&R

< 33%

28 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 23 Deployed

5 Available

FCO

1 Type I

51 Assigned
 4 Unavailable
 46 (34 (-1)FCOR) 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	17 (+8)	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 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
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-4808-DR-NE	1	Oct 15	Adds 1 county for Public Assistance
FEMA-4817-DR-LA	2	Oct 15	Adds 4 counties for Public Assistance
FEMA-4834-DR-FL	1	Oct 15	Adds 17 counties for Public Assistance
FEMA-4827-DR-NC	3	Oct 15	Adds 13 counties for Individual Assistance and 12 counties for Public Assistance



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