

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, October 17, 2024

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

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

Hazard Monitoring

- Critical Fire Weather – Central to Northern Plains
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Disturbance 1: (AL94): Low (30%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (20%)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Disturbance 1: Low (20%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approval: Major Disaster Declaration – AK
- Two Amendments Issued

Event Monitoring

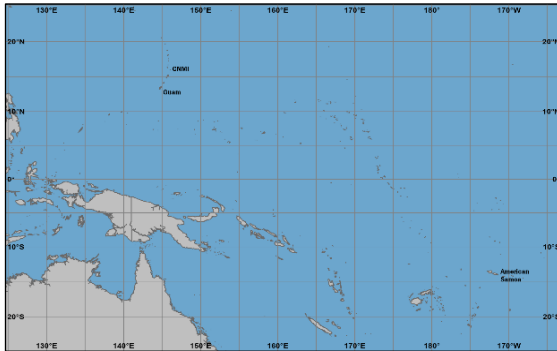
- No new significant events



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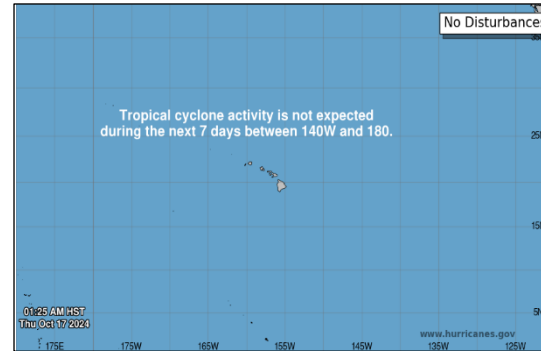
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



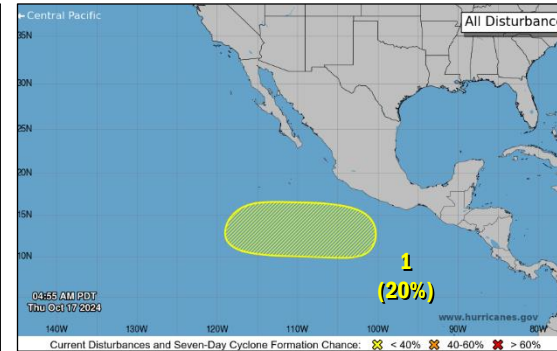
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Central Pacific



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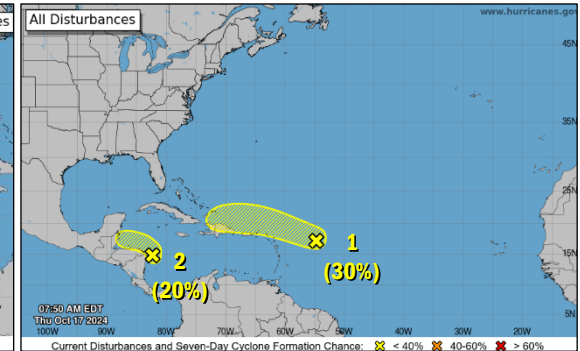
Eastern Pacific



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

- Located offshore of SW Mexico
- Gradual development is possible
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (near 0%); 7-day – Low (20%)

Atlantic



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

- Located over the central tropical Atlantic
- Moving WNW
- Conditions appear only marginally conducive for slow development
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (20%); 7-day – Low (30%)

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

- Located over the W of the Caribbean Sea
- Gradual development is possible
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (20%); 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

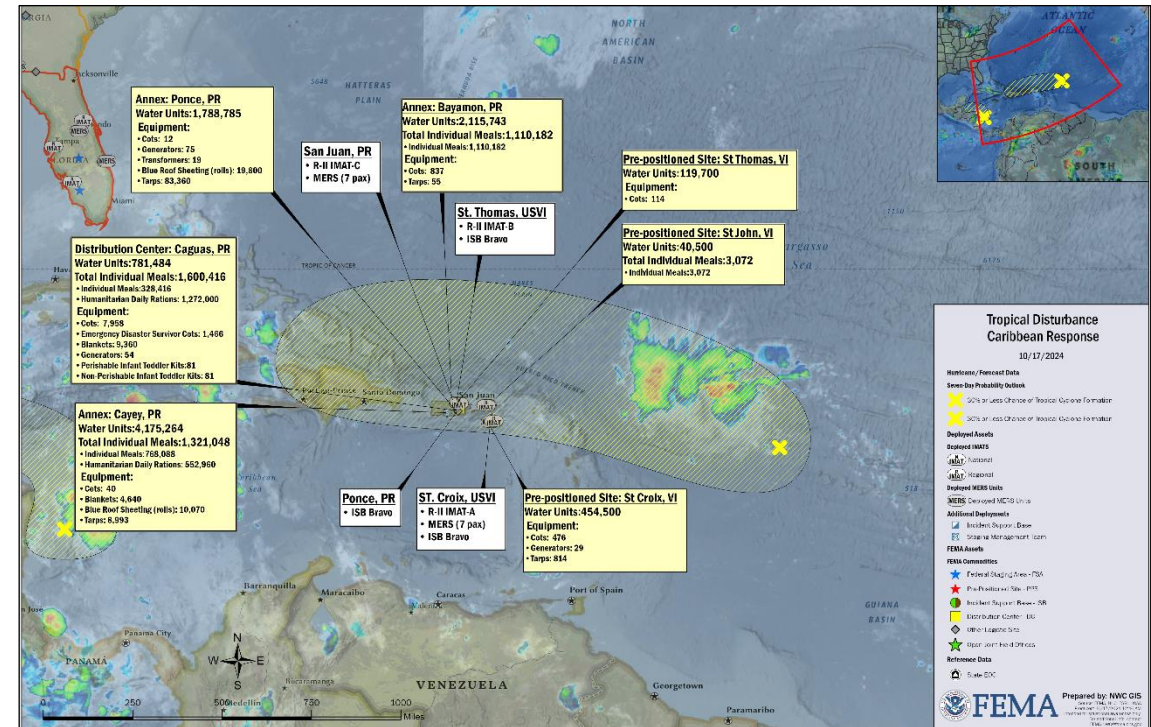
FEMA Region II Preparations: (FEMA RII SPOTREP, as of 12:13 p.m. ET, Oct 16)

- RWC is at **Monitoring**; **RRCC is Level III**
 - 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 **deployed** 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 /TC Helene



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

Lifelines: (TC Helene & Milton SLB, as of 6:00 p.m. ET, Oct 16)

Safety & Security:

- FL: Mandatory evacuations lifted (FL Disaster and Manatee Co, as of 6:15 a.m. ET)
 - Voluntary evacuations continue in Hernando, Lake, Miami-Dade, Pasco, and Sumter counties
 - NC: Voluntary evacuations continue for 2 counties
- Food, Hydration, Shelter:** (ARC Midnight Shelter Report, as of 6:54 a.m. ET, Oct 17)
- FL: 13 shelter / 894 (-92) occupants (TC Milton)
 - FL: 7 (-1) shelter / 361 (+27) occupants (TC Helene)
 - GA: 3 shelters / 123 (-9) occupants
 - NC: 13 shelters / 540 (-30) occupants

Health & Medical:

- NC: 95 confirmed fatalities

Water Systems:

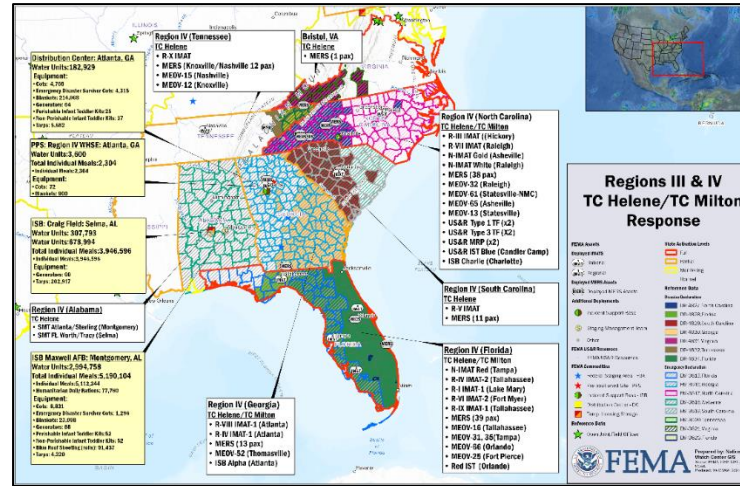
- FL: 169 (+2) Boil Water notices affecting 255k (-213) customers; wastewater system assessments ongoing
- GA: 197 active Boil Water Notices; restoration ongoing
- NC: 34 (-2) Active Boil Water Notices affecting 211 (-79k) customers; restoration ongoing
- TN: EPA, USACE, and FEMA working with Elk Mills Community and Erwin WWTP for water sampling

Energy: (DOE Eagle-I, as of 7:30 a.m. ET, Oct 17)

- GA: 2k (-2k) / less than 1% customers without power
- NC: 8k (-2k) / 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: 562 (-11) roads closed: 2 (-1) Interstates, 38 US routes, 50 (-2) state routes, and 472 (-8) secondary routes
- TN: 6 bridges remain closed

Hazardous Materials:

- NC: 362 (+23) potential hazardous material incident locations reported; 185 assessments complete

State / Tribal Response:

- FL: SEOC at Full Activation (TC Helene)
 - FEMA-4828-DR-FL and FEMA-4834-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

FEMA / Federal Response:

- FEMA RIII: RRCC is Rostered; LNOs deployed to VDEM
- FEMA RIV: RRCC activated to Level II
- HQ: NWC is Monitoring; NRCC is at Level I

IMAT:

- N-IMAT Red deployed to Tampa, FL
- N-IMAT White deployed to Raleigh, NC
- N-IMAT Blue deployed to Tallahassee, FL
- N-IMAT Gold deployed to Raleigh/Asheville, NC
- FEMA Region I IMAT deployed to Orlando, FL
- FEMA Region III IMAT deployed to Raleigh, NC
- FEMA Region IV IMAT-1 deployed to Alpharetta, GA
- FEMA Region IV IMAT-2 deployed to FL SEOC
- FEMA Region V IMAT deployed to West Columbia, SC
- FEMA Region VI IMAT-2 deployed to Ft. Myers, FL
- 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 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 nationwide
- Incident Support Team (IST) Blue deployed to NC/TN
- Incident Support Team (IST) Red deployed to FL

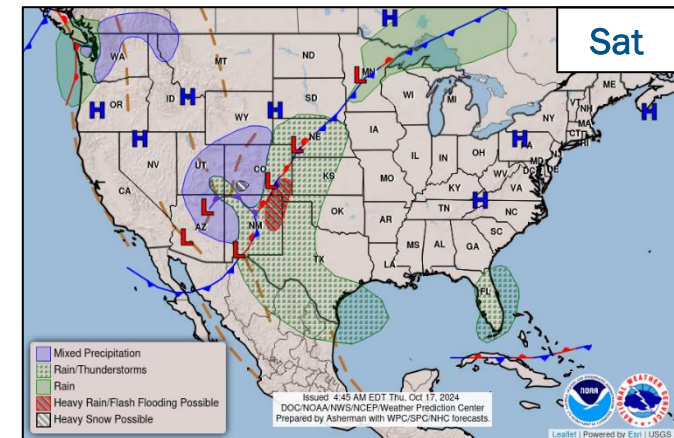
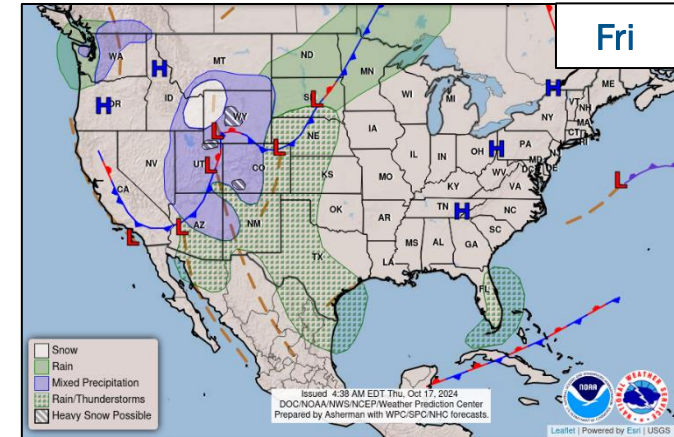
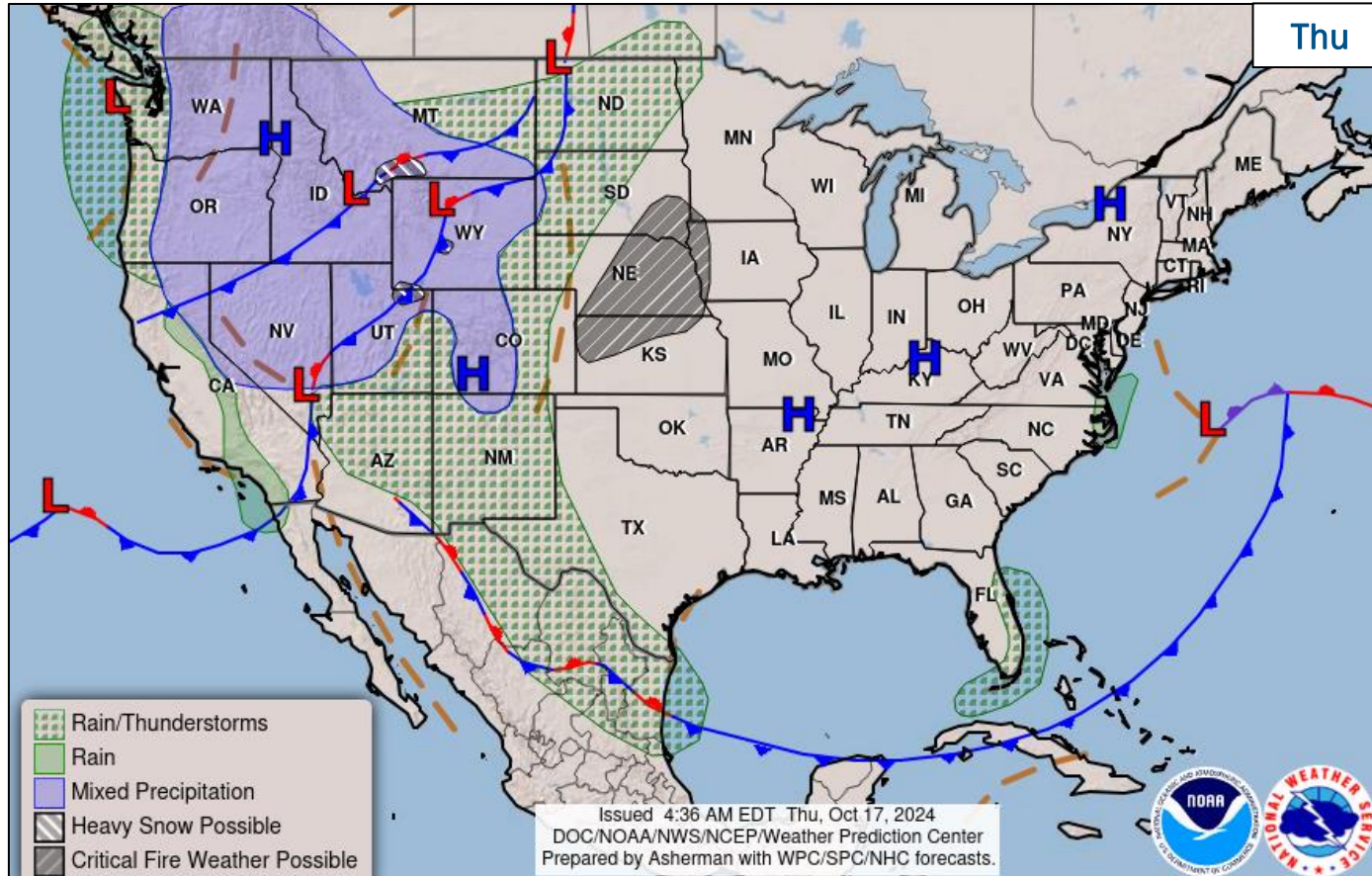
MERS:

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

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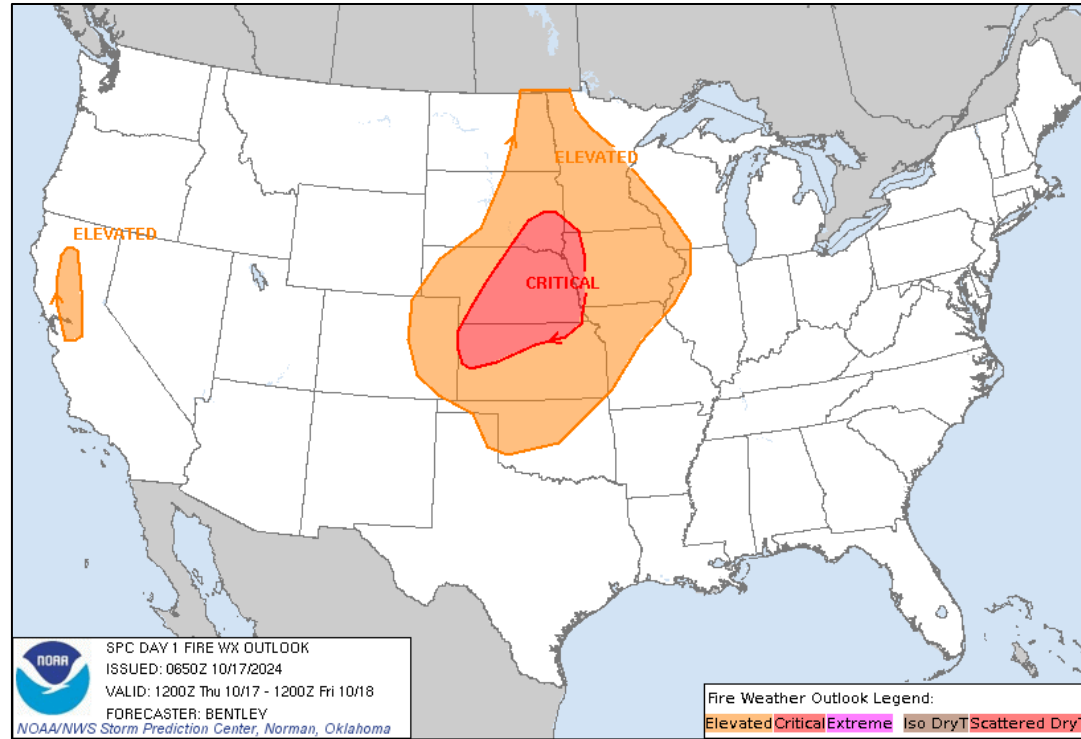


National Weather Forecast

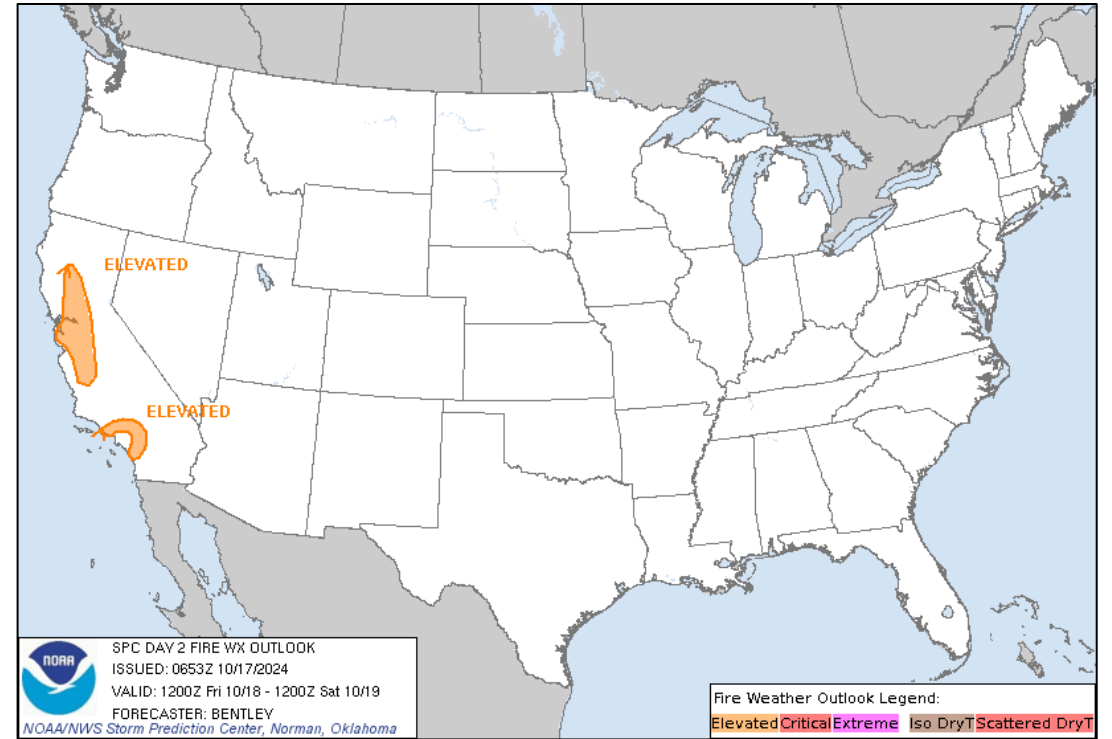


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Fire Weather Outlook



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	92,487 (+506)	28%	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

30 + **4** Supporting **112** + **17** **15** **26** **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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NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Level I

FEMA REGIONS

Watch	RRCC
Monitoring	I Rostered
Monitoring	II Level III
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	Deployed
7,840	3

Surge Capacity Force

Rostered	Deployed
8,225 (+62)	436 (-4)

N-IMATs

1 Team Available

Red	FL (Oct 6)
White	NC (Sep 30)
Blue	FL (Sep 23)
Gold	NC (Sep 23)
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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	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)

Legend:

- 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	6/0	28	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	9	0	0

Alaska

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

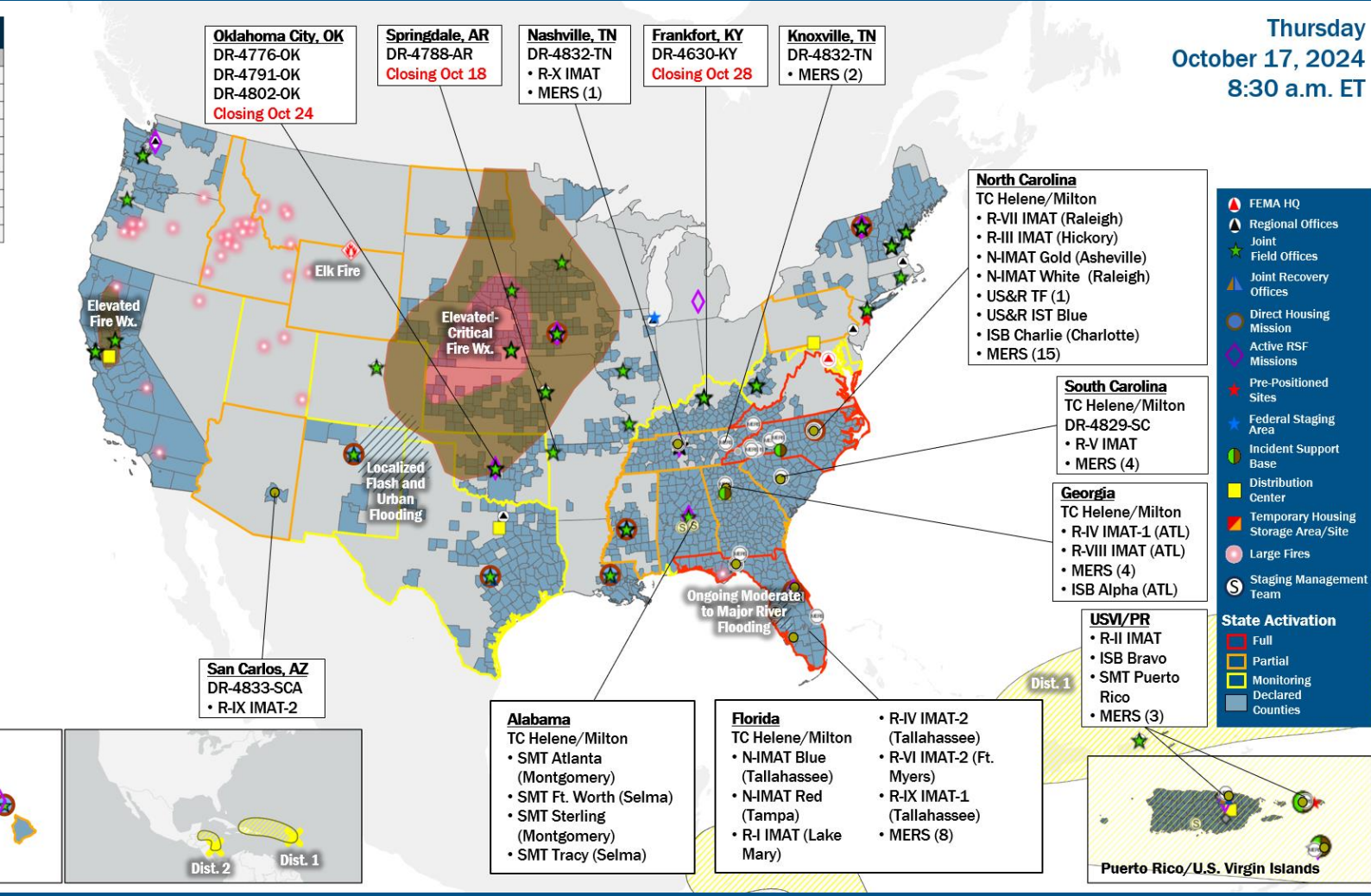
Guam

American Samoa

Hawaii

Dist. 2

Dist. 1



IM Workforce

13,844 Assigned
 4,426 (-56) Unavailable
 8,541 (+36) Deployed
 6% / 877 (+20) Available

IM Cadre Availability

20 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Acquisition: 16% (35/224); Alternative Dispute Resolution: 23% (8/35); Civil Rights: 16% (27/169); Disability Integration: 2% (1/43); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 2% (24/1,203); External Affairs: 4% (20/518); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 8% (69/824); Field Leadership: 7% (10/149); Financial Management: 15% (35/238); Hazard Mitigation: 2% (29/1,207); Human Resources: 4% (7/172); Individual Assistance: 0% (11/2,579); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 22% (70/320); Information Technology: 6% (42/681); Logistics: 1% (17/1,611); Operations: 5% (17/340); Public Assistance: 11% (256/2,260); Planning: 3% (12/445); Safety: 1% (1/94); Security: 11% (15/136)

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 I

51 Assigned
 4 Unavailable
 46 (34 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	17	10/9 - TBD
X	CCT*	Swawilla Fire and Bridge Creek Fire Jul 14 to Aug 21	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	1 (+1)	10/7 - 10/16

*Confederated Tribe of the Colville Reservation



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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
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 – APPROVED	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 Approval – Alaska

Declaration Type: Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4836-DR-AK

Date Requested: Sep 19

Date Approved: Oct 16

Incident: Flooding

Incident Period: Aug 5-6, 2024

Provides:

- **IA/PA:** 1 city and 1 Borough
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide

FCO: Lance E. Davis



■ IA/PA



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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-4830-DR-GA	7	Oct 16	Adds 1 county for Individual Assistance, 2 counties for Public Assistance (permanent work, Cat C-G), and 2 counties for Public Assistance
FEMA-4834-DR-FL	2	Oct 16	Adds 31 counties and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida for Public Assistance (permanent work, Cat C-G)



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Great ShakeOut Drill

Situation: This year's international ShakeOut Day is scheduled for October 17 for millions of people across the world to practice earthquake safety. Participation is encouraged and registration is available any day of the year for the ShakeOut Drill. The drill will be held at 10:17 a.m. local time and you can register at [Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills - Select Your ShakeOut Region](#)

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Register: **ShakeOut.org**

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