

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, October 17, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Coastal Flooding – Alaska

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Weather – Central Plains
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Disturbance 1: Low (30%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (10%)
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Disturbance 1 (EP91): Medium (40%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Expedited Major Disaster Declaration – AK

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Coastal Flooding – Alaska

AK



Situation: A third storm system is currently moving along the southern coastline bringing gusty winds, rain, snow, and marginal flying conditions across much of the southern third of the state. A sequential fourth storm system is forecast to impact the region over the weekend into early next week, along a similar track. A full inter-agency response is ongoing; search and rescue (SAR) efforts continue at the local level, and the Alaska State Emergency Operations Center is supporting the aerial evacuation of survivors to a shelter in Anchorage, to address the limited shelter capacity in the impacted area. (FEMA R10 SLB #5, as of Oct 16)

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA R10 SLB #5, as of Oct 16)

Safety & Security: U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) SAR efforts have concluded; however, local SAR efforts continue.

- 672 total people evacuated between Oct 15 and 16. AK National Guard received 8 Requests for Assistance and is increasing personnel support in multiple affected areas
- Multiple homes reported damaged and/or destroyed in 11 communities
- Animals: AK EOC (SEOC) Mass Care is coordinating with animal care partners to address abandoned pets in affected communities
- Food, Hydration, Shelter:** Shelters in impacted communities have reached capacity; survivors have been relocated outside the region.
- 14 (+1) shelters open (ARC, as of 6:50 a.m. ET, Oct 17) with approx. 1,600 total evacuees
- The State is decompressing local shelters, evacuating survivors to Bethel temporarily, before transferring to Anchorage

Health & Medical: Medical facilities impacted.

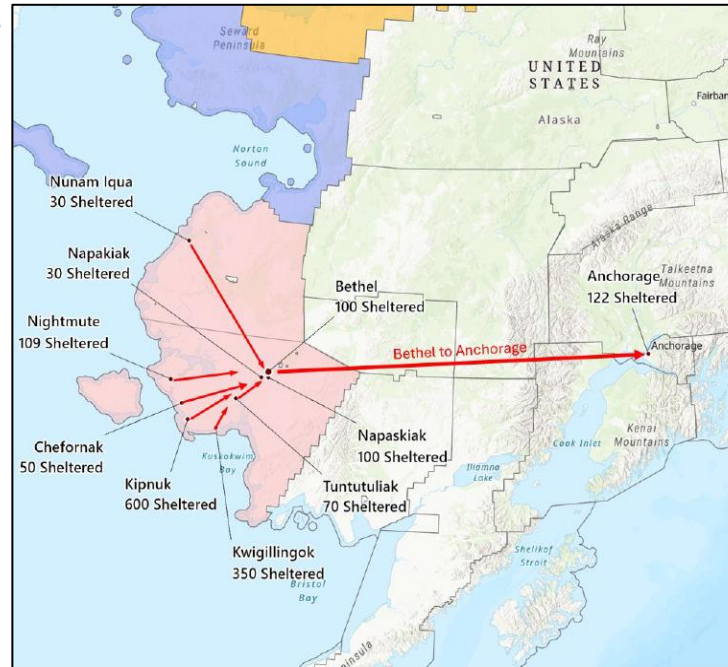
- 1 confirmed fatality
- Village clinics impacted, with some clinics running on backup generators

Energy: Fuel barge shipments and transfers are ongoing.

- Kwigillingok:** Power was restored to the community
- Kipnuk: Council office power is operational; rest of town is without power, generator and fuels shortage reported
- Koyukuk, Nulato, and Cheforanak are partially operating on generators
- Water plant in Kongiganak is out of service due to downed power lines
- Nightmute:** Community without power; state working to get 20 generators

Communication: Communications restoration efforts are ongoing.

- Kipnuk: Communications established using commercial SATCOM terminals and satellite phones
- Nightmute: Intermittent communication service
- Unalakleet: Emergency phone lines inoperable; full restoration unknown



The State of Alaska is conducting its largest air evacuation in history

The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 10, with continued reporting in the twice daily FEMA National Situation Report (3:00 a.m. ET / 5:00 p.m. ET) and the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET).

Transportation: Roadway inspections and repairs continue.

- The AK DOT & Public Facilities using UAV's to survey damage; completing High Level Rapid Damage Assessments in 3 Communities
- The USCG assessing ports and waterways

Hazardous Materials: Assessments ongoing with additional support from federal partners.

- USGS US Arctic deployed Pollution Response Teams to investigate pollution in St. Michael, Nightmute, and Tuntutuliak
 - Tuntutuliak: An estimated 2,000-gallon waste oil spill has been mostly washed away by storm waters
 - Nightmute: Water wells to be tested

Water Systems: Systems restorations making gradual progress.

- Critical potable water infrastructure has failed in multiple communities, assessments ongoing
- Kwigillingok: Sewer system is being assessed for damage
- Napaskiak: Water, sewer, and wells inoperable; boil water notices issued.
- Quinhagak: Raw water line severely damaged. Repairs started

State / Tribal / Local Response:

- AK SEOC at Full Activation (Landslides/Western Coast Storms); increased staffing for 24/7
- AK Governor declared State Disaster Emergency and activated the AK National Guard on Oct 9.
- 14 (+6) tribes declared a State of Emergency
- Civil Air Patrol: Completed one mission; add'l scheduled

FEMA Region 10:

- Bothell MOC Monitoring; RRCC Level 3 (day shift), w/ ESFs 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, DCE
- State, Tribal, and Mass Care LNOs deployed to AK SEOC
- R-IMAT deployed to Alaska Area Office

HQ:

- FEMA NWC is Monitoring
- FEMA HQ Response Geospatial Office activated (geospatial assessments)

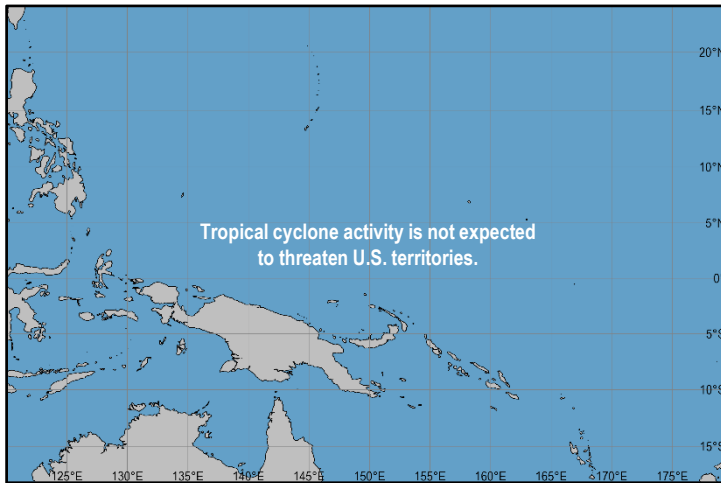


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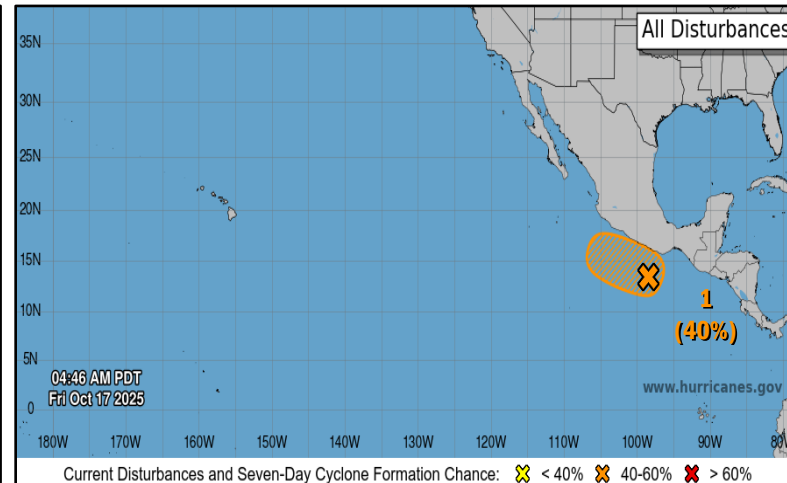
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



- No tropical cyclones threatening U.S. territories

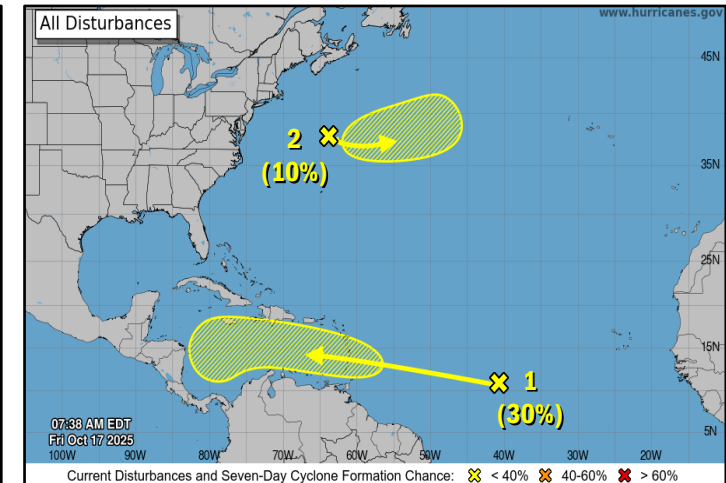
Central and Eastern Pacific



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

- Located offshore of southern Mexico
- Environmental conditions appear conducive for gradual development of this disturbance, and a tropical depression could form during the next couple of days or so
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Medium (40%); 7 day: Medium (40%)

Atlantic



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

- Located over the tropical central Atlantic
- Some gradual development of this system is possible over the next several days
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (10%); 7 day: Low (30%)

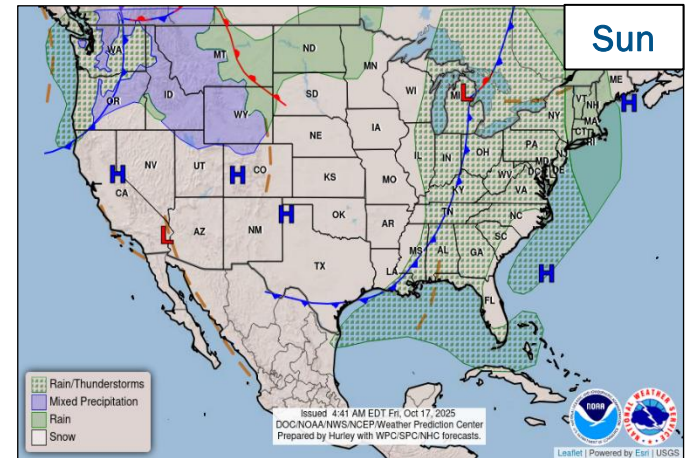
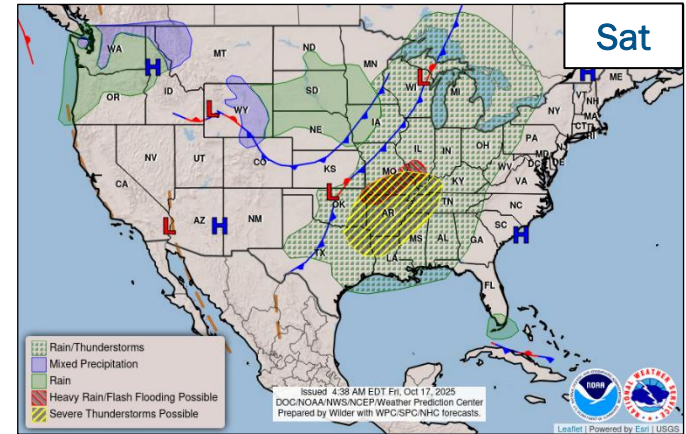
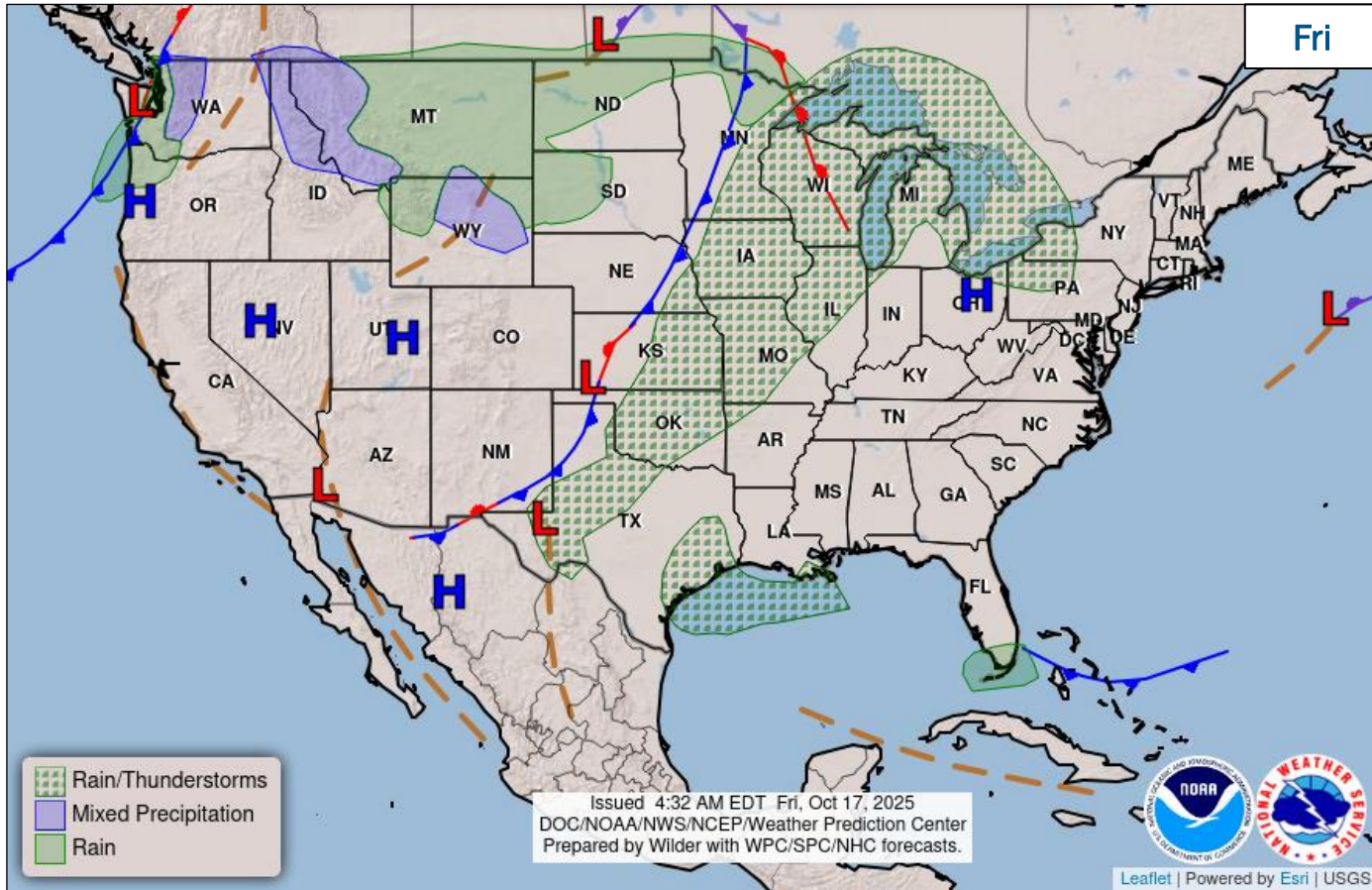
Disturbance 2: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located well off the coast of the northeast U.S.
- Slight chance of developing subtropical characteristics during the weekend
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (10%); 7 day: Low (10%)



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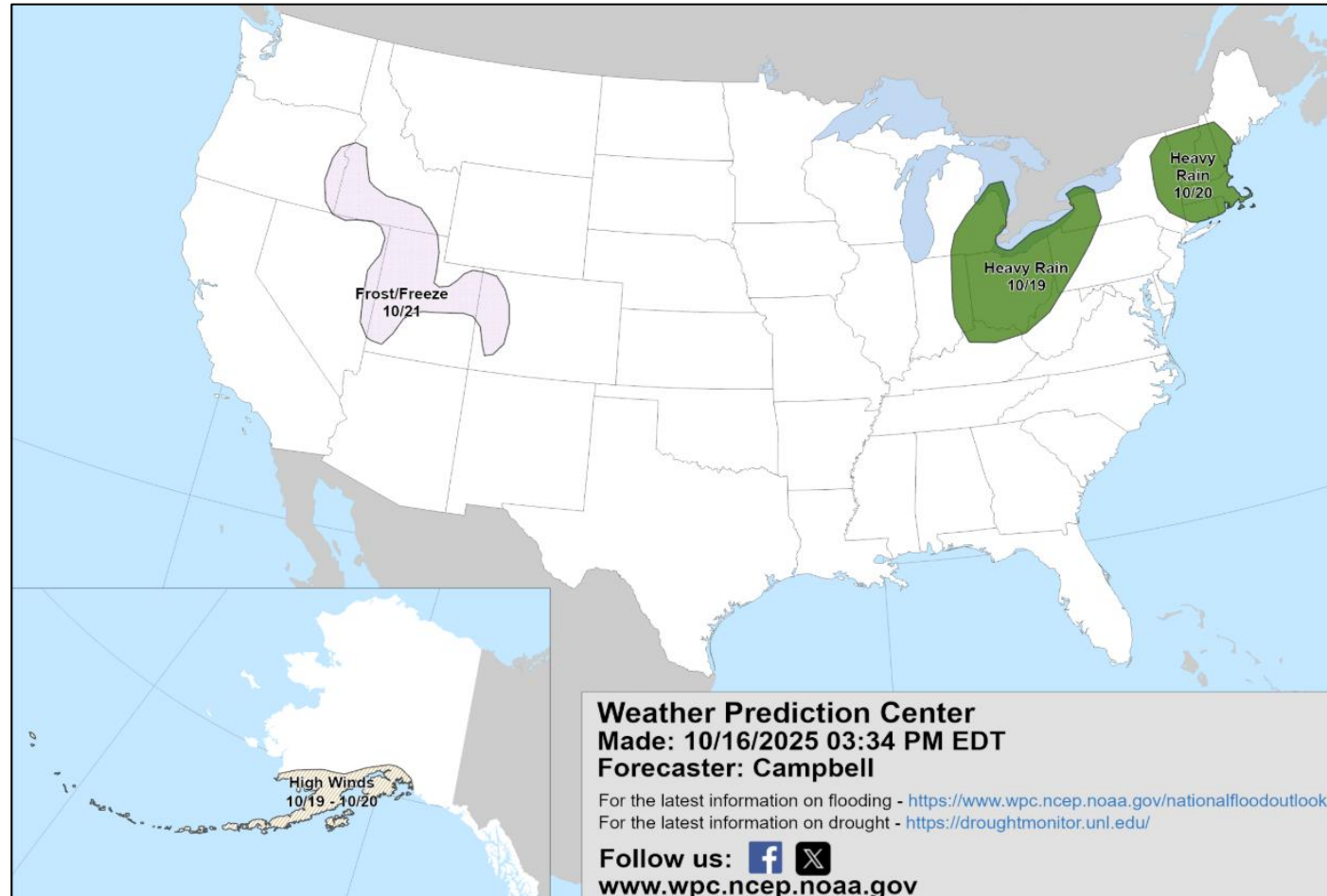
National Weather Forecast



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Hazards Outlook – Oct 19-23



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

17 Joint Field Offices **Supporting** **55** Major Disasters **+** **7** Emergency Declarations **12** Direct Housing Missions **6** RSF-Supported Disasters **6** Joint Recovery Offices

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FEMA HQ	
NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Steady State
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Monitoring	R1 Rostered
Monitoring	R2 Rostered
Monitoring	R3 Rostered
Monitoring	R4 Rostered
Monitoring	R5 Rostered
Monitoring	R6 Rostered
Monitoring	R7 Rostered
Monitoring	R8 Rostered
Monitoring	R9 Rostered
Monitoring	R10 Level 3

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	
Blue	
Gold	
HS	

R-IMATs	
≥ 7 Teams Available	
R1	3
R2	
R3	1
R4 (1)	
R4 (2)	
R5	WI (Sep 15)
R6 (1)	
R6 (2)	
R7	2
R8	SD (Sep 22)
R9 (1)	CA (Jan 8)
R9 (2)	
R10	AK (Oct 12)

Notes:

NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:

- R5 Watch: Staffing (Dayshift 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. ET)
- R10 RRCC: Coastal Storms

State EOCs:

- HI: Wildfires
- FL: Previous Incidents
- AZ/CO/MD/TX/: Flooding
- VT: Drought
- AK: Coastal Storms
- TN: Plant Explosion

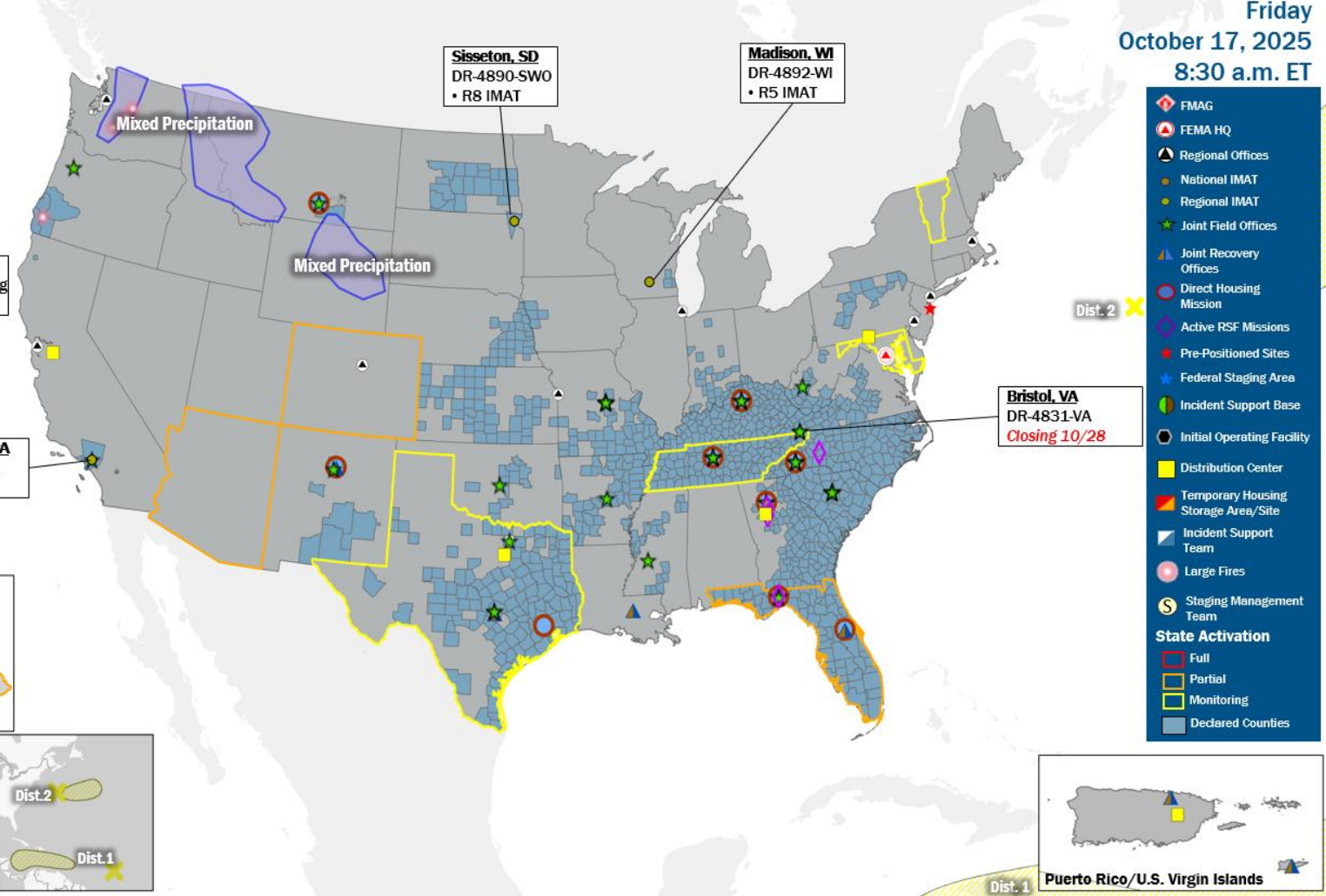
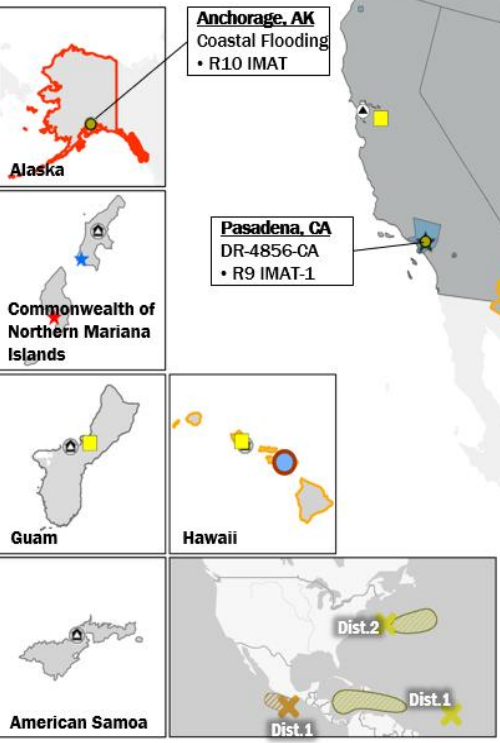
IMATs:

- R6 Team 2: Reconstituting

Volunteer Force	
Rostered	Deployed
6,809	6
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered	Deployed
8,178	0

Fully Mission Capable (FMC)
Partially Mission Capable (PMC)
Not Mission Capable (NMC)
Deployed

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	0	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	2	7	1	0
R4	7	19	5	1
R5	0	2	0	0
R6	4	9	1	3
R7	1	10	0	0
R8	1	4	0	0
R9	1	3	0	0
R10	1	1	0	0



- FMAG
- FEMA HQ
- Regional Offices
- National IMAT
- Regional IMAT
- Joint Field Offices
- Joint Recovery Offices
- Direct Housing Mission
- Active RSF Missions
- Pre-Positioned Sites
- Federal Staging Area
- Incident Support Base
- Initial Operating Facility
- Distribution Center
- Temporary Housing Storage Area/Site
- Incident Support Team
- Large Fires
- Staging Management Team
- State Activation**
- Full
- Partial
- Monitoring
- Declared Counties

IM Workforce

11,777 (-1) Assigned
4,239 (+62) Unavailable
4,026 (-40) Deployed

30% / 3,512 (-23) Available

IM Cadre Availability

11 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 17% (17/101); External Affairs: 20% (61/309); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 10% (68/678); Field Leadership: 12% (15/122); Financial Management: 20% (37/184); Hazard Mitigation: 13% (105/784); Human Resources: 23% (37/162); Public Assistance: 18% (378/2,078); Planning: 16% (57/360); Safety: 22% (20/91); Security: 21% (23/111)

MERS
≥ 66%

36 Assigned
6 Unavailable
0 Deployed

30 Available

US&R
≥ 66%

28 Assigned
0 Unavailable
0 Deployed

28 Available

FCO
2 Type I

39 Assigned
3 Unavailable
33 (20 (-1) FCOR) Deployed

3 Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
6	*PATN	Severe Storms and Flooding Sep 28-29	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	TBD - TBD
7	KS	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Torrential Rain, and Flooding Sep 8-10	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	5	0	10/14 - TBD

*Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Nation



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Declaration Request – Alaska

Declaration Type: Expedited Major Disaster – AK

Date Requested: Oct 16

Incident: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and remnants of Typhoon Halong

Incident Period: Oct 8 and continuing

Requested:

- **IA/PA:** 2 Regional Education Attendance Areas (REAs) and 1 Borough
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



■ IA/PA



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Declaration Requests in Process – 13

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
MD – Severe Storm and Flooding (Appeal)	DR		X	X	Aug 19
OK – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding (Appeal)	DR		X	X	Aug 19
LLBO* – Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds	DR	X	X	X	Aug 19
IL – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X		X	Aug 21
VT – Severe Storm and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 22
AK – Chevak Public Safety Building Fire	DR		X	X	Aug 28
ND – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes	DR		X	X	Sep 4
NE – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 4
IL – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X		X	Sep 15
KS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 17
RST** – Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, and Tornado (Appeal)	DR	X	X	X	Sep 18
CO – Lee and Elk Fires, Flooding, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	Sep 26
AK – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and remnants of Typhoon Halong	DR	X	X	X	Oct 16

* Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, ** Rosebud Sioux Tribe



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