

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, October 18, 2024

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

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

Hazard Monitoring

- Critical Fire Weather – California
- Heavy Snow – Northern Intermountain to Central Great Basin
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Disturbance 1 (AL94): Low (10%)
 - Disturbance 2: Medium (50%)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Disturbance 1: Medium (50%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – PR
- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – NC

Event Monitoring

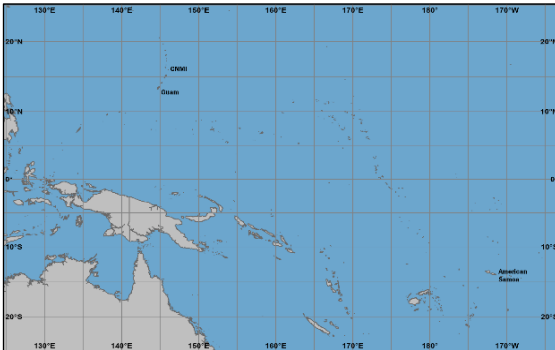
- No new significant events



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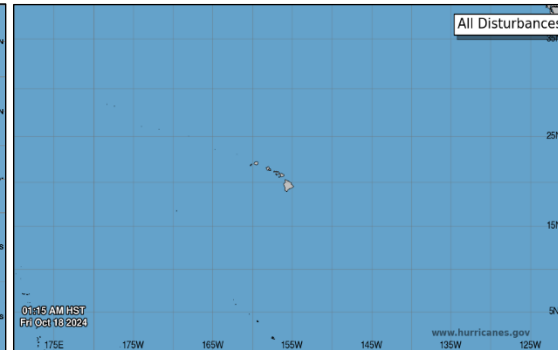
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



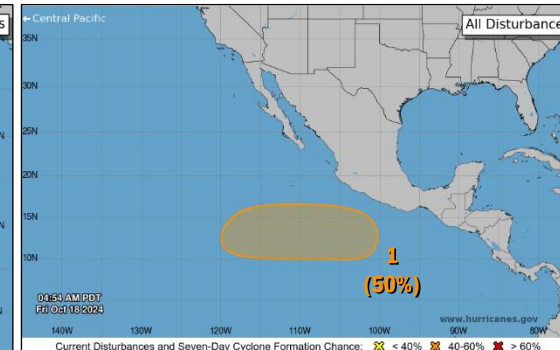
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Central Pacific



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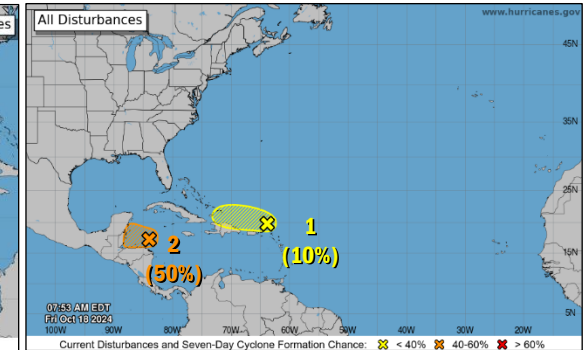
Eastern Pacific



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

- Located offshore of SW Mexico
- A tropical depression could form next week
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (near 0%); 7-day – Medium (50%)

Atlantic



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

- Located near the Leeward Islands
- Any development should be slow to occur
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Low (10%); 7-day – Low (10%)

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

- Located over the NW Caribbean Sea
- A tropical depression or storm could form
- Formation chance: 48-hour – Medium (50%); 7-day – Medium (50%)



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TC Milton / TC Helene – Southeast and 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 17)

Safety & Security:

- FL: Voluntary evacuations continue in Hernando, Lake, Miami-Dade, Pasco, and Sumter counties
- NC: Voluntary evacuations continue for 2 counties

Food, Hydration, Shelter: (ARC, as of 6:57 a.m. ET, Oct 18)

- FL: 13 shelters / 799 (-95) occupants (TC Milton)
- FL: 7 shelters / 306 (-55) occupants (TC Helene)
- GA: 2 (-1) shelters / 90 (-33) occupants
- NC: 12 (-1) shelters / 527 (-13) occupants
- TN: Johnson County is opening warming centers for local communities

Health & Medical:

- NC: 95 confirmed fatalities

Water Systems:

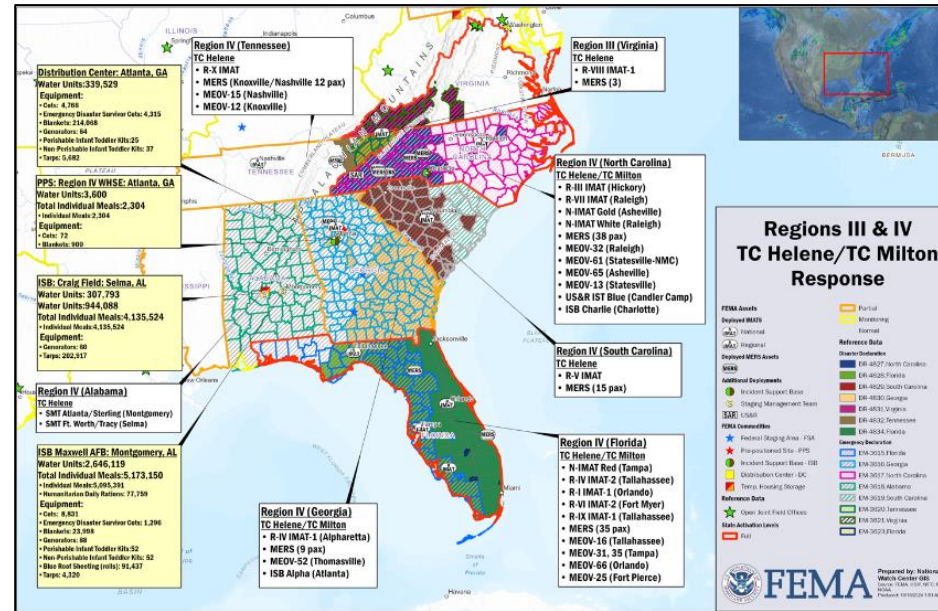
- FL: 16 Active Boil Water Notices affecting 14k customers (TC Helene); 165 (-4) active Boil Water notices affecting 439k (+183k) customers (TC Milton); wastewater system assessments ongoing
- GA: 197 active Boil Water Notices; restoration ongoing
- NC: 30 (-4) active Boil Water Notices affecting 199k (-12k) customers; restoration ongoing
- TN: 2 active Boil Water Notices; 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 18)

- No significant power outages to report

Communications:

- GA: Communication is intermittent throughout the state but improving
- NC: FEMA communications resources are supporting western NC
- TN: 3% (-1%) of cellular sites down across the impacted area



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 deploying to Bristol, VA
- FEMA Region IX IMAT-1 deployed to Tampa, 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

NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region IV, 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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Transportation:

- NC: 515 (-47) roads closed: 2 Interstates, 35 (-3) US routes, 40 (-10) state routes, and 438 (-34) secondary routes
- TN: 19 sections of state/local routes remain closed; 6 bridges remain closed

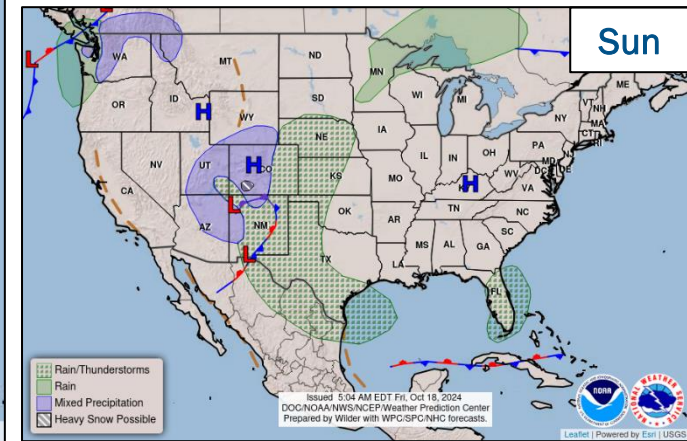
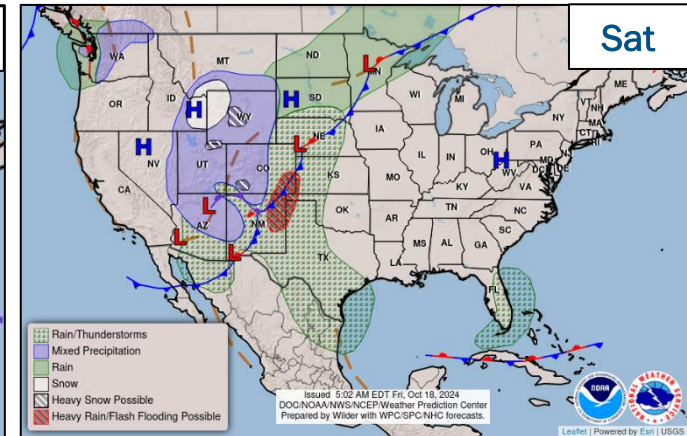
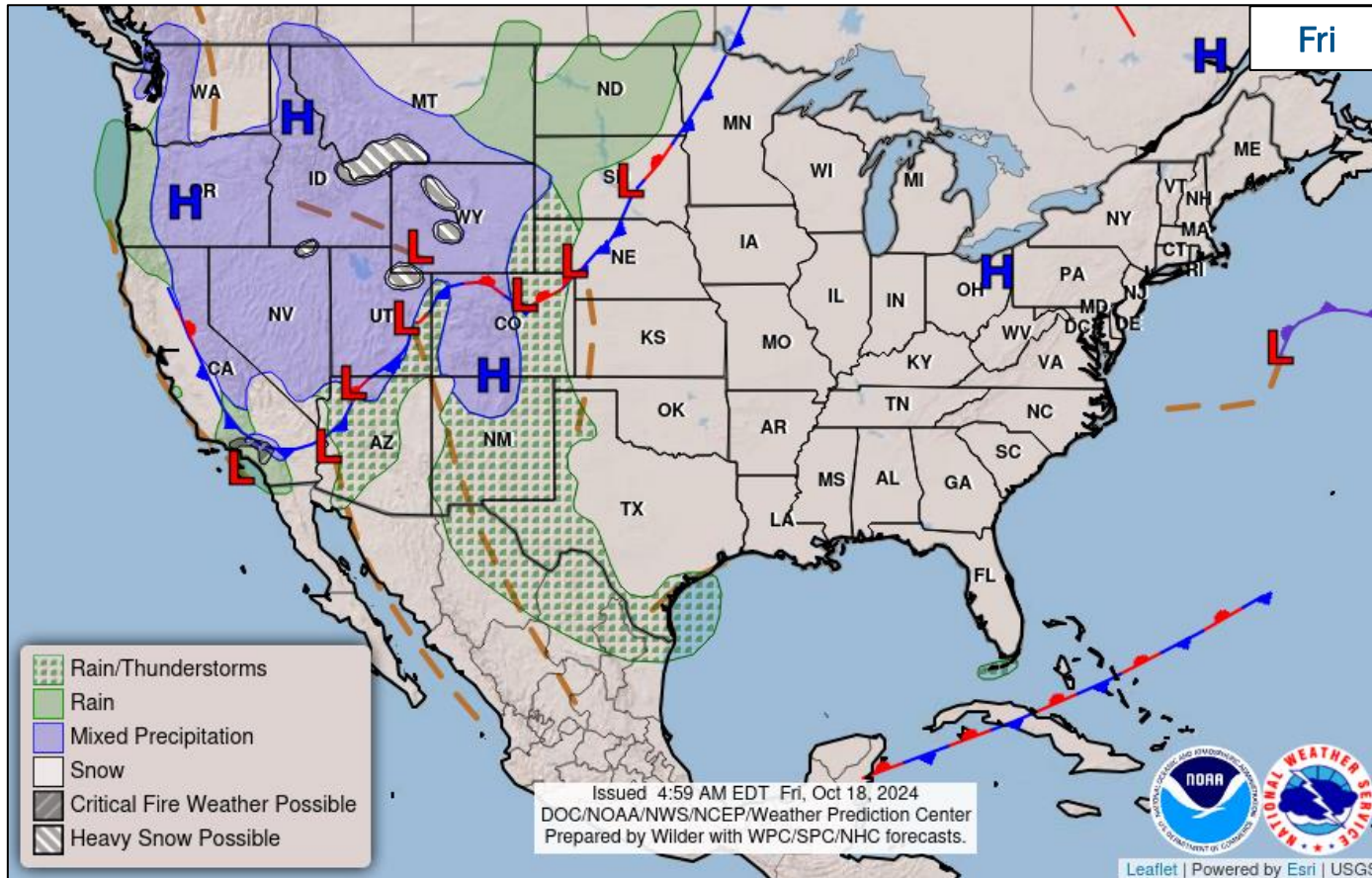
Hazardous Materials:

- NC: 382 (+20) potential hazardous material incident locations reported; 199 (+14) 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

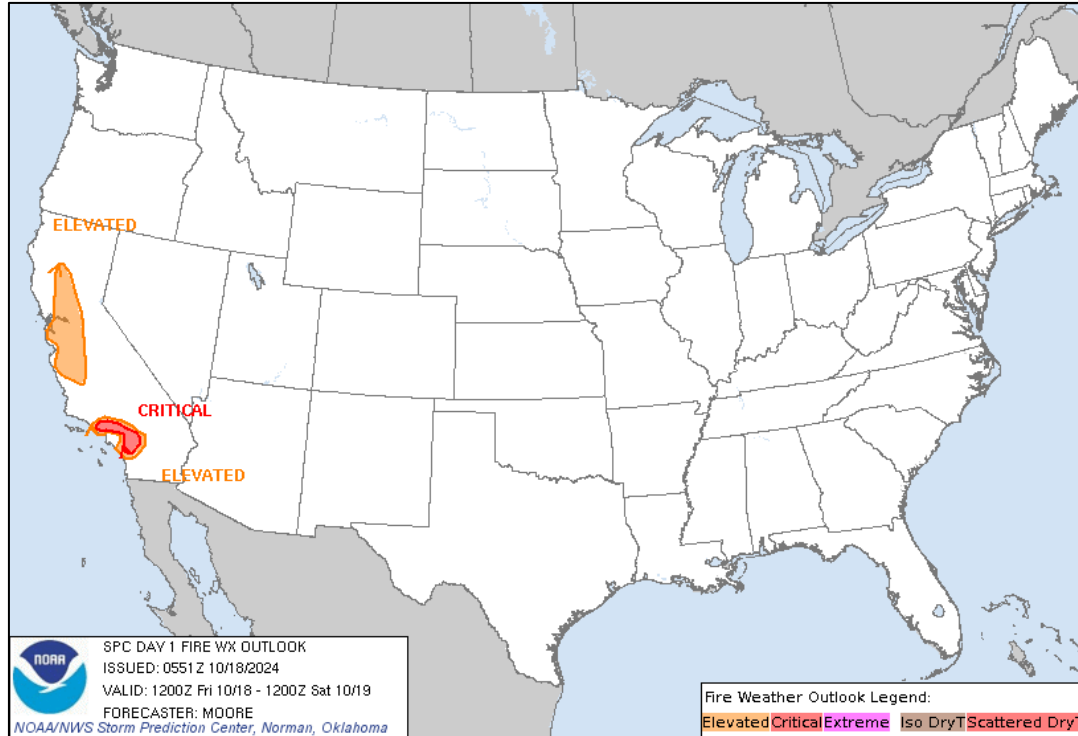
National Weather Forecast



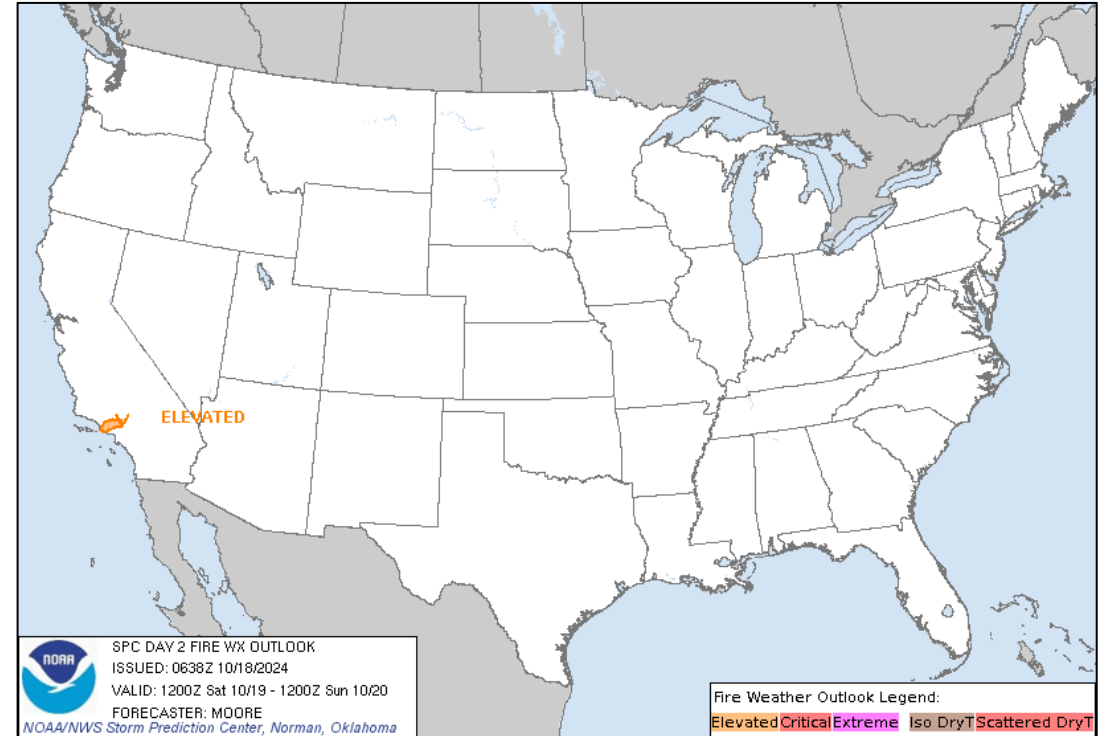
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



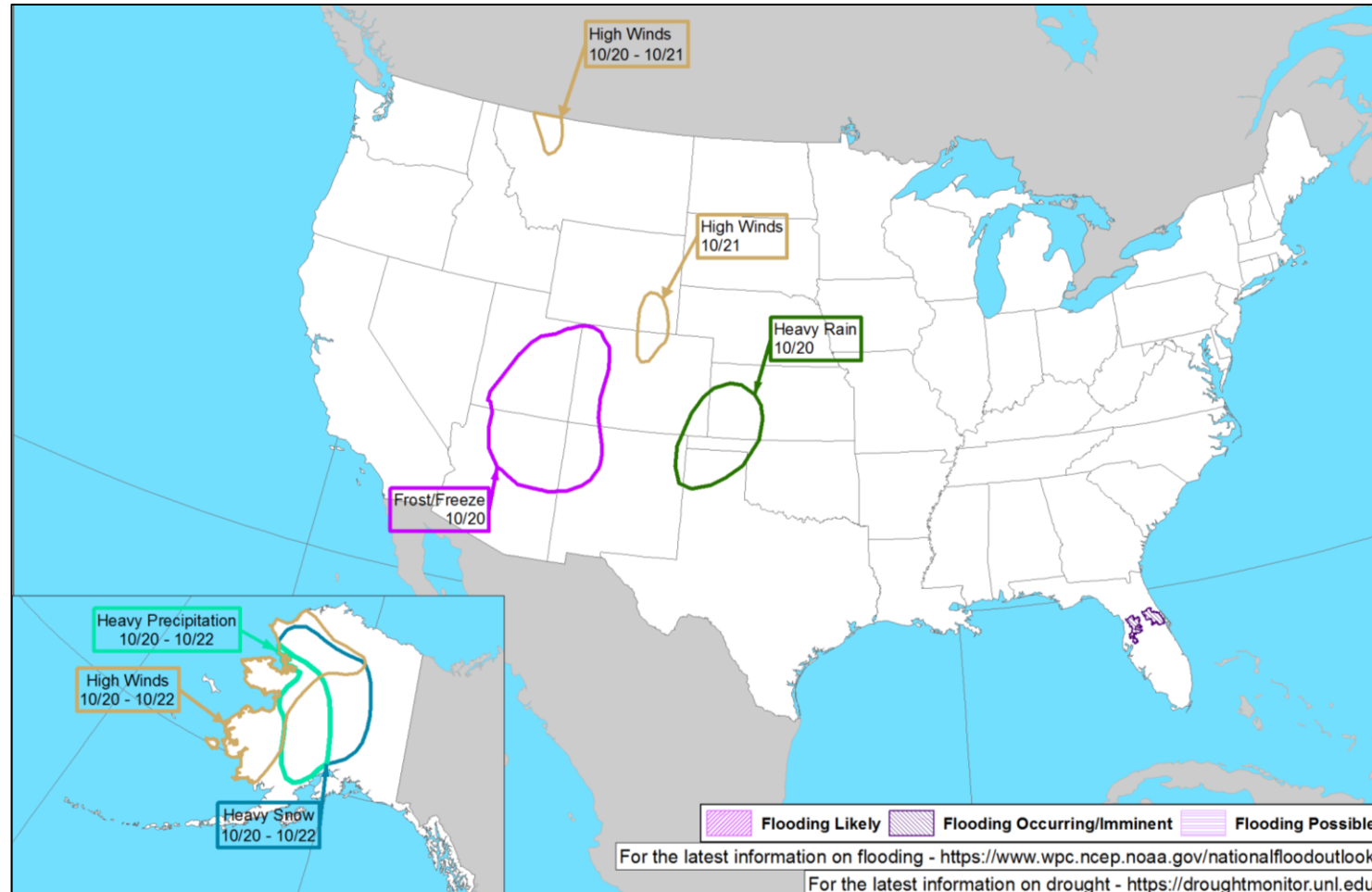
Tomorrow



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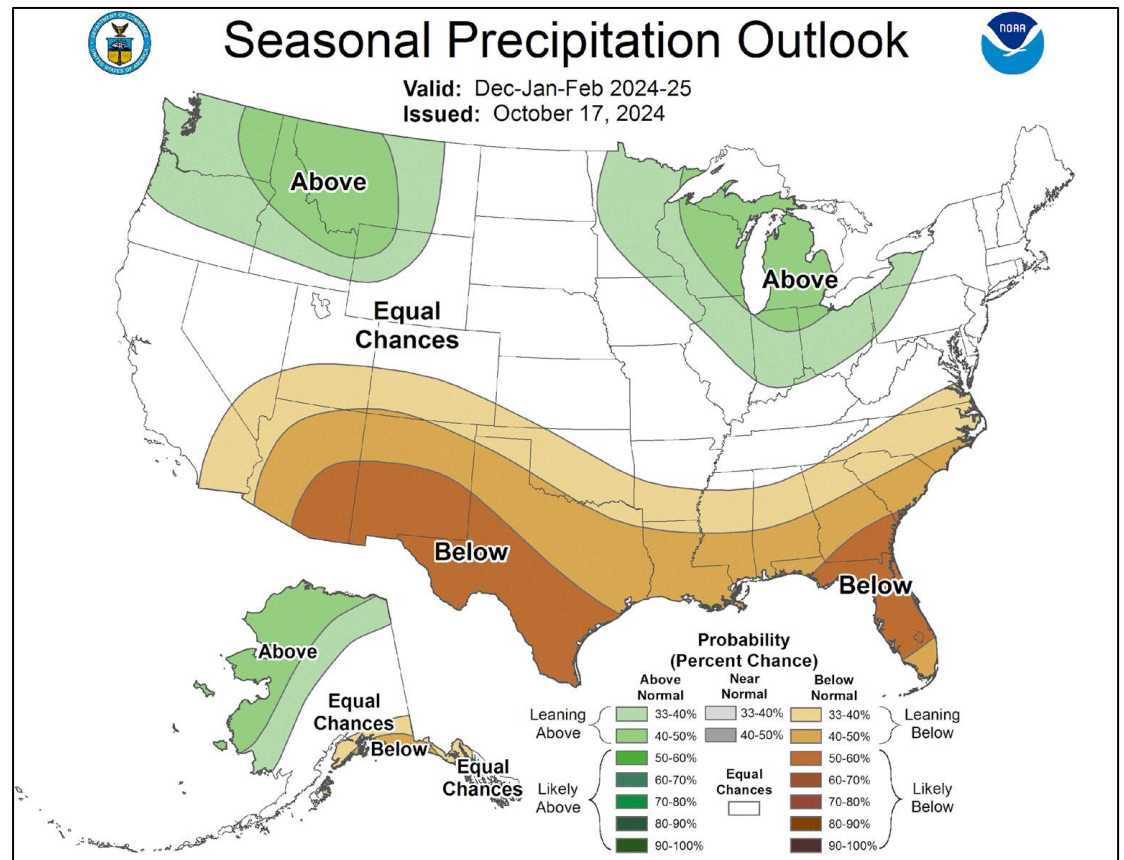
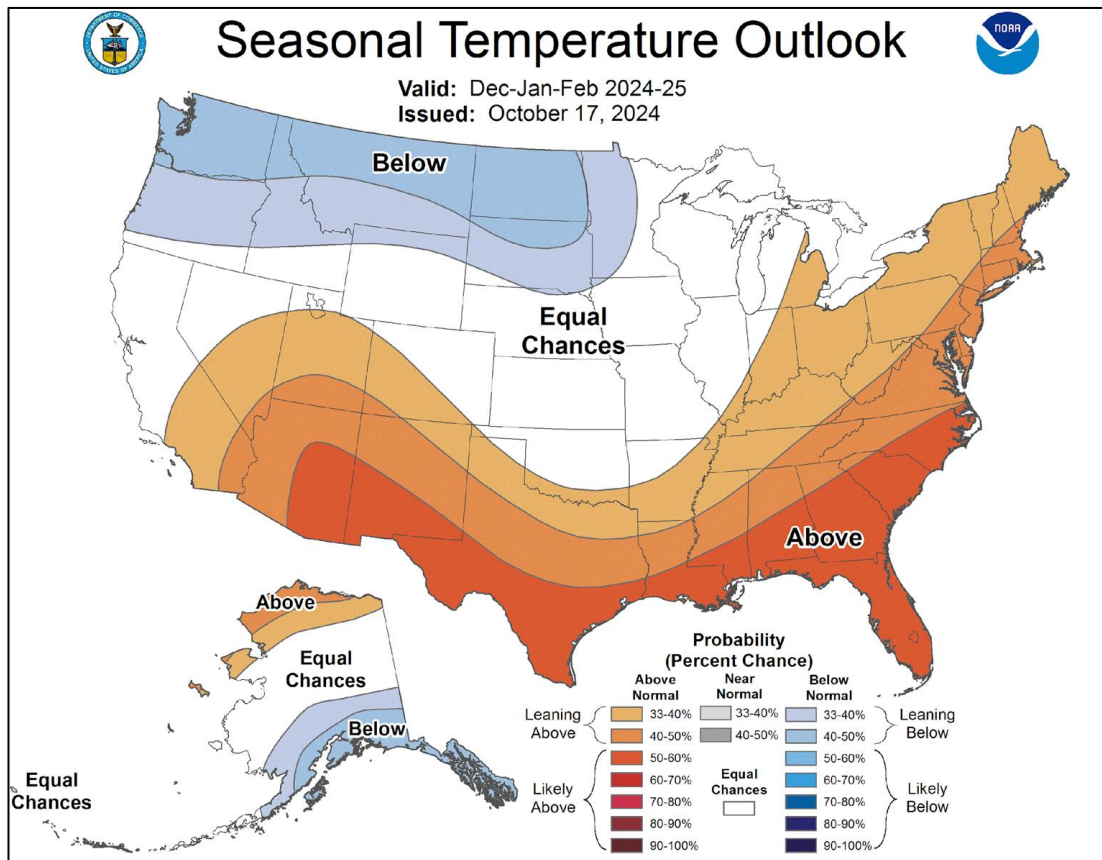
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Hazards Outlook – Oct 20-24



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NOAA Winter Outlook– Dec. 2024 - Feb. 2025



- La Nina conditions are expected to develop later this fall and typically lead to a more northerly storm track during the winter months, leaving the southern tier of the country warmer and drier.



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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	96,179 (+3,692)	44% (+16%)	M: 499	H: 2,500	H: 0	H: 2	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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FEMA HQ	
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 7,840	Deployed 3
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 8,270 (+45)	Deployed 448 (+12)

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	1
VI-2	FL (Oct 7)
VII	NC (Sep 25)
VIII	VA (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	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

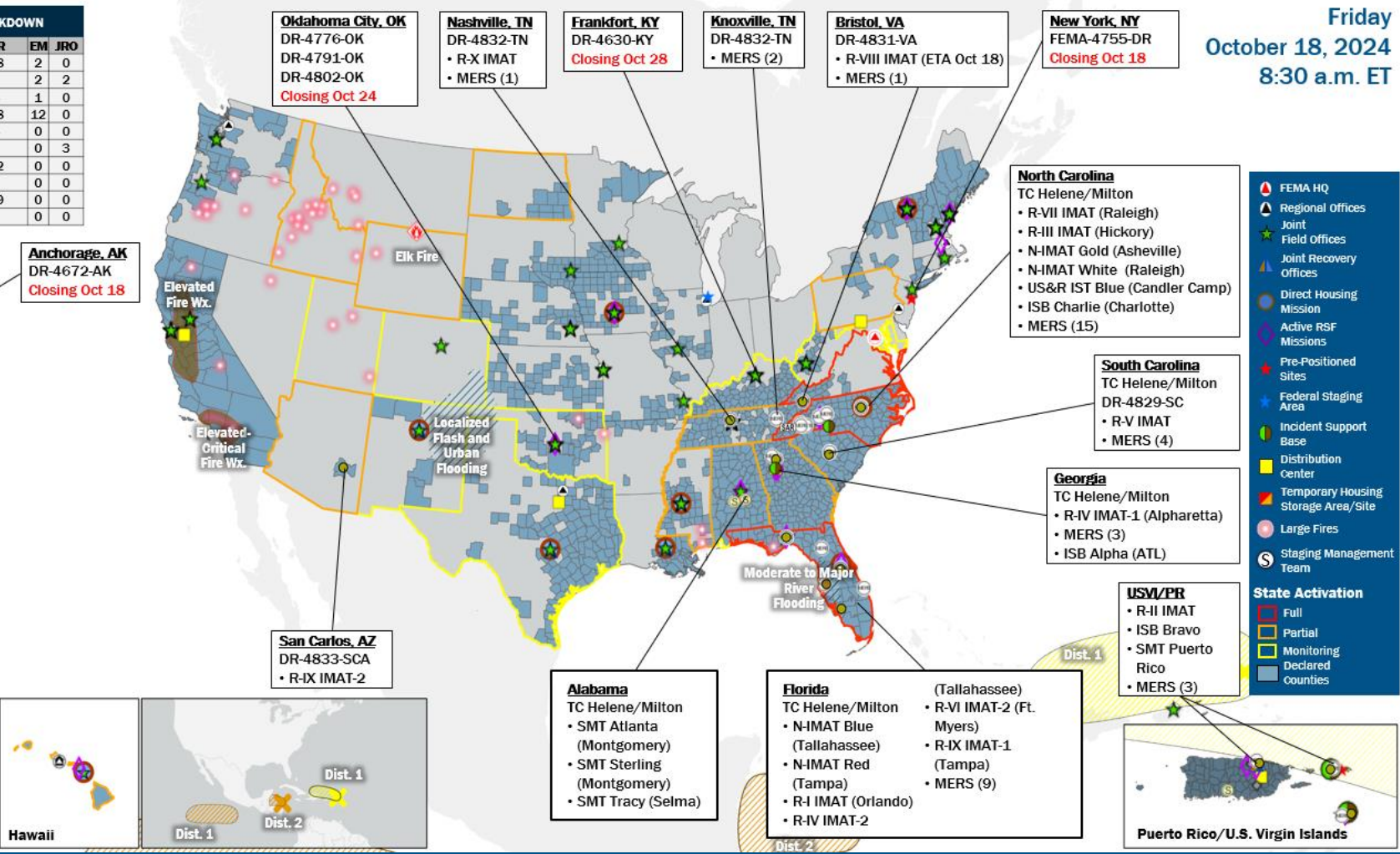
Anchorage, AK
 DR-4672-AK
 Closing Oct 18

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Guam

American Samoa

Hawaii



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
 13,858 (+14) Assigned
 4,393 (-33) Unavailable
 8,660 (+119) Deployed
 6% / 805 (-72) Available

IM Cadre Availability
 20 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Acquisition: 11% (25/227); Civil Rights: 17% (28/169); Disaster Emergency Communications: 23% (88/390); Disability Integration: 5% (2/43); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 5% (59/1,203); External Affairs: 2% (11/518); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 8% (65/824); Field Leadership: 5% (8/149); Financial Management: 14% (33/237); Hazard Mitigation: 2% (27/1,207); Human Resources: 3% (6/172); Individual Assistance: 0% (8/2,579); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 17% (55/321); Information Technology: 6% (42/692); Logistics: 1% (15/1,610); Operations: 4% (12/340); Public Assistance: 10% (233/2,260); Planning: 2% (7/446); Safety: 2% (2/94); Security: 5% (7/136)

MERS
 33% - 65%

36 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 24 (+1) Deployed

12 (-1) Available

US&R
 < 33%

28 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 23 Deployed

5 Available

FCO
 0-1 Type I

51 Assigned
 5 (+1) Unavailable
 46 (34 FCO) Deployed

0 (-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



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Declaration Request – Puerto Rico

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – PR
Requested: Oct 15

Incident: Tropical Storm Ernesto
Incident Period: August 13 – 16

Requested:

- **PA:** 26 municipalities
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Commonwealth of Puerto Rico



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Declaration Request – North Carolina

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – NC
Requested: Oct 16

Incident: Potential Tropical Cyclone Eight
Incident Period: September 16 – 20

Requested:

- **PA:** 4 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



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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
NY – Severe Storms, Straight -Line Winds and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Sep 18
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
PR – Tropical Storm Ernesto	DR		X	X	Oct 15
NC – Potential Tropical Cyclone Eight	DR		X	X	Oct 16

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



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