

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, October 18, 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 Thunderstorms – Southern Plains, Middle/Lower Mississippi Valleys
- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding– Missouri, Illinois
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Disturbance 1: Low (30%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (10%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

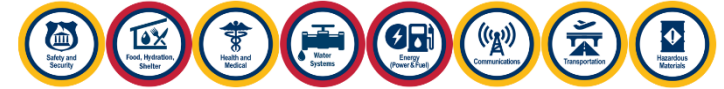
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Coastal Flooding – Alaska

AK



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Lifeline Impacts: (R10 SLB #6, as of 9:00 p.m. ET, Oct 17)

Safety & Security:

- USGS Aviation SAR efforts concluded and returned to Kodiak and Cold Bay; ready to support additional requests for assistance. The Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) are conducting their own SAR operations.
- Multiple homes reported damaged and/or destroyed in 11 communities

Food, Hydration, Shelter: 15 (+1) shelters open with 778 (-1,222) total occupants (ARC Shelter Report, as of 6:50 a.m. ET, Oct 18)

- AK is decompressing local shelters, evacuating survivors to Bethel temporarily, before transferring to Anchorage. Another C17 mission (Bethel to Anchorage) is scheduled for Oct 19

Health & Medical:

- 1 confirmed fatality
- Some village clinics running on backup generators

Energy:

- AK DHSEM delivered 17 generators on Oct 16 to the Joint Military Mobility Site, to be transported to Bethel first and ultimately to communities impacted by the floods
- Kipnuk: Council office power is operational; rest of town is without power; generator and fuels shortages reported
- Koyukuk, Nulato, and Cheforak are partially operating on generators
- Water plant in Kongiganak out of service due to downed power lines
- Nightmute: Community is without power
- Marshall: AVCP investigating reports that the community has no power or fuel

Communication:

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

Transportation:

- The AK DOT & Public Facilities using unmanned aerial systems to survey damage; completing high level rapid damage assessments in 3 communities
- The USCG established a Marine Transportation System Recovery Unit assessing ports and waterways

Hazardous Materials:

- 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
 - USGS Sector Western Alaska & US Arctic found no recoverable oil from the spill and reported no other pollution
- Nightmute: Water wells to be tested for volatile organic compound

Water Systems:

- Kwigillingok: Sewer system is being assessed for damage
- Napaskiak: Water, sewer, and wells inoperable; boil water notices issued.
- Quinagak: Raw water line severely damaged. Repairs started
- Kongiganak: Water plant out of service

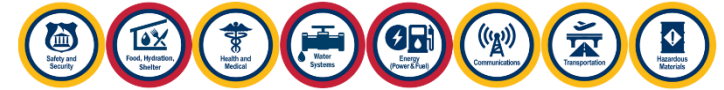


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State / Tribal / Local Response:

- 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 tribes declared a State of Emergency
- Expedited Major Disaster Declaration requested on Oct 16

FEMA / Federal Response:

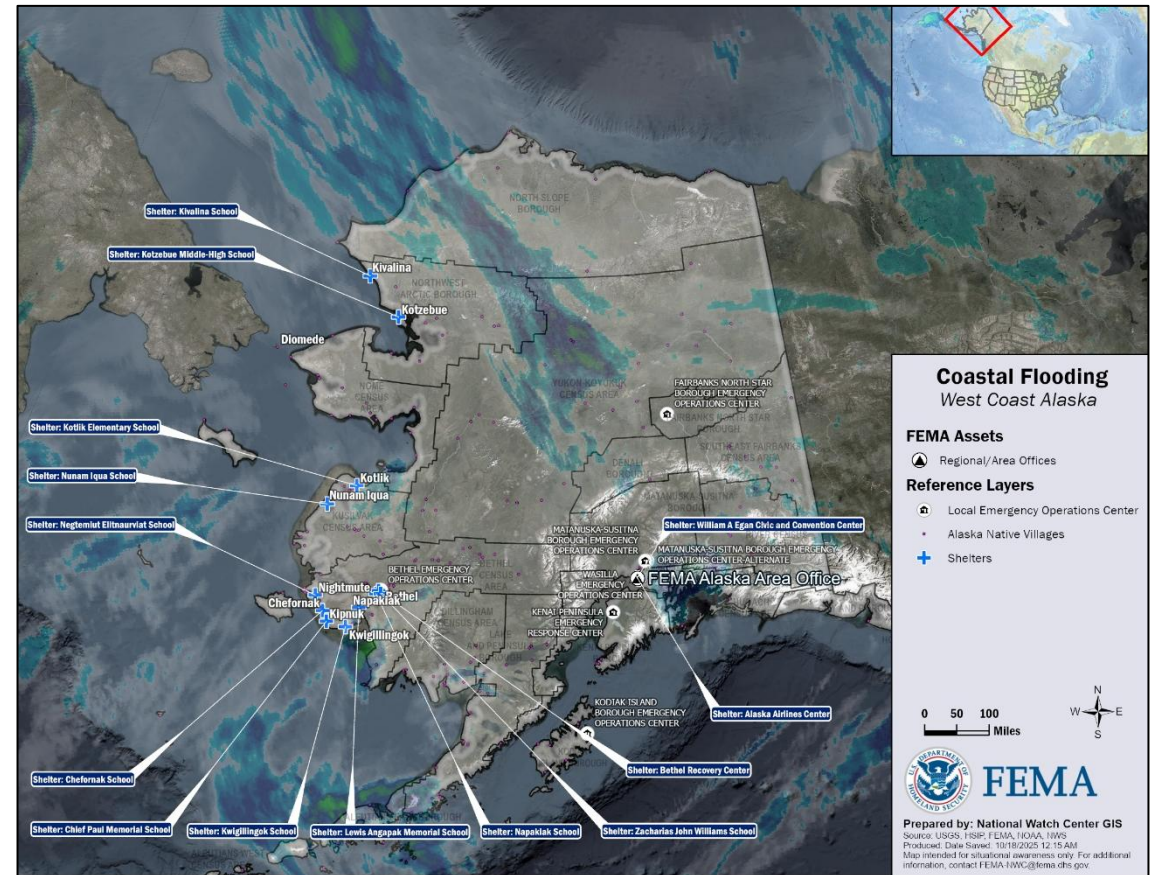
Region 10:

- 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)

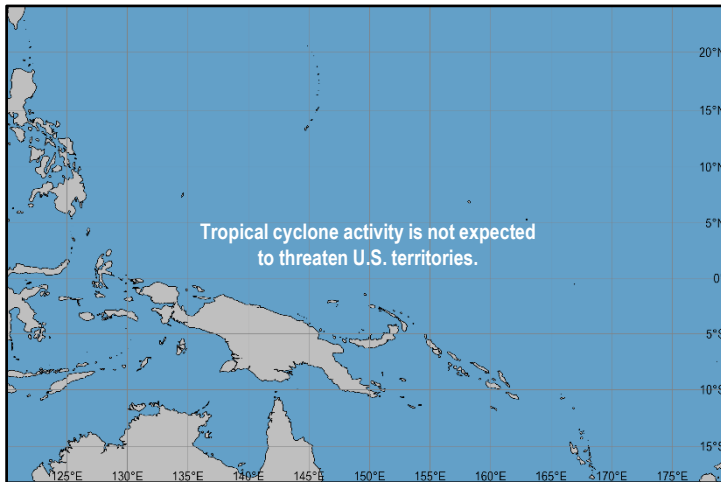
The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 10, with continued reporting in the twice daily FEMA National Situation Report (3:00 a.m. ET / 5:00 p.m. ET) and the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET).



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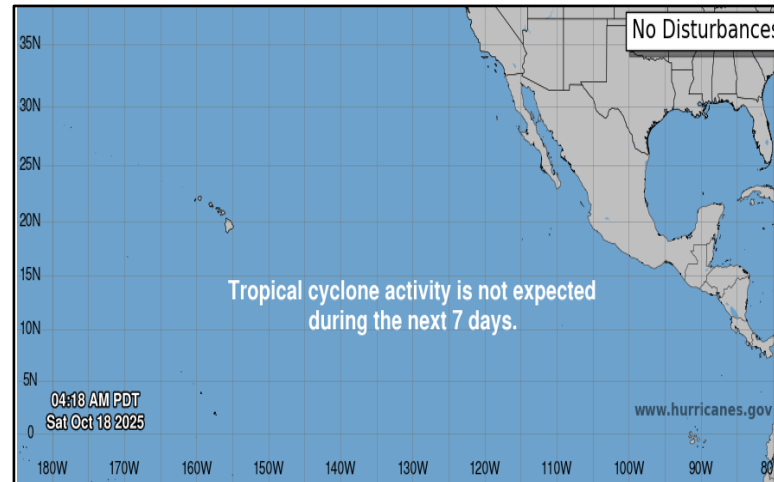
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



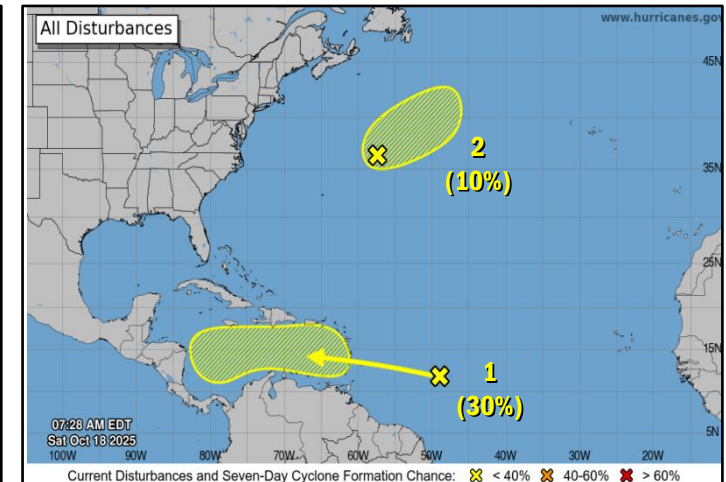
- No tropical cyclones threatening U.S. territories

Central and Eastern Pacific



- No tropical cyclone activity is expected during the next 7 days

Atlantic



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

- Located 800 miles E of the Windward Islands
- Gradual development of this system is possible during the next several days
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (0%); 7 day: Low (30%)

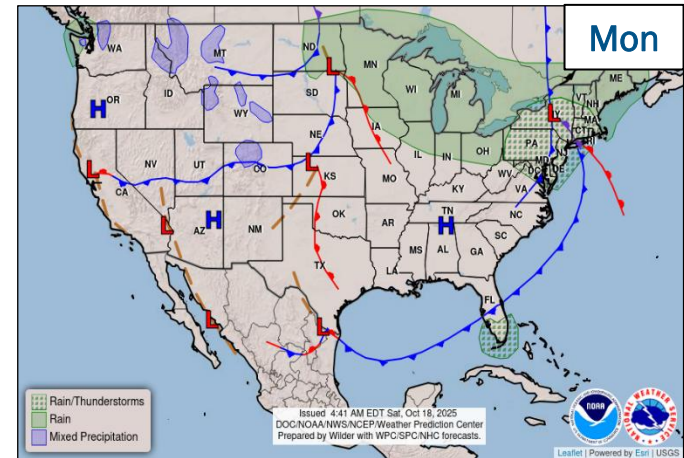
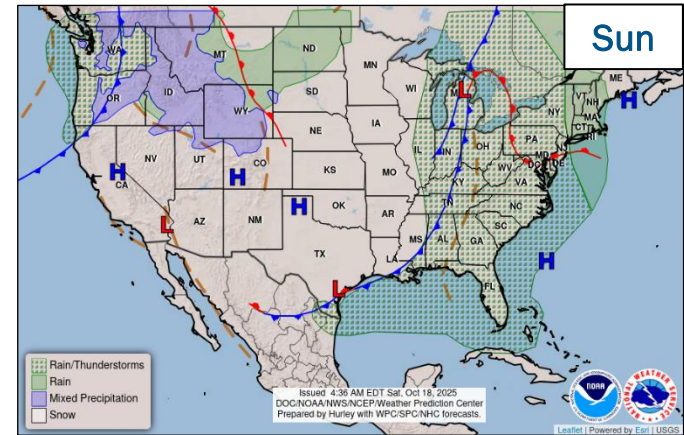
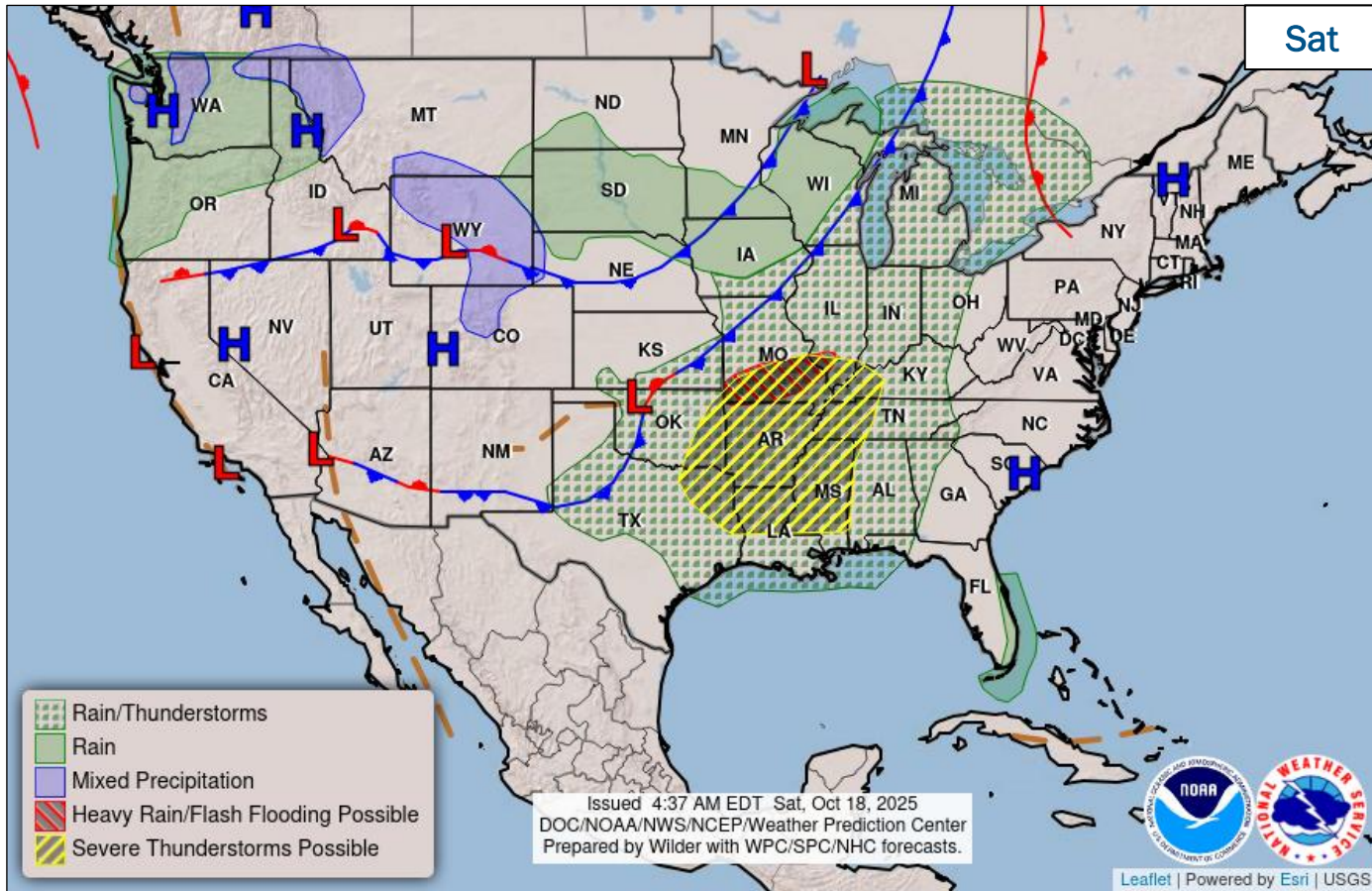
Disturbance 2: (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located several hundred miles ENE of Bermuda
- There is a slight chance that the system could develop some subtropical characteristics this weekend
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (10%); 7 day: Low (10%)



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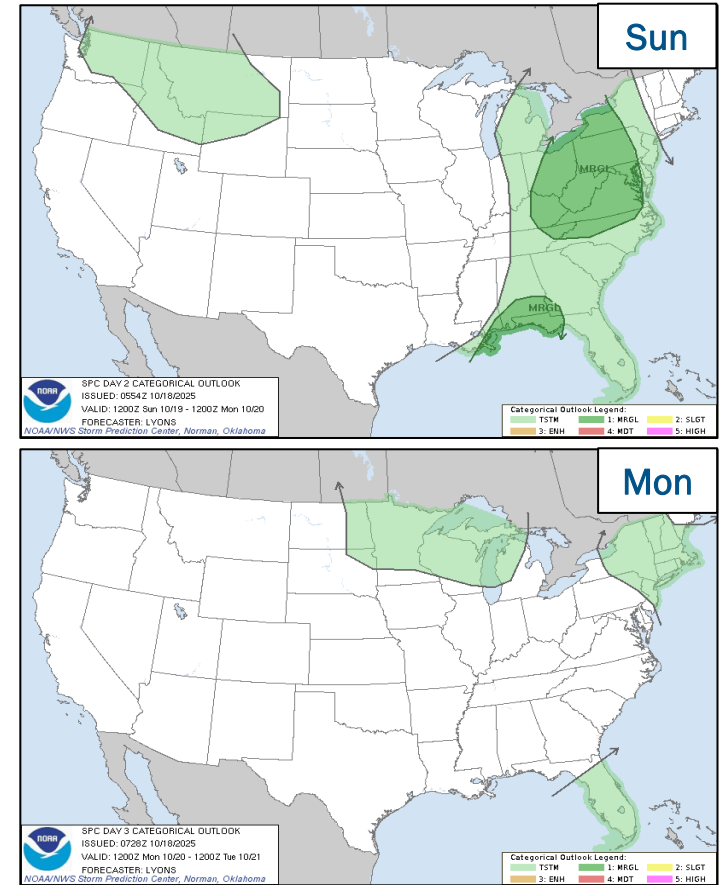
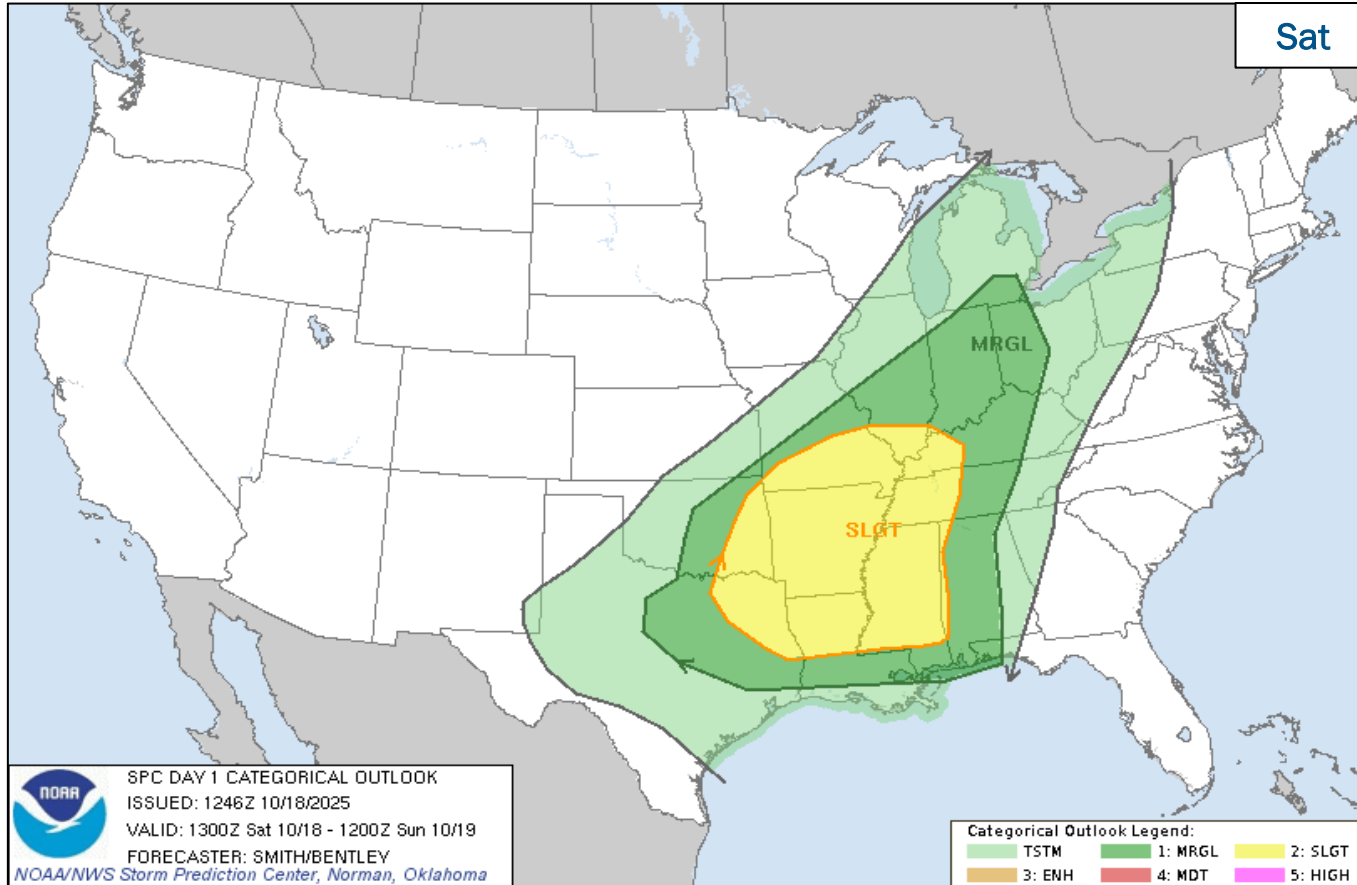
National Weather Forecast



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Severe Weather Outlook



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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)	Reconstituting
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
- OK/AL: Severe Weather
- AL: Planned Events
- WA: EMAC Support

IMATs:

- R6 Team 2: FMC Oct 20

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

Alaska

Anchorage, AK
Coastal Flooding
• R10 IMAT

Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Pasadena, CA
DR-4856-CA
• R9 IMAT-1

Guam

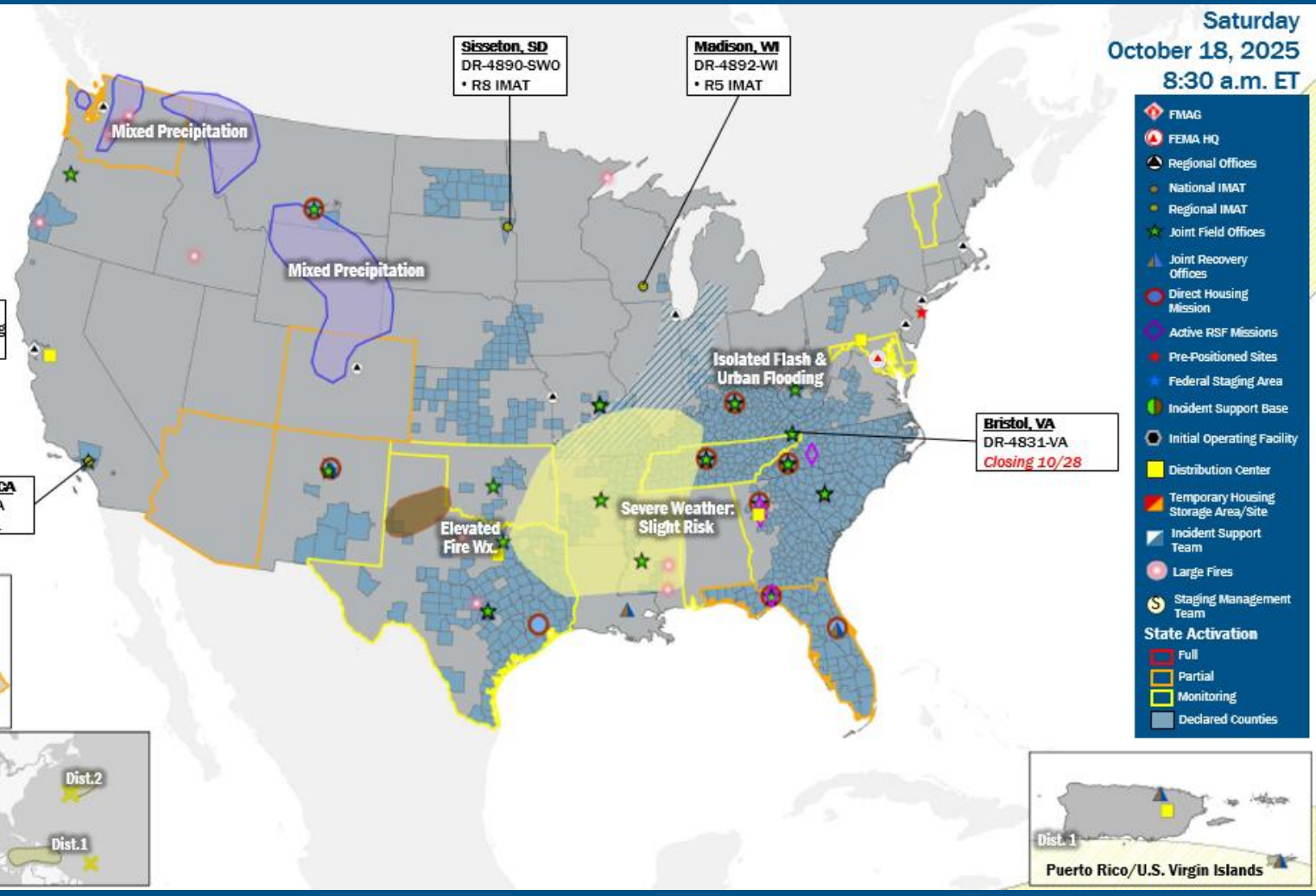
Hawaii

American Samoa

Flash and Urban Flooding Possible

Dist. 1

Dist. 2



IM Workforce

11,772 (-5) Assigned
4,245 (+6) Unavailable
3,976 (-50) Deployed

30% / 3,551 (+39) Available

IM Cadre Availability

11 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 17% (17/101); External Affairs: 19% (60/309); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 10% (69/676); Field Leadership: 11% (13/122); Financial Management: 21% (38/184); Hazard Mitigation: 13% (105/786); Human Resources: 23% (37/161); Public Assistance: 18% (380/2,077); Planning: 16% (57/360); Safety: 23% (21/91); Security: 23% (25/111)

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 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 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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