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Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, August 18, 2016

8:30 a.m. EDT

Significant Activity - August 17-18



Significant Events: Gulf Coast Flooding

Tropical Activity:

- Atlantic – Tropical Fiona
- Eastern Pacific – Disturbance 1 (70%)
- Central Pacific – Disturbance 1 (10%)
- Western Pacific – Tropical Depression 10W

Significant Weather:

- Severe Thunderstorms possible – Northern Plains and Upper Mississippi Valley
- Rain and Thunderstorms – Southwest, the Rockies, the Plains across to the Great Lakes and Southeast up to the Northeast
- Critical Fire Weather – WA; Elevated Fire Weather – WA, OR, CA, NE & KS; Isolated Dry Thunderstorms – CA, NV, OR, ID, UT & WY
- Red Flag Warnings – WA, OR, CA, ID & UT
- Space Weather – None observed over the past 24 hours; None predicted for the next 24 hours

Earthquake Activity: No significant activity

Declaration Activity: No significant activity

Flooding - Gulf Coast



Current Situation

Significant river flooding persists this week across portions of southern LA. Major flooding will mainly be focused along portions of the Amite, Vermilion, Mermentau and Calcasieu Rivers; flood conditions likely to persist into next week.

Scattered showers and thunderstorms remain in the forecast, however no additional significant impacts are expected at this time.

Impacts

- No additional fatalities reported
- Shelters: 29 (-4) shelters with 4,034 occupants (-3,001 occupants)*
- Cellular service continues to improve with 90-96% operational status
- CMS Health Care Facilities**:
 - 2 (+1) hospitals closed; 12 (+6) nursing homes closed/evacuated
 - 1 long term care facility closed
 - 45 (+26) Intermittent Care Facilities closed/evacuated
 - 13 (+5) Dialysis Centers closed
- 15k (-23k) power outages***
- Preliminary damage estimates based on GIS imagery indicates:
 - 135k total affected households; 344k impacted population
 - 27k homes within 2 inch flood inundation zone
 - 226k Individual Assistance registrations



Photo from: Civil Air Patrol; taken August 16, 2016

* ARC Report 7:04a.m. EDT

** HHS SITREP 7:00 p.m. EDT, Aug 17

*** DOE EAGLE-I report, as of 5:00 p.m. EDT

Flooding - Gulf Coast Response



State Response

- LA Governor declared State of Emergency / EOC at Full Activation
- 2,891 (+131) National Guard conducting 24 hour operations

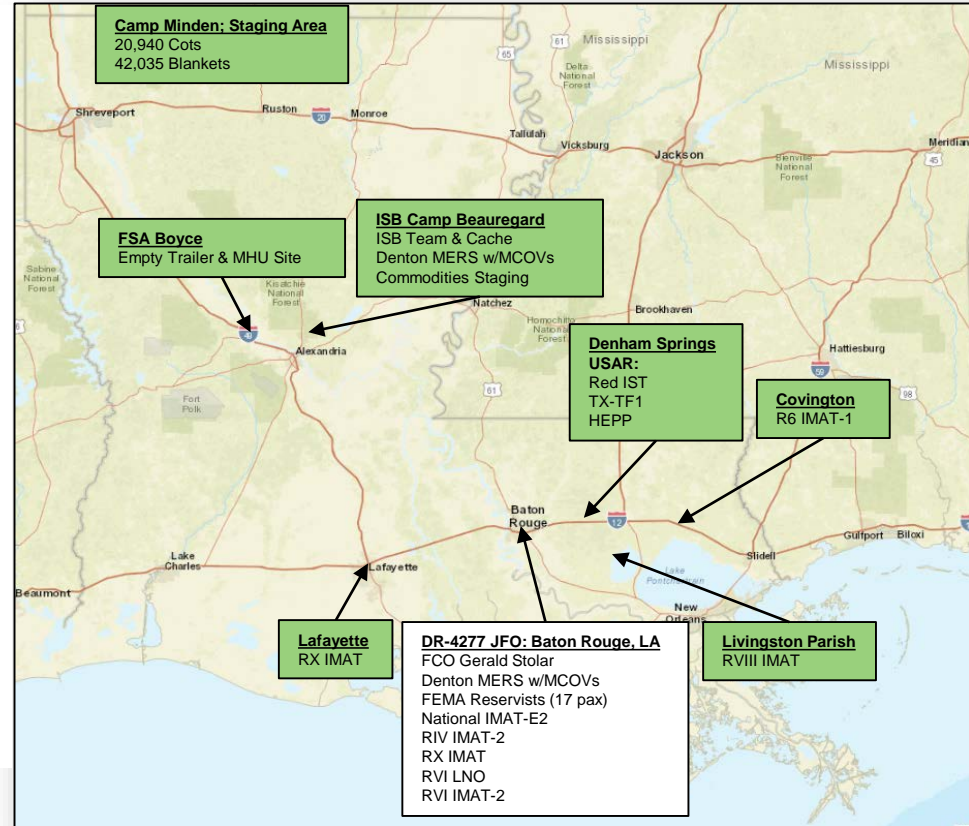
Federal Response

FEMA Region VI

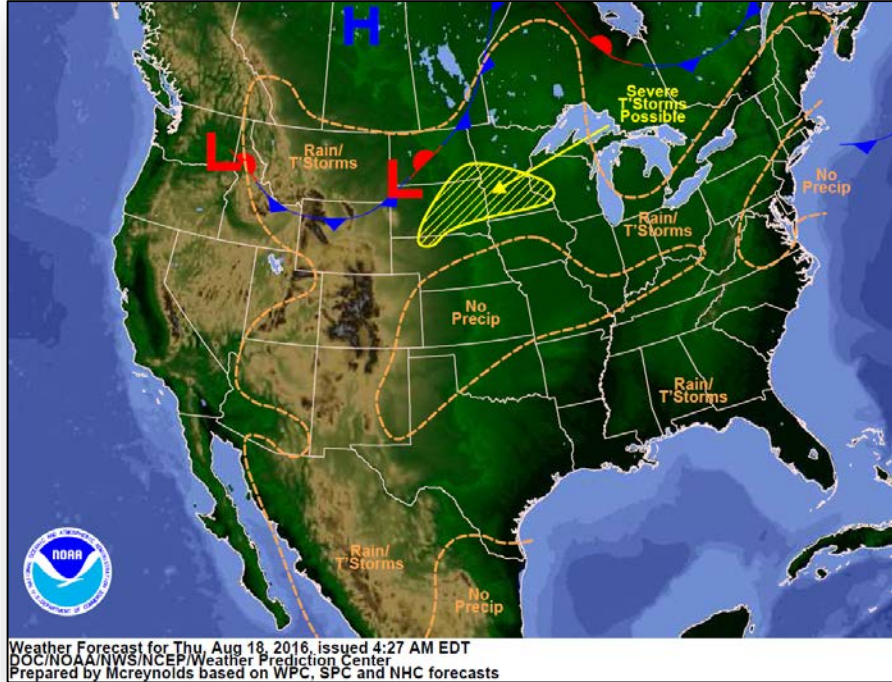
- RWC at Enhanced Watch (day shift only)
- RRCC at Level II (24/7)
- IMAT-1 to Covington, LA
- IMAT-2 to Baton Rouge, LA
- LNOs deployed to LA

FEMA Headquarters

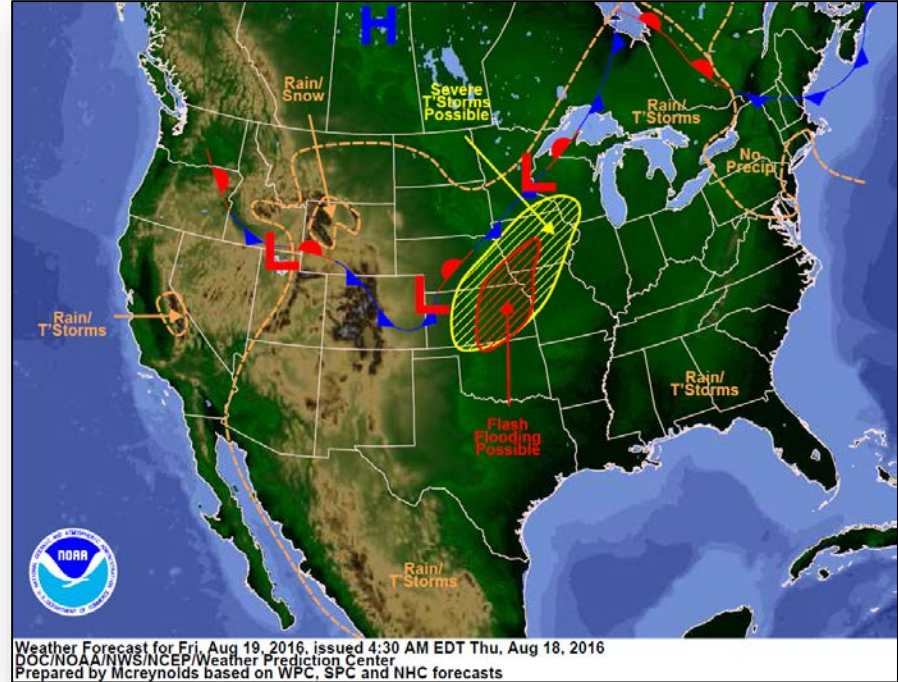
- NWC at Enhanced Watch (day shift only)
- Major Disaster Declaration approved August 14, 2016 (DR-4277-LA)
- ISB at Camp Beauregard (Pineville, LA)
- 37 MERS personnel (Denton, Denver, Thomasville)
- 17- MCOV, 2-MEOV, 1-IRV mobilized and deployed
- National IMAT East-2 deployed to Baton Rouge, LA (JFO)
- Region IV IMAT-2 deployed to Baton Rouge, LA
- Region VIII IMAT deployed to Livingston Parish, LA
- Region X IMAT deployed to Lafayette, LA
- Red US&R Red IST, HEPP, and TX-TF1 deployed to Denham Springs, LA



National Weather Forecast

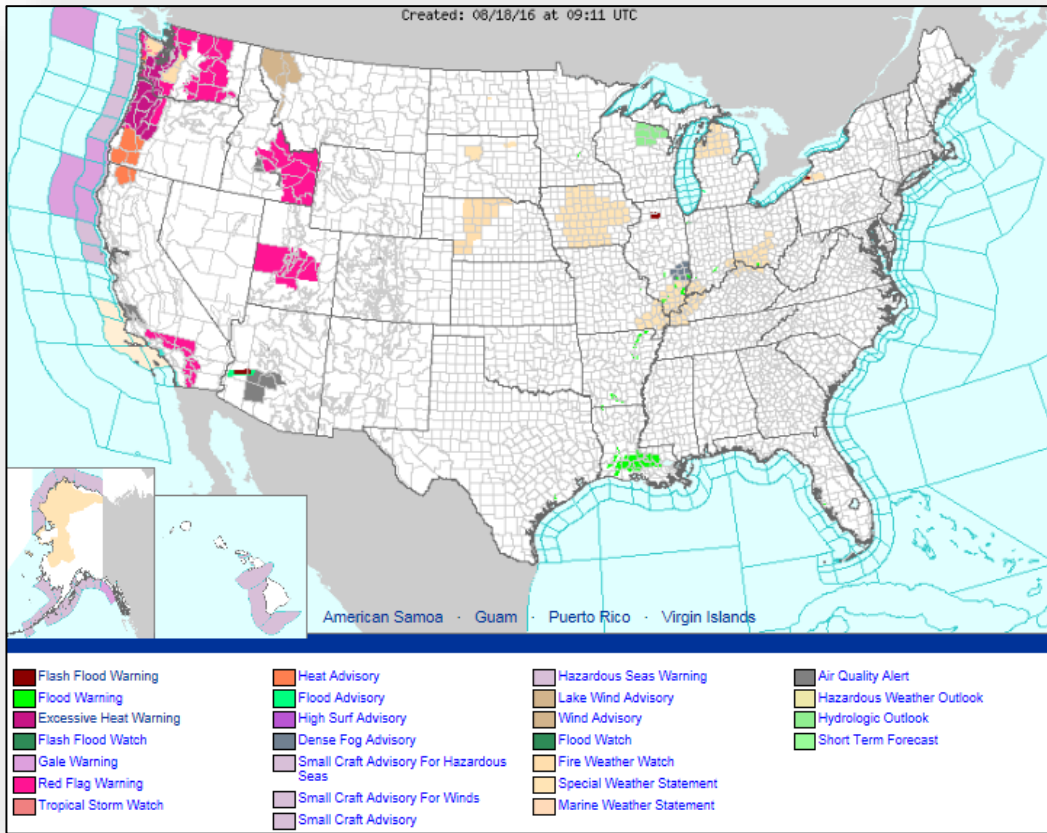


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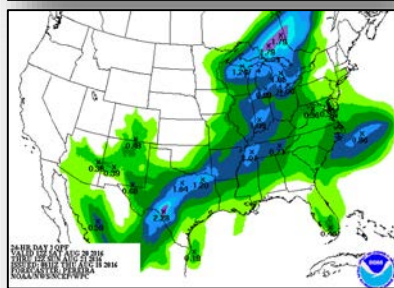
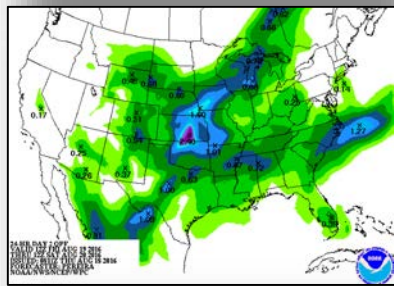
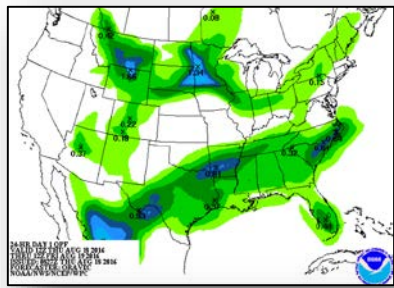
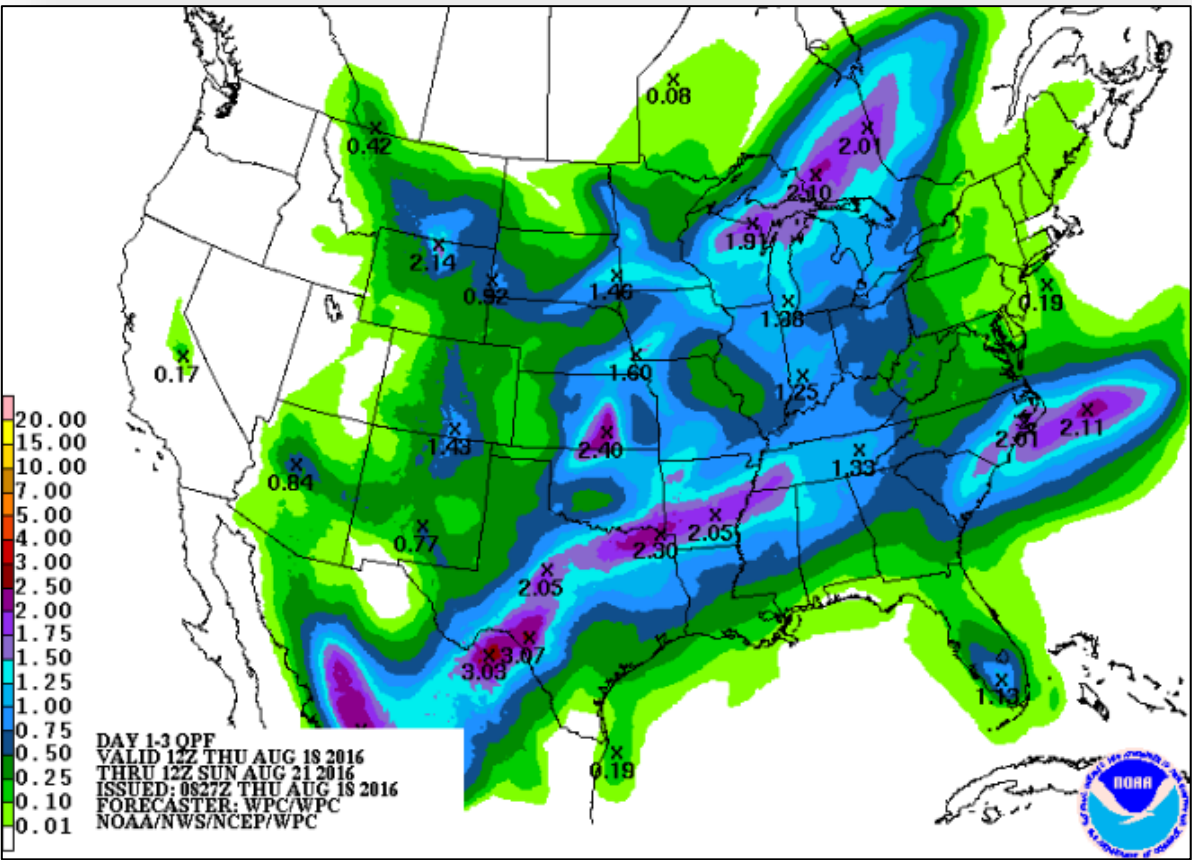


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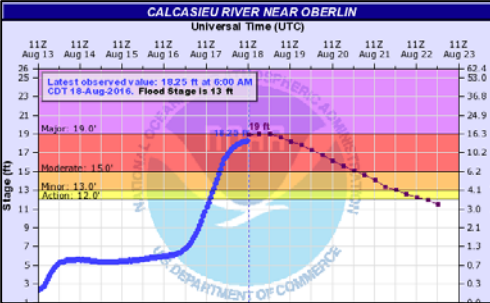
Active Watches & Warnings



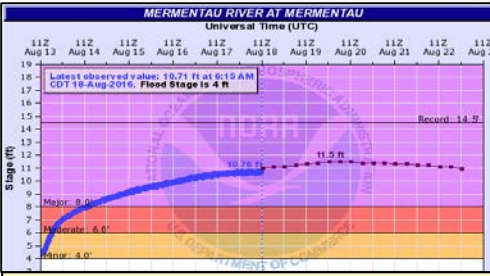
Precipitation Forecast - Days 1-3



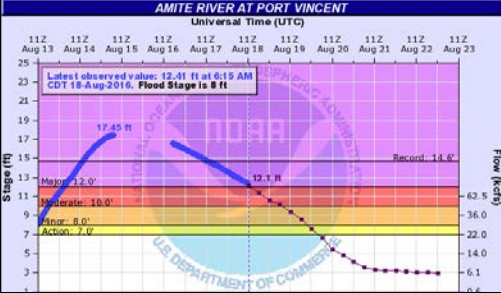
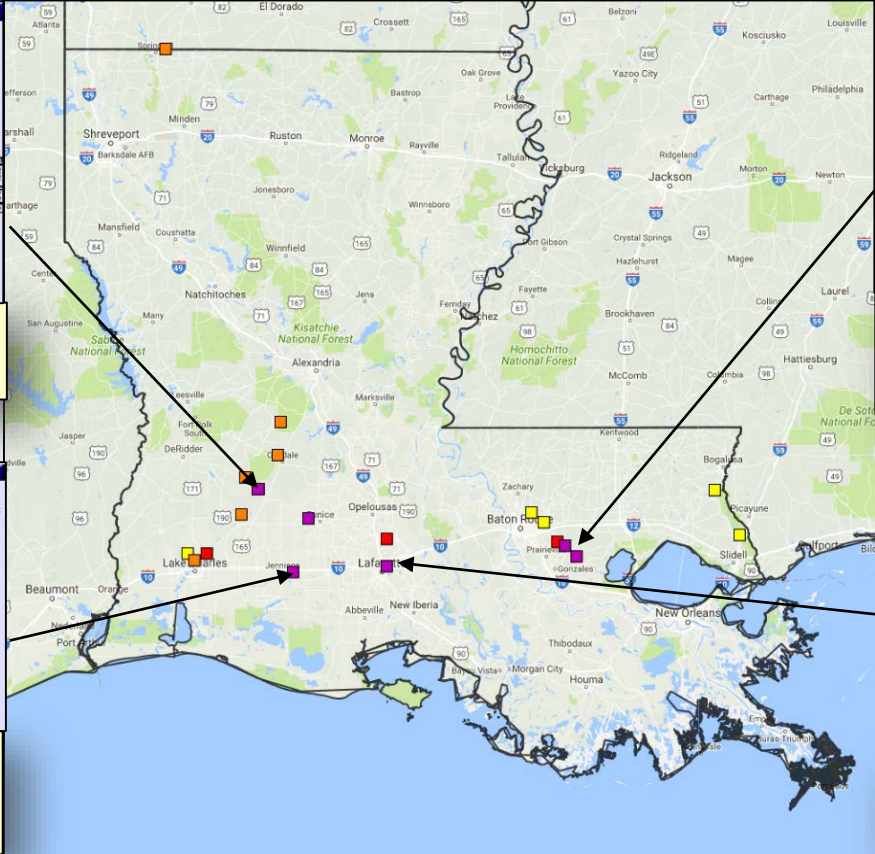
River Flood Outlook



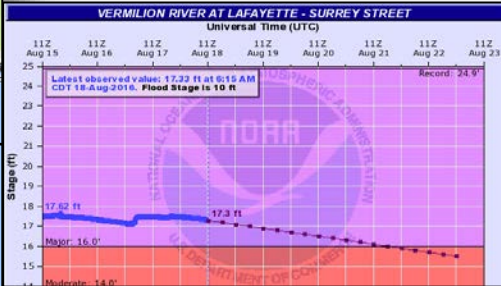
Homes and secondary roads near the river will be affected. Expected to crest above major flood stage today



Widespread major flooding will occur with residential flooding in and around the Mermentau and Lake Arthur areas; numerous roads impacted

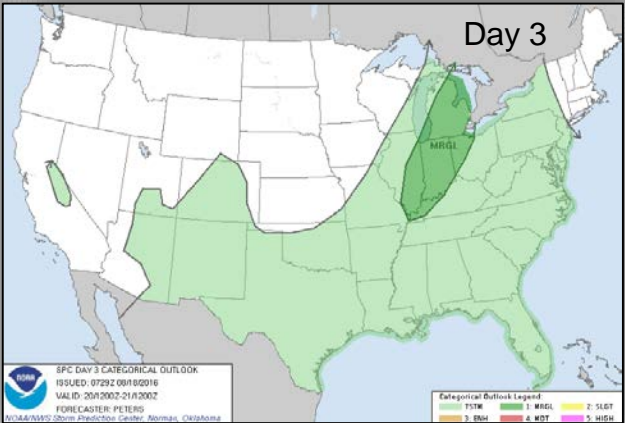
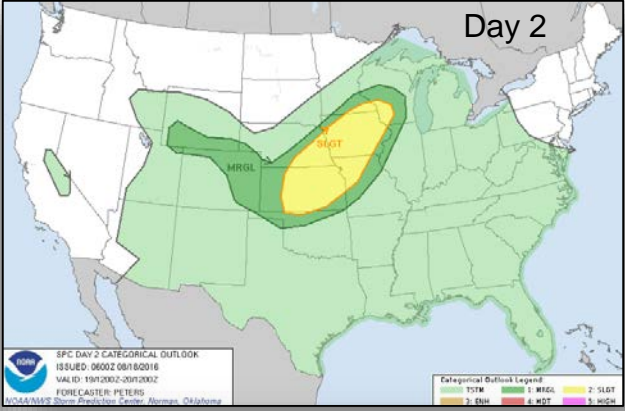


Grays Creek and the main channel of the Amite River will merge. Saint Amant Swamp will be inundated. Streets will flood in Port Vincent. There will be minor flooding of residential areas

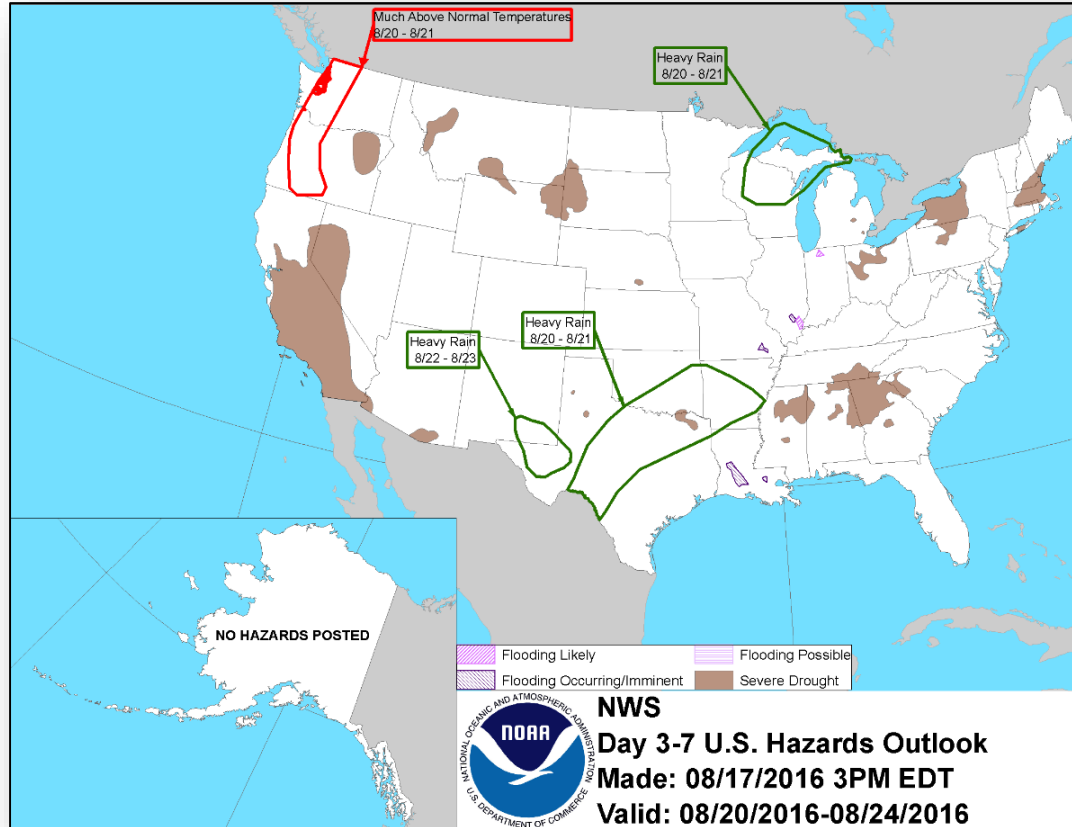


Several roads and residences flooded near the river, including locations south of Lafayette to the Gulf Coast

Severe Weather Outlook - Days 1-3



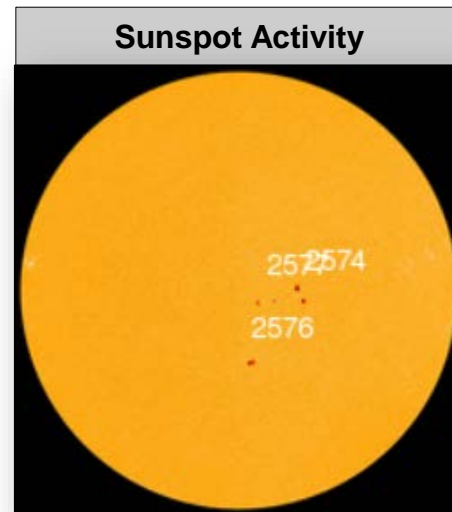
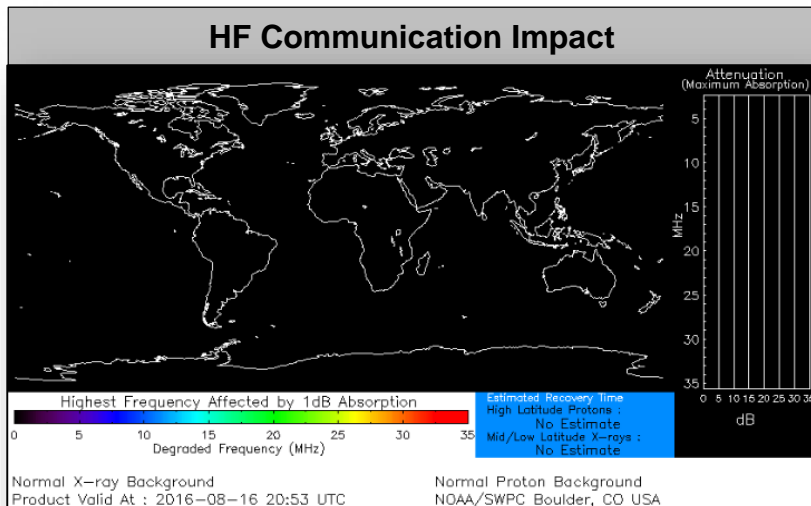
Hazards Outlook - August 20-24



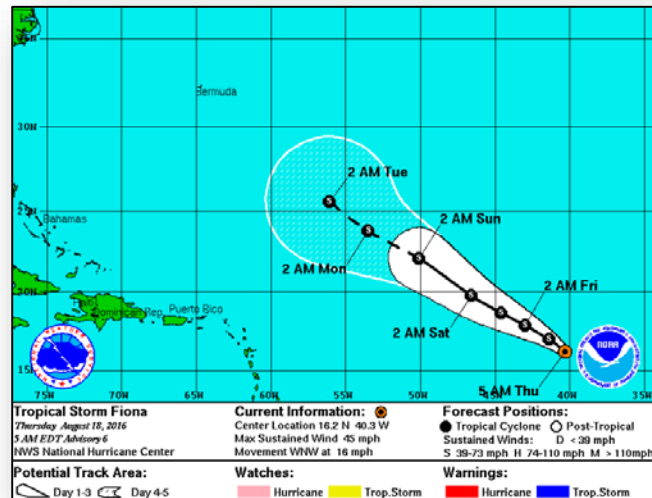


Space Weather

	Past 24 Hours	Current	Next 24 Hours
Space Weather Activity	None	None	None
Geomagnetic Storms	None	None	None
Solar Radiation Storms	None	None	None
Radio Blackouts	None	None	None

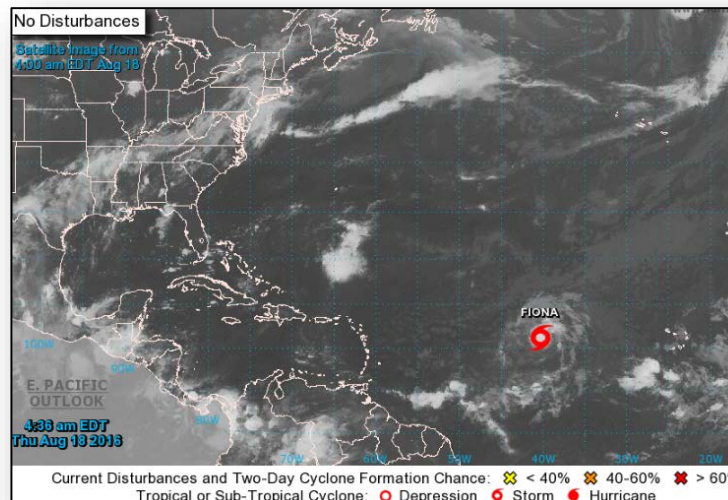


Tropical Outlook - Atlantic

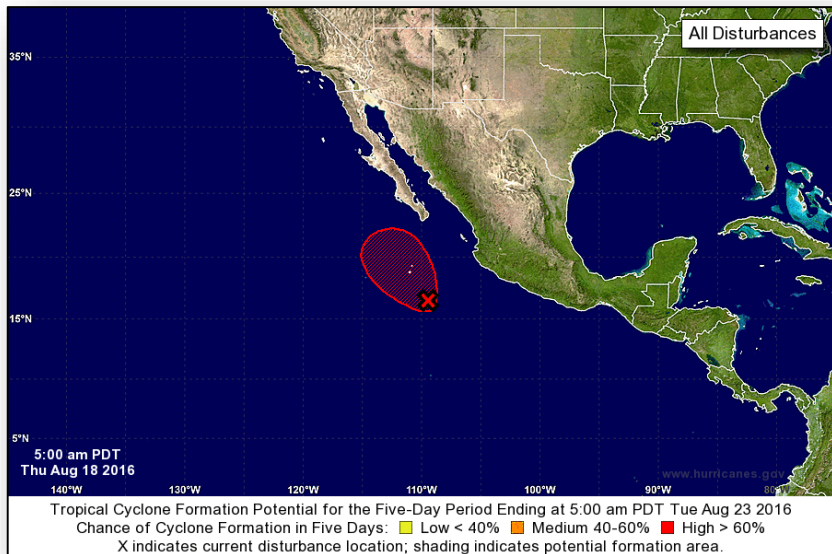


Tropical Storm Fiona (Advisory #6 as of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located about 1,080 miles W of Cape Verde Islands; moving WNW at 16 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 45 mph; with higher gusts
- Some additional strengthening possible today, followed by slow weakening by the weekend
- Tropical-Storm-Force winds extend outward up to 35 miles



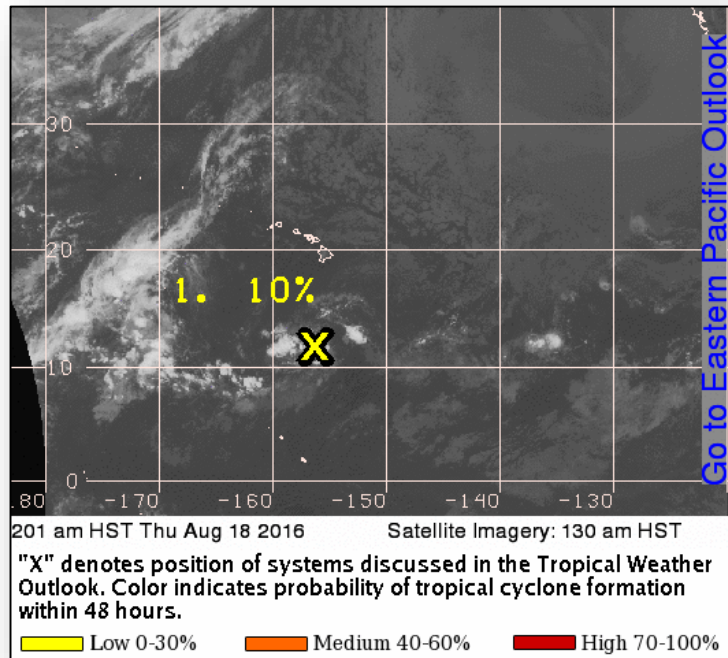
Tropical Outlook - Eastern Pacific



Disturbance 1 (As of 8:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located 350 miles WSW of Manzanillo, Mexico
- Slow development possible; moving NW
- Formation chance through 48 hours: High (70%)
- Formation chance through 5 days: High (70%)

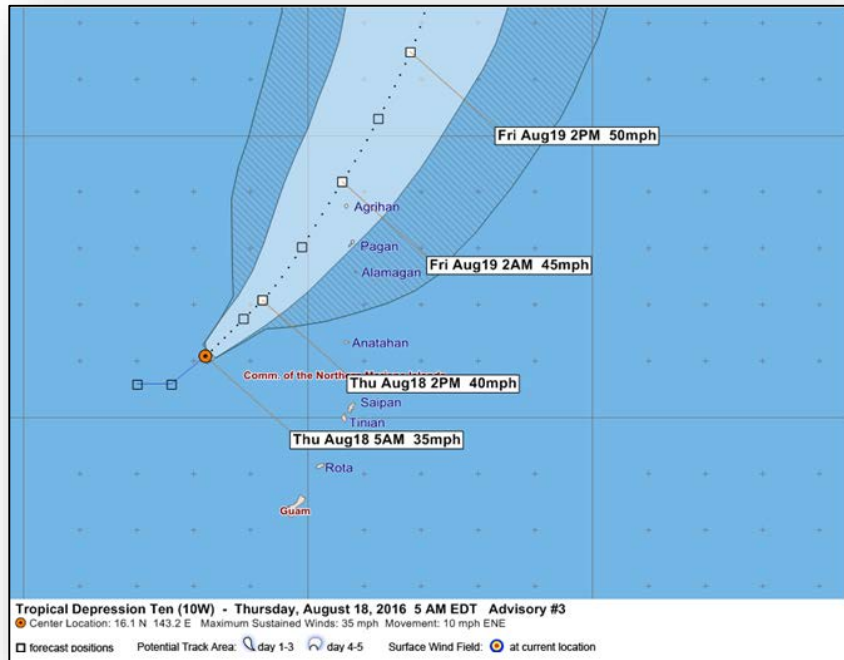
Tropical Outlook - Central Pacific



Disturbance 1 (As of 8:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located 560 SSW of Hilo, HI; moving W
- Development if any will be slow to occur
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Low (10%)

Tropical Outlook - Western Pacific



Tropical Depression 10W (As of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located 180 WNW of Saipan
- Moving NE at 10 mph; max sustain winds 30mph
- Tropical Storm watch for Tinian and Saipan

Wildfire Summary



Fire Name (County)	FMAG #	Acres burned	% Contained	Evacuations (Residents)	Structures Threatened	Structures Damaged / Destroyed	Fatalities / Injuries
California (4)							
Soberanes Fire (FINAL) (Monterey County)	FEMA-5137-FM-CA	76,683 (+666)	60%	Mandatory (10)	410 (400 homes)	5 (3 homes) / 68 (57 homes)	1 / 3
Clayton Fire (Lake County)	FEMA-5145-FM-CA	3,929 (-71)	50% (+15%)	Mandatory (800)	320 (-60)	26 (14 Homes) / 175 homes	0 / 0
Chimney Fire (San Luis Obispo County)	FEMA-5146-FM-CA	8,000 (+1,100)	25% (+5%)	Mandatory (250)	232 (220 homes)	7 (4 Homes) / 45 (32 homes)	0 / 0
Blue Cut Fire (San Bernardino County)	FEMA-5147-FM-CA	25,625 (+7,625)	4%	Mandatory (82,649)	34,506 (homes)	Unk / Unk	0 / 2

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



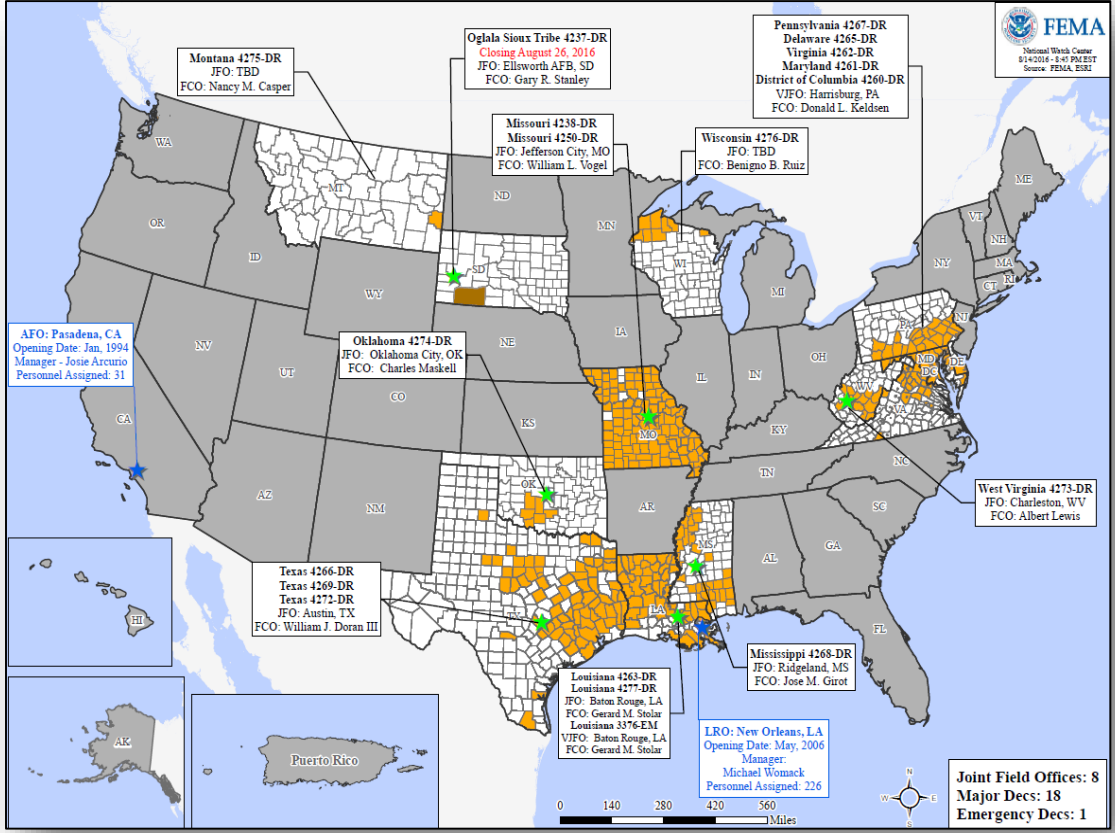
Region	State / Location	Event	I/PA	Number of Counties		Start - End
				Requested	Complete	
III	MD	Severe Weather & Heavy Rains July 30, 2016	PA	1	0	8/4-TBD

Disaster Requests & Declarations



Declaration Requests in Process		Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
2	Date Requested	0	0
MD – DR Severe Storms and Flooding	August 12, 2016		
FL – EM (Appeal) Toxic Algae Blooms	August 14, 2016		

Open Field Offices as of August 18, 2016



FEMA Readiness - Deployable Teams & Assets



Deployable Teams & Assets									
Resource	Status	Total	FMC Available		Partially Available	Not Available	Detailed, Deployed, Activated	Comments	Rating Criterion
FCO	Yellow	36	13	36%	0	1	22		OFDC Readiness: FCO Green Yellow Red Type 1 3+ 2 1 Type 2 4+ 3 2 Type 3 4 3 2 FDRC 3 2 1
FDRC	Green	10	4	40%	0	1	5		
US&R	Green	28	26	93%	1	0	1	NJ-TF1: Partially Mission Capable TX-TF1: Deployed to Denham Springs, LA (DR-4277) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RED IST HEPP (IN-TF1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green = Available/FMC Yellow = Available/PMC Red = Out-of-Service Blue = Assigned/Deployed
National IMAT	Yellow	3	2	66%	0	0	1	East 1: Green – Available (Deployed to PR – Exercise) East 2: Blue – Deployed (JFO Baton Rouge, LA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green: 3 available Yellow: 1-2 available Red: 0 avail (<i>Individual N-IMAT red if 50% of Section Chiefs and/or Team Leader is unavailable for deployment.</i>)
Regional IMAT	Yellow	13	6	46%	0	0	7	<u>Deployed:</u> Region III: Deployed to WV (4273-WV) Region IV: Team 2 Deployed to LA (DR-4277-LA) Region VI: Team 1 Deployed to LA (DR-4277-LA) Region VI: Team 2 Deployed to LA (DR-4277-LA) Region VIII: Team 1 Deployed to LA (DR-4277-LA) Region IX: Team 2 Deployed to American Samoa (Exercise) Region X: Deployed to LA (DR-4277-LA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green: >6 teams available Yellow: 4 - 6 teams available Red: < 4 teams available R-IMAT also red if TL Ops/Log Chief is unavailable & has no qualified replacement
MERS Teams	Yellow	18	7	39%	0	0	11	<u>Deployed:</u> Thomasville 1 Team: LA (DR-4277) Denton 4 Teams / Denver: 3 Teams: LA (DR-4277) Bothell: American Samoa (Region IX Exercise) Maynard: PR (Zika UCG) Denver: Superior, WI (DR-4276)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green = >66% available Yellow = 33% to 66% available Red = <33% available

FEMA Readiness - National & Regional Teams



National/Regional Teams									
Resource	Status	Total	FMC Available		Partially Available	Not Available	Status	Comments	Rating Criterion
NWC		5	5	100%	0	0	Activated	Enhanced Watch (Day Shift only - 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EDT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green = FMC • Yellow = PMC • Red = NMC
NRCC		2	2	100%	0	0	Not Activated		
HLT		1	1	100%	0	0	Activated		
DEST							Not Activated		
RRCCs		10	9	90%	0	1	Activated	Region VI at Level II (24/7)	
RWCs/MOCs		10	9	90%	0	1	Activated	Region VI at Enhanced Watch (day shift only)	



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