

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Monday, September 14, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations:

- No new significant incidents / operations

Hazard Monitoring:

- Severe Thunderstorms – Central Plains to Upper Mississippi Valley
- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Southwest, Middle Mississippi Valley to Upper Midwest
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic
 - Disturbance 1: Low (30%)
 - Eastern and Central Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Norbert
 - Tropical Depression Fifteen-E
 - Western Pacific:
 - Invest 90W (Med)

Disaster Declaration Activity:

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring:

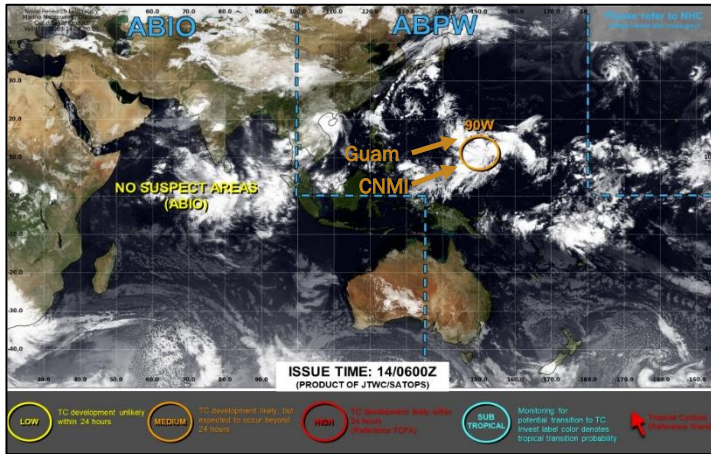
- No new significant events



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Tropical Outlook

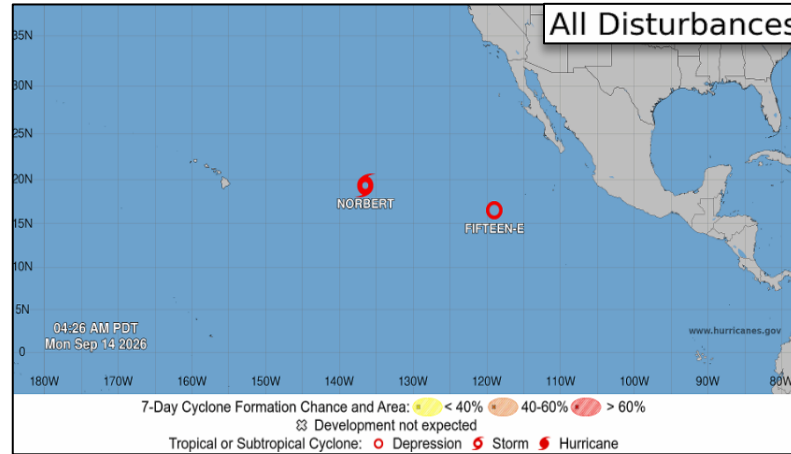
Western Pacific



Invest 90W:

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Eastern and Central Pacific



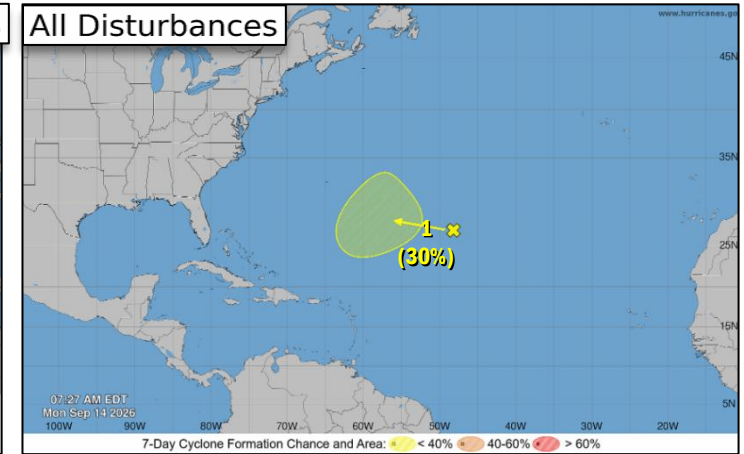
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Tropical Depression Fifteen-E: (Advisory #3, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

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Atlantic



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

- Located 1,000 mi ESE of Bermuda
- Moving WNW
- Conditions could become more favorable for gradual development by the middle to latter part of the week
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Low (30%)



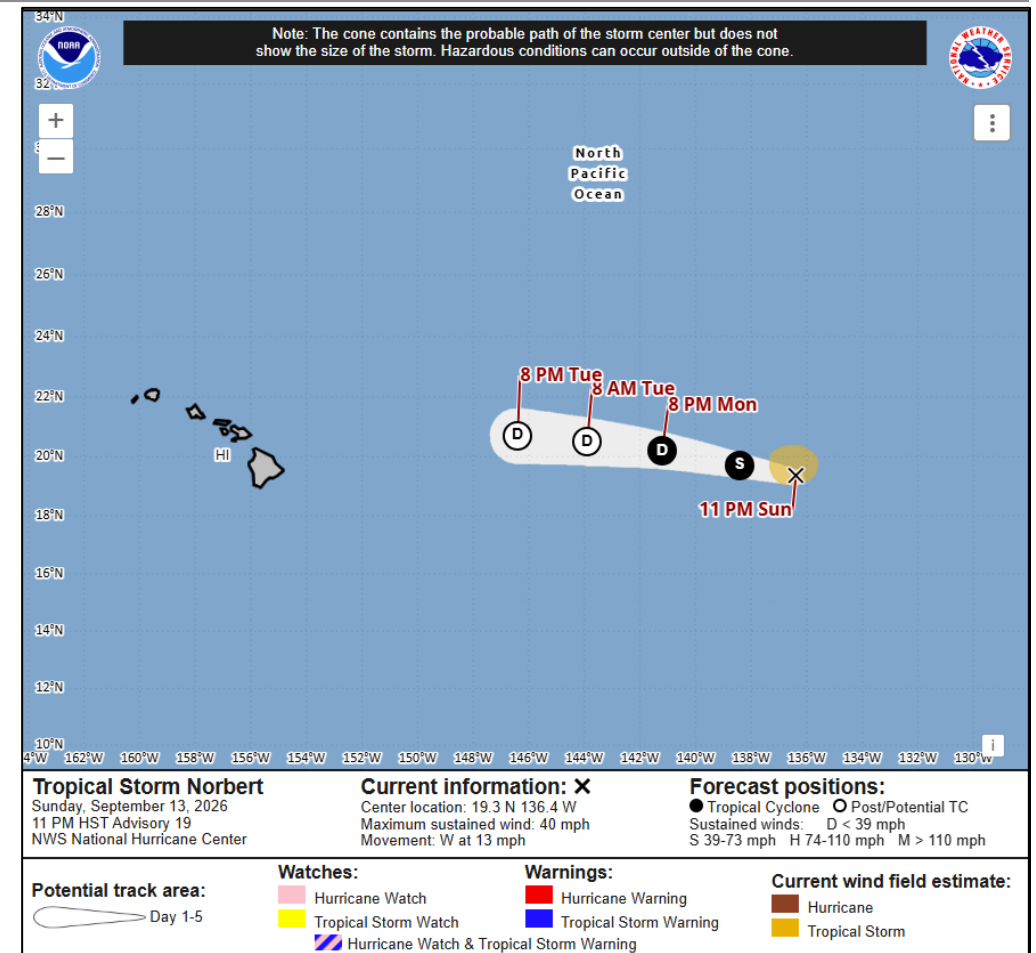
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Tropical Storm Norbert – Eastern Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #19, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 1,215 miles E of Hilo, HI
- Moving W at 13 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 40 mph
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward for 80 miles from center
- Some intensity fluctuations are possible, but a gradual weakening trend is forecast during the next couple of days



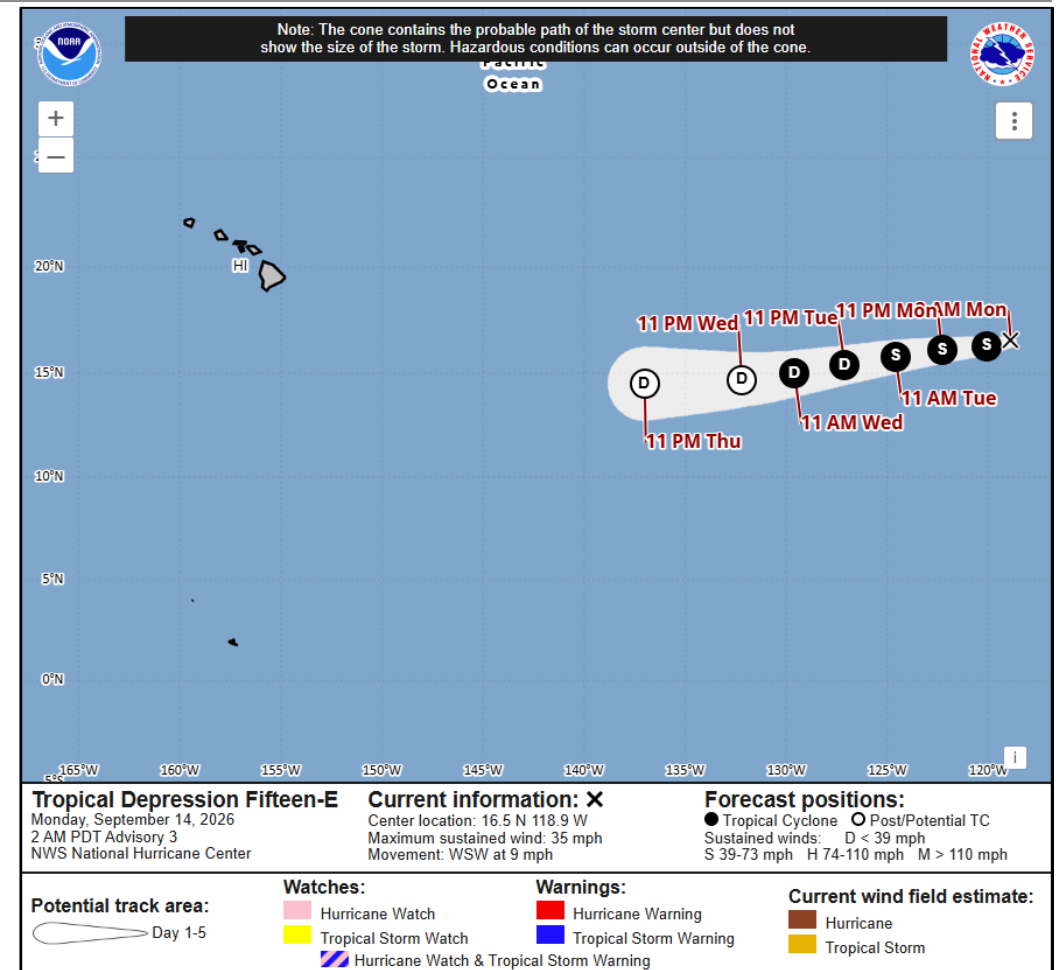
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Tropical Depression Fifteen-E – Eastern Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #3, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 735 miles SW of the southern tip of Baja, California
- Moving WSW at 9 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 35 mph
- Some slight strengthening is forecast, and the depression could become a tropical storm later today



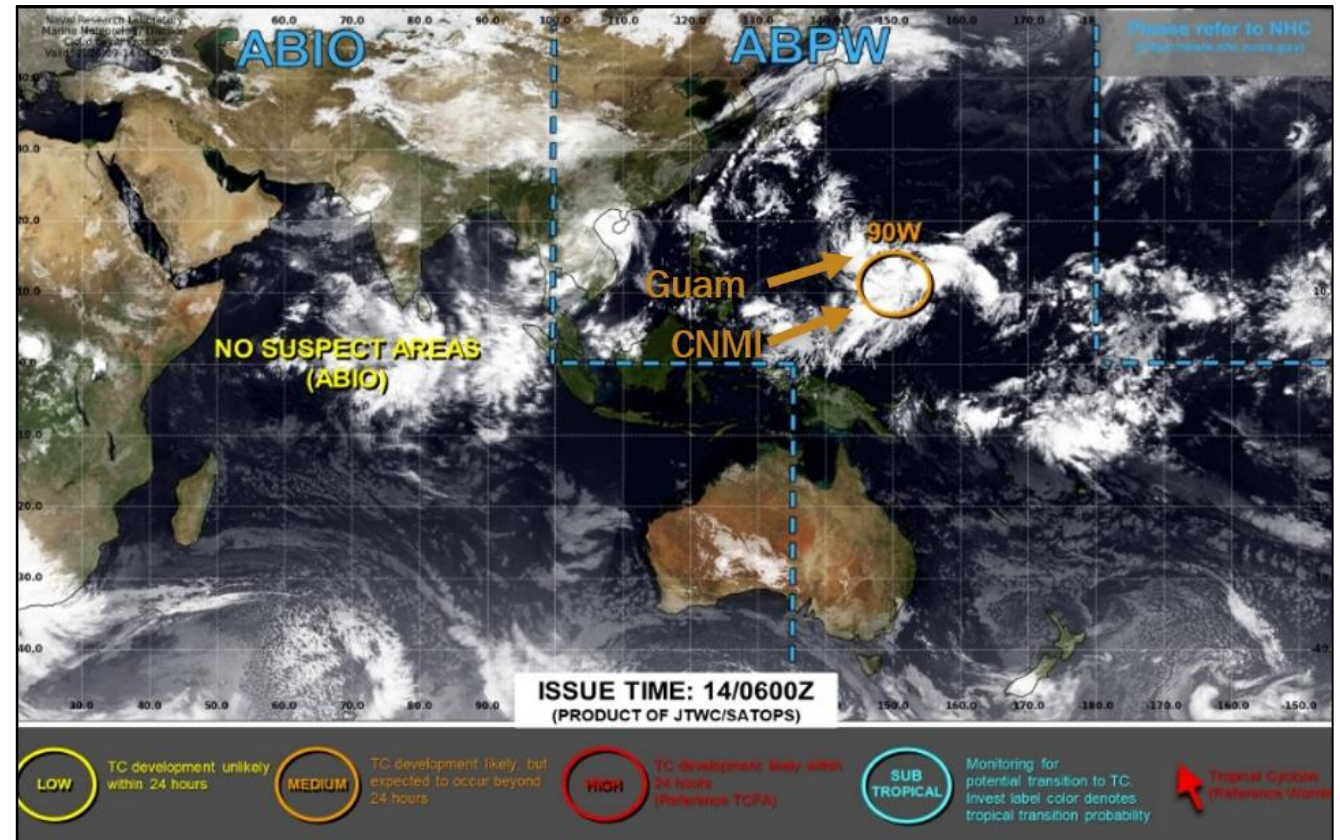
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Invest 90W – Western Pacific

Situation: (Advisory #1, as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

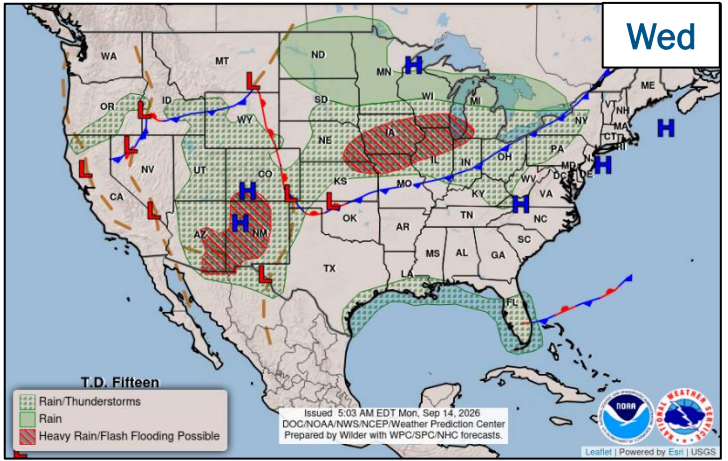
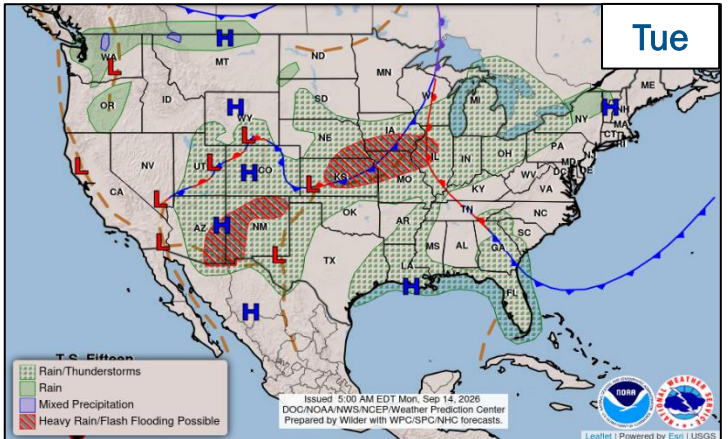
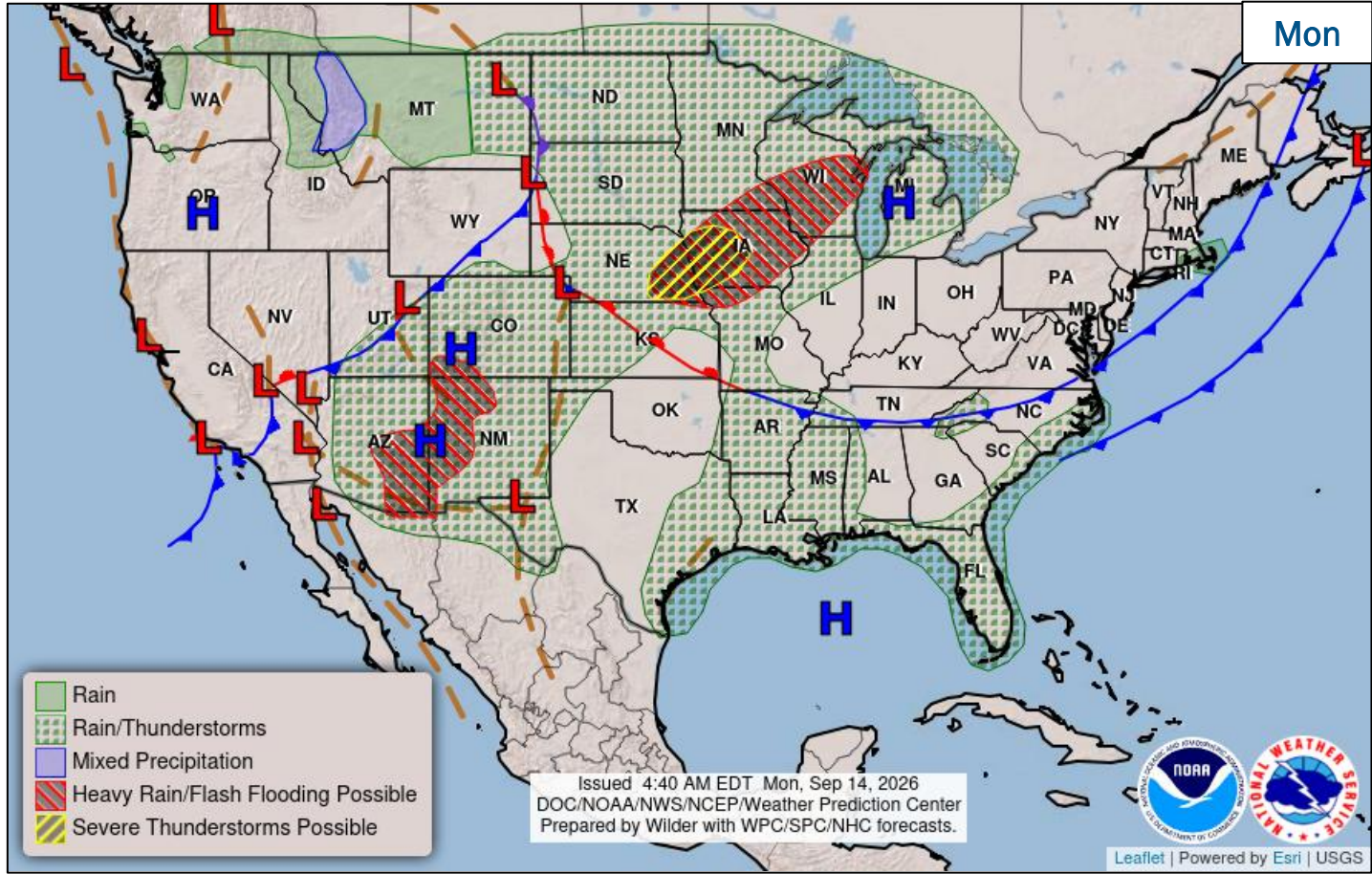
- Located 394 miles N of Chuuk
- Maximum sustained winds at 15-20 mph
- Highly favorable conditions for development



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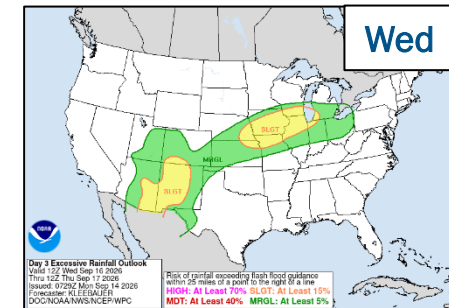
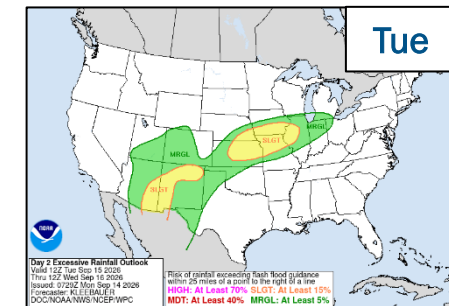
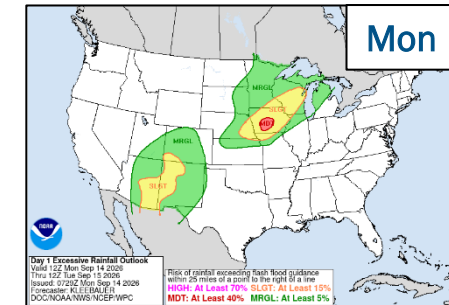
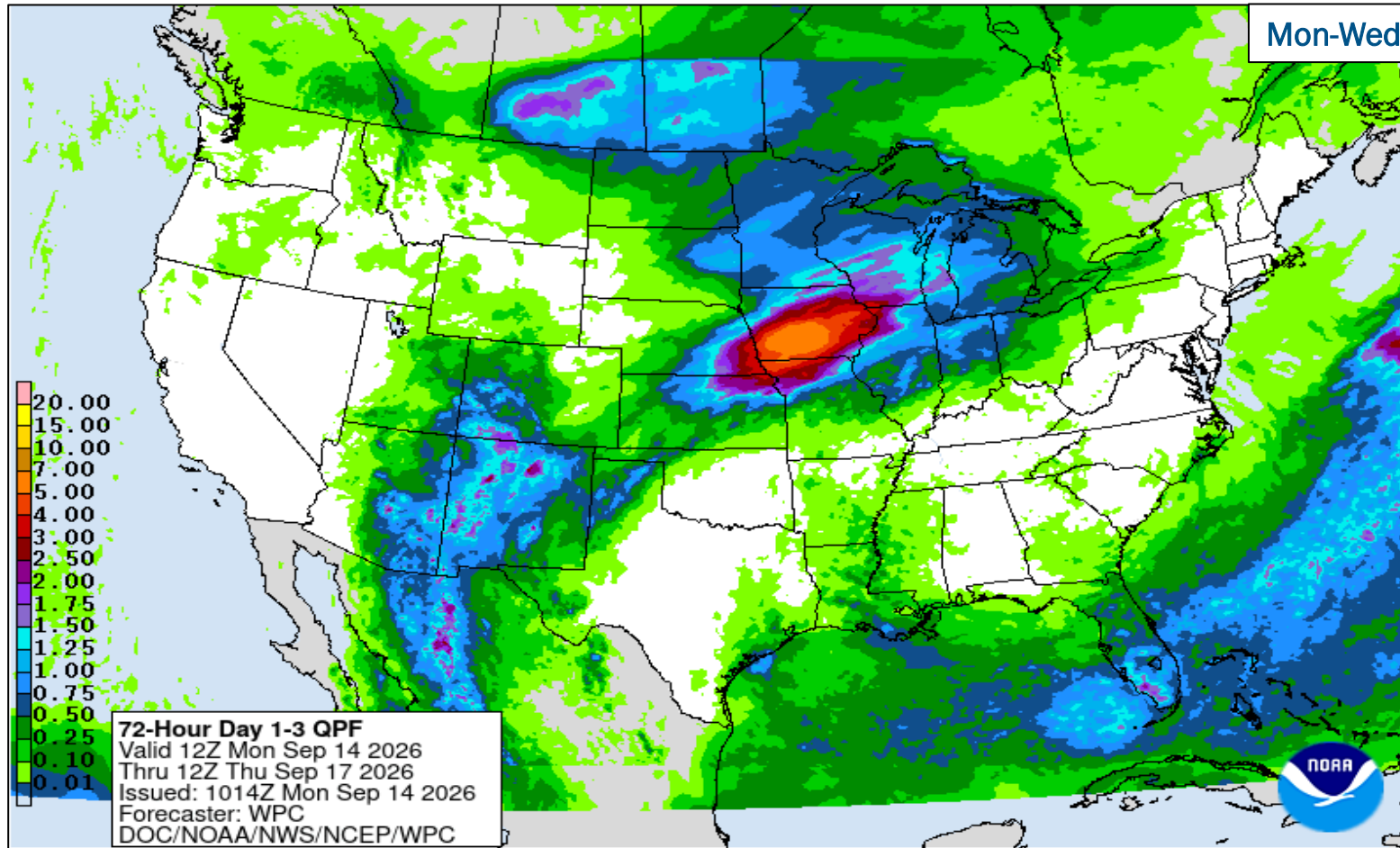
National Weather Forecast



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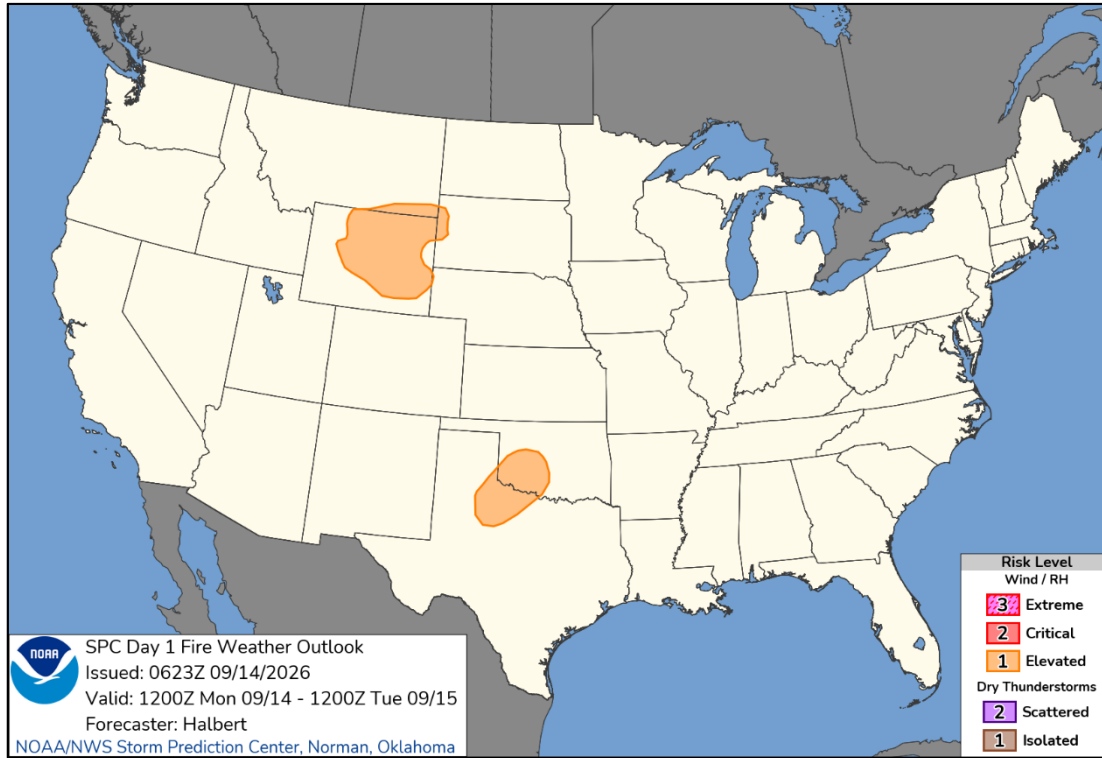
Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



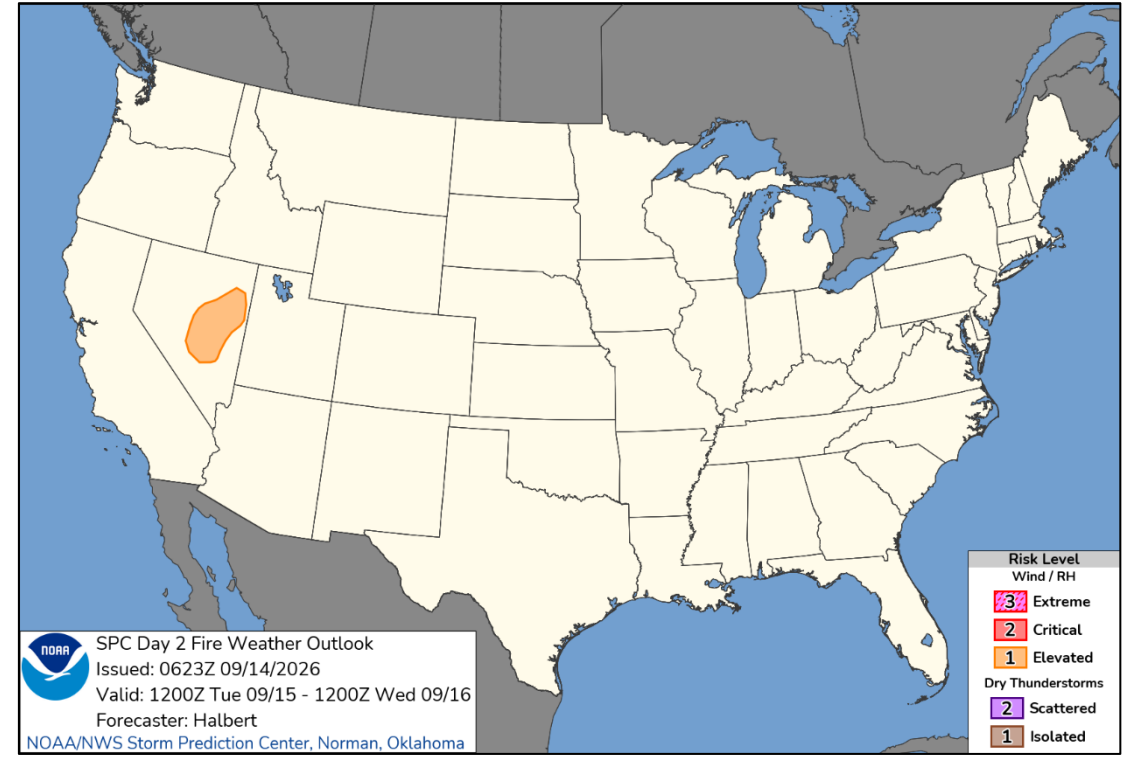
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



Tomorrow



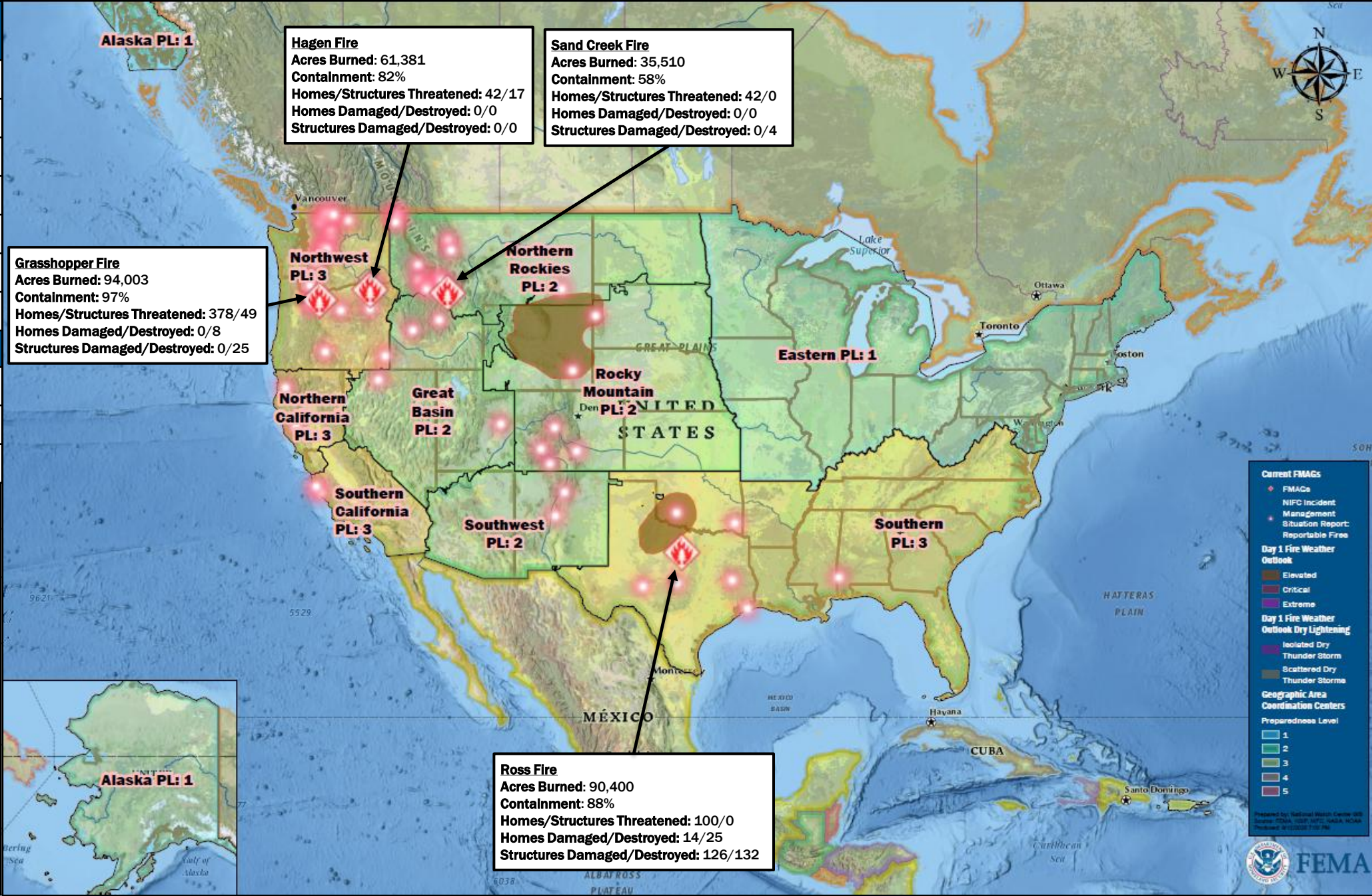
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National Fire Activity – September 14, 2026

INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	Light (70 fires)
New Large Fires	4
Large Fires Contained	1
Uncontained Large Fires	58
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	8,431,204
Total Responders	13,018
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	0
Complex IMTs Deployed	10
FMAGS	Total
2026 (FYTD)	61
2025	75
3 Year Average	53

Preparedness Levels:	
PL 1	Minimal fire activity; many resources available
PL 2	Large wildland fires burning throughout country; resources mobilized from other areas
PL 3	Wildfire activity ongoing throughout 25% of country; National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) sets priorities, allocates resources, and mobilizes assets at national level
PL 4	High levels of fire activity and areas are competing for firefighting resources; 60% of the nation's wildland firefighting resources committed
PL 5	Extremely high levels of fire activity; 80% of nation's firefighting resources committed



Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Grasshopper (Wasco, OR)	5648-FM-OR	94,003 (+3)	97%	12	H: 378	H: 0	H: 8	0 / 17
					O: 49	O: 0	O: 25	
Hagen (Umatilla/Union, OR)	5664-FM-OR	61,381 (-5)	82% (+12%)	3,585	H: 42	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 12
					O: 17	O: 0	O: 0	
Sand Creek (Beaverhead, MT)	5671-FM-MT	35,510	58%	LIFTED	H: 42	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 7 (+1)
					O: 0	O: 0	O: 4	
Ross (Palo Pinto, TX)	5675-FM-TX	90,400	88% (+5%)	250	H: 100	H: 14	H: 25	0 / 3
					O: 0	O: 126	O: 132	

(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

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Incident Workforce

18,862
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,334 / 34%
Deployed

6,046 / 32%
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,482 / 34%
Remaining

Surge Capacity Force
7,702 / 0 / 770
Rostered / Deployed /
Est. Available to Deploy for 30 Days

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National Readiness

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NRCC



N-IMAT Red



N-IMAT White



N-IMAT Blue



N-IMAT Gold



N-IMAT HS



National Notes

National Watch:
• NWC: Staffing

NRCC:
• Rostered

National IMATs:
• N-IMAT Red: Deployed to HI (TC Lowell)
• N-IMAT White: Staffing
• N-IMAT Blue: Staffing

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN					
	JFO	DR	EM	JFO	
R1	0	1	0	0	
R2	0	0	0	2	
R3	0	2	0	0	
R4	4	14	0	1	
R5	0	3	0	0	
R6	4	7	3	3	
R7	0	9	0	0	
R8	1	9	0	0	
R9	0	6	6	0	
R10	4	7	1	0	



Alaska



Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands



Guam



American Samoa

CNMI
DR-4910-MP &
EM-3647-MP
• R9 IMAT-2

Guam
DR-4921-GU &
EM-3648-GU
• ISB Delta

Hawaii
DR-4936-HI, DR-4909-HI
& EM-3652-HI
• R9 IMAT-1
• N IMAT-RED
• SMTs Hawaii & Tracy
• MERS

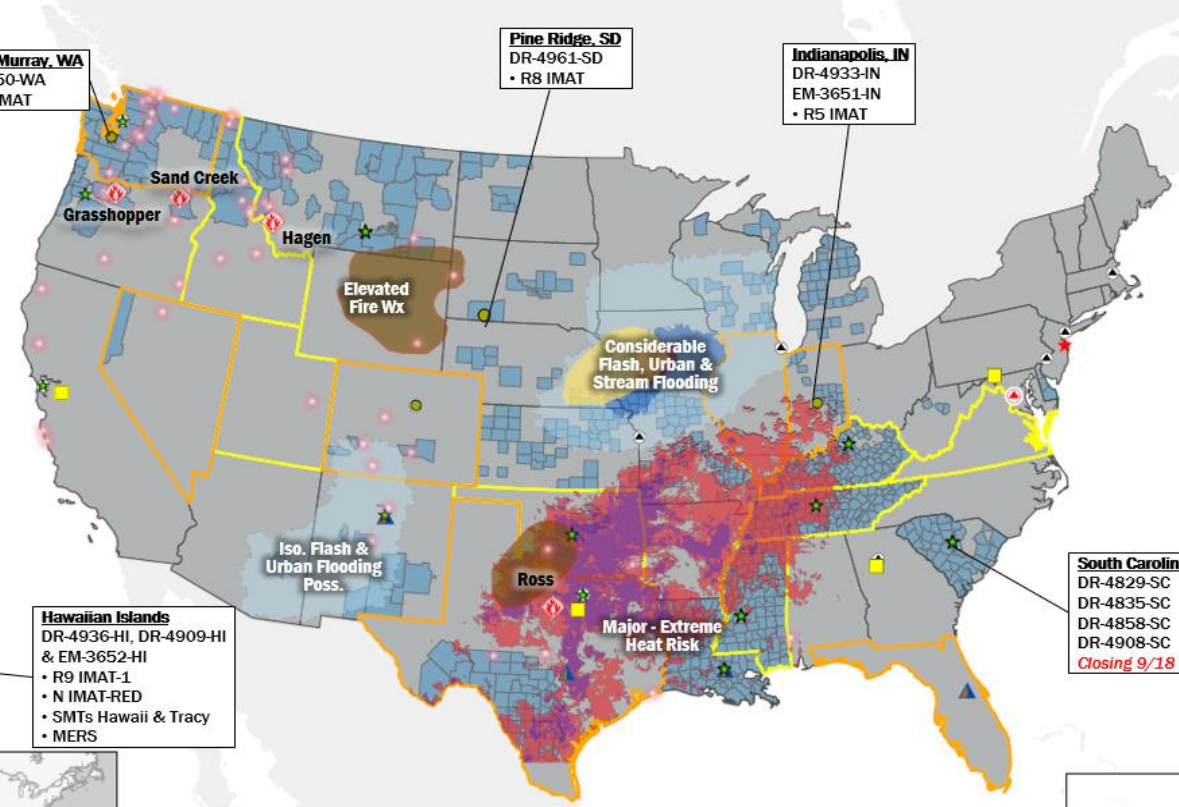
Hawaiian Islands
DR-4936-HI, DR-4909-HI
& EM-3652-HI
• R9 IMAT-1
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TC Norbert
Fifteen-E
Dist. 1

Camp Murray, WA
EM-3650-WA
• R10 IMAT

Pine Ridge, SD
DR-4961-SD
• R8 IMAT

Indianapolis, IN
DR-4933-IN
EM-3651-IN
• R5 IMAT



- FEMA Headquarters
- Regional Offices
- National IMAT
- Regional IMAT
- MERS
- Incident Support Base
- Staging Management Team
- Pre-Positioned Site
- Disaster Center
- Open Joint Field Offices
- Joint Recovery Office
- FMAs
- Large Fires
- State Activation Levels
- Full
- Partial
- Monitoring
- Normal
- Declared Counties
- NWS HeatRisk
- ClassRisk
- Major risk
- Extreme risk



Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands

Regional Readiness

Watch RRCC IMAT

Region 1



Region 2



Region 3



Region 4



Region 5



Region 6



Region 7



Region 8



Region 9



Region 10



Regional Notes

Watches/RRCCs:
• R2 Watch: Equipment
• R5 Watch: Staffing
• R9 Watch: Enhanced (Severe Weather)
• R10 RRCC: Staffing

State EOCs:
• FL/MS/TN: Previous Incidents
• AK/CO/ID/NV/OK/UT/WA: Wildfires
• IL/KY/TX: Severe Weather
• MP: TC Bavi/Saudel
• PR/VA: Drought
• IN: 4933-DR-IN/3651-EM-IN
• HI: TC Lowell

IMATs:
• R1: Staffing
• R4-1/2: Staffing
• R5: 3651-EM-IN
• R9-1: 3652-EM-HI/4909-DR-HI/4936-DR-HI
• R9-2: 4910-DR-MP
• R10: 3650-EM-WA

Legend

- Fully Mission Capable
- Partially Mission Capable
- Requires Augmentation
- Deployed/Activated

Commodities & Equipment

	CONUS	Caribbean	Hawaii	Guam
Water				
Meals				
Generators				

SMT

Operational	11/11
Requires Augmentation	3/11
Deployed	2/11

MERS Det.

30/36 Operational	
Maynard	4/6
Frederick	6/6
Thomasville	6/6
Denton	6/6
Denver	4/6
Bothell	4/6

US&R

Task Forces	
Assigned	28
Non-FEMA Deployed	1
FEMA-Deployed	0
Not Mission Capable	0
Available	27
FEMA Support Staff	11/21

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Assigned	38
Not Mission Capable	1
Deployed	32 (29 FCOR)
Available	5

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
R5	IL	Severe Weather Aug 11-16	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	13	12	9/8 – TBD



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Declaration Requests in Process – 13

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
NH – Severe Storm and Flash Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Jul 8
IN – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Aug 6
GU – Super Typhoon Bavi	DR	X	X	X	Aug 11
MN – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X		X	Aug 20
UT – Cottonwood Fire, Flooding, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	Aug 22
WI – Severe Storms and Tornado	DR	X	X	X	Aug 26
WV – Severe Storm, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides – Appeal	DR	X		X	Aug 31
NE – Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Aug 31
OH – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, Flooding, and Landslides	DR	X			Sep 2
OK – Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Sep 2
TN – Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds	DR	X	X	X	Sep 8
HI – Hurricane Lala	DR	X	X	X	Sep 8
HI – Hurricane Lowell	DR	X	X	X	Sep 9



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