

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Operations / Monitoring

## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations:

- No new significant incidents / operations

## Disaster Declaration Activity:

- FMAG Approval: Bunker Fire – AR
- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – WV
- Amendment No. 1 to FEMA-3653-EM-NV

## Hazard Monitoring:

- Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding – Southwest to Southern Rockies, Southern Plains to Great Lakes
- Tropical Activity:
  - Atlantic
    - Disturbance 1: Med (40%)
  - Eastern and Central Pacific:
    - Tropical Depression Norbert
    - Tropical Depression Fifteen-E
  - Western Pacific:
    - Invest 90W (High)

## Event Monitoring:

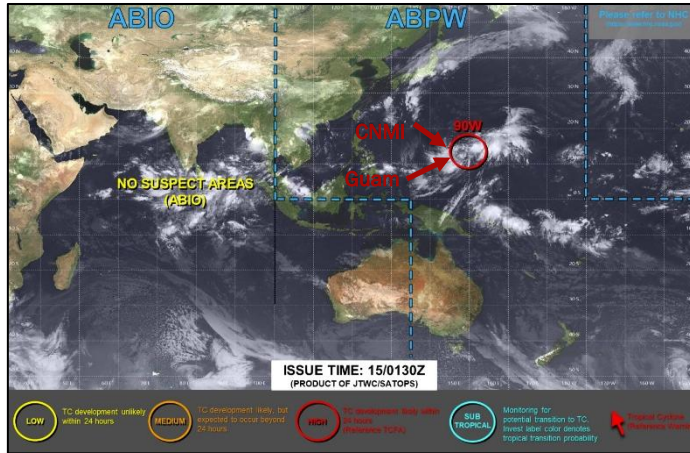
- No new significant events



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# Tropical Outlook

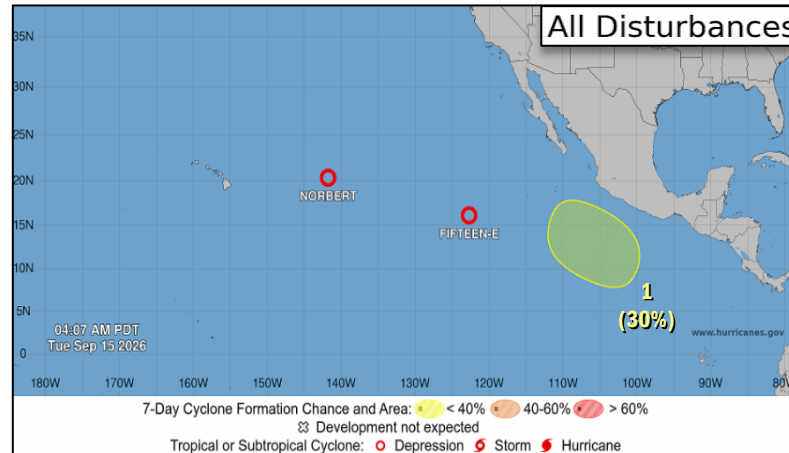
## Western Pacific



**Invest 90W (High):** (Advisory #2, as of 2:00 a.m. ET)

- See next slide

## Eastern and Central Pacific



**Tropical Depression Norbert:** (Advisory #23, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- See slide below

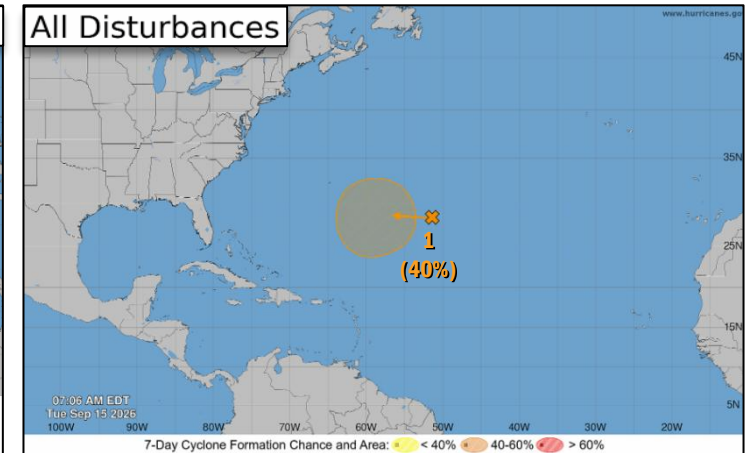
**Tropical Depression Fifteen-E:** (Advisory #7, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- See slide below

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

- Located well S of southwestern Mexico
- Moving WNW at 10 mph
- Conditions appear conducive for some development over the weekend
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Low (30%)

## Atlantic



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

- Located well ESE of Bermuda
- Moving WNW
- Conditions are forecast to become more conducive for development in a few days
- A tropical depression could form late this week
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Med (40%)



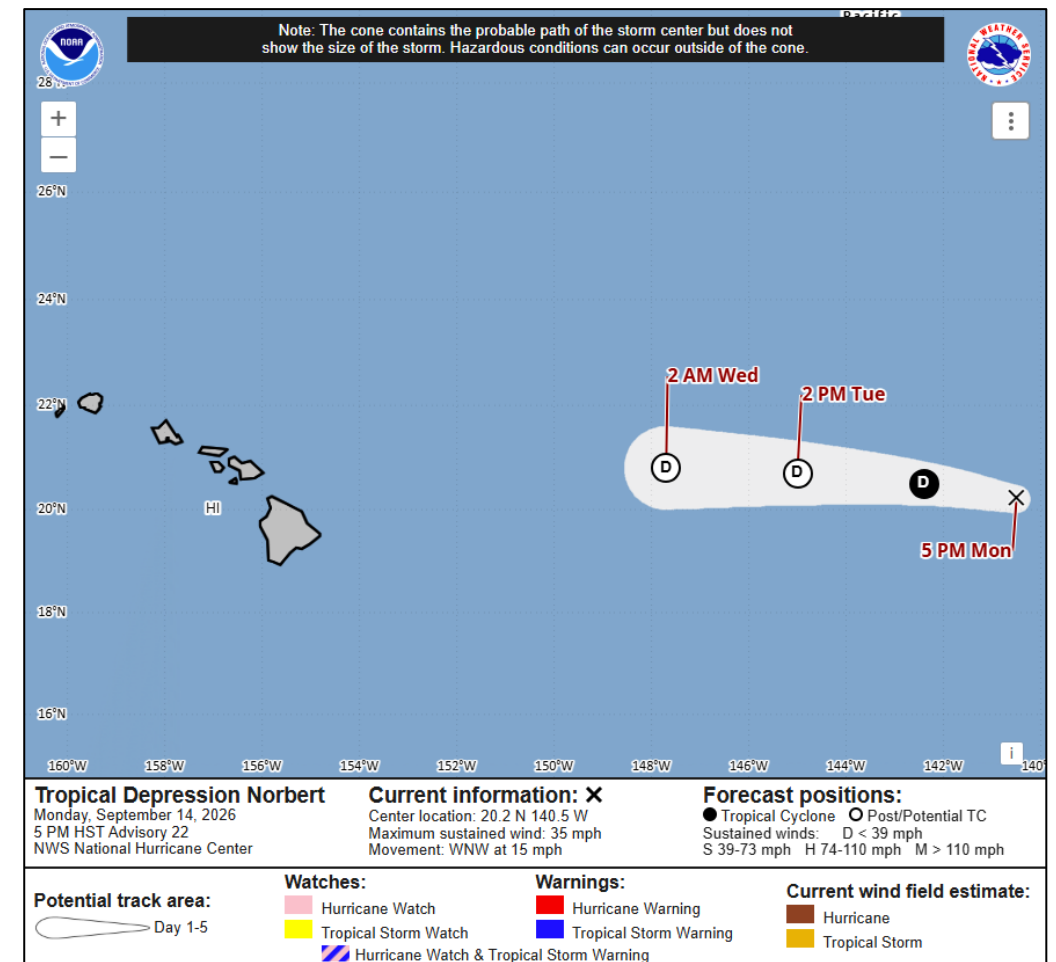
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# Tropical Depression Norbert – Eastern Pacific

**Situation:** (Advisory #23, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located **870 miles** E of Hilo, HI
- Moving **W** at **14 mph**
- Maximum sustained winds **35 mph**
- Continued gradual weakening is forecast and Norbert is expected to become a post-tropical remnant low tomorrow morning



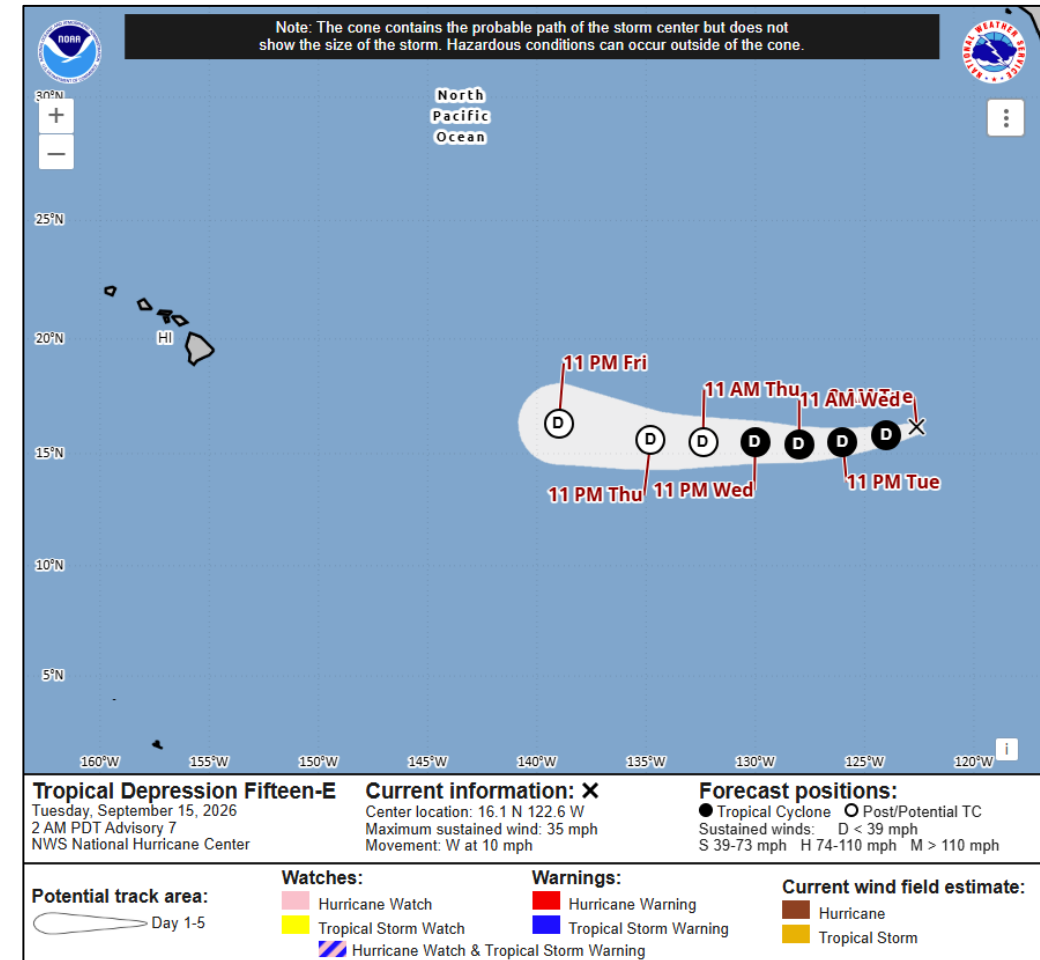
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# Tropical Depression Fifteen-E – Eastern Pacific

**Situation:** (Advisory #7, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located **950 miles WSW** of the southern tip of Baja, California
- Moving **W** at **10 mph**
- Maximum sustained winds **35 mph**
- **Little change in strength** is forecast during the next couple of days



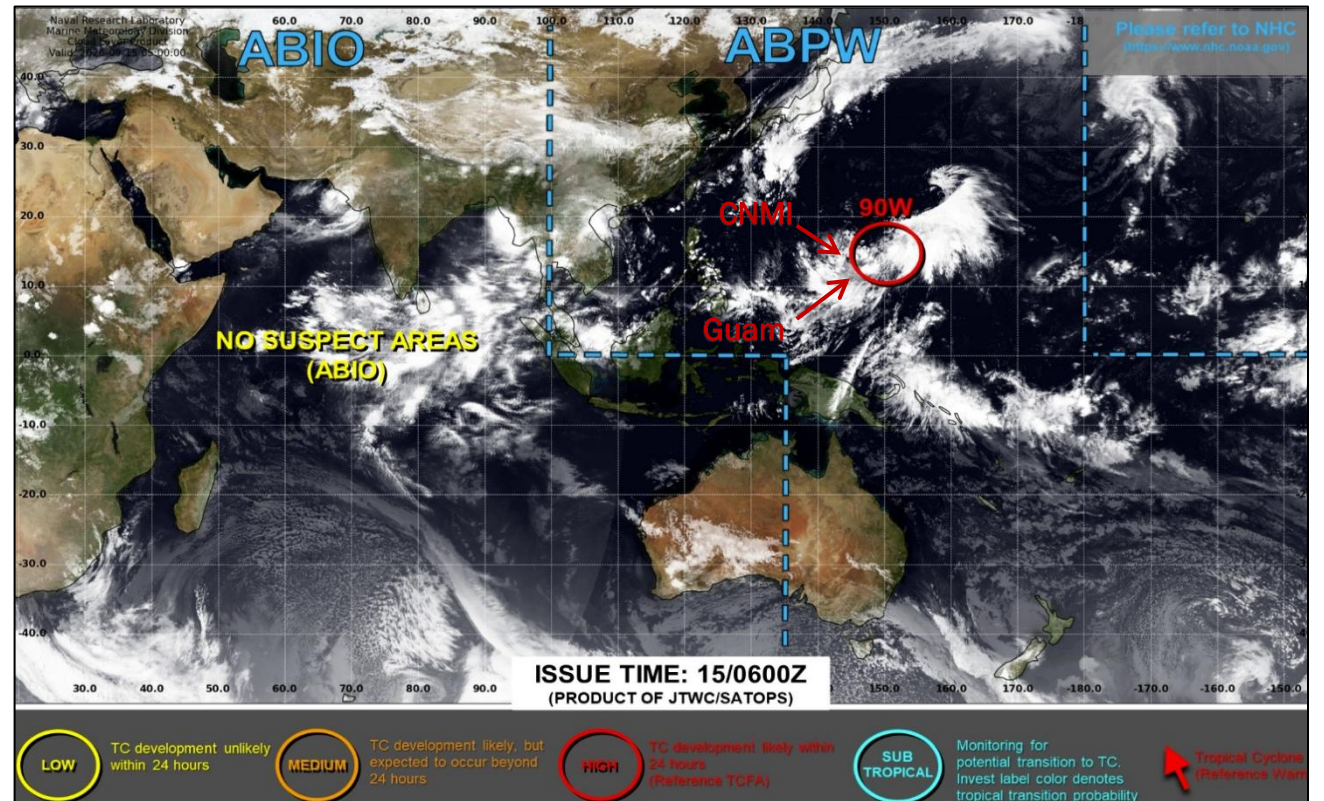
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# Invest 90W – Western Pacific

**Situation:** (Advisory #2 of 2:00 a.m. ET)

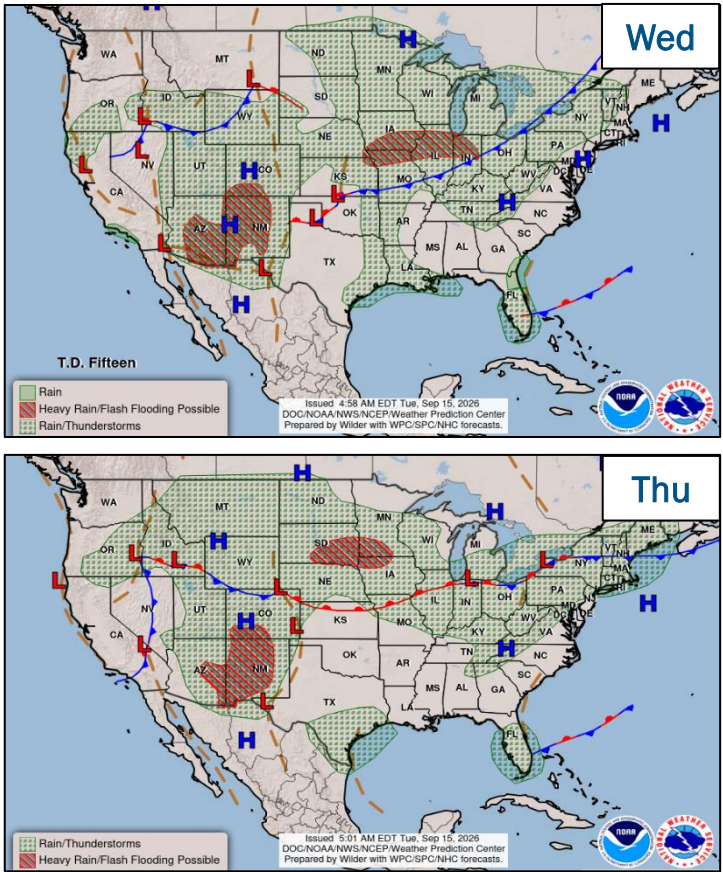
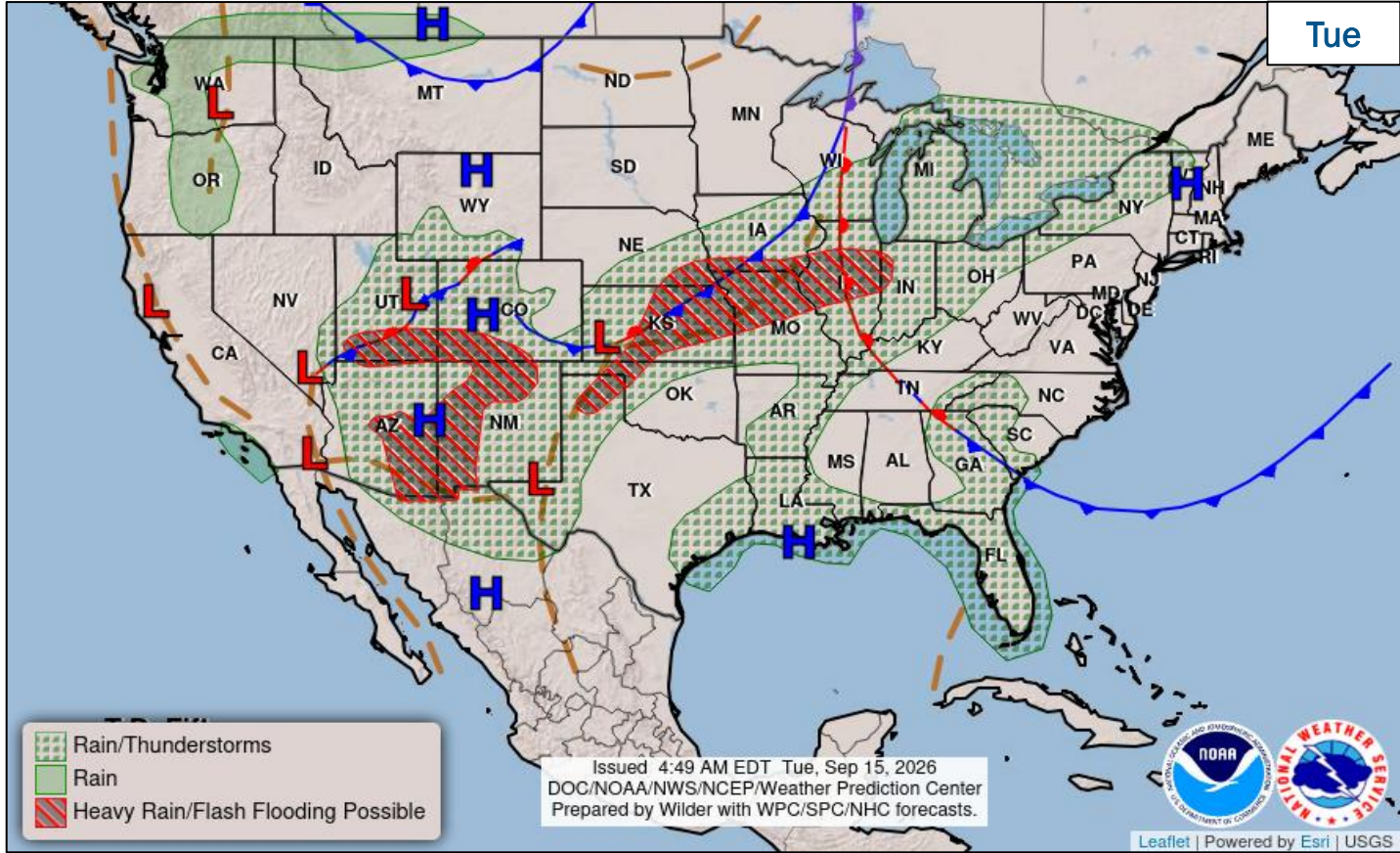
- Located 430 mi ENE of Andersen AFB, Guam
- Maximum sustained winds of 23-29 mph
- Moving NNW at 15 mph
- Highly favorable conditions for further development
- Formation chance – 24-hour: High



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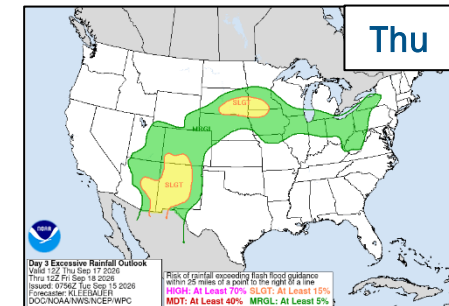
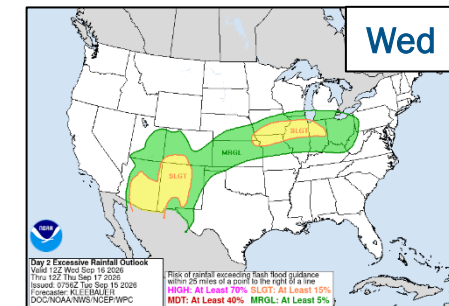
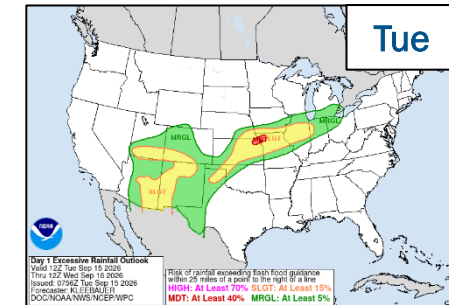
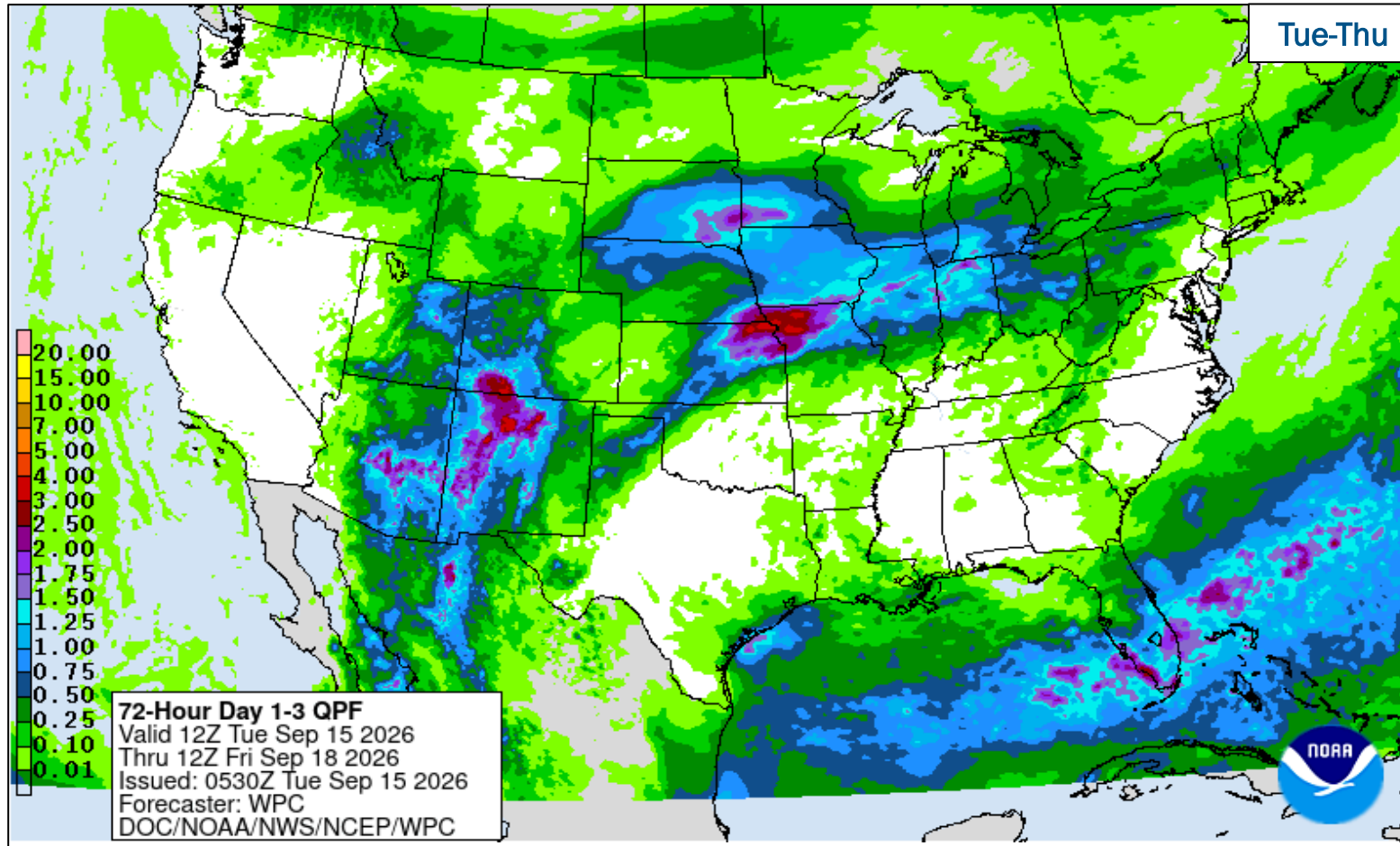
# National Weather Forecast



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# Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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# Bunker Fire – Arkansas

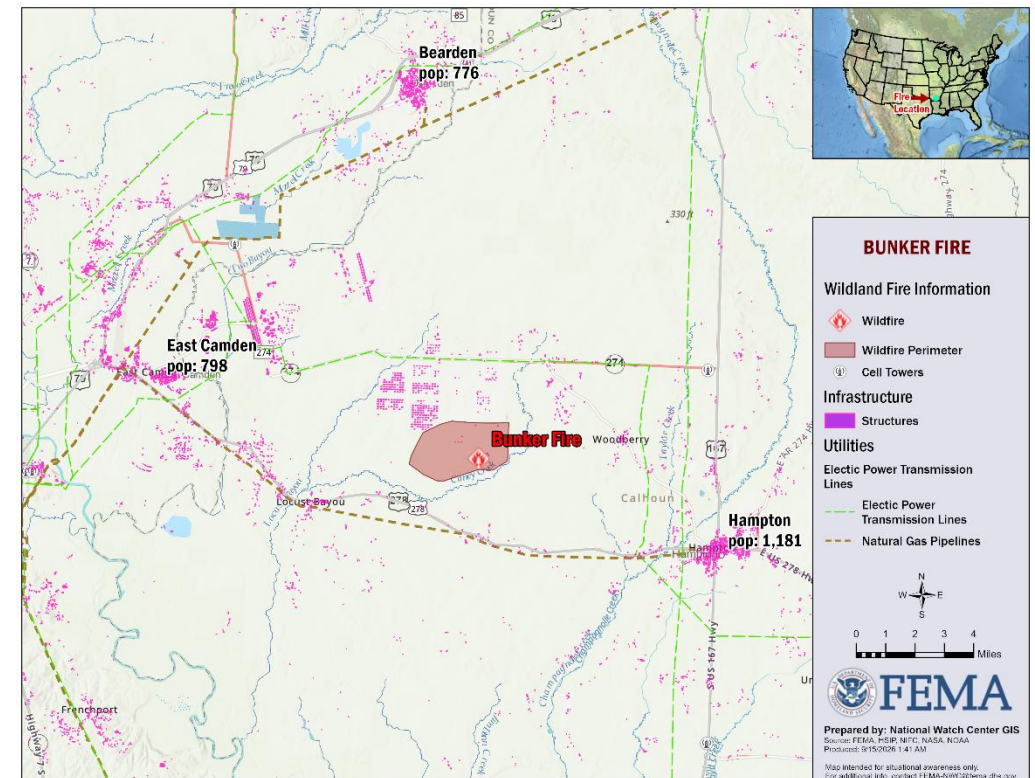
| Fire Name<br>(County, ST)        | FMAG #     | Acres<br>Burned | Percent<br>Contained | Evacuations | Structures (Homes / Other) |         |           | Fatalities /<br>Injuries |
|----------------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|
|                                  |            |                 |                      |             | Threatened                 | Damaged | Destroyed |                          |
| Bunker<br>(Calhoun/Ouachita, AR) | 5676-FM-AR | 1,000           | 0%                   | 250         | H: 303                     | H: 0    | H: 0      | 0 / 0                    |
|                                  |            |                 |                      |             | O: 0                       | O: 0    | O: 0      |                          |

**Situation:** The FEMA Region 6 Acting Regional Administrator approved a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Bunker Fire, which began on Sep 14 in Calhoun and Ouachita Counties, Arkansas (combined pop. 26k). The Bunker Fire is burning on or near private, state and federal lands and is threatening primary residences as well as a fire station, national security infrastructure, and law enforcement and fire training facilities. Voluntary evacuations have been issued to include students at Southern Arkansas University Tech, and three shelters have been opened in Hampton, AR. Aside from the FMAG approval, no additional federal assistance has been requested. ([R6 FMAG Approval Notification, as of 12:57 a.m. ET](#))

## Response:

- FMAG approved Sep 15
- AR SEOC at Full Activation (wildfire)
- Region 6 Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- NWC is Monitoring

The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 6, with continued reporting twice daily in the FEMA National Situation Report (3:00 a.m. / 5:00 p.m. ET) and the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET).

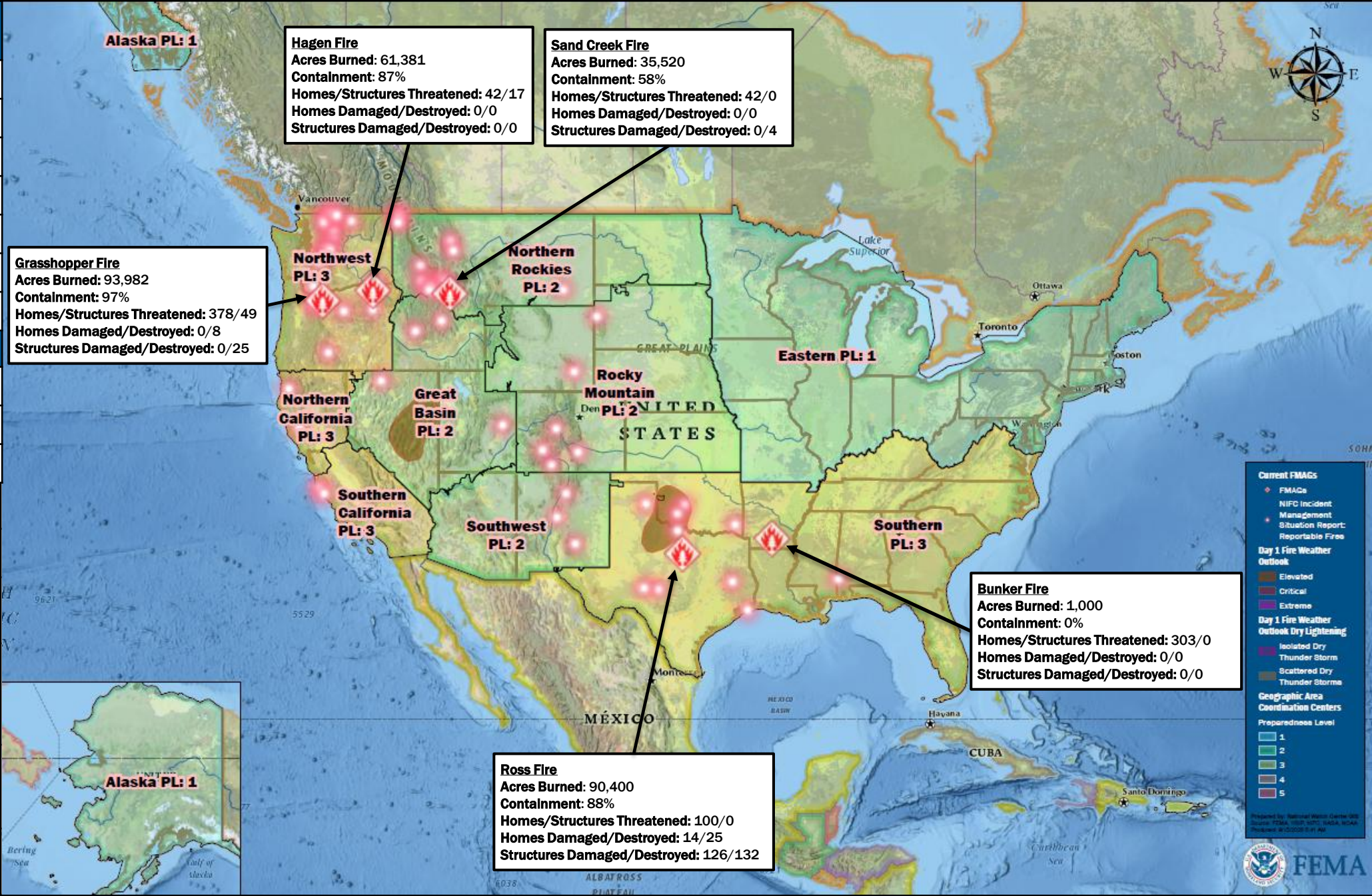


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| INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY<br>(24-hour period) | Light<br>(71 fires) |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| New Large Fires                             | 5                   |
| Large Fires Contained                       | 5                   |
| Uncontained Large Fires                     | 57                  |
| Year-to-Date Acres Burned                   | 8,435,367           |
| Total Responders                            | 13,102              |
| Type 1 IMTs Deployed                        | 0                   |
| Complex IMTs Deployed                       | 10                  |
| FMAGS                                       | Total               |
| 2026 (FYTD)                                 | 62                  |
| 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<br>(County, ST)      | FMAG #     | Acres<br>Burned | Percent<br>Contained | Evacuations | Structures (Homes / Other) |         |           | Fatalities /<br>Injuries |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|
|                                |            |                 |                      |             | Threatened                 | Damaged | Destroyed |                          |
| Grasshopper<br>(Wasco, OR)     | 5648-FM-OR | 93,982 (-21)    | 97%                  | 12          | H: 378                     | H: 0    | H: 8      | 0 / 17                   |
|                                |            |                 |                      |             | O: 49                      | O: 0    | O: 25     |                          |
| Hagen<br>(Umatilla/Union, OR)  | 5664-FM-OR | 61,381          | 87% (+5)             | 3,585       | H: 42                      | H: 0    | H: 0      | 0 / 12                   |
|                                |            |                 |                      |             | O: 17                      | O: 0    | O: 0      |                          |
| Sand Creek<br>(Beaverhead, MT) | 5671-FM-MT | 35,520 (+10)    | 58%                  | LIFTED      | H: 42                      | H: 0    | H: 0      | 0 / 7                    |
|                                |            |                 |                      |             | O: 0                       | O: 0    | O: 4      |                          |
| Ross<br>(Palo Pinto, TX)       | 5675-FM-TX | 90,400          | 88%                  | 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

18,863  
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,309 / 33%  
Deployed

6,105 / 32%  
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

6,449 / 35%  
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 | JRO |  |
| 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   |  |



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

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

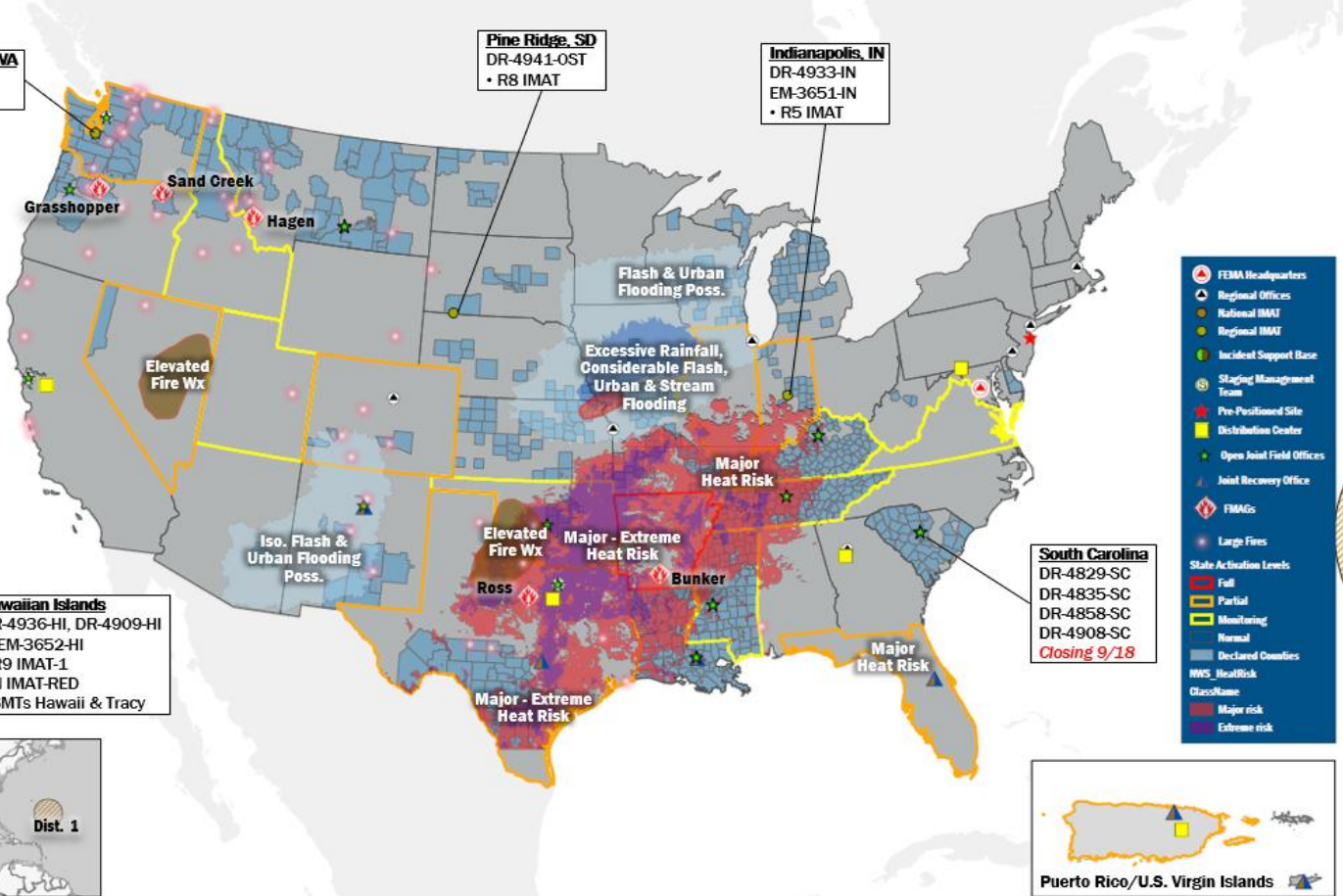


**Hawaiian Islands**  
DR-4936-HI, DR-4909-HI  
& EM-3652-HI  
• R9 IMAT-1  
• N IMAT-RED  
• SMTs Hawaii & Tracy

**Camp Murray, WA**  
EM-3650-WA  
• R10 IMAT

**Pine Ridge, SD**  
DR-4941-OST  
• R8 IMAT

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



## 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/AR/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

## 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   | 0     |
| FEMA-Deployed       | 0     |
| Not Mission Capable | 0     |
| Available           | 28    |
| FEMA Support Staff  | 11/21 |

## FCO

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Assigned            | 38          |
| Not Mission Capable | 1           |
| Deployed            | 32 (29 FCO) |
| Available           | 5           |

# Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

| Region | State / Location | Event                       | IA | Number of Counties |          | Start – End |
|--------|------------------|-----------------------------|----|--------------------|----------|-------------|
|        |                  |                             | PA | Requested          | Complete |             |
| R5     | IL               | Severe Weather<br>Aug 11-16 | IA | 0                  | 0        | N/A         |
|        |                  |                             | PA | 13                 | 13 (+1)  | 9/8 – 9/13  |



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# Declaration Request – West Virginia

**Declaration Type:** Major Disaster – WV

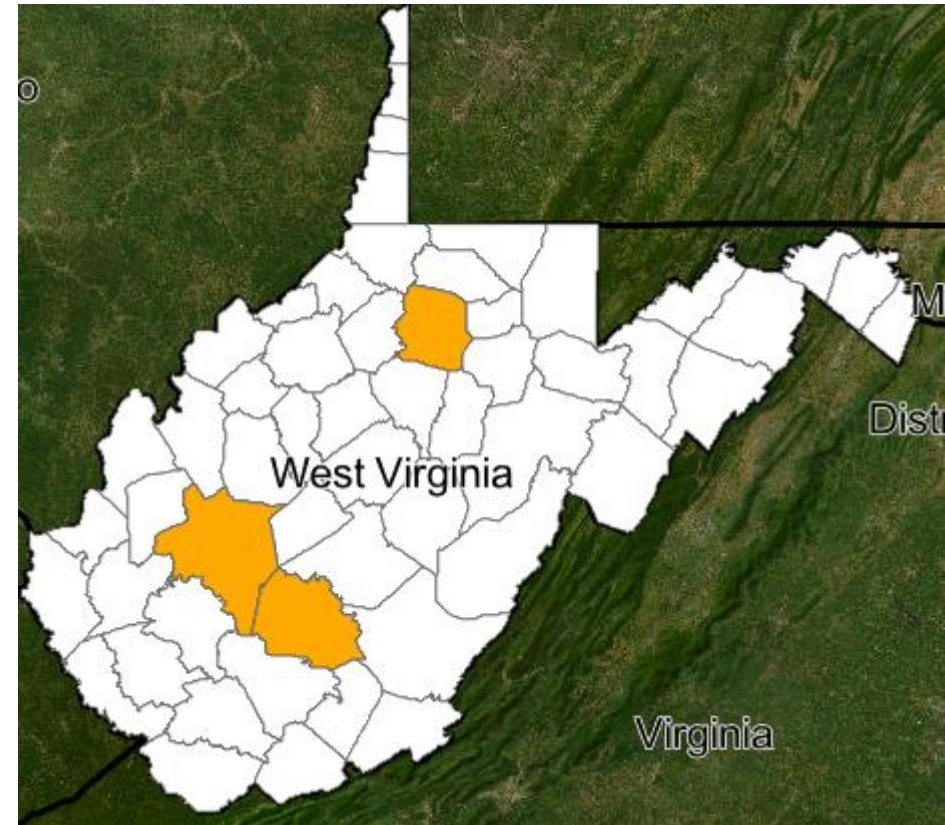
**Date Requested:** Sep 13

**Incident:** Severe Storm and Flooding

**Incident Period:** Aug 14-18

**Requested:**

- **IA:** 3 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



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# Declaration Requests in Process – 14

| 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  |    | 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     |
| WV – Severe Storms and Flooding                                              | DR   | X  |    | X  | Sep 12    |



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# Declaration Amendments

| Declaration     | Number | Issued | Action                                   |
|-----------------|--------|--------|------------------------------------------|
| FEMA-3653-EM-NV | 1      | Sep 14 | Incident period closed September 9, 2026 |



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