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Daily Operations Briefing

**Tuesday, September 4, 2018
8:30 a.m. EDT**

Significant Activity – Aug 31- Sep 4



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Significant Events: Tropical Storm Gordon

Tropical Activity:

- Atlantic – Tropical Storm Florence; Tropical Storm Gordon; Disturbance 1: High (70%)
- Eastern Pacific – Hurricane Olivia (CAT 1); Disturbance 1: Low (30%)
- Central Pacific – Hurricane Norman (CAT 1)
- Western Pacific – No activity affecting U.S. interests

Significant Weather:

- Severe thunderstorms possible – Middle/Upper Mississippi Valley; Central Gulf Coast
- Flash flooding possible – Central Plains to Great Lakes; Southern Plains to Southeast and Gulf Coast
- Elevated fire weather – CA & OR
- Isolated dry thunderstorms – NV
- Red Flag Warnings – OR

Declaration Activity:

- Major Disaster Declaration approved – Havasupai Tribe
- Major Disaster Declaration request – New Jersey
- FMAG approved - Hugo Road Fire, OR

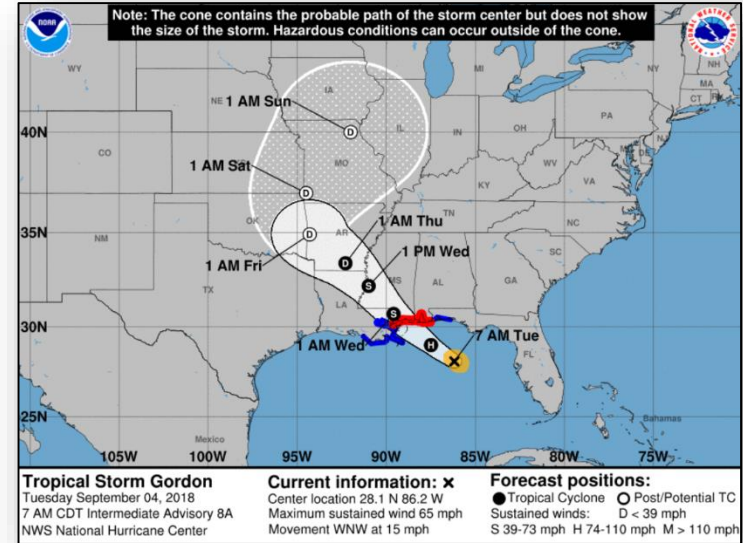
Tropical Outlook - Atlantic



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Tropical Storm Gordon (Advisory #8A as of 8:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located 190 miles ESE of the Mouth of the Mississippi River
- Moving WNW at 15 mph
- On the forecast track, the center of Gordon will move across the eastern Gulf of Mexico today, approach the north-central Gulf Coast within the warning area late this afternoon or evening, and move inland over the Lower Mississippi Valley tonight or early Wednesday
- Maximum sustained winds 65 mph
- Some strengthening is expected today; forecast to be a hurricane when it makes landfall along the north-central Gulf Coast
- Rapid weakening is expected after Gordon moves inland
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward 80 miles
- Watches & Warnings:
 - Hurricane Warning: mouth of the Pearl River to the AL/FL border
 - Tropical Storm Warning: west of the mouth of the Pearl River to east of Morgan City, LA; AL/FL border to Okaloosa-Walton County Line
 - Storm Surge Warning: Shell Beach to Dauphin Island
 - Storm Surge Watch: west of Shell Beach to the mouth of the Mississippi River; East of Dauphin Island to Navarre, FL



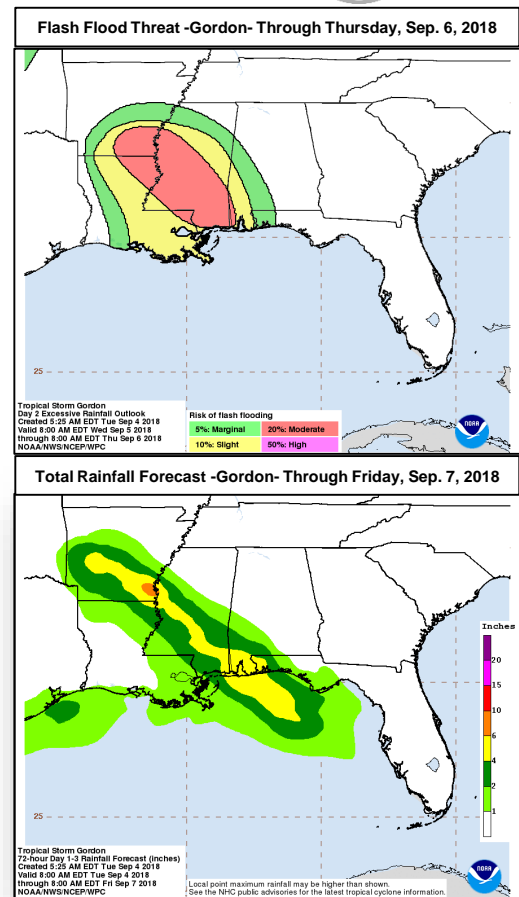
Tropical Storm Gordon – Gulf Coast



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Potential Impacts

- Total rain accumulations of 4-8 inches, with isolated amounts up to 12 inches possible through Thursday; this will cause flash flooding in the western Florida Panhandle & portions of AL, MS, LA & AR
- Storm Surge – forecast heights above ground
 - Shell Beach to Dauphin Island, AL - 3 to 5 ft.
 - Navarre, FL to Dauphin Island, including Mobile Bay - 2 to 4 ft.
 - Shell Beach to the mouth of Mississippi River - 2 to 4 ft.
 - Mouth of the Mississippi River to the LA/TX border - 1 to 2 ft.



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Preparations/Response

FEMA Region IV:

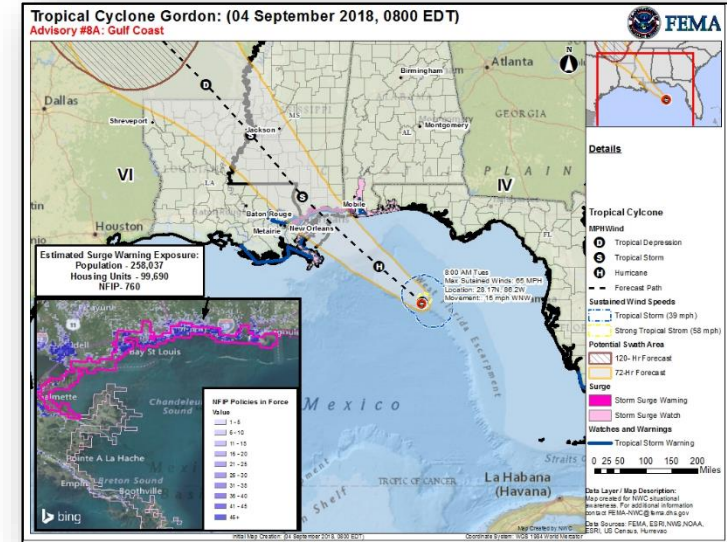
- RWC at Enhanced Watch (7:00 am – midnight EDT)
- IMAT-2 on standby
- LNO deployed to MS; LNOs on stand-by to FL & AL
- MS EOC at Partial Activation; Governor declared a state of emergency for 6 counties
- AL EOC will go to Partial Activation at 9:00 am EDT; Governor declared a state of emergency

FEMA Region VI:

- RRCC at Level II (24/7)
- IMAT-2 deployed to LA EOC
- LNOs deployed to LA EOC and city of New Orleans EOC; LNO on stand-by for TX
- LA EOC at Full Activation; Governor declared a statewide state of emergency
- Voluntary evacuations in effect for Orleans and Jefferson parishes and Town of Grand Isle for areas outside levees and Port Fourchon
- National Guard activated

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- NWC at Enhanced Watch (24/7)
- ISB Team Echo deployed to Distribution Center Fort Worth, TX



Tropical Outlook – Atlantic

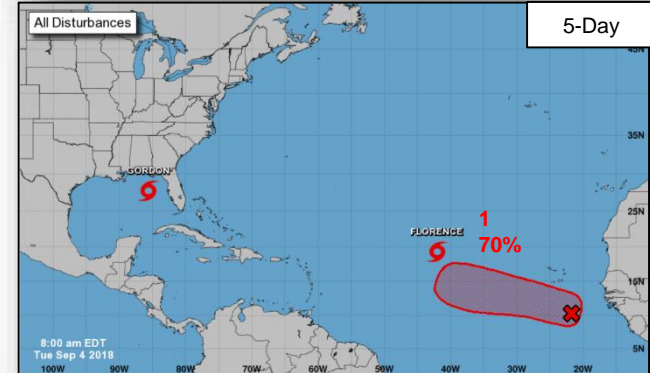
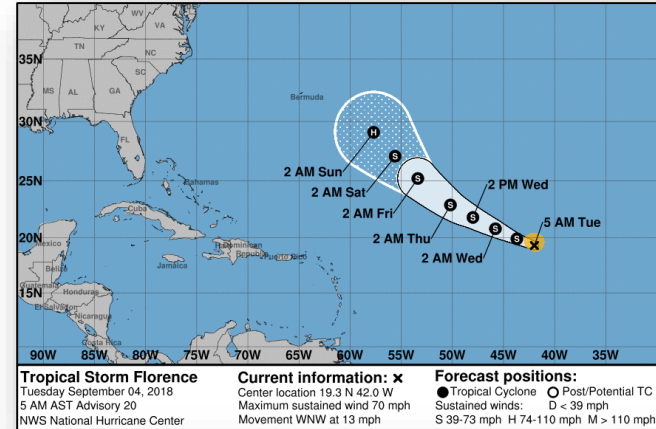


Tropical Storm Florence (Advisory #20 as of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located 1,205 miles WNW of the Cabo Verde Islands
- Moving WNW at 13 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 70 mph
- Some weakening forecast on Wednesday, followed by gradual strengthening through the weekend
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward 80 miles
- No coastal watches or warnings in effect

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

- Located a few hundred miles SSE of the Cabo Verde Islands
- Forecast to move slowly W or WNW across the eastern tropical Atlantic for the next several days
- Conditions expected to gradually become conducive for further development
- Tropical depression is likely to form by late this week or this weekend
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Low (20%)
- Formation chance through 5 days: High (70%)

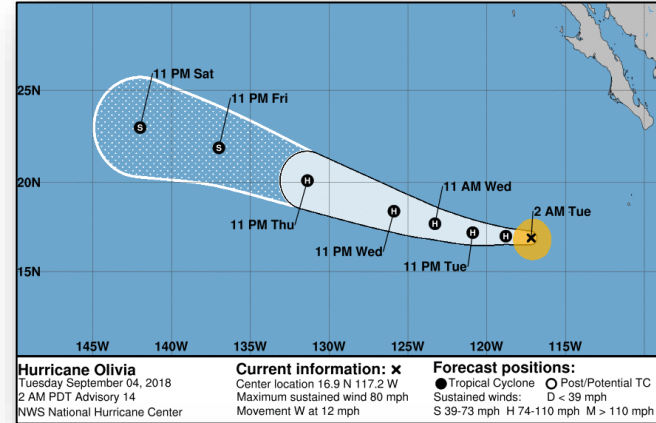


Tropical Outlook – Eastern Pacific



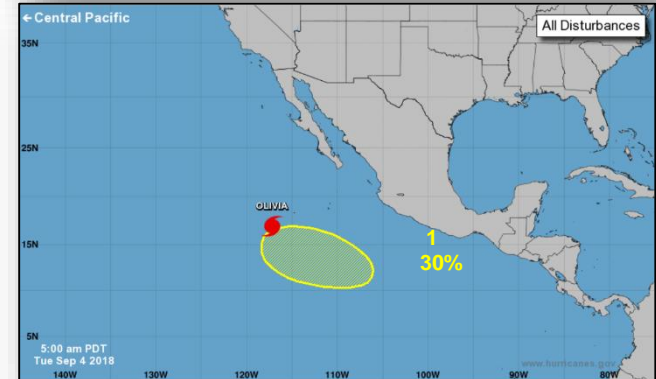
Hurricane Olivia (CAT 1) (Advisory #14 as of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located 630 miles SW of the southern tip of Baja California, Mexico
- Moving W at 12 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 80 mph
- Some strengthening is forecast, could become a Category 2 hurricane tonight with gradual weakening beginning early Thursday
- Hurricane-force winds extend 15 miles
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend 90 miles
- No coastal watches or warnings in effect



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

- Likely to form well south of the southwestern coast of Mexico in a couple of days
- Moving WNW
- Conditions appear conducive for gradual development later this week
- Formation chance through 48 hours: Low (near 0%)
- Formation chance through 5 days: Low (30%)

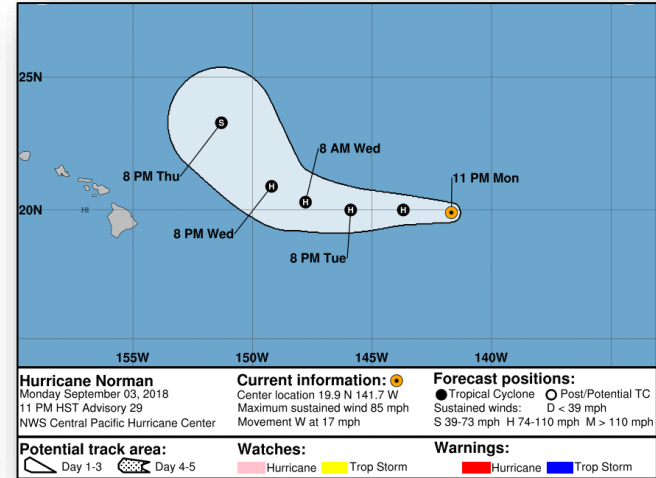


Tropical Outlook – Central Pacific



Hurricane Norman (CAT 1) (Advisory #29 as of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located 870 miles E of Hilo, HI
- Moving W at 17 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 85 mph
- Slight weakening is possible today, but forecast to remain a hurricane through Wednesday
- Hurricane-force winds extend 35 miles
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend 115 miles
- No coastal watches or warnings in effect



Hugo Road Fire – Oregon



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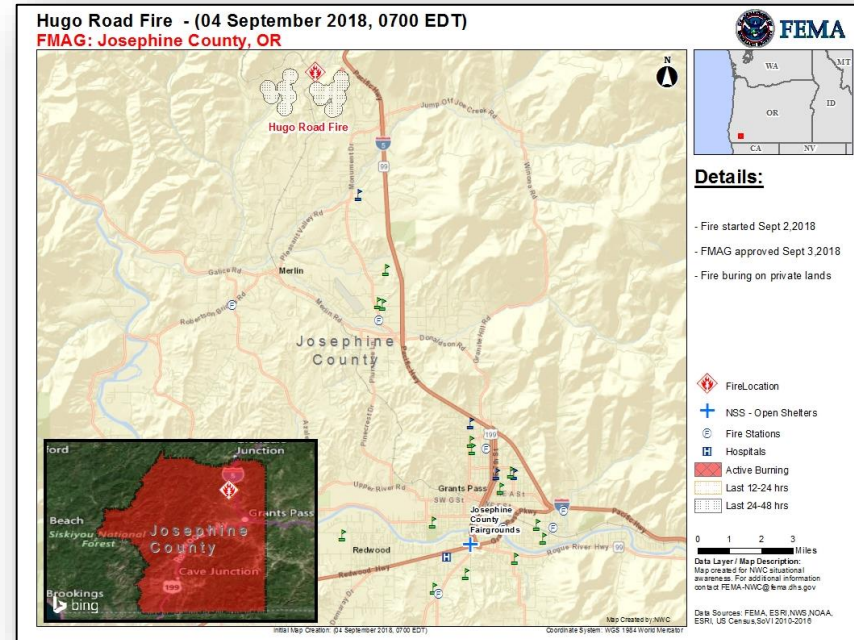
Fire Name (County)	FMAG # / Approved	Acres burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations (Residents)	Structures			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Hugo Road (Josephine)	XXXX-FM-OR Sept 3, 2018	700	15%	Mandatory	700 homes	0	3 (2 homes)	0 / 0

Current Situation

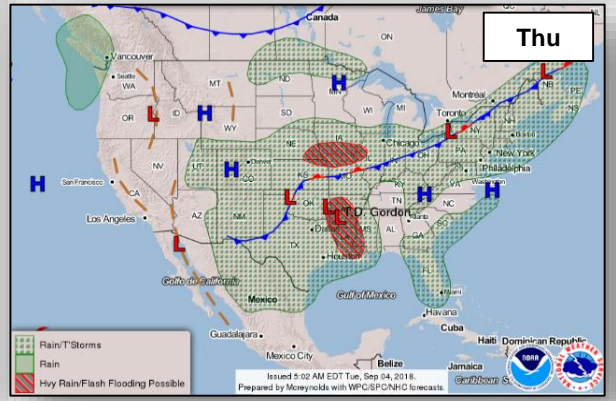
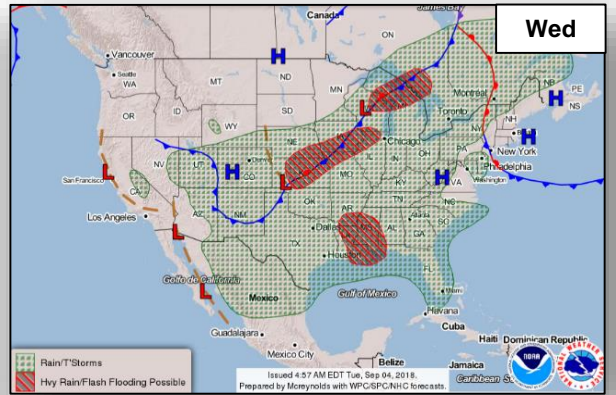
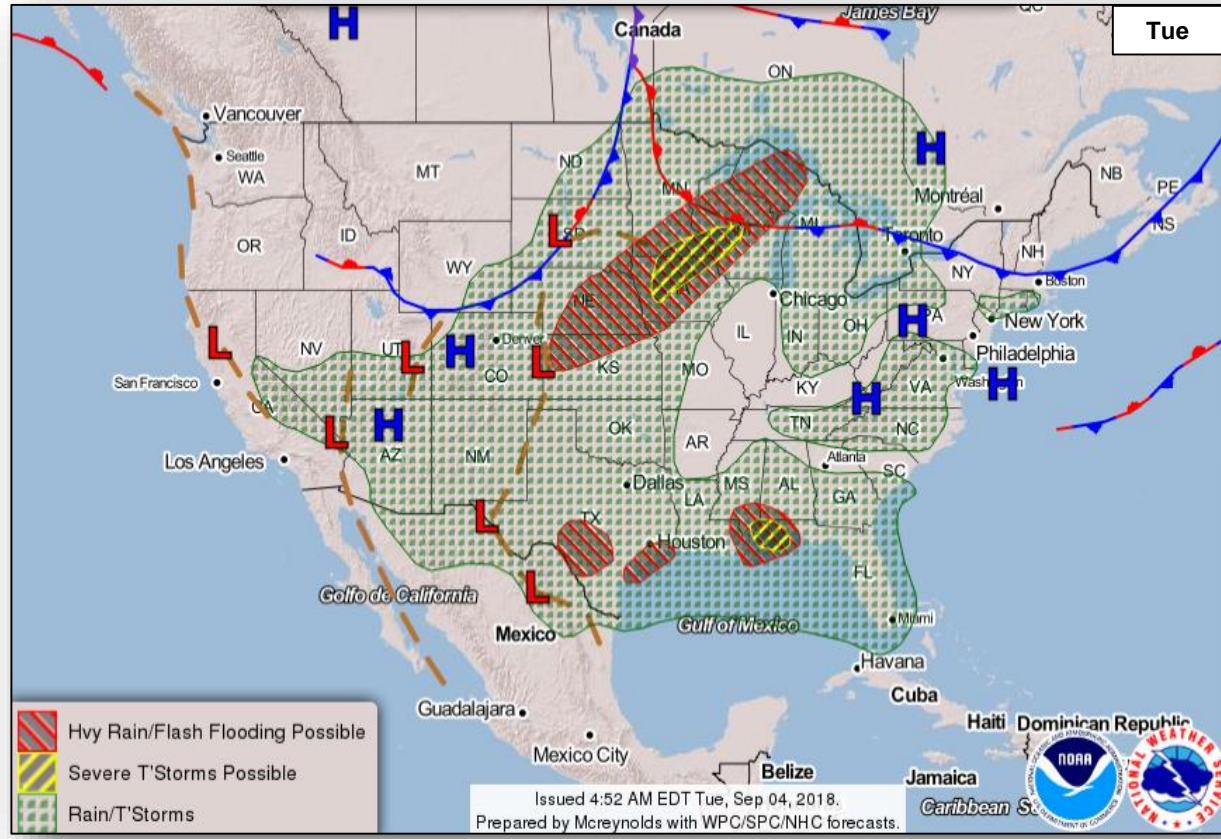
- Fire began September 2, 2018 and is threatening the communities of Hugo & Merlin (combined population over 1,000), 37 miles northwest of Medford
- Threatening 700 primary homes
- 2 homes, 1 minor structure destroyed
- Mandatory evacuations in effect for 200 homes; voluntary evacuations in effect for 300 homes
- 1 shelter open with 2 occupants (ARC Midnight Shelter Count as of 5:15 am EDT)

Response

- OR EOC at Normal Operations
- FEMA Region X remains at Steady State, continues to monitor
- FMAG approved on September 3, 2018



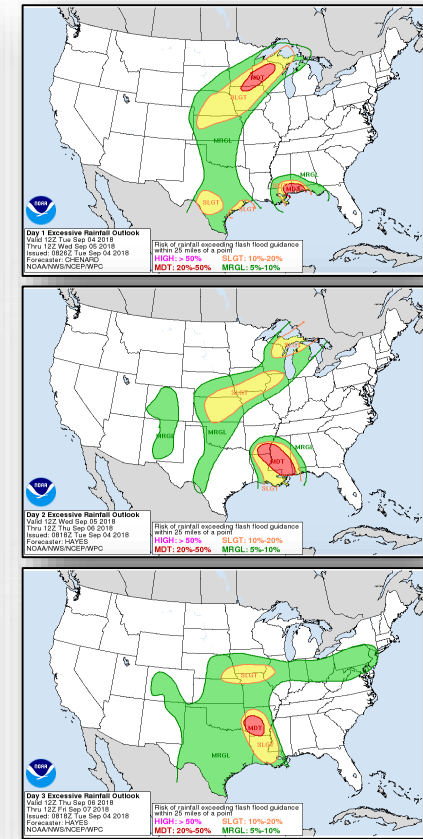
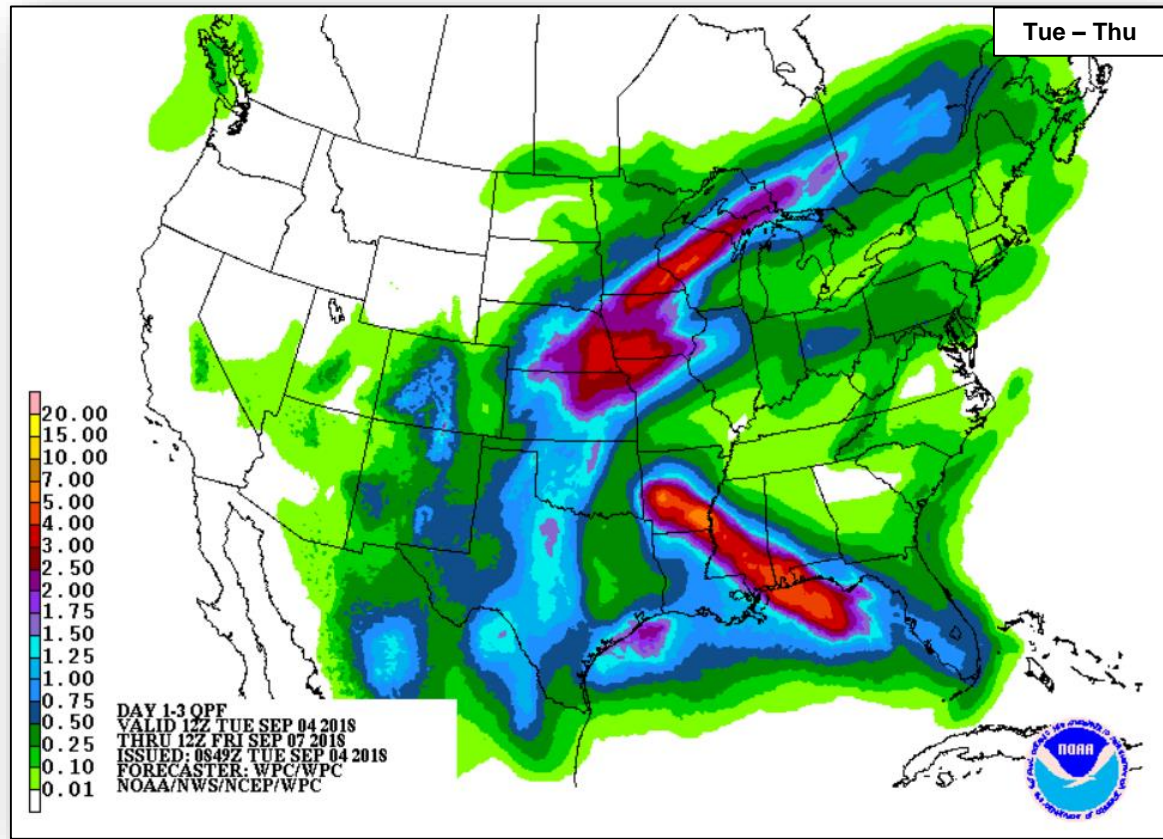
National Weather Forecast



Precipitation / Excessive Rainfall Forecast



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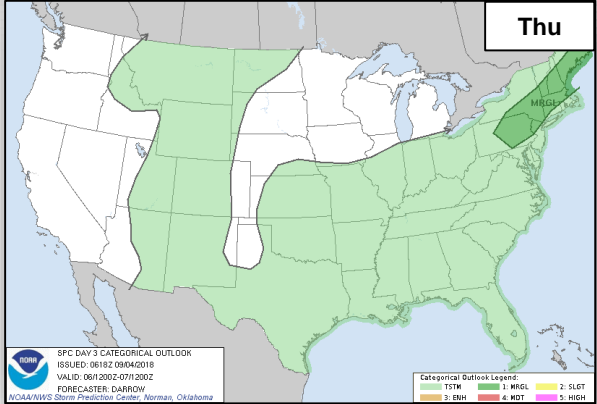
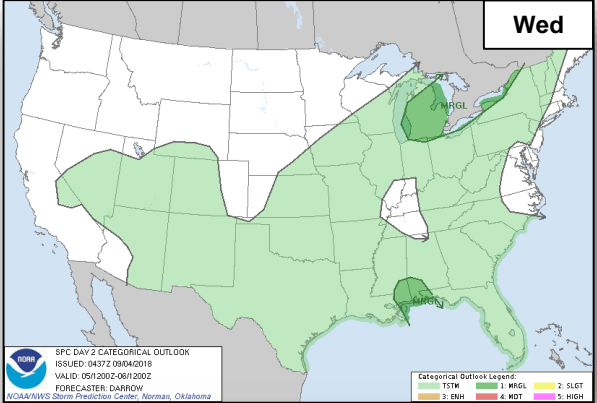
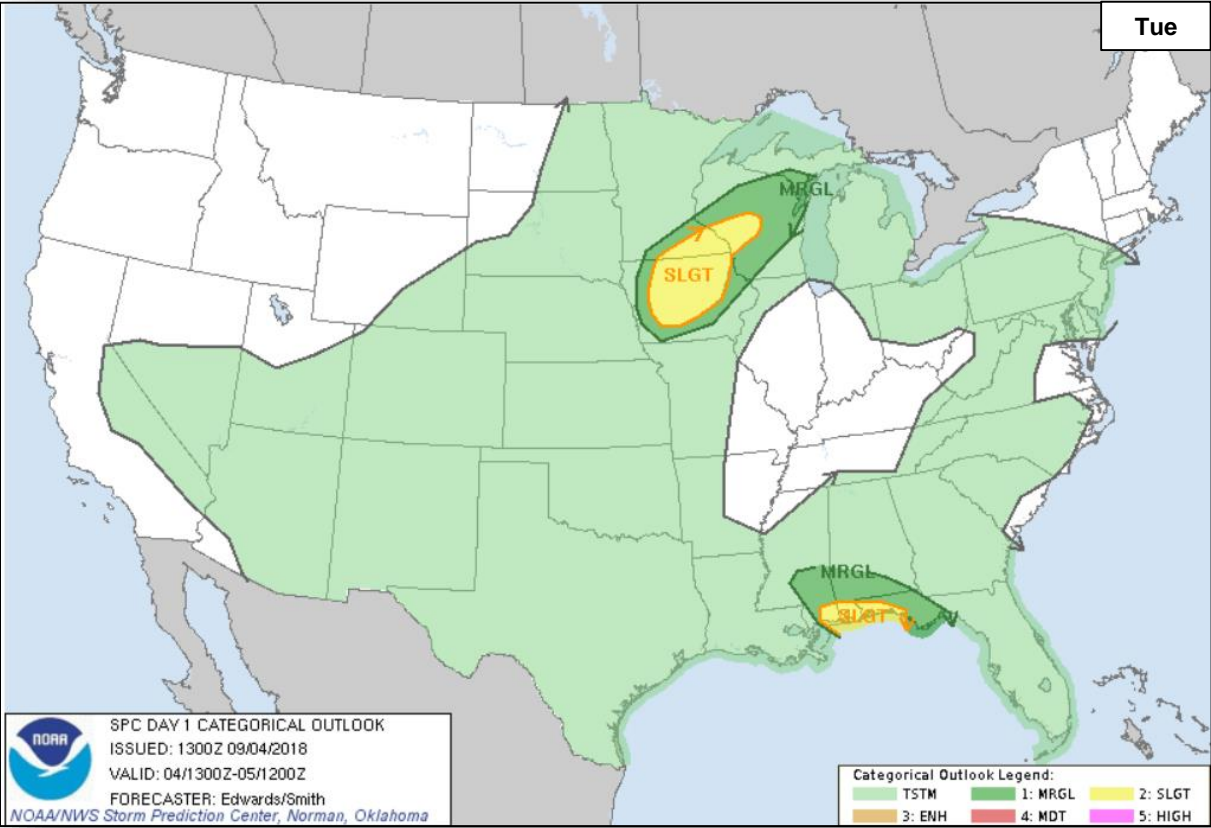
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Severe Weather Outlook



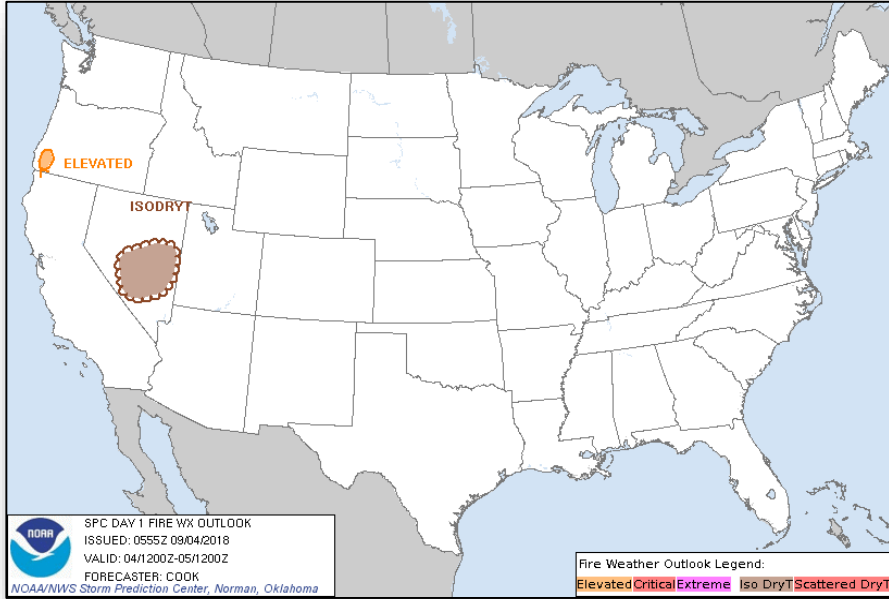
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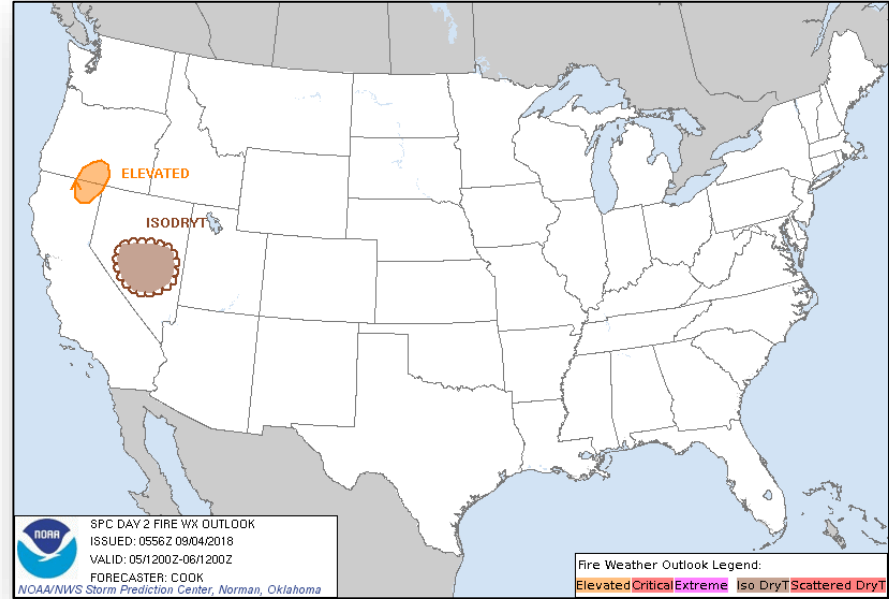
Fire Weather Outlook



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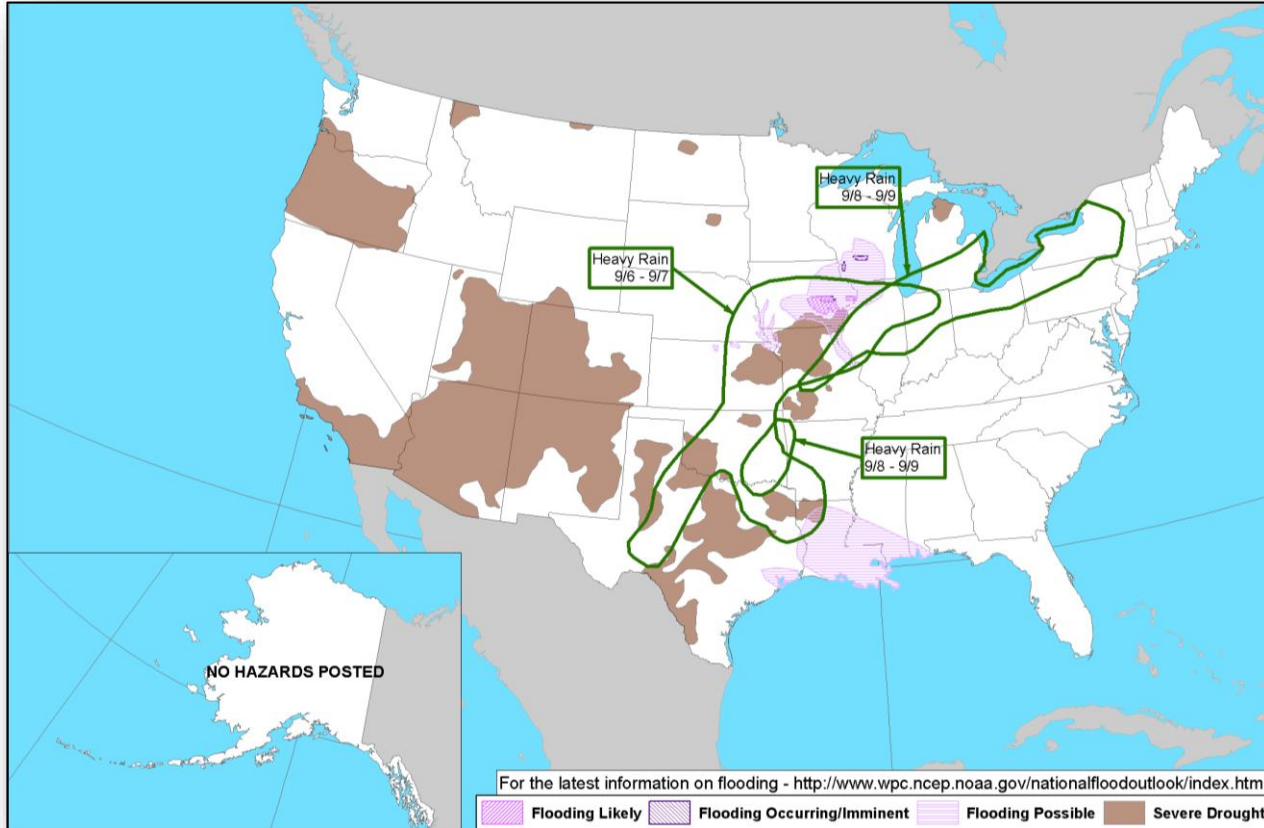


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Hazards Outlook – Sep 6-10



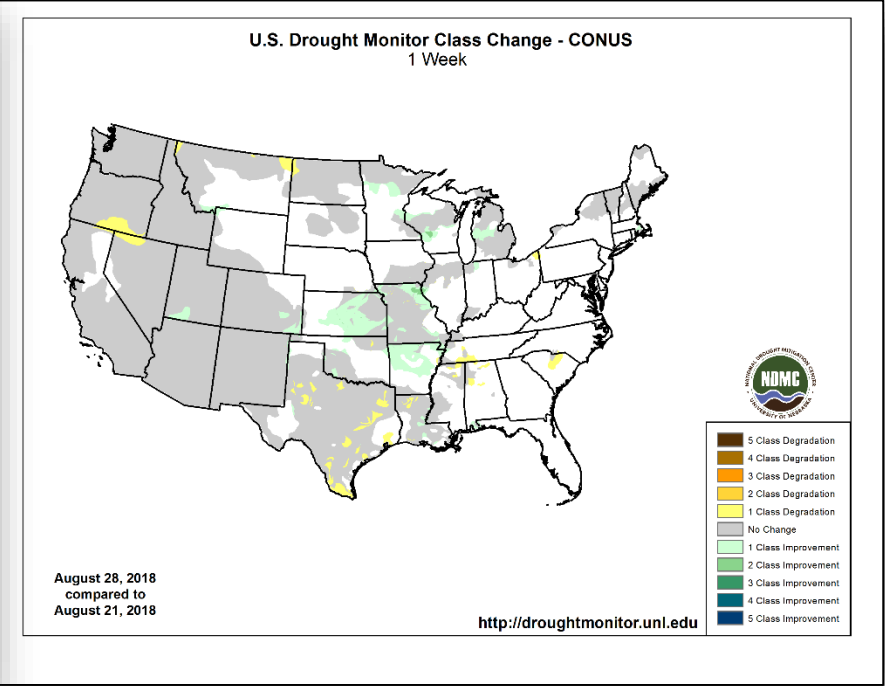
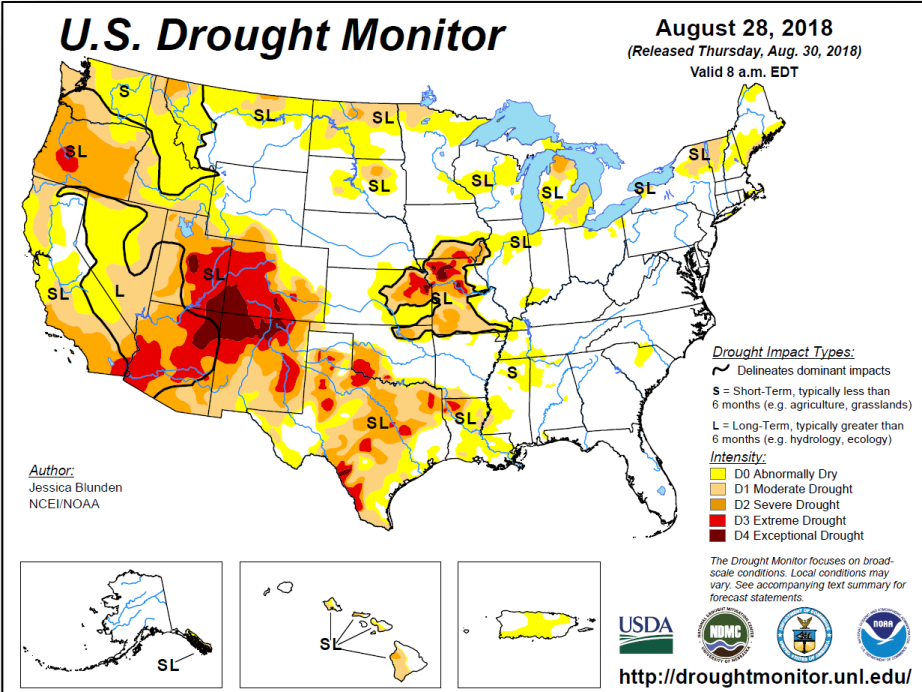
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U.S. Monthly Drought Outlook



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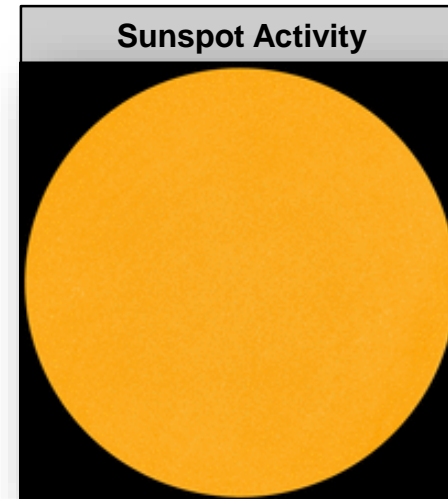
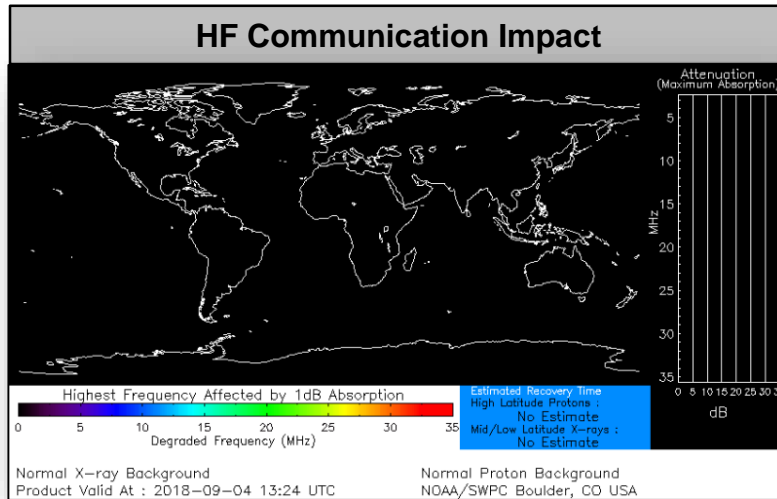
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	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	None	None	None	None
Next 24 Hours	None	None	None	None

For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to: <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation>



Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



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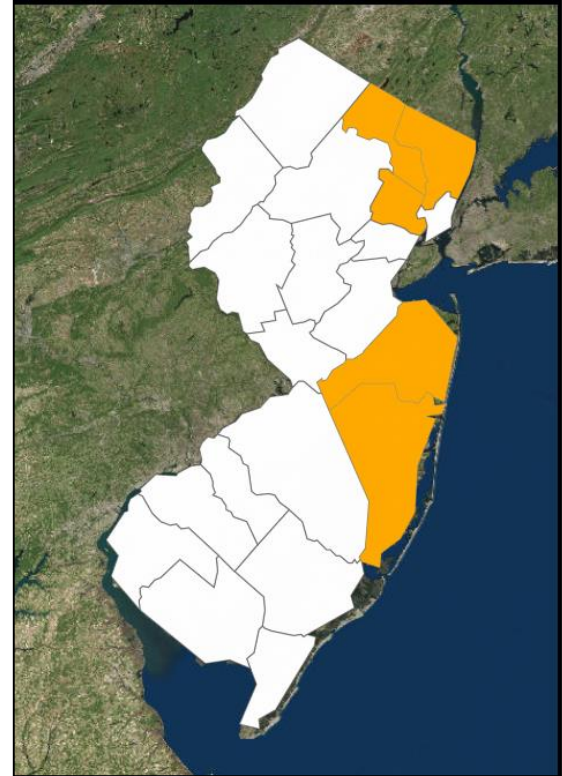
Region	State / Location	Event	IA / PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Completed	
II	NY	Severe Storms and Flooding August 2018	IA	5	5	8/23 – 8/24
			PA	8	0	8/29 – TBD
III	PA	Severe Weather July 21 – August 15, 2018	IA	18	0	9/5 – TBD
			PA	17	0	9/5 – TBD

Declaration Request



New Jersey

- On August 30, 2018, the Governor requested a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of New Jersey
- For severe storms and flooding that occurred August 11-13, 2018
- Requesting:
 - Individual Assistance for five counties
 - Hazard Mitigation statewide



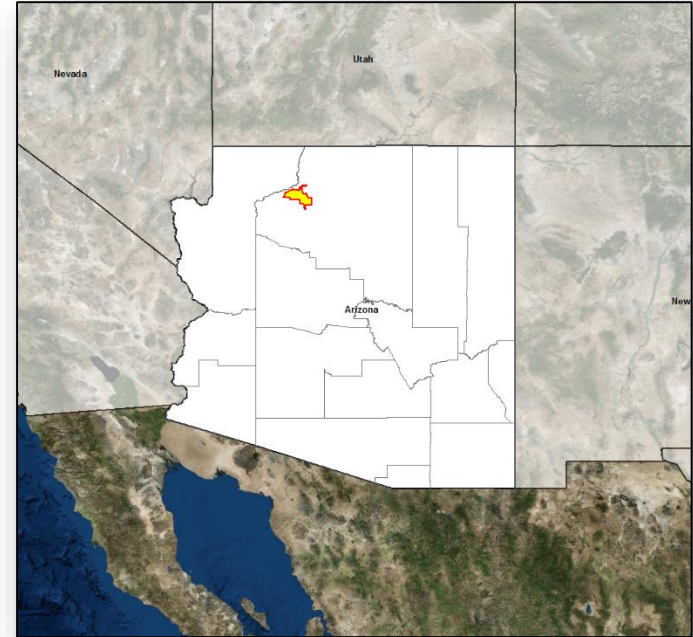
IA

Declaration Approved



FEMA-4389-DR-Havasupai Tribe

- On August 31, 2018, Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4389-DR-Havasupai Tribe was approved for the Havasupai Tribe
- For severe storms, flooding, and landslides that occurred July 11-12, 2018
- Provides:
 - Public Assistance
 - Hazard Mitigation
- The FCO is Nancy Casper



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Disaster Requests & Declarations



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Declaration Requests in Process					Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
7	IA	PA	HM	Date Requested	1	1
SD – DR Severe Storms and Flooding		X	X	June 14, 2018		August 31, 2018
AK – DR Flooding		X	X	June 28, 2018		
LA – DR Flooding		X	X	June 29, 2018		
MN – DR Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding		X	X	August 7, 2018		
Havasupai Tribe – DR Severe Storms, Flooding, and Landslides		X	X	August 8, 2018	Declared August 31, 2018	
IA – DR Severe Storms and Tornadoes	X	X	X	August 17, 2018		
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe – DR Severe Storms, Hail, and Straight-line Winds	X	X	X	August 17 2018		
Oglala Sioux Tribe – DR Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Straight-line Winds	X		X	August 27, 2018		
NJ – DR Severe Storms and Flooding	X		X	August 30, 2018		

Readiness – Deployable Teams and Assets



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Resource	Force Strength	Available	Deployed	Other	Cadres with 25% or Less Availability	
IM Workforce	11,828 Ⓢ	4,380 ▼ 37%	3,934 ▲	3,514	EHP 13% (49/391); ER 14% (6/43); HR 23% (55/235); PA 11% (202/1,826); SAF 6% (3/53); SEC 16% (16/102)	
National IMATs* (3 Teams)	East 1: East 2: West:	B-2 Charlie B-48			<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 33%;"> <p>4351-DR-AK 4369-DR-AK FCO: Thomas J. Dargan VJFO: Anchorage, AK</p> </div> <div style="width: 33%;"> <p>4384-DR Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation FCO: Timothy B. Manner VJFO: Nespelem, WA</p> </div> <div style="width: 33%;"> <p>4388-DR-MT FCO: James Stephenson VJFO: Denver, CO</p> </div> <div style="width: 33%;"> <p>4347-DR-KS 4375-DR-NE 4387-DR-NE FCO: C. Johnson-Cage VJFO: Kansas City, MO</p> </div> <div style="width: 33%;"> <p>4386-DR-IA FCO: Timothy J. Scranton VJFO: Windsor Heights, IA</p> </div> <div style="width: 33%;"> <p>4360-DR-OH FCO: Steven W. Johnson 4363-DR-IN 4381-DR-MI 4383-DR-WI FCO: David G. Samaniego VJFO: Chicago, IL</p> </div> </div>	
Regional IMATs (4 - 6 Teams)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	13 6 2 (-1) 5 (+1)				
National ISBs (0 Teams)	Team A Team B Team C	Deployed Deployed Deployed				
US&R (≥ 66%)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	28 26 (+1) 2 (+2) 0 (-3)				
MERS (≥ 66%)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	36 34 0 2				
FCO (≤ 1 Type I)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	33 11 4 18				
FDRC (≥ 3)	Assigned: Available: PMC / NMC: Deployed:	14 6 3 5				
						<p>4382-DR-CA FCO: William Roche VJFO: Sacramento, CA R-IX IMAT-2 (JFO)</p>
						<p>Tropical Storm Support Honolulu, Hilo, Maui R-IX IMAT-1 (JFO - Honolulu) MERS: Bothell, Denver ISB Teams: Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta</p>
						<p>4365-DR-HI <i>Closing September 14</i> FCO: Dolph A. Diemont 4366-DR-HI FCO: Benigno Bern Ruiz VJFO: Honolulu, HI 3399-EM-HI FCO: Willie G. Nunn</p>
						<p>4389-DR-Havasupai Tribe FCO: Nancy Casper VJFO: TBD</p>
					<p>4373-DR-OK FCO: Traci L. Brasher VJFO: Denton, TX</p>	
					<p>ISB Team: Echo Ft Worth, TX</p>	
					<p>4377-DR-TX <i>Closing September 14</i> FCO: Jerry S. Thomas VJFO: Austin, TX R-VI IMAT-1 (JFO)</p>	
					<p>4337-DR-FL FCO: Thomas J. McCool VJFO: Orlando, FL</p>	
					<p>4336-DR-PR 4339-DR-PR FCO: Michael F. Byrne VJFO: Guaynabo, PR MERS: Bothell, Denton, Denver, Frederick, Maynard, Thomasville</p>	
					<p>4335-DR-USVI 4340-DR-USVI FCO: Christopher Harnett VJFO: St. Croix, USVI MERS: Bothell</p>	
					<p>Field Offices ★ JFOs: 18 DRs: 42 EMs: 1 Deployed Teams (Location)</p>	
					<p>4354-DR-ME 4359-DR-NH 4356-DR-VT 4367-DR-ME 4370-DR-NH 4371-DR-NH 4372-DR-MA 4379-DR-MA 4380-DR-VT 4385-DR-CT FCO: James N. Russo VJFO: Manchester, NH R-I IMAT (JFO)</p>	
					<p>4368-DR-NJ FCO: Lai Sun Yee VJFO: Colts Neck, NJ</p>	
					<p>4374-DR-MD 4376-DR-MD FCO: Emily Breslin VJFO: Philadelphia, PA</p>	
					<p>4359-DR-WV 4378-DR-WV FCO: Steven S. Ward VJFO: Charleston, WV</p>	
					<p>4350-DR-MS 4358-DR-KY 4361-DR-KY FCO: Manny J. Toro 4362-DR-AL FCO: Thomas J. McCool VJFO: Atlanta, AL</p>	

* **B-2 Status:** Assemble ≤ 2-hrs, On Site ≤ 18-hrs; **B-48 Status:** Assemble and deploy ≤ 48hrs; **Charlie Status:** No team assemble time requirement

As of 3:00 a.m. EDT September 4, 2018

FEMA Readiness – Activation Teams



Status		Activated Team	Activation Level	Activation Times	Reason / Comments
NWC (5 Teams)	Activated		Enhanced Watch	24/7	Tropical Storm Gordon
NRCC (2 Teams)	Available				
HLT (1 Team)	Activated				
RWC / MOCs (10 Regions)	Activated	Region IV	Enhanced Watch	7:00 a.m. – midnight EDT	Tropical Storm Gordon
RRCCs (10 Regions)	Activated	Region VI	Level III	24/7	Tropical Storm Gordon

Backup Regions: **VIII, VI, & V**



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