

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Flooding – Tennessee
- Wildfire Activity – Western U.S.

Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy Rain and Flooding possible – Northern Plains, Lower Mississippi Valley, and Southeast
- Tropical Activity
 - Atlantic:
 - Disturbance 1: High (80%)
 - Disturbance 2: High (80%)
 - Disturbance 3: Low (30%)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Disturbance 1: High (90%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approval: Expedited Major Disaster – CA
- FMAG: French Fire – CA

Event Monitoring

- None



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Flooding Impacts – Tennessee



Situation: Heavy rain caused catastrophic flooding and flash flooding across Tennessee beginning August 21 and continuing. The most impacted areas are in Middle Tennessee in the counties of Dickson, Hickman, Houston, and Humphreys; the city of Waverly (pop 4k) is the most impacted.

Impacts: (Region IV Advisory Message, Update 6, Aug 25, 5:03 a.m. ET)

Safety & Security

- Search and Rescue missions continue in Dickson, Humphreys, and Hickman Counties; 3 missing people
- Reunification Center at McEwen High School in Humphreys County closed yesterday
- Damage assessments ongoing in Hickman and Houston counties

Food, Water & Shelter

- 3 (-1) Red Cross shelters open with 82 (-11) occupants (ARC Midnight Shelter Count, 7:02 a.m. ET)
- 2 water treatment plants damaged in Humphrey County
- Boil Water Notice for Waverly remains in effect; waterline break repairs continue
- Walmart supporting local recovery efforts, coordinating with community leaders, providing awareness to potential supply chain disruptions

Health & Medical

- Three Rivers Hospital water is restored – city providing
- Waverly requested medics and providers for hospital; staff cannot get to hospital
- Fatalities: 17 confirmed in Humphreys County; media reports 18 (-3) unconfirmed fatalities
- Tennessee Dept. of Health is making tetanus shots available

Energy

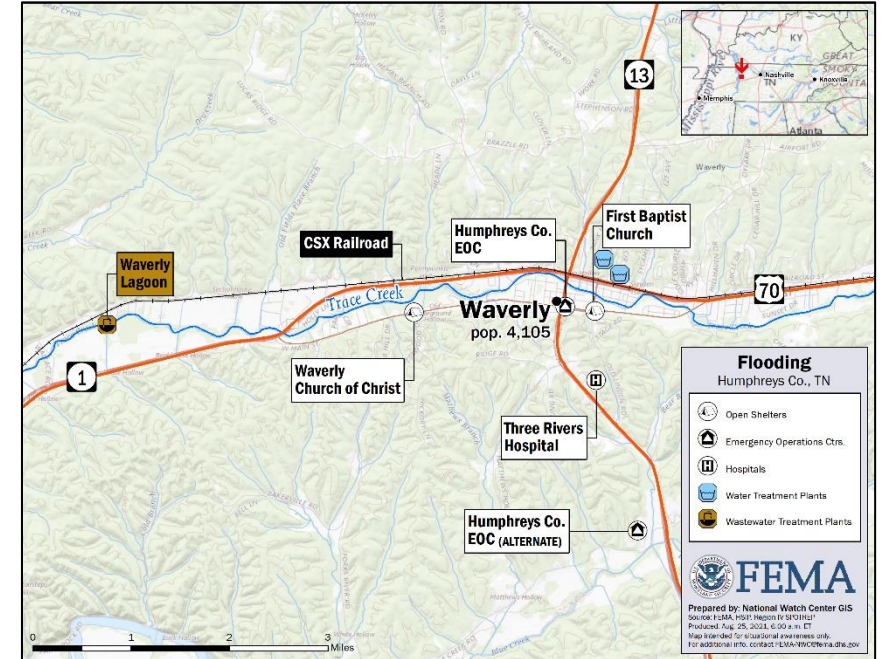
- Power returned to normal; 500 remain without power long-term due to conditions of their homes

Communications

- AT&T services in Waverly restored; Houston County 911 center taking calls over normal circuits

Transportation

- 3 bridges washed away in Dickson County; CSX railroad has been restored between Dickson and Waverly



State/Local Response:

- TN EOC at Partial Activation (COVID)
- Joint preliminary damage assessments ongoing in 4 counties
- Army/ANG supporting air operations; will start debris removal Aug 25

FEMA Response:

- Region IV RWC continues to monitor; RRCC is rostered
- Region IV IMAT-2 & FEMA Corps deployed to Waverly, TN
- NWC at Monitoring; NRCC resumed Level III, day shift (COVID)
- FEMA 3BI coordinating with Regional & industry partners
- MEOV and EO (Green Hornet) will arrive in Waverly on Aug 27
- Major Disaster Declaration Approved; FEMA-4609-DR-TN

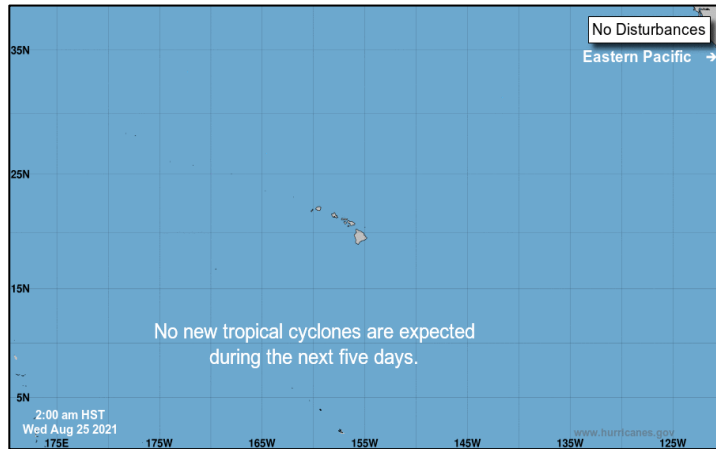


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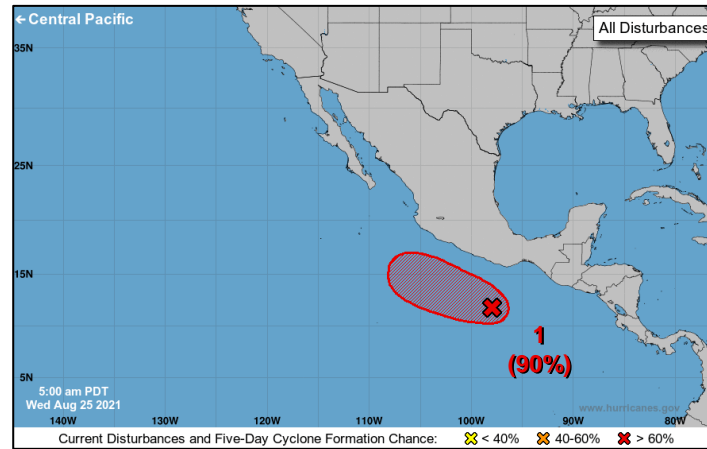
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Tropical Outlook – Five Day

Central Pacific



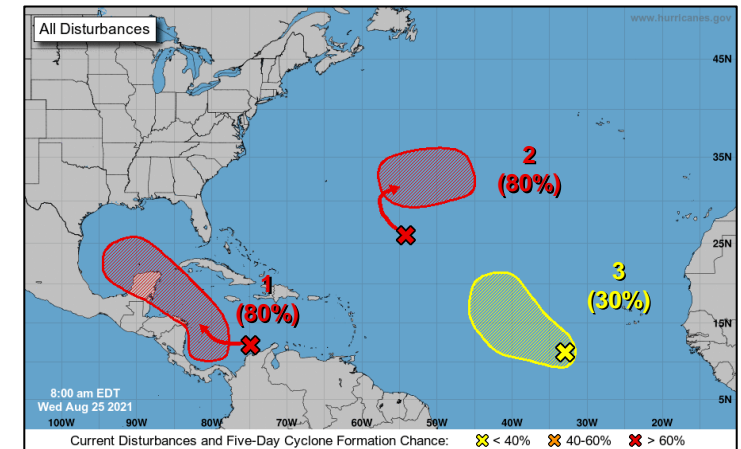
Eastern Pacific



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

- Couple of hundred miles S of the southern coast of Mexico
- Tropical depression likely to form next day or so
- Formation chance: 48 hours: High (90%); 5 days: High (90%)

Atlantic



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

- Expected to form over the southwestern Caribbean Sea
- Tropical depression likely to form late this week or over the weekend
- Formation chance 48 hours: Medium (40%); 5 days: High (80%)

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

- 800 miles SE of Bermuda
- Tropical depression is likely to form this weekend
- Formation chance: 48 hours: Low (30%); 5 days: High (80%)

Disturbance 3 (as of 2:00 a.m. ET)

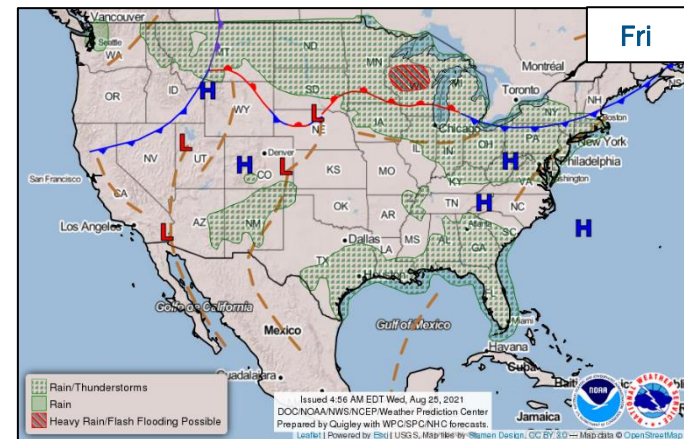
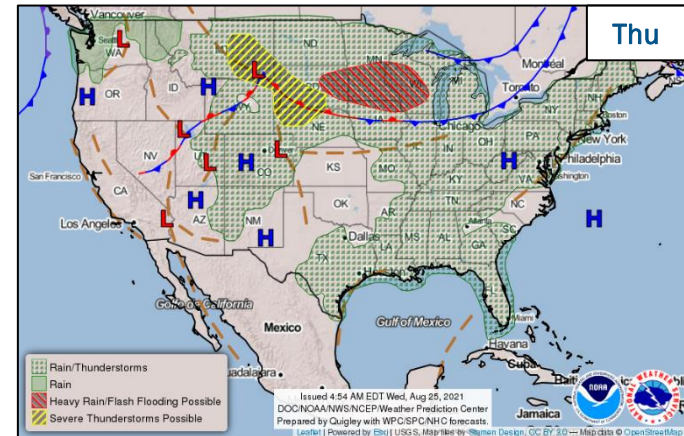
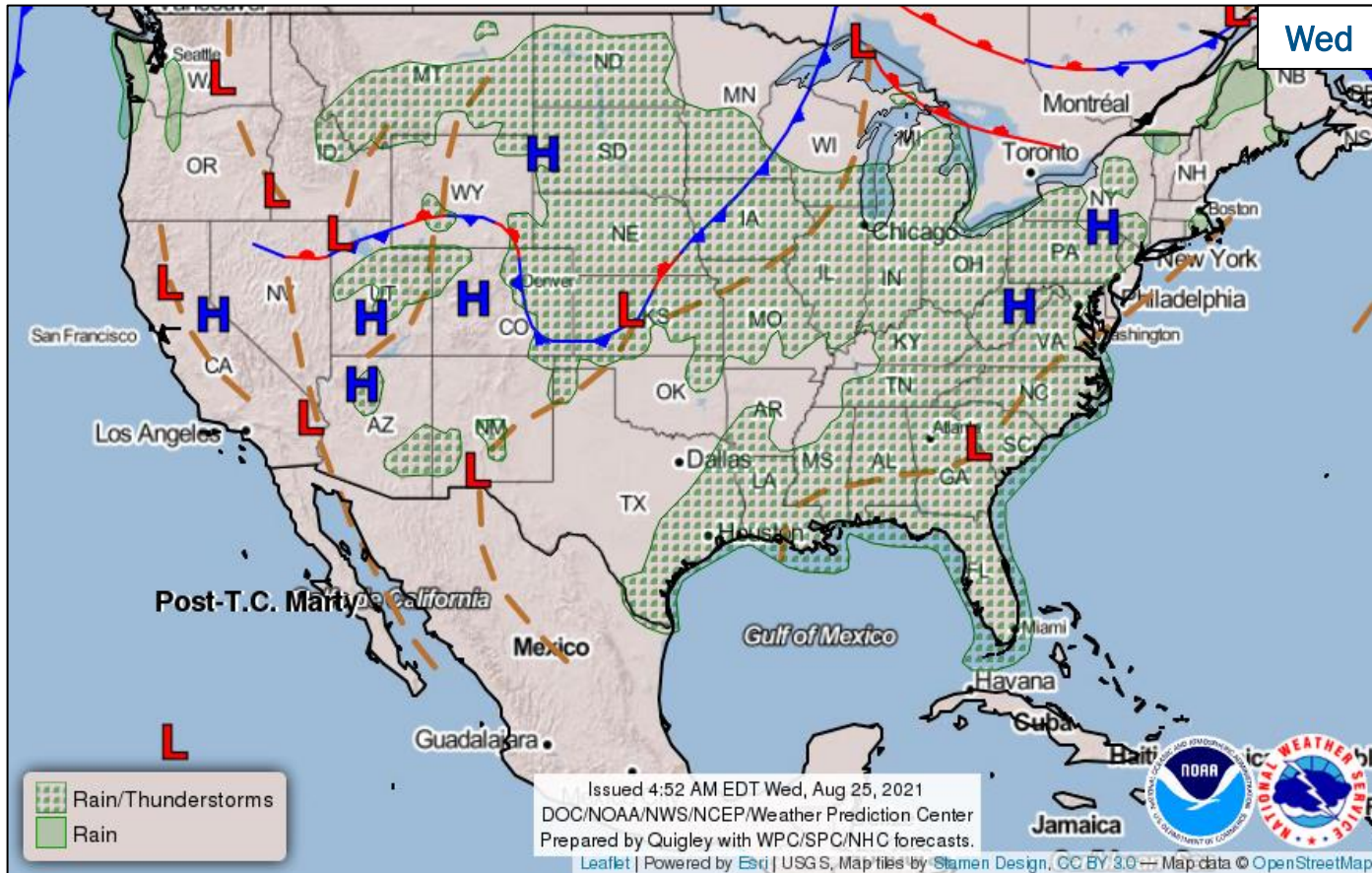
- Several hundred miles SW of the Cabo Verde Islands
- Formation chance 48 hours: Low (20%); 5 days: Low (30%)



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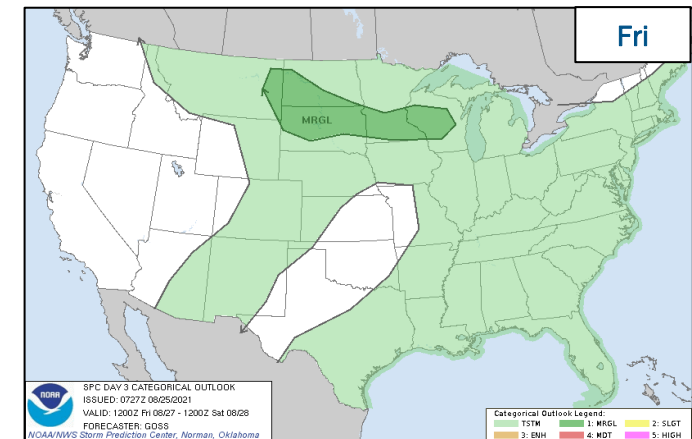
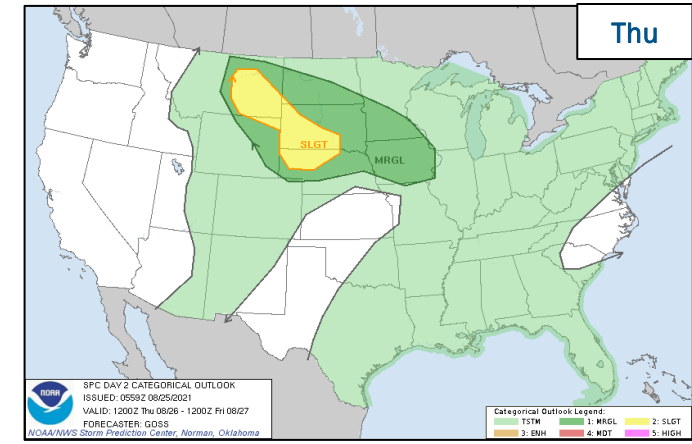
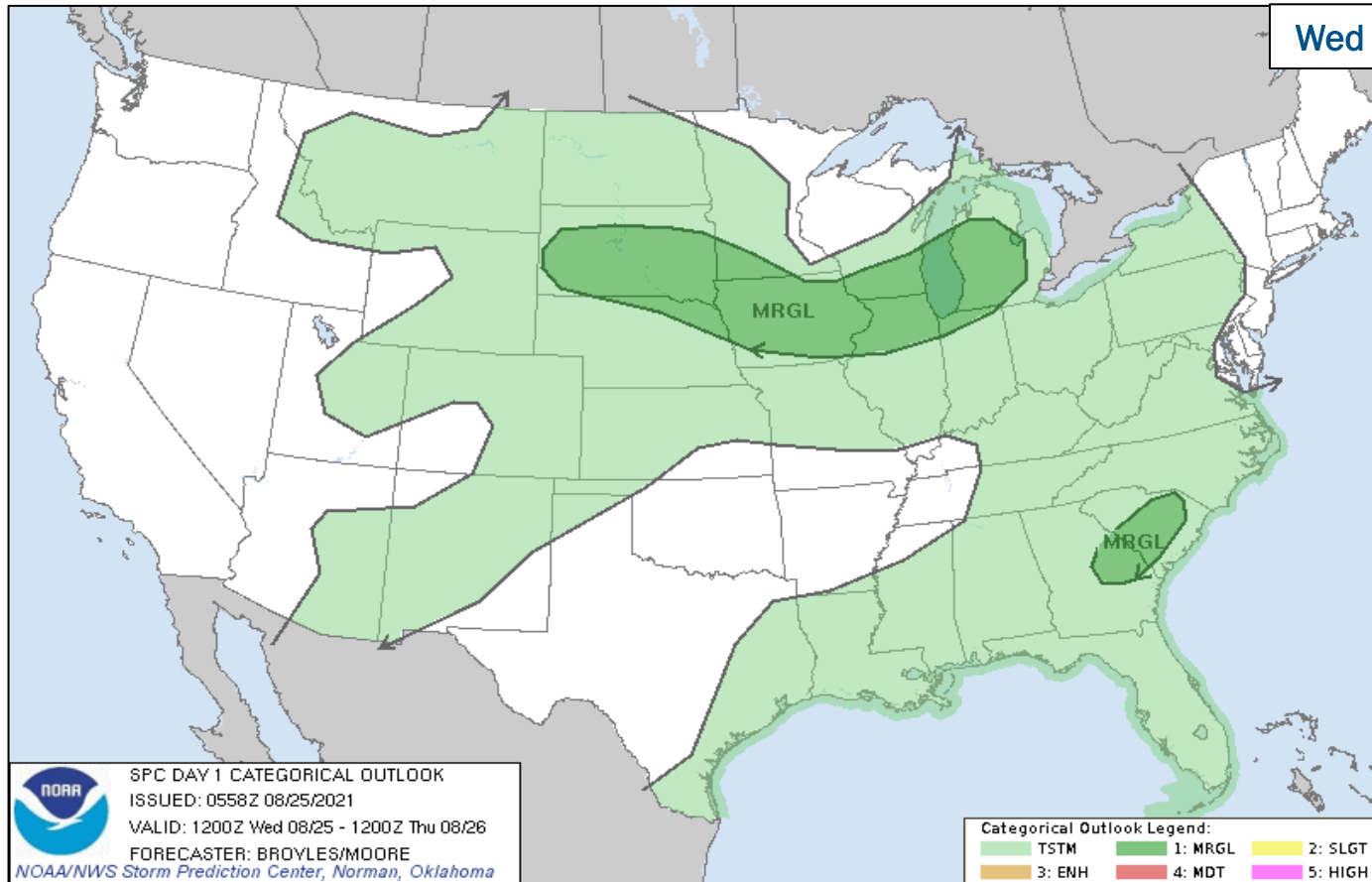
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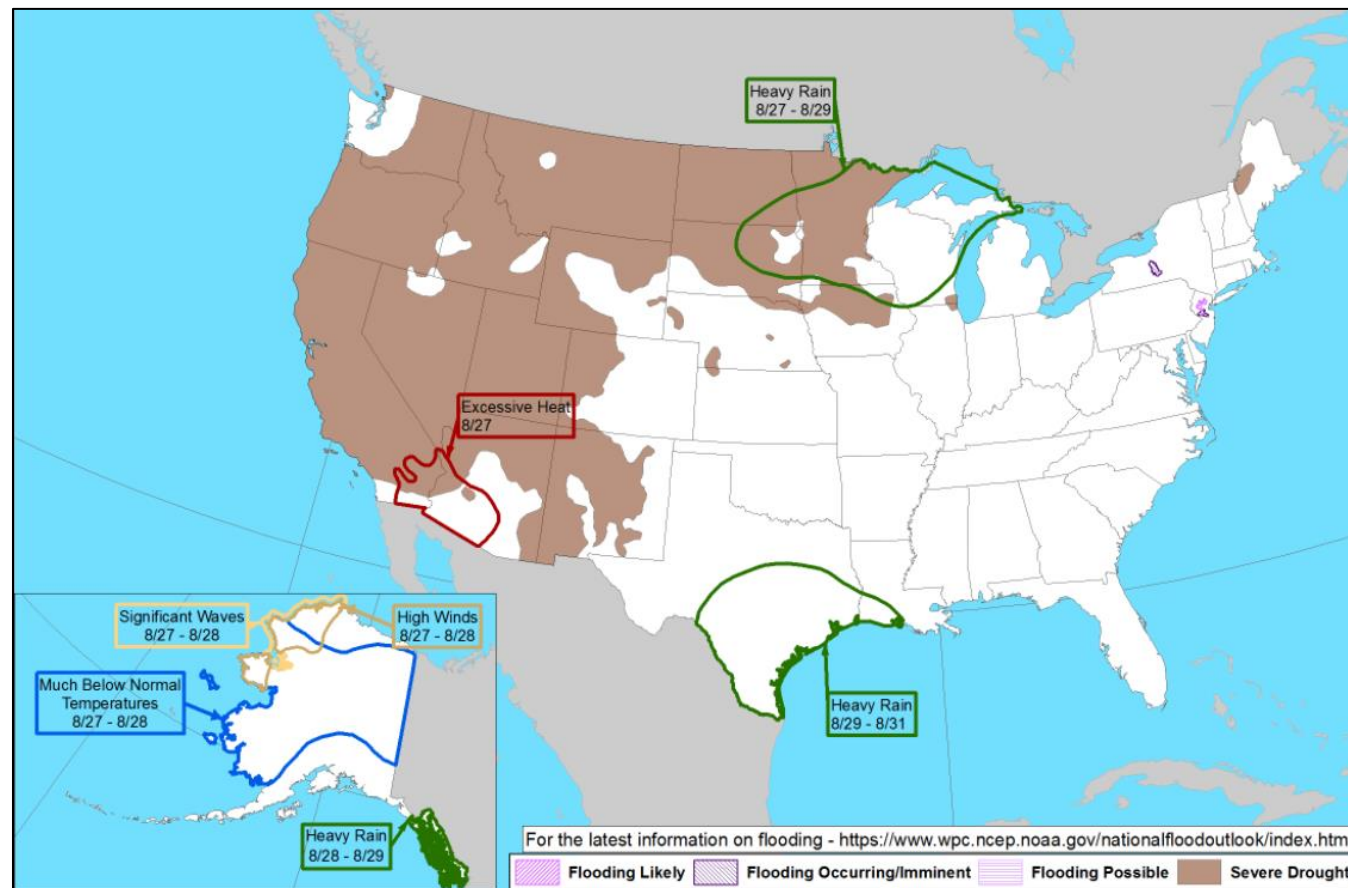
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Hazards Outlook – Aug 27-31



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National Fire Activity *(as of Aug 25)*

National Preparedness Level

PL 5

Initial Attack Activity <i>(24-hour period)</i>	Light <i>(52 fires)</i>	
New large fires:	1 (-8)	
Large fires contained:	1	
Uncontained large fires:	78 (-16)	
Cumulative Acres Burned	4,786,588 (+489,645)	
Total Responders <i>(2021 Fire Season)</i>	26,265 (+792)	
Type 1 IMTs deployed	13 (+1) of 16	
Type 2 IMTs deployed	21 (+1) of 33	

Preparedness Levels Legend

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 county; 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 nations wildland firefighting resources committed
PL 5	Extremely high levels of fire activity; 80% of nations firefighting resources committed

French Fire – California

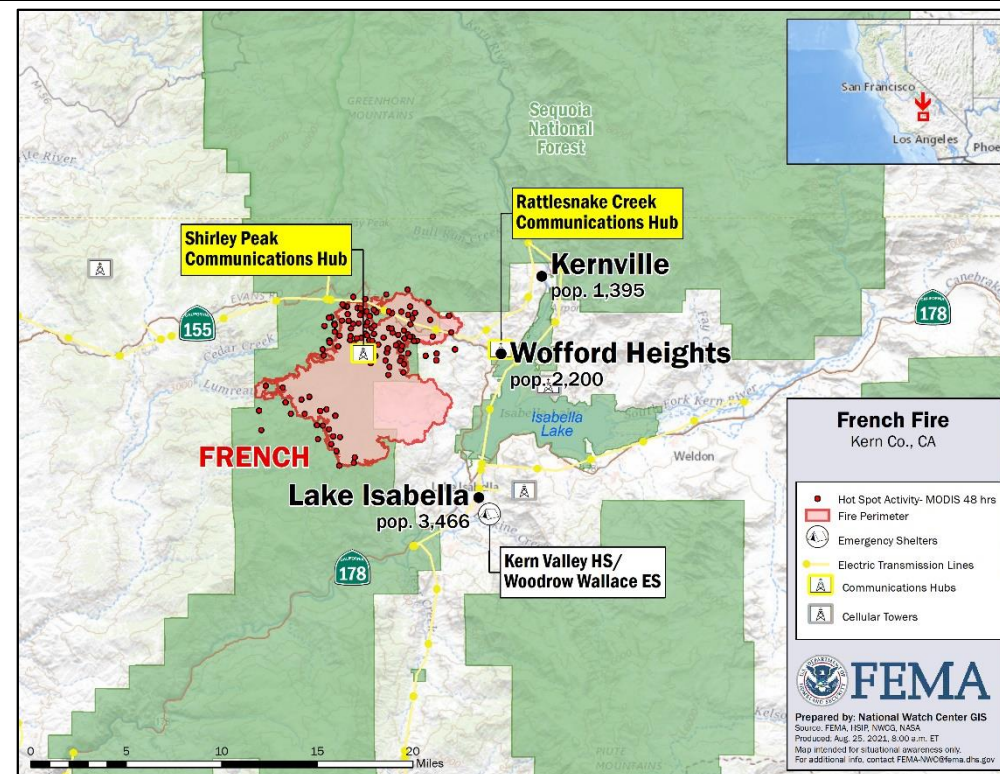
Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
French (Kern, CA)	5416-FM-CA	19,502	19%	M: 3,080	H: 0	H: 3,918	H: 9	0 / 1
				V: 1,164	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

Situation: The fire began August 18 and is burning in and around the town of Wofford Heights, California (pop. 2,200). Threatening homes in and around the communities of Wofford Heights, Kernville, and Alta Sierra. The fire also threatens a watershed, transmission and power distributions lines, the Rattlesnake Creek and Shirley Peak communication hubs.

- 2 shelters open with 26 occupants

Response:

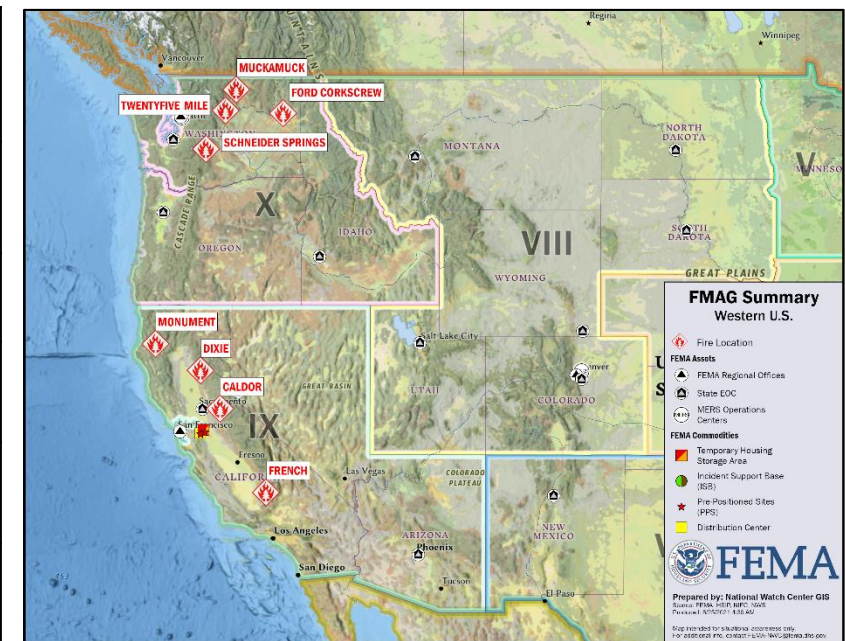
- CA EOC at Full Activation (Wildfires and COVID-19)
- FEMA Region IX and NWC continue to monitor
- FMAG approved August 24



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Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Dixie (Plumas, CA)	5400-FM-CA	733,475 (+5.5k)	43% (+3)	M: 2,820 (-903)	H: 11,782 (-158)	H: 56	H: 698 (+3)	0 / 6
				V: 0	O: 31	O: 36 (+1)	O: 575 (+8)	
Monument (Trinity, CA)	5412-FM-CA	152,125 (+2.1k)	20%	M: 2,000	H: 7,100	H: 3	H: 20	0 / 4
				V: 0	O: 6,000	O: 0	O: 30	
Caldor (El Dorado, CA)	5413-FM-CA	122,980 (+8.8k)	11% (+2)	M: 33,056	H: 16,911	H: 23 (+3)	H: 461 (+14)	0 / 2
				V: 0	O: 577	O: 11 (+2)	O: 176 (+8)	
Muckamuck (Okanogan, WA)	5410-FM-WA	13,119	45% (+5)	M: 50*	H: 54	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 1
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	
Ford Corkscrew (Stevens, WA)	5411-FM-WA	15,787	59% (+3)	M: 811	H: 881	H: 5	H: 30	0 / 5 (+2)
				V: 0	O: 110	O: 12 (+2)	O: 113 (+2)	
Twentyfive Mile (Chelan, WA)	5414-FM-WA	11,055 (+229)	16% (+8)	M: 1,028	H: 688	H: 0	H: 1	0 / 1
				V: 0	O: 84	O: 0	O: 10	
Schneider Springs (Yakima, WA)	5415-FM-WA	68,193 (+659)	3%	M: 240	H: 0	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 2 (+1)
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	



* Includes 50 emergency responders evacuated

(Evacuations: M = Mandatory / V = Voluntary; Structures: H = Homes and Mixed Commercial/Residential / O = Non-residential Commercial/Other Minor Structures)



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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incidents	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End	
			PA	Requested	Complete		
I	NH	Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 29-30	IA	0	0	N/A	
			PA	2	0	TBD - TBD	
	VT	Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 17-19	IA	0	0	N/A	
			PA	3	1	8/4 - TBD	
		MA	Severe Storms and Flooding Jul 16-21	IA	0	0	N/A
				PA	5	0	8/10 - TBD
IV	NC	Severe Weather Aug 16	IA	0	0	N/A	
			PA	4	0	8/25 - TBD	
V	Red Lake Nation	Tornado Jul 26	IA	1	0	8/30 - TBD	
			PA	1	0	8/30 - TBD	
VIII	UT	Flooding Jul 15-Aug 19	IA	7	0	8/24 - 9/7	
			PA	7	0	8/24 - 9/7	
	MT	Richard Spring Wildfire Jun 15 and continuing	IA	0	0	9/7 - 9/10	
			PA	3	0	9/7 - 9/10	
IX	CA	August Wildfires	IA	6	3	8/11 - TBD	
			PA	6	2	8/11 - TBD	



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Major Declaration Approval – California

Declaration Type: Expedited Major Disaster FEMA-4610-DR-CA

Requested: Aug 23

Date Approved: Aug 24

Incident: Wildfires

Incident Period: Jul 14 and continuing

Provides:

- **IA & PA:** 4 counties
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide

FCO: Andrew Grant



IA & PA



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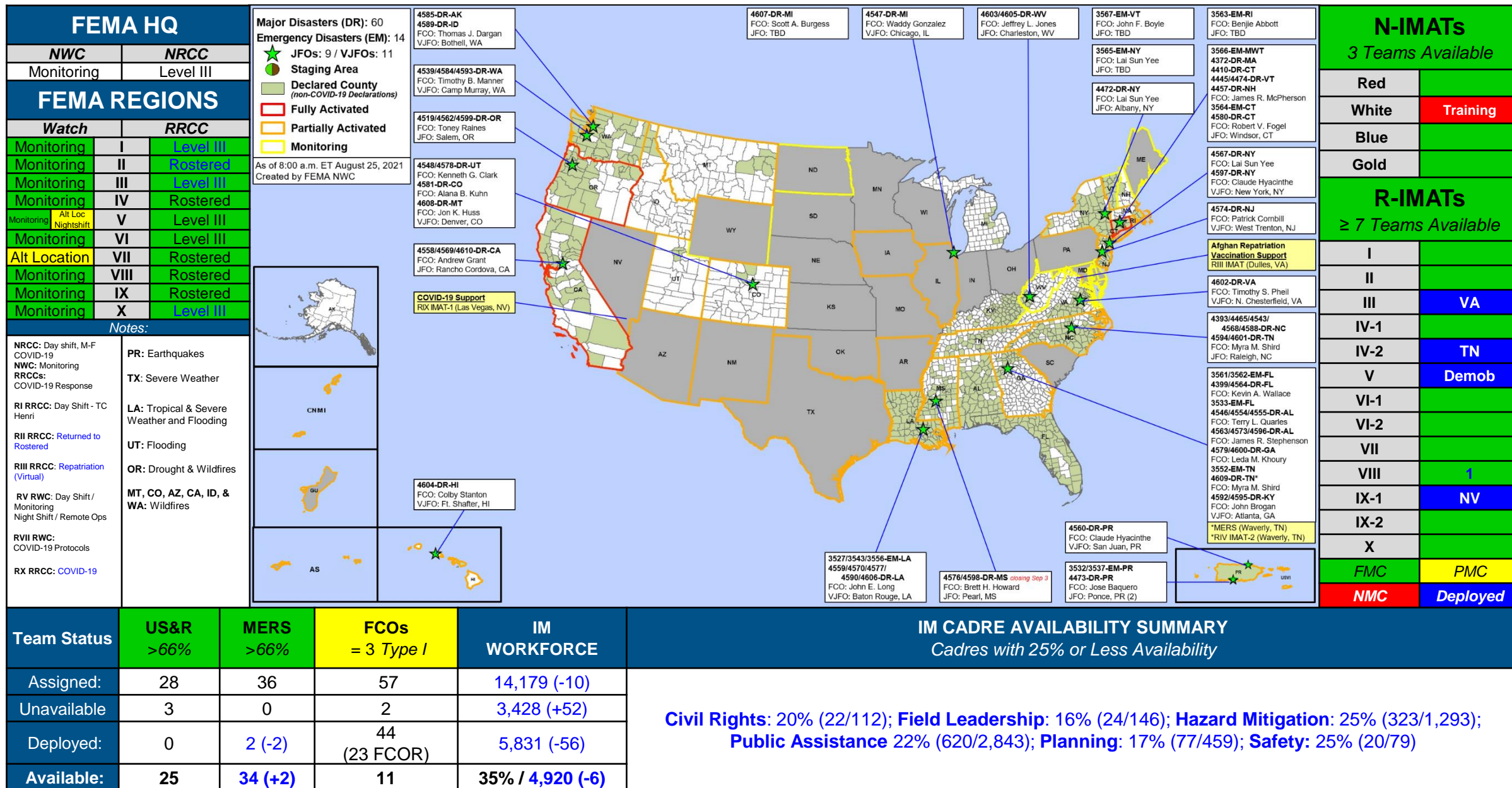
Declaration Requests in Process – 5

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes – Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR	X		X	Aug 3
ND – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 9
MO – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 13
NE – Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Aug 18
KY – Severe Storm and Flooding	DR	X		X	Aug 19
CA – Wildfires – Approved	DR	X	X	X	Aug 23



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FEMA Common Operating Picture





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